



DISCOVER ADELAIDE AND BRISBANE

GREAT SOUTHERN

BRISBANE TO ADELAIDE

DEPARTING FRIDAY

(JANUARY, FEBRUARY & DECEMBER)

10 Days / 9 Nights

Combine premium food and wine with stunning natural landscapes and some of the country's top cultural icons on this nine-night tour of Australia's south-east. Enjoy the spectacular views and ancient rainforests of Mount Tamborine with much more to explore in and around the vibrant river city, Brisbane, before travelling in style on the Great Southern from Brisbane and Adelaide. Upon arrival in Adelaide, settle into your accommodation for the next three nights and use it as your base to discover South Australia's food gems, including the renowned Barossa Valley.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Brisbane, including breakfast daily
- Full day Explore Mount Tamborine tour
- Transfer from hotel to Rail Terminal
- 3 nights aboard the Great Southern, Brisbane to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Northern New South Wales, Hunter Valley and Melbourne or Regional Victoria
- Transfer from Adelaide Parklands Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Adelaide, including breakfast daily
- Northern Barossa Valley Voyager tour, including lunch
- 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the beauty of Mount Tamborine's ancient rainforests
- Take in breathtaking views from the iconic Scenic Lookout
- Enjoy a special beachside dining experience on the northern New South Wales coast
- Savour the flavours and sights of the picturesque Hunter Valley or Port Stephens
- Immerse yourself in cosmopolitan Melbourne or regional Victoria
- Discover the history of the Barossa Valley
- Enjoy cellar door wine tastings and a restaurant lunch

DAY 1 – ARRIVE BRISBANE

Welcome to Brisbane. After checking into your accommodation, your connection with this vibrant city begins, with a day to explore at your leisure. The Queensland capital has come of age, with elegant 19th century sandstone buildings sitting alongside superb modern architecture and a cultural precinct lining the banks of the Brisbane River.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Sofitel Brisbane Central

DAY 2 – BRISBANE

Your time in Brisbane continues today, with a day to explore at your leisure. Perhaps catch a City Cat and take in the city from the water, or venture across to South Bank, Brisbane's premier lifestyle and cultural destination. It's the perfect place to relax and unwind. (B)

DAY 3 – MOUNT TAMBORINE

Today, visit Mount Tamborine in the Gold Coast hinterland. The mountain has spectacular views and ancient rainforests which you can explore at your own pace at Skywalk. Enjoy the native flora and fauna as you walk above the rainforest canopy. Sample exquisite local wines and savour in a 2 course lunch. You'll then have time to explore the boutique shops on Gallery Walk from arts and craft, fashion to fudge, to honey and Australia's most awarded distillery, Tamborine Mountain Distillery. Your day will conclude at Fortitude Brewery, where you can enjoy a meal (own expense) or drink at Bush Turkey Bistro or visit the on-site cheese shop. (B,L)

DAY 4 – BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN IN BRISBANE

Today, you'll set off from Brisbane on your adventure covering Australia's south-east. Settle into your cabin and prepare to savour lunch on board and spend a relaxing afternoon admiring the views before arriving in Coffs Harbour. As the sun dips beneath the horizon, enjoy drinks and canapes on the beach at Charlesworth Bay before a unique outdoor dinner, where you'll feast on local produce and fresh seafood paired with fine wines. After a few leisurely hours, you'll reboard the train and set off for your first night on board. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Great Southern



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DAY 5 – GREAT SOUTHERN, HUNTER REGION

Start the day with breakfast on board before setting off on your choice of Off Train Experiences. You may choose to meander through the picturesque vineyards of the Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest wine regions, or explore Port Stephens by land or sea. Alternatively, explore Newcastle and discover the vibrant mix of old and new in the beautiful coastal city.

Late afternoon, return to the train along with the rest of the guests to enjoy a regionally inspired meal and relaxing time on board before retiring for the night. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – GREAT SOUTHERN, MELBOURNE OR REGIONAL VICTORIA

After enjoying a delicious breakfast on board and a relaxing start to the day travelling through Victoria's high country, you'll have a choice of Off Train Experiences. Victoria is well-known for its excellent food and wine scene, which is on show at Clyde Park, a beautiful vineyard in the Moorabool Valley. Here, you'll enjoy a long lunch and sample cool-climate wines.

Alternatively, opt to visit cosmopolitan Melbourne to find out why it's considered the cultural and sporting capital of Australia. Explore the oldest and most-visited art collection in Australia at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) or visit the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). If you're a history buff, head to the Old Melbourne Gaol. Lunch is at Eureka 89, where you'll dine on a beautifully curated menu showcasing local and seasonal produce with spectacular views over the city.

After lunch, you'll make your way back to the train to continue your journey south. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – GREAT SOUTHERN, ADELAIDE

Upon arrival into Adelaide, you will be transferred to your accommodation. The day is yours to explore the city. Home to over 900 restaurants, pubs and cafes, and a lively food and wine scene, you'll be spoilt for choice. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights The Playford Adelaide – MGallery

DAY 8 – BAROSSA VALLEY

Today, delight your senses with boutique wine and food touring to the historic Barossa Valley, with its 80 cellar doors. You'll even visit one of the oldest vineyards in the world, where Shiraz vines were planted in 1843. Enjoy running commentary from your driver as you make your way towards the world-renowned wine region and be guided through some of the best wines South Australia has to offer. Tours are small groups up to eight people only to ensure a relaxed and unhurried day. Whether you prefer red or white, there will be something to tantalise and delight with tastings at three wineries throughout the day, and a delicious lunch with an accompanying glass of wine included in your tour. (B,L)

DAY 9 – ADELAIDE

Explore more of Adelaide at your leisure. If you'd like to get to the source of that gourmet experience by visiting another wine-growing region, McLaren Vale is the perfect option. (B)

WE RECOMMEND:

McLaren Vale Winery Experience
\$225 per person

A tour to McLaren Vale along the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula includes four cellar door experiences and a delicious restaurant lunch. The region is best known for its Shiraz, but expert vigneron will explain why Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay grapes also thrive in this unique microclimate.

DAY 10 – FAREWELL

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation, bringing your epicurean adventure to an end. (B)