


9 DAYS | GOLD COAST AND SUNSHINE COAST
Including: Outback Spectacular & EKKA

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Discover the best of South East Queensland — from the Gold Coast's sparkling beaches to the Sunshine Coast's serene hinterland and Brisbane's lively Ekka celebrations. Adventure, nature, and culture await at every turn.

Escape to the sunshine and discover the very best of Queensland on this unforgettable 9-day holiday, where every day brings a new experience to enjoy. From the glittering Gold Coast to the laid-back charm of the Sunshine Coast, this tour blends iconic attractions, scenic cruising, local flavours and relaxed leisure time—creating the perfect balance of adventure and comfort. Sit back, travel with great company, and get ready to make lasting memories on a journey filled with highlights from start to finish.

Day 1 (MTLD) HOME TO GOLD COAST

Friday 07 August 2026



Welcome to an 8-day holiday on the Gold and Sunshine Coast. Sit back relax and meet your fellow travellers as we travel through to **Urunga** where we'll stop for morning tea at the **Anchors Wharf Café**, situated right on the Kalang River. We arrive at Tastes of New Italy Café for lunch before our afternoon travels arriving in our hotel later this afternoon where we can settle in for the next 4 nights and relax before dinner.

Morning Tea | Lunch at Tastes of New Italy Café | dinner in motel
Mantra at Sharks, Gold Coast | 4 nights



Day 2 (BLD) GOLD COAST AND THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK SPECTACULAR Saturday 08 August 2026



Today we visit **Skypoint** – the highest point above the Gold Coast skyline! We'll take one of the fastest elevators in the world (42.8 seconds to be precise) to the 77th floor. Here we can take in the brilliant views of the surf and hinterland from the observation deck. There is a café here where you may want to purchase a morning coffee. Next, we set sail on the waters of the Gold Coast's lovely canals for a delightful lunch cruise with **Sea World Cruises**. Views from both the deck and the large windows will



highlight the Gold Coast's magnificent homes of the rich and famous, the glittering waters of the Gold Coast Broadwater, and other renowned locations. We have the afternoon at leisure before our evening out. Our day ends spectacularly as we leave the hotel and make our way to the Australian Outback Spectacular. Before we settle in for the show we are taken on a behind the scenes tour of Australia's number one world class live theatrical production. This

exclusive behind-the-scenes tour lets you meet the magnificent animals, talented cast and crew, and uncover the secrets of staging Australia's #1 live dinner and show. There is no place on earth like the Australian



Outback... and no show on earth like the **Australian Outback Spectacular** show called **Heartland**. Enjoy the all-new story with true Australian characters, Reg and Marge, who are battling a severe five-year drought on their farm. This heart touching story will resonate with many as it delves into real world struggles that many Aussie farmers are dealing with today. With the help from some unlikely characters, and friendships that will last a lifetime, the pair overcomes the harsh realities of life in the Australian Outback. Prepare to embark on a vivid, spectacular

and emotional ride into the heart of the Australian bush under the iconic red roof with a delicious three course dinner. Australia's favourite dinner and show is more than a night out – it's an experience steeped in courage, tradition and daring Australian spirit. What a fabulous night!



Breakfast in hotel | luncheon cruise | dinner at Australian Outback Spectacular

Day 3 (B) FREE MORNING OR HARBOUR TOWN AND EKKA

Sunday 09 August 2026



Enjoy a relaxed start to the day with a leisurely morning at your own pace. Take the opportunity to unwind, explore your surroundings, or indulge in a spot of retail therapy at the renowned Harbour Town Shopping Centre, where you'll find everything from boutique stores to well-known brands, cafés, and lunch options. Later in the day, we come together and transfer to Brisbane for an unforgettable afternoon and evening at the iconic Ekka – Queensland's largest and most celebrated annual event.

Showcasing the very best of country and city life, the Ekka is a vibrant celebration of agriculture, community, and entertainment. Wander through the pavilions featuring thousands of competition entries, from impressive woodchopping displays to giant prize-winning produce, alongside an incredible array of animals including cattle, horses, dogs, and more. Enjoy live entertainment, explore the food halls filled with award-winning local produce, and



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Day 3 (B) FREE MORNING OR PACIFIC FAIR AND EKKA continued Sunday 09 August 2026

sample delicious treats from across the state. As the sun sets, the atmosphere truly comes alive with dazzling lights, thrilling carnival rides, and the excitement of showbags for all ages. Spend the evening soaking up the energy, entertainment, and unique charm of this much-loved Queensland tradition before returning to your accommodation after a full and memorable day.

