



SPARK TRAVEL



| 7 Day

# TOOWOOMBA 'CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS' & SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND

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| **Friday 20 September 2024**

Fully Escorted From Adelaide

Return Home Transfers

Flight Adelaide/Brisbane/Adelaide

Grand Central Floral Parade

Buderim Ginger Factory

## HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Hughes home pick up service (zoned area).
- Fly Adelaide to Brisbane and return with Virgin Australia.
- 3 nights at Toowoomba, 3 nights at Montville in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland.
- Highlights tour of Brisbane including the magnificent sub-tropical Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens and lunch.
- Spectacular Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers – Premium seats to the Grand Central Floral Parade, visit colourful award-winning gardens.
- Delightful outback pub dinner at the historic Bull & Barley Inn, Cambooya.
- Famous Cobb & Co Museum and the magnificent National Carriage Collection, explore the Queensland State Rose Garden.
- Visit the delightful Brindabella Country Gardens and enjoy a tasty lunch at Woongooroo Estate at Mt Archer near Kilcoy.
- Explore the Buderim Ginger factory at Yandina and enjoy an interesting canal cruise on board the historic M.V. 'Mudjimba.'
- Mary Valley 'Classic Rattler Run' C17 steam train from Gympie to Amamoor and return including a light lunch in the 'Rusty Rail Cafe.'
- Explore delightful Montville with its many art galleries, antique, craft and pottery shops.
- Enjoy the many attractions of fascinating Australia Zoo.
- Visit the Bee Gee's Way at Redcliffe – a commemorative 70m walkway honouring Redcliffe's most famous young residents.



## NOTES:

**\*\*Health and Fitness:** To assist us when booking, please advise your Spark Travel consultant if you have any special needs such as mobility, dietary etc. A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. You will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided and you must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. If you are unable to manage on your own, it will be necessary to be accompanied by another person who is fit and able to assist you in day to day tasks and capable of providing the assistance required. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information in writing.

**\*\*Tour extensions** subject to availability and extension booking criteria.

**\*\*It should be noted** that to be fair to all passengers, specific coach seats cannot be reserved.

**\*\*Please note** that on tours where flights are involved, the seating within the confines of the group is computer allocated alphabetically by the airlines concerned and beyond the control of Spark Travel.

## HUGHES TRANSFERS TO AND FROM YOUR HOME:

Hughes transfers apply in the zoned area. These transfers may be available at additional cost to passengers who live outside the zoned area - please ask your Spark Travel consultant.

**'HUGHES HOME PICK UP SERVICE'** will call you **two (2) days** before the commencement of the tour to confirm the time they will be arriving at your home. **If you have missed the call, please contact Spark Travel (08) 8876 5121 a day prior to departure** for your pickup time. **If you reside at a retirement village, please ensure Hughes have clear instructions from you as to means of entry and directions to find your home. Also, if you are out of zone there will be an additional payment due and this should be made at the time of booking.** For safety reasons, suitcases should weigh no more than 20kgs. The Hughes home pick up service only applies to scheduled tour departure and return tour dates. Those passengers wishing to extend their tours will be responsible for their own transfers.

## ITINERARY:

**DAY 01 - FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER - FLY ADELAIDE/BRISBANE THEN TO TOOWOOMBA - BRISBANE SIGHTS, MT COOT-THA BOTANIC GARDENS**

**Meet your Spark Travel Tour Manager on Level 2 at Adelaide Airport** and please have **photo ID** ready to receive your boarding pass.

Depart **Adelaide Airport** at **06.10am** on board **Virgin Australia flight VA1385**, arriving **Brisbane Airport** at **09.05am**. Begin with an inner city **tour of Brisbane** including **Southbank**. We head up **Mt Coot-tha** to visit the wonderful **Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens**, recognised as Queensland's premier subtropical gardens, including a magnificent **Japanese Garden** and **Tropical Display Dome**. Enjoy **lunch** in the **Botanic Gardens Café**, after which we journey west of Brisbane to the **'Garden City' of Toowoomba**, our home for the next three nights.

