

## 7 Day Roma Easter in the Country



Spend two full days at Roma's Easter in the Country Festival and join in the celebrations of all things country. The festival offers a range of activities for the strong and active, the cultural and culinary buff and those who like to take things a little more leisurely. The 2021 Feature Concert has some of the best country music on the planet - with Multi Golden Guitar Winner Lee Kernaghan already committed. Travel the scenic Great Inland Way to The Gemfields. Enjoy a tour of Australia's largest Walk-In Underground Sapphire Mine followed by a little fossicking. Have lunch with the locals at the New Royal Hotel and view the spectacular collection of rare gems at the Rubyvale Gem Gallery. The time has never been better to reconnect with Queensland's Outback!

Departing: Friday, 2nd April

Fitness Level: E - Easy

Meals: B = Breakfast, M = Morning Tea, L = Lunch, A = Afternoon Tea, D = Dinner

### DAY 1 HERVEY BAY – ROMA LD

Friday, 2nd April: An early start for travelling companions joining between Hervey Bay and Caboolture. Brisbane and Gold Coast passengers join at Brisbane Coach Terminal. Stop in Toowoomba for lunch at Picnic Point Café before continuing westward passing through the agriculturally rich area of the Darling Downs, arriving in Roma to settle into our accommodation. Three night stay Roma Explorers Inn.

### DAY 2 ROMA EASTER FESTIVAL BD

Saturday, 3rd April: Some free time today to engage in the many activities on the program. Your coach captain will transfer you to the Country Markets. Enjoy the live music, the Anglican Church morning Tea and tour, Car Displays and the Street Parade. The afternoon promises some lively entertainment with the Mud Derby, Easter Races, Open Gardens, Art Exhibition, Drag Racing and Speedway.

### DAY 3 ROMA EASTER FESTIVAL BD

Sunday, 4th April: Happy Easter! Enjoy the fun and family entertainment at Basset Park. Highlights include Country Markets, Bush Poets Breakfast, Billy Cart Rides, Wife Carrying Competition, Goat Races, the Drag Racing Finals, Open Gardens, and Art Exhibition. This afternoon get ready for the excitement at the XXXX Gold Easter Rodeo starting at 1pm and followed by the highlight of the day, the Sunday concert. Join Lee Kernaghan along with the Wolfe Brothers in what will be a country music extravaganza.

### DAY 4 ROMA – EMERALD BMLD

Monday, 5th April: Farewelling Roma, head north along the Carnarvon Development Road to Injune where we pause for morning tea and take some time to browse the Information Centre and Art Gallery. Travel to Springsure for a picnic lunch followed by a visit to Old Rainworth Fort which was built in 1862 as protection against aboriginal attack after a massacre at Cullin-La-Ringo Station the year before. The fort, built of basalt blocks and corrugated iron, was fireproof and very nearly impregnable. It is a rare and unusual part of Queensland's heritage. Continue our journey to Emerald taking a detour to view Fairbairn Dam. The primary function of the dam is to store water for irrigation and urban use, however, it is also a DIWA (Directory of Important Wetlands of Australia) nationally important wetland with an estimated 194 bird species. Two night stay Emerald Maraboon Motor Inn.

### DAY 5 THE GEMFIELDS BMLD

Tuesday, 6th April: Off to the Gemfields this morning to see what we can find! Our first visit is to the Miner's Heritage Walk-In Mine where we enjoy a cuppa, followed by an underground sapphire mine tour. After the tour, spend time fossicking for your own gems and browse the range of beautiful Australian Sapphire Jewellery in the showroom. Next, off to the New Royal Hotel Rubyvale for lunch and a nice cold drink. Enjoy a chat with the locals and maybe hear a tall story or two. After lunch, take a wander across the road to the

Rubyvale Gem Gallery where you will be welcomed with a short video, a gem cutting demonstration and a chance to browse the range of unique sapphire jewellery designed and made on the premises. Return to Emerald to visit the Central Highlands Visitors Information Centre and the Big Easel before making our way to our accommodation.

#### DAY 6 EMERALD – ROCKHAMPTON BLD

Wednesday, 7th April: This morning, travel the Capricorn Highway to the Blackwater Australian Coal Mining Museum followed by morning tea at the Japanese Gardens. Continue our journey to Rockhampton for lunch at the Parkhurst Tavern, then be amazed by the spectacular Capricorn Caves as you enjoy a guided tour of this unique system of above-ground caves in a limestone ridge. Stay Kortes Resort.

#### DAY 7 ROCKHAMPTON – HOME BM

Thursday, 8th April: All too soon our delightful Easter break has come to an end. Travel south to Miriam Vale where we pause for our last morning tea together. Continue down the Bruce Highway to Childers for lunch (own expense) then stopping in Maryborough we say goodbye to our Wide Bay passengers before continuing to Brisbane.

Adult: \$2898 pp

Pensioner: \$2884 pp

Past Passenger: \$2877 pp

Single Supplement: \$701 pp

Final Payment Due: 16th February 2021

Bookings Close on Friday, 19th March 2021