



**CT TRAVEL**  
*Coolum Tours & Travel*

Visit the neighbours in Southern Queensland but feel like you are in another world where history and nature collide. This nine-day tour from the forests of the Bunya Mountains to the Southern Downs and the boulders that gave the Granite Belt its name, covers the history and panoramic scenery of this region. We will introduce you to some of the lesser-known beauty spots and the heritage of this pioneer country.

**9 days - Twin / Double \$3164.00**  
**Single \$3713.00**

**DAY 1: (LD) BRISBANE > SUNSHINE COAST TO KINGAROY**

**Fri, 05 Feb 2021**

Departing from Brisbane we head north through the Sunshine Coast, where our first stop is in Gympie, the town that saved the Queensland Treasury when gold was discovered in 1867. Learn more about the diggings over morning tea and then relax and enjoy the country views through the South Burnett en-route to the village of **Moffatdale** in the Barambah Valley. Lunch is at the region's first winery, the **Dusty Hill Vineyard and Winery**, overlooking picturesque **Lake Barambah**. We then travel on to **Kingaroy** where the Peanut Marketing Board was established in 1924. Visit the iconic **Peanut Van**, which has been dispensing the finest nuts since 1969, and settle in at the **Pioneer Lodge** in the heart of the town for the night.

**1 night | Pioneer Lodge Motel Kingaroy**  
Morning tea | lunch | dinner at motel

**DAY 2: (BLD) KINGAROY TO DALBY****Sat 06 Feb 2021**

Heading out of town, we stop at the heritage listed **Taabinga Homestead** for morning tea and a tour of one of Queensland's oldest continually occupied homes and its extensive gardens. Built in 1846, it is still a working cattle property, its outbuildings giving a glimpse of times past. The road then climbs into the **Bunya Mountains** for lunch at **Poppies on the Hill** overlooking ancient rainforest. Rest and cool off with a dip in the pool at the elegant **Manor Motor Inn** in Dalby before dinner at Squires Bar and Restaurant.

**1 Night | Manor Motor Inn, Dalby**  
M/Tea | Breakfast and dinner at motel | lunch-Bunya Mtns

**DAY 3: (BLD) DALBY TO WARWICK****Sun, 07 Feb 2021**

Today we cruise through the countryside over the famous **Jimbour Plains**, an area where early explorers opened up land for pastoral settlement, leading to the Darling Downs expanding into a busy and fashionable rival to Brisbane.

The gracious **Jimbour**, a heritage-listed homestead with magnificent gardens, served one of the first stations established on the Darling Downs. The station was settled in 1841 and the homestead followed in 1876. A guided tour brings to life its rich and colourful past and is followed by **Devonshire tea** in the gardens.

Leaving Jimbour, we visit another working property on the Downs on the way to **Warwick**, the Rose and Rodeo capital, on the banks of the Condamine River. Settle in at the **Coachman's Motor Inn** for the next three nights as we explore the Southern Downs and Granite Belt.

**3 Nights | Coachman's Inn Warwick**  
Breakfast at motel | M/Tea | lunch | dinner at motel

**DAY 4: (BD) A DAY IN STANTHORPE****Mon, 08 Feb 2021**

After stopping to smell the magnificent roses in Warwick, we meander down to **Stanthorpe** where the country air is brisk and fresh produce flows from vineyards and orchards. Among the wineries we visit is the famous **Ballandean Estate**, established in 1932. It is Queensland's oldest family-owned and operated winery, blending the history of five generations with modern winemaking methods for a remarkable wine experience. We have time to explore Stanthorpe and surrounds before returning to Warwick for the night

Breakfast at motel | lunch own exp | dinner at Motel

**DAY 5: (BLD) QUEEN MARY FALLS / CONDAMINE GORGE****Tues, 09 Feb 2021**

Today we get to know Southern Downs country on a trip to the beautiful **Main Range National Park**, home to the spectacular **Queen Mary Falls** that plunge 40m like a veil over rockface. **Carrs Lookout** affords excellent views of the valley below. This is the headwaters of the **Condamine River** which flows into the Darling River system, the longest in Australia. Although **Killarney** bears little resemblance to the Irish original, it inspired author David Malouf to write "It is lush country but of the green, subtropical kind, with sawmills in untidy paddocks, peak-roofed weatherboard farms, and on the skyline of low hills, bunya pines, hoop pines and Scotch firs of a forbidding blackness." You can see for yourself as we head into town.

