

SOUTHERN DISCOVERY

THE GREAT SOUTHERN

DEPARTURE FRIDAY

Diverse, dramatic, delightful. There's nowhere in the world quite like south-east Australia, and the region opens up before you board the Great Southern. As each day unfolds on this very special itinerary, you'll be captivated by Adelaide and the Grampians, the spellbinding beauty of the New South Wales coast and Brisbane, all while enjoying the creature comforts and romance of rail.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Brisbane including breakfast
- 1 day O'Reilly's Green Mountains with lunch
- 3 nights aboard the Great Southern, Brisbane to Adelaide including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Northern New South Wales, Hunter Valley and regional Victoria
- Transfer Adelaide Parklands Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Adelaide including breakfast
- 1 day Northern Barossa Valley Voyager tour
- 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit to O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat at Mt Tamborine in the Gold Coast hinterland
- Enjoy a special beachside dining experience on the NSW coast
- Savour the flavours and sights of picturesque Hunter Valley
- Indulge in wine tasting in the celebrated Barossa Valley
- Appreciate the ancient beauty of the Grampians

DAY 1 ARRIVE BRISBANE

Welcome to Brisbane! After checking into your accommodation your connection with vibrant Brisbane begins today, with a day free to explore at your leisure. The Queensland capital has come of age and continues to grow as a cosmopolitan metropolis with loads of appeal. It's elegant 19th century sandstone buildings sit alongside superb modern architecture and a cultural precinct lining the banks of the Brisbane River.

Overnight: 3 nights Marriott Brisbane

DAY 2 BRISBANE AND GOLD COAST HINTERLAND

Today your tour takes you into the Gold Hinterland. O'Reilly's is situated in the centre of the cool, quiet rainforest of World-Heritage listed Lamington National Park with its spectacular panoramic views. En-route to O'Reilly's enjoy a stroll along 'Gallery Walk,' Mt Tamborine's unique local art and crafts shops. Upon arrival at O'Reilly's, you'll be enchanted by the calls of an amazing array of native birds. Enjoy the scenery and calm amongst the top of the trees as you take a stroll along the 'Tree Top Walk' 16 metres above the rainforest floor. (B,L)

DAY 3 LEISURE DAY, BRISBANE

After getting to know the sultry subtropical capital, delve even deeper with a day spent at your leisure. (B)

WE RECOMMEND

City Essentials Tour

\$60 per person

The perfect introduction to Brisbane, our three-hour City Essentials Walking Tour covers all the main sights in the City Centre and takes you where the buses can't go.

See King George Square, the Story Bridge, the City Botanic Gardens, the oldest church in Queensland, Eagle Street Pier, the City Hall Clock Tower, and lots of hidden secrets along the way (Distance covered: approx. 3 kilometres). We'll also point out the best City bars, cafes and restaurants for every budget, so you can make the most of your limited time here.

DAY 4 BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN IN BRISBANE

Time to begin the next chapter of your adventure aboard the Great Southern. As you depart Brisbane settle into your cabin and enjoy the fabulous food, wine, service and social atmosphere of this exceptional journey.

The Northern New South Wales Coast stretches across 90km of incredible sandy beaches and some of the best surfing breaks in the world. Watch as the sun dips below the horizon as you enjoy dinner to the sound of waves lapping on the shore.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Great Southern (B,L,D)

DAY 5 GREAT SOUTHERN, HUNTER VALLEY

Welcome to wine country. The Hunter Valley, north of Sydney, is one of the country's renowned wine regions, with a history dating back to the early 1800's. Today you'll take the time to meander its picturesque vineyards, sampling world-renowned brands and boutique cellar doors. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 GREAT SOUTHERN, VICTORIA

With a backdrop of mesmerising blue, the Twelve Apostles is a collection of majestic limestone rock stacks rising from the Southern Ocean on Victoria's rugged coastline, just offshore of Port Campbell National Park. Today you'll discover their ancient magic, as you ascend the dramatic cliff faces of the Great Ocean Road. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 GREAT SOUTHERN, ADELAIDE

After arrival into Adelaide, and checking into your accommodation in the heart of the CBD, there are plenty of opportunities to delve into its food, wine, arts and shopping scenes, and get to know the laid-back capital.

Overnight: 3 nights Mayfair Hotel (B)

DAY 7 BAROSSA VALLEY

The Barossa may only be an hour by car from Adelaide, but when you're transported to its lush vineyards and gently rolling hillsides, you'll feel a world away. Famed for its wines, this historic region is home to more than 80 cellar doors, including one of the oldest in the world. Guided by vignerons, you'll explore up to four cellar doors and enjoy a sumptuous two-course lunch on this expertly-crafted all day tour. (B,L)

DAY 8**LEISURE DAY, ADELAIDE**

Today is yours to explore Adelaide and surrounds at your leisure. The elegant capital's wine culture is matched with a buzzing food scene: find out why in its laneway bars and restaurants. Or perhaps explore it's cultural, artistic, or retail life – the choice is yours. (B)

WE RECOMMEND**McLaren Vale and Glenelg tour****From \$79 pp**

Your tour begins in Adelaide, where you'll board the 20-seater coach ready for your adventure, which starts with a drive to picturesque McLaren Vale. Once in McLaren Vale your first stop is the stunning Chapel Hill Winery. Have your taste buds primed and your camera poised as your host tantalizes you with a wonderful, structured wine tasting experience in their picturesque cellar door.

From Chapel Hill it's on to the Main Street of McLaren Vale. Here you'll have some free time to enjoy a taste or two of wine at Hardy Tintara's Cellar door, grab a coffee and watch the world go by, visit the fabulous Almond Train or pop into the Fruchocs factory and pick out a selection of sweet gifts, before you again board the coach and head to your second winery of the day, the quaint Shingleback Winery. Enjoy a structured tasting of Shingleback's finest wines, and if you're peckish, you can purchase a cheeseboard to enjoy with your wine.

As you depart McLaren Vale for Adelaide, you'll head towards Glenelg along the coastal scenic route. Gaze out at the South Australian coastline before reaching the beautiful beachside suburb of Glenelg.

DAY 9**FAREWELL**

After checking out of your accommodation your memorable adventure comes to a close. (B)