Breakfast in hotel | lunch and dinner own arrangements and cost



Day 4 (BLD) RIVERS, LAKES AND TROPICAL FRUIT Monday 10 August 2026



We start the day experiencing the spectacular natural beauty of the Tweed River and Terranora Lakes while we revel in the view of the lush sugar cane fields, rural farming land and wild rainforests abundant in bird life as we meander through the water ways. For lunch we arrive at the **Greenmount Beach Surf Club** before making our way into the beautiful Tweed Valley today where we visit **Tropical Fruit World** – home to the world’s largest variety of tropical fruit. The plantation is situated on the rim of the largest extinct

volcano in the southern hemisphere and offers breathtaking views of the Tweed Valley and McPherson Ranges. Whilst here we enjoy a full guided **plantation safari** follow by fruit tastings – some we’ll recognize and some we won’t! After meeting our farm animals, board the MV Water Dragon and enjoy our scenic wildlife boat cruise. On this journey we’ll learn from your tour



guide about the waterways, plants (including our native ginger which is crucial to providing erosion control), and animals who call the waterway home. Keep an eye out for turtles, ducks, water dragons and on the rare occasion, you may even spot a koala sleeping in a nearby tree. We have some time before heading out to look through the vast gift shop with products made from the local produce including a skin care range.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | Lunch at Greenmount Beach Surf Club

Day 5 (BD): GOLD COAST TO THE SUNSHINE COAST Tuesday 11 August 2026

No holiday to this region would be complete without a visit to Australia Zoo – the world-famous home of the late Steve Irwin, the much-loved “Crocodile Hunter.” Set across expansive, beautifully maintained grounds, the zoo is a true wildlife sanctuary with a strong focus on conservation and education, continuing Steve Irwin’s incredible legacy. Spend the day exploring at your own pace, getting up close to a wide variety of native and exotic animals. Don’t miss the thrilling Wildlife Warriors show in the Crocoseum, where you’ll witness impressive crocodile demonstrations and learn about the zoo’s conservation efforts. Throughout the day, there are numerous scheduled presentations, animal encounters, and photo opportunities – including the chance to snap a memorable photo holding a



giant python. At a pre-arranged time, we’ll depart and make our way to the beautiful Sunshine Coast. On arrival at the Oaks Oasis Resort, take some time to relax, freshen up, and settle into your surroundings. Later, we’ll come together in the heart of the resort to enjoy a lovely dinner, sharing stories from a fantastic day.

Breakfast and dinner at the Hote | lunch own arrangements and cost

Oaks Oasis Resort, Caloundra | 07 5491 0333 | 3 nights



DAY 6 (BD) EUMUNDI MARKETS AND YANDINA

Wednesday 12 August 2026



We make our way to the **Eumundi Markets**. The twice weekly street market is held in the small village of Eumundi and is as popular with the locals as they are with visitors to the Sunshine Coast. The town itself is very attractive – the main street is tree lined and features many fine examples of buildings that were constructed between 1890 and 1930. Here we can purchase our lunch, as there are numerous food stalls in the market, or if you wish to visit the cafes or pubs in the main street, they are only a short walk away. Next, we visit Yandina and the world's largest

Ginger Factory. We view the audio-visual display tracing the life of ginger from planting to final use, see ginger growing in the patch and then look at the factory from the observation deck to see production. We also take a ride on the **Ginger train**. Afterwards, we can visit the Gingertown shops or stroll through the landscaped gardens. We conclude our day and return to the resort.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost



Day 7 (BLD) SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND

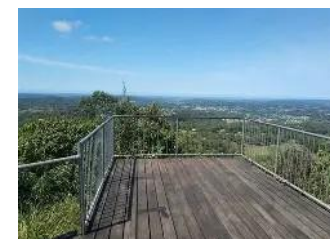
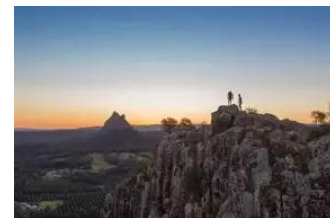
Thursday 13 August 2026

We have a fabulous day in store as we travel up to The Blackall Range. Our first stop of the day is a guided tour of Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve on the southern edge of the Blackall Range, overlooking the unique formations of the spectacular Glasshouse Mountains. We have a special lunch at **Secrets on the Lake**, situated in

the rainforest on the shores of Lake Baroon with panoramic views of the water, mountains and rainforest. From here we make our way north along the range taking in the beautiful vistas along the way to Montville. Step back in time and enjoy the tranquillity of village life in a streetscape unique to any other tourist centre in Australia. We will have free time to browse the many arts and craft shops. At

the northern end of the Range, we'll take in the final breathtaking views stretching out to the coastline from nearby.

