

4 Day Escape to Southern Downs - Stanthorpe – Tenterfield

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Twin Share / Double - \$1395 pp
Single - \$1585 Deposit - \$300.00pp



From March to May mellow tints of red and gold mark the autumn showing. Enjoy winding down with locally made wine and delicious food that will tantalise the taste buds and warm the soul. A Visit to the Southern Downs, Granite Belt & New England Regions in the autumn is a truly wonderful experience. The amazing and varied autumn colours of the trees is a sight to behold. This is all about the journey.

Day 1: Sunshine Coast to Stanthorpe

As we leave the Sunshine Coast behind, we travel through Brisbane and head south-west past Ipswich. We travel through the Fassifern Valley, and some of the area's most beautiful landscapes, traversing the Great Diving Range via the historic and picturesque mountain pass, Cunningham's Gap. From here, we travel south through the Darling Downs, arriving in **Warwick** in time for lunch at the **Abby Boutique Hotel** followed by a guided tour of this famous building.

Moving on we meander down to **Stanthorpe** where the country air is brisk and fresh produce flows from vineyards and orchards. We have time to explore Stanthorpe and surrounds before settling into our accommodation for the next 3 nights at the **High Street Motor Inn**

3 nights | High Street Motor Inn
Lunch at the Abbey | dinner at Motel



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Day 2: Stanthorpe

After a hearty breakfast we make our way to **Kent Saddlery & Leather** for a guided tour of their workshop. See how they custom make saddles and quality leather gear, hand-crafted in their workshop. Leather products are available from their onsite shop. Then onto **Suttons Cidery** for morning tea before visiting **Stanthorpe Cheese**. There's time for a winery visit before calling into **Vencenzo's** "Big Apple" before returning to Stanthorpe for the night.

A special evening treat as we dine at **Anna's Restaurant** tonight.

Breakfast at Motel | Lunch own expense | Dinner at Anna's

Day 3: Tenterfield

We start our day by travelling south from along the New England Highway to visit **Wallangarra** on our way to **Tenterfield**. The Autumn colours are breathtaking as we view them through the panoramic windows of our luxury touring coach. Arriving in Tenterfield we have time to explore the town including the big Cork Tree, (known as the Wishing Tree in English folklore), it is believed to be one of the largest in Australia. We make one last discovery before departing town, the Tenterfield Saddler! Explore this historic High St Saddlery (made famous by Peter Allen) that attracted many to town including one famous customer, A. B. "Banjo" Paterson.

Moving on, we visit **Glenrock Gardens**, an award-winning country garden set in the high country of New England a short drive from Tenterfield. The 10 acres of gardens which are divided into varying rooms each possess their own charm and ambiance and are interconnected with pretty walkways arbours and woodland walks. Here we will enjoy lunch in "The Barn" before a guided tour of the gardens with the owner, Anna.

On the way back to Stanthorpe we visit 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 for tasting and a tour of the winery.

Breakfast & Dinner at Motel | Lunch at Glenrock |

Day 4: Heading Home

Saying goodbye to Stanthorpe we turn for home but not before we experience a special mystery treat ... (if we told you what it is ... it wouldn't be a mystery) before arriving in Warwick in time for lunch at the local RSL club.

Continuing our journey north we travel through the historic rural towns of **Allora and Clifton**, before arriving in **Nobby**. Here we will visit **the Sister Kenny Memorial** and learn about how she pioneered a treatment for polio -then a quick visit to **"Rudds Pub"** the home of "Dad & Dave" Moving on we will travel down the Great Diving Range into the Lockyer Valley passing through Gatton as we make our way home to the Sunshine Coast arriving in the late afternoon.

Breakfast at hotel | lunch Warwick RSL

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Tour Inclusions

- 3 night's motel accommodation at the High Street Motor Inn Stanthorpe
- 3 cooked motel breakfasts
- 2 motel dinners
- 1 Restaurant Dinner
- 3 included lunches
- Luxury Coach Touring – (rest room equipped)

Highlights

- Lunch & guided tour at The Abby of the Roses in Warwick
- Tour of the Kent Leather Factory
- Suttons Cidery
- Stanthorpe Cheese
- Vincenzo's Big Apple
- Visit Wallangarra
- Tenterfield Town tour
- Tenterfield Saddler
- The Big Cork Tree
- Lunch & guided tour Glenrock Gardens (Acreage Garden)
- Ballandean Estates - wine tasting
- Dinner at the famous Anna's Restaurant
- Winery #2
- Mystery Garden (Another large homestead garden)
- View the Autumn Colours.
- Return home via Allora, Clifton, Nobby & Gatton



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