

7 Day Cobb & Co Tourist Route, Scenic Rim & O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat



Step back in time as you follow the Cobb & Co mail route around the scenic rim.

Visit historic Spring Bluff Railway station, Steel Rudd's Pub, the Darling Downs Zoo, Kooroomba Vineyard and Lavender Farm, the Robotic Dairy and much more. Three night's stay at beautiful O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat where you can escape to a world of ancient forest, fresh mountain air, crystal clear creeks and breathtaking sunsets. The ultimate tour for sure!

Departing: Monday, 11th October 2021

Fitness Level: E - Easy

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

DAY 1 HERVEY BAY - TOOWOOMBA LD

Monday, 11th October: Following your morning transfer to Brisbane Coach Terminal where we meet our Brisbane and Gold Coast passengers, travel to the historic city of Ipswich where we stop at the WORKSHOPS RAIL MUSEUM. Step back in time as you relive the romance of rail on beautifully restored railway carriages, and step into the thick of it on a behind the scenes tour of the workshops. Depart Ipswich and continue via the townships of Rosewood and Walloon, original stopover points along the Cobb and Co railway mail route. Arriving in Grandchester, visit the GRANDCHESTER RAILWAY STATION, built in 1865 and the oldest surviving station in Queensland. Next stop is Laidley for lunch and a browse through historic Das Neumann Haus. Continue on via Forest Hill to Gatton, one of the major towns along the route. It was originally a major changeover point for horses on the mail route between Brisbane and the Darling Downs. Make our way to historic SPRING BLUFF RAILWAY STATION via Murphy's Creek before settling in to our motel. Two night stay Grammar View Inn.

DAY 2 TOOWOOMBA SIGHTSEEING BLD

Tuesday, 12th October: Some free time for shopping this morning before a visit to the COBB & CO MUSEUM, the perfect conclusion to the Cobb & Co Tourist Drive. Next, "step back in time" with a visit to historic STEEL RUDD'S PUB, the home of Dad and Dave for lunch and some entertaining bush poetry before a visit to the memorial of the iconic SISTER ELIZABETH KENNY who pioneered the treatment of infantile paralysis. Returning to Toowoomba enjoy a visit to the JAPANESE GARDENS and the very scenic PICNIC POINT.

DAY 3 TOOWOOMBA - MT TAMBORINE BLD

Wednesday, 13th October: Start the day with a visit to the ever-popular DARLING DOWNS ZOO followed by a scenic drive via LAKE MOOGERAH to KOOROOMBA VINEYARD AND LAVENDER FARM for lunch and a wine tasting with time to browse the wonderful lavender products on sale before making our way to our accommodation. Stay Mt Tamborine Motel.

DAY 4 MT TAMBORINE - LAMINGTON NP BLD

Thursday, 14th October: Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and some free time then travel via Beaudesert to visit the SCENIC RIM ROBOTIC DAIRY for a dairy tour with a difference. The tour gives you a fantastic snapshot of dairy farming through the generations...from the horse and cart days when cows were milked by hand through Box Bales; machine milking with the introduction of electricity in 1949; introduction of a 6 a side Herringbone in 1972, the 50 platform Rotary and milking 360 cows in 1991; to the current LELY robotic milking system. You'll be fascinated by the robotic milking system – and you'll love seeing how the cows take to it so easily. On to Canungra where we enjoy a wine tasting experience and lunch at Canungra Valley Vineyards. On arrival at O'Reilly's be welcomed by the manager and enjoy afternoon tea. At dusk, it's off for a sunset experience at a remote location before a delicious three-course dinner. Three night stay O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat.

DAY 5 O'REILLY'S EXPERIENCE BLD

Friday, 15th October: Before breakfast, take the opportunity for an early morning bird walk. Hundreds of crimson rosellas, king parrots and other opportunists are fed on the lawns outside the restaurant. It's a unique experience to have one of these brilliantly coloured birds land on your wrist to eat from your hand. After breakfast, it's off on a 4WD BILLY TEA, DAMPER AND HISTORY TOUR. After lunch be enthralled by the delightful BIRDS OF PREY SHOW followed by a guided walk to PYTHON ROCK with a view of MORAN FALLS. Enjoy afternoon tea, then sit and relax and view the audiovisual presentation on the Stinson rescue. After dinner, we're off to see the amazing GLOW WORMS.

DAY 6 O'REILLY'S FREE DAY BLD

Saturday, 16th October: Wake up to the serene sounds of bush creatures. Perhaps a Satin Bowerbird's bower will be a discovery. After breakfast, you'll have time for a morning excursion or perhaps a walk along the canopy treetop walkway. Choose from several activities that have been arranged for today including a WILDLIFE ENCOUNTER, a guided walk to the TREE TOP WALK, a 4WD tour to either LUKE'S BLUFF OR DUCK CREEK LOOKOUTS and more, or simply do your own thing. After dinner enjoy MARSHMALLOWS AT THE CAMPFIRE.

DAY 7 LAMINGTON NP - HOME B

Sunday, 17th October: Our first stop this morning is the TAMBORINE SKYWALK a unique and thrilling way to explore Mount Tamborine's beautiful rainforest canopies. Purchase your morning tea in the Birdwing Cafe. Next some free time to purchase your lunch and browse the famous GALLERY WALK, boasting over 70 art and craft, gift and nick-knack shops across the heart of the mountain, you're sure to find something to suit your taste. Making our way to Brisbane we farewell our Brisbane passengers, northbound passengers stay on board for arrival in the Wide Bay at 6.30pm.

Adult: \$2560 pp

Pensioner: \$2546 pp

Past Passenger: \$2539 pp

Single Supplement: \$560 pp

Final Payment Due: 27th August 2021