Breakfast and dinner at motel | lunch |

**DAY 6: (BLD) WARWICK TO TOOWOOMBA****Wed 10 Feb 2021**

Today we take the scenic route to Toowoomba, detouring through mountains, valleys and creeks to **Goomburra**, a little hamlet that had just 259 residents at the last census, for a picnic lunch. We then turn and head to Toowoomba, calling in at the **Wellcamp Airport** on the way. The work of the Wagner family, it was the first greenfield public airport built after Tullamarine in Melbourne 50 years ago. Learn about Australia's newest airport and see the Wellcamp Business Park, with its wide landscaped streets and parklands. After a guided tour of the new facilities, we continue to Toowoomba and settle in at the newly refurbished **Burke and Wills Hotel** in the centre of the city for two nights while we explore the garden city and its surrounds.

**2 nights | Burke & Wills Hotel | Toowoomba**  
Breakfast and dinner at motel | Lunch Goomburra

**DAY 7: (BLD) TOOWOOMBA - HIGHFIELDS****Thurs 11 Feb 2021**

A short trip north of Toowoomba is historic **Highfields**, a blooming community with art and craft stores, cafes, and Peacehaven Botanic Park, one of the most outstanding public gardens on the Darling Downs. At **Highfields Pioneer Village**, discover a rare and unusual collection of vintage machinery, a fully operational blacksmith shop and a collection of restored antique radios. Returning to Toowoomba after lunch, there is time to wander the streets at your leisure.

Breakfast and dinner at motel | Lunch Highfields

**DAY 8: (BLD) TOOWOOMBA - MT MEE TO BRISBANE****Friday 12 Feb 2021**

It's time to head east again. Morning tea is at **Lake Wivenhoe**, the largest lake in South-East Queensland and then it's on past the **Somerset Dam** via Kilcoy to the magnificent **Mount Mee Ranges** for lunch. We then continue on to Brisbane via the Samford Valley for a night at the **Royal on the Park**, right beside the Brisbane Botanic Gardens and the river.

**1 night | Royal on the Park, Brisbane**  
M/Tea | Breakfast and dinner at motel | Lunch

**DAY 9: (BL) HOMEWARD BOUND****Sat 13 Feb 2021**

For our final day we will explore the River City with a cruise when city views are amplified by the river. From there it is on to South Bank for lunch (and a surprise) before we commence our journey home.

Breakfast and dinner at motel | lunch at Southbank

## Accommodation

- Kingaroy | Pioneer Motor Inn
- Dalby | Manor Inn
- Warwick | Coachman's Inn
- Toowoomba | Burk & Wills Hotel
- Brisbane | Royal on the Park

# Tour Inclusions

- 8 night's motel accommodation
- 8 cooked motel breakfasts
- 8 dinner
- 7 included lunches
- Irish Pub lunch
- Lake Barambah
- Kingaroy Nut Van
- Tour of Taabinga Homestead inc M/Tea
- Bunya Mtns – Lunch at Poppies
- Tour of Jimbour House inc Devonshire tea
- Working Property Tour
- Warwick Town tour
- Stanthorpe and Wineries
- Ballandean Estates
- Queen Mary Falls
- Condamine Gorge
- Carrs Lookout
- Goomburra Valley
- Wellcamp Airport guided tour inc A/tea
- Toowoomba City Sights & Gardens
- Highfields Pioneer Village
- Lake Wivenhoe & Somerset Dam
- Kilcoy Crafts
- Mt Mee – Dayboro -Samford Valley
- Brisbane City Sights
- River Cruise
- Town tours
- PLUS --- Lots of surprise destinations



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