

8 DAYS 6 NIGHTS
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SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND HIGHLIGHTS

New

Highlights

Sunshine Coast

- ★ The Original Eumundi Markets
- ★ The Ginger Factory and Taste of Ginger Tour
- ★ Nutworks and the chocolate factory
- ★ The Big Pineapple ★ Australia Zoo

Fraser Island

- ★ Central Station ★ Wanggoolba Creek
- ★ Lake McKenzie ★ 75 Mile Beach
- ★ Eli Creek ★ Maheno Shipwreck
- ★ The Pinnacles

Bundaberg

- ★ Ohana Winery and Exotic Fruits
- ★ Bundaberg Barrel ★ Whaling Wall
- ★ Mon Repos Turtle Centre

Brisbane

- ★ Anzac Square
- ★ Roma Street Parkland
- ★ Brisbane Lookout Mt Coot-tha

Day 1

Singapore - Brisbane

(Meals On Board)

Assemble at Singapore Changi Airport for your flight to **Brisbane**, the capital of Queensland.

Day 2

Brisbane - Sunshine Coast - Hervey Bay

(Meals On Board/Western Dinner)

Upon arrival in Brisbane, head to **Sunshine Coast** and explore **The Original Eumundi Markets**, Australia's premier artisan market. Known for only selling locally handmade products and services, the market has an amazingly diverse range of arts and crafts, baked goods and fresh foods, fashion and jewellery and health and wellness services. Then, stopover at **Maryborough** on your way to **Hervey Bay**. Soak up the city's rich history as you take in the iconic colonial architecture, beautiful parklands and gardens.

Note

The Original Eumundi Markets is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

Day 3

Hervey Bay - Fraser Island - Hervey Bay

(Breakfast/Buffer Lunch/Western Dinner)

After breakfast, spend the day at **Fraser Island**, the largest sand island in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site because of its exceptional natural beauty. Starting from the historic heart of the island, **Central Station**, explore the logging past of the area before strolling along **Wanggoolba Creek** boardwalk amidst a verdant rainforest of towering gum and pine trees and rare 100-year-old king ferns. Then, head to the awe-inspiring **Lake McKenzie** for an invigorating dip in this gorgeous pure rainwater lake and relax on the powdery, white silica sand beach. Next, take a drive along a stunning stretch of golden sand, known as the **75 Mile Beach**, and see the iconic sights of **Eli Creek** and **Maheno Shipwreck**. Stop by the fast-flowing freshwater Eli Creek that sends 4 million litres of clear water into the ocean every hour, as well as the Maheno Shipwreck, a major landmark on the island. This rusty wreck was washed ashore during an out-of-season cyclone in 1935 and subsequently served as target bombing practice during World War II. Finally, stop at **The Pinnacles** to learn how these magnificent rainbow-hued coloured sands dunes were formed and hear about the stories of the Aboriginal Butchulla surrounding these spectacular formations.



Maheno Shipwreck



The Ginger Factory



The Big Pineapple



Ohana Winery and Exotic Fruits



Mon Repos Turtle Centre



Australia Zoo

sightings of nesting turtles or hatchlings are not guaranteed.

Note

From April to October, visit to Mon Repos Turtle Centre will be replaced with free and easy leisure time.

Day 5 Bundaberg

(Breakfast)

After breakfast, spend the day at your leisure. Join an optional tour at your own expense to the jewel of the southern Great Barrier Reef, Lady Musgrave Island, at your own expense. Cruise to Lady Musgrave Island on board a luxury catamaran and experience the pristine waters firsthand as you choose from the wide variety of activities such as snorkelling, diving, fish feeding or simply enjoy the vibrant marine and coral life from the comfort of a glass-bottom boat. An introductory scuba diving course with a fully certified scuba diving instructor is available on request with additional charges, and warm showers are provided on deck after your snorkel or dive. For those who would like to explore the island on foot, guided island tours are also available. During your tour, a gourmet buffet lunch with Bundaberg's freshest produce will be served.

Day 6 Bundaberg - Sunshine Coast

(Breakfast/Western Dinner)

Today, spend your day around everyone's favourite: food. Visit **The Ginger Factory** for **Taste of Ginger Tour** to discover how ginger is grown, harvested and made into a range of delicious products before tasting some of these delicacies. Then, make a quick stop at **Nutworks and the chocolate factory** to stock up on a native Australian nut, the macadamia nut, and some fresh handmade chocolates. Next, head to the best selfie spot on the Sunshine Coast - **The Big Pineapple** - which is a heritage-listed attraction. Climb up the Big Pineapple for a bird's eye view of Queensland and find out more about pineapple farming and production in the area. End the day with an exciting

ride on board the iconic Pineapple Train as you journey through the amazing rainforest and see neighbouring zoo animals on one of Queensland's steepest and curviest railway tracks.

Day 7 Sunshine Coast - Brisbane

(Breakfast/Chinese Dinner)

After breakfast, visit the award-winning **Australia Zoo** for an ultimate wildlife adventure with over 70 acres of natural bushland and over 100 species of wildlife. Made famous by the late Crocodile Hunter, Steve Irwin, the zoo offers hands-on encounters with the animals and unique exhibits such as the 5000-seater Crocoseum featuring snakes, tigers, birds and crocodiles and occasionally, concerts. Next, head to Brisbane for a tour of the city's key sights. Drive past **Anzac Square** where the Anzac Memorial and Shrine of Remembrance are located in remembrance of the brave men and women who served in the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps and Brisbane's premier park **Roma Street Parkland**, before stopping at **Brisbane Lookout Mt Coot-tha**. This scenic lookout offers magnificent views of Brisbane city all the way to Moreton and Stradbroke Island.

Day 8 Brisbane - Singapore

(Breakfast/Meals On Board)

If time permits, you can do some last-minute shopping before you transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Note

If you are taking an early morning flight, packed breakfast will be provided.

Remarks

Sequence of itinerary is subject to change without prior notice. Accommodation provided will be either hotel or apartment style. During Australian public holidays such as Anzac Day and Christmas Day, some attractions may be closed or will operate for half a day. Alternative arrangements will be made to visit these affected attractions on other days or they will be replaced with alternatives.

Day 4 Hervey Bay - Bundaberg

(Breakfast/Western Dinner)

This morning, your taste buds are in for a treat at **Ohana Winery and Exotic Fruits** boutique winery. Take a guided tour of the winemaking process and facilities, the exotic fruit orchard, and sample an extensive range of wines, seasonal fruits and fresh tropical fruit jams. These speciality items and more are also available for purchase at the cellar door. Next, discover the secrets behind Bundaberg brewed drinks at the home of ginger beer, **Bundaberg Barrel**. The interactive tour takes you through the brewing process including how ginger root is crushed, brewed and then fermented to make the world's finest ginger beer. You will also get to sample the entire range of 14 delicious flavours of brewed drinks at the sampling bar, and purchase those that you fancy. Then, make a photo stop at a local landmark in Bundaberg's central business district, **Whaling Wall**. Measuring 6 stories high, this marine life wall mural is part of the Wyland Walls art-in-public-places project spanning 17 countries all over the world. Continuing the theme of marine life, head to **Mon Repos Turtle Centre** which supports the largest number of nesting marine turtles in eastern Australia and in the South Pacific region. Join the rangers on a guided tour to learn about the journey of these incredible animals and you may be lucky enough to catch them nesting from November to January, or hatching from January to March. Tour participants will be able to go on the beach after 6pm to watch them nesting or hatching but as these are wild animals,