**OVERNIGHT: GRAMMAR VIEW MOTOR INN, TOOWOOMBA. (L,D)**

**DAY 02 - SATURDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER - AT TOOWOOMBA - 'CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS' - GRAND CENTRAL FLORAL PARADE, BEAUTIFUL GARDENS, DINNER AT THE BULL AND BARLEY, CAMBOOYA**

At this time of year, Toowoomba's gardens are at their best, as their owners have spent many weeks preparing them for the annual **Carnival of Flowers**. We begin the day where from our **premium seats**, we have an excellent view of the magnificent **Grand Central Floral Parade**. Dozens of floats and hundreds of participants make the parade a great spectacle and it is an event not to be missed!

After a **light lunch**, we spend the afternoon with our local guide Marilyn, taking in magnificent **Laurel Bank Gardens** with its colourful displays, followed by viewing the **spectacular private award-winning gardens**. Tonight, we head to the historic **Bull and Barley Inn** at Cambooya for a delightful **pub dinner**.

**OVERNIGHT: GRAMMAR VIEW MOTOR INN, TOOWOOMBA. (B,L,D)**

**DAY 03 - SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER - AT TOOWOOMBA - COBB & CO MUSEUM, NEWTOWN PARK & QUEENSLAND STATE ROSE GARDEN, GARDENS**

This morning, we head off to the famous **Cobb & Co Museum** to explore the **fascinating National Carriage Collection**. Discover how the 47 horse-drawn vehicles played an important part in the development of Queensland. After enjoying a **light lunch** in the Cobb's Coffee Shop, don't forget to investigate the excellent Museum Shop showcasing locally hand-made products. Explore the **Queensland State Rose Garden**, and maybe another award-winning garden.  
**OVERNIGHT: GRAMMAR VIEW MOTOR INN, TOOWOOMBA. (B,L,D)**

**DAY 04 - MONDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER - TOOWOOMBA/SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND-BRINDABELLA COUNTRY GARDENS, WOONGOOROO ESTATE WINERY**

Today, our coach takes us from **Toowoomba** to **Montville** in the beautiful **Sunshine Coast Hinterland**. Enjoy the wide variety of scenery, from cultivated plantations of pineapples, sugar cane, ginger, citrus and dairy farms, to the **Blackall Ranges** with lush rainforests and picturesque mountain resorts. Our first stop for the day will be at **Brindabella Country Gardens** for a **guided tour** by the owners, John and Sylvia, of their absolutely delightful 4 acre English-style garden, filled with over 1000 varieties of divinely perfumed roses and many fascinating hidden spaces. Later, we continue to **Mt Archer** near Kilcoy where we will stop at the **Woongooroo Estate** for a delightful **light lunch**, accompanied by a glass of wine, beer or soft drink. Afterwards, pass through the unique rural community of **Maleny** perched high above the Sunshine Coast with amazing views to the Glasshouse Mountains in the southeast and home to painters, sculptors, musicians and writers. Our route then takes us onto beautiful **Montville** nestled atop the escarpment of the **Blackall Range**. Montville has a true village charm with a pleasant blend of cottages, old colonial Queenslanders, and spectacular panoramic views to the distant coastal plain.

**OVERNIGHT: MONTVILLE MOUNTAIN INN, MONTVILLE. (B,L,D)**

**DAY 05 - TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER - AT MONTVILLE - BUDERIM GINGER, M.V. 'MUDJIMBA' CANAL CRUISE**

This morning, we head off to **Yandina**, the '**Ginger Capital of the World**.' Visit the multi-award winning **Buderim Ginger Factory** with its huge selection of ginger product. Enjoy the ginger nursery where you will be delighted by spectacular blooms and serenity of the garden. Take a relaxed ride around the 9 hectare grounds of rainforest and tropical gardens aboard '**Moreton**,' the ginger train, now over 120 years old, followed by a **light lunch**. After lunch our next stop will be at **Mooloolaba**. There will be time for an afternoon coffee (own cost) before we board the **M.V. 'Mudjimba'** for a **cruise** around the **Kawana Canals** and **Mooloolaba Harbour**. Enjoy the live commentary and local history, see beautiful yachts, the multi-million dollar homes at Millionaire's Row, and the largest long-line fishing fleet in Australia. From Mooloolaba, we then return to Montville via the pretty Highland villages of Mapleton and Flaxton.

