

## DISCOVER BRISBANE

### GREAT SOUTHERN BRISBANE TO MELBOURNE DEPARTING FRIDAY (DECEMBER) 6 Days / 5 Nights

Combine premium food and wine with stunning natural landscapes and some of the country's top cultural icons on this five-night tour of Australia's south-east. A culinary odyssey awaits in Tamborine Mountain and three nights in Brisbane provides the perfect opportunity for gourmands to explore before travelling in style on the Great Southern between Brisbane and Melbourne.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Brisbane including breakfast daily
- Full day winery tour including lunch
- 2 nights aboard the Great Southern, Brisbane to Melbourne, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Northern New South Wales, Hunter Valley and Melbourne
- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy the drive through beautiful mountain scenery to Tamborine Mountain's food and wine trail, and take in breathtaking views from one of the lookout points
- Be guided through private wine tastings at three boutique wineries and enjoy a gourmet lunch at one of the mountain's top wineries
- Visit Australia's most awarded distillery and taste naturally flavoured vodka and liqueurs
- 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

#### 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 19<sup>th</sup>-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 – TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

Today, your gourmet escape sees you leave the city to experience Tamborine Mountain's unique food and wine trail while absorbing spectacular views of rainforest and picturesque landscapes along the journey. Be guided through tastings at three boutique wineries and visit the iconic Tamborine Mountain Distillery. You'll enjoy a gourmet two-course winery lunch and finish with the option to stop at a cheese factory and craft brewery. (B,L)

#### DAY 4 – BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN IN BRISBANE

After setting off from Brisbane, enjoy lunch on board and a relaxing afternoon settling into your private cabin before arriving at the coastal town of Coffs Harbour. As the sun dips beneath the horizon, enjoy a unique beachside dinner, where you'll feast on local produce and fresh seafood paired with fine wines, while the waves lap at the shore nearby. After a few leisurely hours, you'll reboard the train and set off for the night. (B,L,D)

**OVERNIGHT:** 2 nights Great Southern

#### DAY 5 – GREAT SOUTHERN, HUNTER REGION

Start the day with a hearty breakfast on board before setting off for a full day of Off Train Experiences.

Today, you get to choose your own adventure whether it's in the Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest wine region, or exploring Port Stephens by land or sea. Alternatively, visit 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)



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### DAY 6 – GREAT SOUTHERN, MELBOURNE

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. 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, your journey aboard the Great Southern comes to an end. (B,L)