

## BRISBANE LUXURY STAY

### GREAT SOUTHERN

BRISBANE TO MELBOURNE

DEPARTING FRIDAY

(JANUARY, FEBRUARY & 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 six-night tour of Australia's south-east. Experience one of Australia's most visited, ambitious, and dynamic art galleries – QAGOMA, and explore in and around the vibrant river city, Brisbane, before travelling in style on the Great Southern from Brisbane to Adelaide.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Brisbane including breakfast daily
- Taste of QAGOMA tour and lunch experience
- 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

- Experience one of Australia's most visited, ambitious, and dynamic art galleries
- Discover the captivating stories behind historical and contemporary artworks
- 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

*Please note itineraries are subject to change.*

#### 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 The Westin Brisbane

#### DAY 2 – QUEENSLAND ART GALLERY & GALLERY OF MODERN ART

Make your own way to QAGOMA (Queensland Art Gallery & Gallery of Modern Art). Here you will join a small group guided tour. Starting at the Queensland Art Gallery, you'll hear the story of the Gallery from its early origins in 1895 to its establishment across two architecturally acclaimed buildings today. Your tour will include fascinating revelations and insights into impressive artworks before concluding with a relaxing lunch at the Gallery of Modern Art Bistro, by the river. (B,L)

#### DAY 3 – 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 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

#### 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)



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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)