**OVERNIGHT: MONTVILLE MOUNTAIN INN, MONTVILLE. (B,L,D)**

**DAY 06 - WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER - AT MONTVILLE - GYMPIE, MARY VALLEY HERITAGE RAILWAY**

After breakfast, we head off to **Gympie** on the Mary River. Gympie started with the 'Great Australian Gold Rush' in 1867 and today is a most attractive city with flowering silky oaks, jacaranda trees, flame trees and well-preserved historical buildings. At **Gympie Station** we board the '**Classic Rattler Run**' for a delightful **C17 steam train ride** from **Gympie** to **Amamoor** and return, followed by a **light lunch** in the '**Rusty Rail Café**.' Later, return to Montville with free time to explore the myriad of art galleries, gift and antique shops.

**OVERNIGHT: MONTVILLE MOUNTAIN INN, MONTVILLE. (B,L,D)**

## **DAY 07 - THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER - FLY BRISBANE/ADELAIDE - VISIT AUSTRALIA ZOO**

This morning, we depart **Montville** for some action and adventure at the late Steve Irwin's **Australia Zoo**. Watch crocodiles launch a strike from the water's edge, get up close and personal with a giant python, see Bengal tigers and you can even hand feed beautiful Asian elephants.

On returning to Brisbane, we stop at the Brisbane suburb of **Redcliffe** to visit **Bee Gees Way** – a 70m walkway which honours Redcliffe's most famous young residents who went on to be one of the top-selling bands of all time. The walkway was opened in 2 stages in 2013 and 2015 by **Barry Gibb** and is like a multi-media mini outdoor museum.

After an early evening meal stop (own cost), we head to **Brisbane Airport** for our flight home. Please have your **photo ID** ready to receive your boarding pass. Depart **Brisbane Airport** at **7.40pm** on board **Virgin Australia flight VA1404**, arriving **Adelaide Airport** at **10.05pm**. (B)

### **AT THE END OF YOUR TOUR A HUGHES CAR WILL DRIVE YOU HOME**

**TOUR COST:**                              **Sharing twin/double:**                      **\$3245.00 per person**  
**Single supplement:**                      **\$575.00 per person**

**MEAL CODINGS:**                      (B) – Breakfast      (L) – Lunch      (D) – Dinner

#### **TOUR INCLUDES:**

- Hughes home pick up service from/to your home (zoned area).
- Economy Class air travel with Virgin Australia.
- Services of an experienced Spark Travel Tour Manager.
- Luxury airconditioned restroom and seat-belt equipped coach travel.
- Quality motel accommodation with private facilities.
- 6 cooked breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners.
- Entries to: Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens, premium seating for the Grand Central Floral Parade, visit Toowoomba's award-winning gardens, Cobb & Co Museum, Queensland State Rose Garden, Brindabella Country Gardens, Woongooroo Estate, Buderim Ginger, Mooloolaba Canal Cruise, ride the Mary Valley Railway and Australia Zoo.
- Goods and Services Tax.

#### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- Meals, morning and afternoon teas, drinks other than indicated in the itinerary.
- Meals and inflight entertainment on Virgin Australia flights.
- Portage. A suitcase with wheels is recommended - max weight 20kgs plus a small cabin bag maximum weight 7kgs.
- Items of a personal nature.