Breakfast and dinner in Resort | lunch at Secrets on the lake



Day 8 (BLD) THE SUNSHINE COAST TO GOLD COAST VIA SCENIC RIM

Friday 14 August 2026



Vering off the main route the Gold Coast, we are in for a treat as today we explore the Scenic Rim, set in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range and surrounded by World Heritage-listed national parks. Our first stop we will also be calling into one of the region's most interesting places – **Summer Land Camel Farm**. Here we will learn about the history of camels in Australia and the powerful immune proteins that are contained in camel milk. Our

tour takes into the interesting farming operations, and we get to meet the camels as well as enjoying an early lunch. The Scenic Rim is also home to many fruit and vegetable crops and as we tour through the region, we will see fields of produce such as carrots, onions, beans, corn, beetroot, potatoes and more.

Visiting **Towri Sheep Cheese**, a wonderfully rustic setting with engaging hosts. Entertained with a sheep-milking demonstration, we'll also partake in a cheese tasting spread. By the time we have finished we will know the difference



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between sheep, cow and goat cheese! Our last night on tour is in Gold Coast for a leisurely relaxed evening.

Breakfast and dinner in Hotel | Lunch at Summerland Camel Farm

Mantra at Sharks, Gold Coast | 1 night

Day 9 (BMTL) GOLD COAST TO HOME

Saturday 15 August 2026

With our bags packed full of wonderful memories we start heading for home. Stopping along the way for convenience breaks and lunch. Arriving later today after our 9-day holiday on the Gold Coast and Sunshine coast travelling with friends.

Breakfast in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost

Tour Inclusions

- 8 night's hotel accommodation
- 8 hotel breakfasts
- 6 hotel dinners and 1 out - see below and 1 own arrangements and cost
- 6 included lunches – see below
- Morning Tea at The Anchors Wharf Cafe
- Lunch at Tastes of New Italy Cafe
- Entry to SkyPoint Observation Deck
- Sea World Luncheon Cruise with Sea World Cruises
- Back stage tour, entry and dinner and show at the Australian Outback Spectacular
- Single entry price for EKKA Royal Queensland Show
- Morning tea cruise Tweed River and Terranora Lake including morning tea with Tweed Eco Cruises
- Lunch at the Greenmount Beach Surf Club
- Farm Tour including tractor tour, fruit tasting, wildlife boat cruise and fauna park at Tropical Fruit World
- Entry to Australia Zoo
- Visit Eumundi Markets
- Guided ginger factory and tastings tour including the ginger train ride at The Ginger Factory
- Entry and guided tour at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve
- Lunch at the Secrets on the Lake
- Lunch Tour and Meet the Camels at Summerland Camel Farm, Scenic Rim
- Visiting including tasting and talk at Towri Sheep Cheese, Scenic Rimm
- Lunch at Ulmurra Hotel



Confirmed Accommodation

- Mantra at Sharks, Gold Coast (5 nights)
- Oaks Sunshine Coast Oasis Resort (3 nights)

\$4,469 pp twin | + \$893 pp single sup
\$900 pp deposit

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PLEASE NOTE

- Price is based on a minimum of 24 passengers. If numbers fall below 24 this tour *may* need to be recosted.
- Price is valid for above tour dates only and includes GST.
- Morning teas or afternoon teas are not included unless specified.
- The itinerary may be subject to change without notice. Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the itinerary as provided. Port Bus reserves the right to alter the touring and attractions as dictated by circumstances and conditions outside the company's control. Alterations may be made to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Every attempt will be made to ensure alterations do not adversely affect the operation of the tour. Port Bus will not be held responsible for weather-based cancellations, or those closures made at the venue's discretion.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given:

42 days or more—loss of deposit

29-41 days: 50% of fare plus deposit

30 days before and the Day of departure: 100% of the fare.