#### **COVID-19:**

No responsibility is taken by Spark Travel or the Event Organisers in regard to Covid-19. It is highly recommended that visitors wear a mask on board flights and whilst in enclosed spaces and we also recommend full vaccination against Covid-19.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

Due to OSH requirements, baggage weighing more than 20kgs will not be carried by Hughes, airlines or our coach company.

***\*\*Conditions Apply\*\****

## DOMESTIC TOUR BOOKING CONDITIONS

### TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Please ask your consultant for details. Please note that the majority of insurance policies do not cover Pandemics such as Covid-19.

### EVENTS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF SPARK TRAVEL:

Should an event occur which is beyond the control of Spark Travel, ie: delays to ship, aircraft, train, coach thereby incurring extra expenses, these additional costs are borne by the passenger at the time of the event. A travel insurance claim for reimbursement should be submitted to the insurance company upon return home. Please keep any receipts. It should be understood that neither Spark Travel nor any subsidiary company or representative shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage arising from our services.

### ITINERARIES:

Itineraries are subject to change and no responsibility can be accepted. Coach operator and size of coach may be changed at the discretion of Spark Travel without notice. Where a tour does not meet minimum numbers travelling together on the outward journey a cost surcharge will apply. If group numbers fall below 15 adult paying passengers no tour leader will be provided. No itemisation of tour arrangements can be given and no refund for any portion of a tour not taken. Flora and fauna as described in an itinerary is nature and as such cannot be guaranteed.

### ACCOMMODATION:

Spark Travel reserves the right to alter hotel/motel accommodation and to substitute a suitable alternative. Where accommodation is booked on a 'will share basis', at the time of finalisation if there is nobody suitable to share with, it may be necessary to pay the appropriate single supplement. Spark Travel does not accept any responsibility for the non-compatibility of 'sharing' clients. If by choice a single room is requested and booked a single room surcharge will apply.

### HEALTH AND FITNESS:

A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. As a minimum you will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided. You must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information. It is recommended masks be worn on flights and in crowded or inside spaces. To protect yourself and fellow travellers, vaccination against Covid-19 is recommended.

### FUEL SURCHARGES AND TAXES:

All bookings may attract additional fuel surcharges and taxes which can be levied up to and including the date of departure even if final payment has been made. Booking is subject to final audit.

### SECURITY DEPOSIT:

A non-refundable security deposit of **\$675.00 per person (inc GST)** is required within five (5) days of booking.

### FINAL PAYMENTS:

The security deposit forms part of the total price, the balance of which is due 60 days prior to departure, or in the case of bookings made within that 60 day period, the final payment is due as soon as the booking is confirmed.

### LATE BOOKINGS AND AMENDMENTS:

Bookings made within 7 days inclusive of departure will incur a **late booking fee of \$75.00 per person**. Late bookings subject to availability. Once a booking has been made a **\$75.00 per person amendment fee** will apply for any alterations on selected departures only, and if applicable, one (1) change only to that booking. Transfers to other tours not permitted.

### CREDIT CARDS:

If paying by credit card, a surcharge applies of 2% for Visa and Mastercard and 3.5% for Amex and Diners cards.

### CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:

- i) We act as an Agent; and
- ii) That our Terms and Conditions are in addition to the Terms and Conditions of each Travel supplier listed on the quote itinerary; and
- iii) That it is the Terms and Conditions of the Travel supplier that determine the terms of cancellation and refunds, if any.

#### **BOOKINGS CANCELLED AFTER THE FINAL PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE:**

- (a) Bookings cancelled 61 days or earlier, full refund less deposit and booking fee and any other non-refundable services or products.
- (b) Bookings cancelled 60 days or less prior to departure will incur a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost.
- (c) No refund can be given for any portion of the tour not taken and no refund after the tour has commenced.



## | Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is strongly recommended for all travel including domestic.

Travel insurance is available to cover you for cancellation including COVID-19.

Please ask your consultant for a quote.

## | Accreditation

