



SPARK TRAVEL



| 7 Day

THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO BRISBANE

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Fully Escorted From Adelaide

Return Home Transfers

'A' Reserve Tickets to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Brisbane To Adelaide On Board The Great Southern Train

Afternoon Tea Brisbane River Cruise

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Hughes home pick up service (zoned area).
- Fly Adelaide to Brisbane with Virgin Australia.
- Brisbane to Adelaide on board the Great Southern Train.
- 3 nights in Brisbane at the Amora Hotel.
- Seats to the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo at Suncorp Stadium.
- Highlights tour of Brisbane including the magnificent sub-tropical Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens and lunch.
- Afternoon tea river cruise with Brisbane City River Cruises and leisure time to explore the Brisbane South Bank.
- Wine tasting and lunch at family-owned Sirromet Winery.
- Visit the Bee Gee's Way at Redcliffe – a commemorative 70m walkway honouring Redcliffe's most famous young residents.

THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO 2026

Set against the amazing backdrop of a full size replica of **Edinburgh Castle**, one of the world's most spectacular and iconic live events, **The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo** marches exclusively and for the first time ever into Brisbane in February, in celebration of its 75th anniversary. Featuring over 1,000 of the world's finest performers, led by the magnificent Pipes and Drums from UK Military regiments.

Suncorp Stadium will proudly host a full-scale production to the Tattoo's milestone show ***The Heroes Who Made Us*** – complete with its signature Scottish bagpipes, stirring anthems, massed military bands, Tattoo Dancers and International performers from across the UK, Europe, USA, Australia, New Zealand and beyond.

With its unique, stirring blend of military ceremony, music and entertainment, the '**Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo**' is phenomenally popular, attracting an annual TV audience of over 100 million and will be one of the greatest outdoor spectacles to ever be seen in Australia.



THE GREAT SOUTHERN TRAIN

We will journey over 4 days via some of Australia's most spectacular land and coastal scenery with complimentary off train Experiences at Coffs Harbour, the Hunter Valley Region, regional Victoria and Melbourne.

Accommodation on board the train is in comfortable Gold Service in either twin share cabins with upper and lower berth or lower berth single cabins, which during the day convert into conventional seating. Twin cabins have their own private shower, toilet and washbasin, whilst the singles have washbasin facilities with toilets and showers being available at the end of each carriage.

Dress: Smart casual (no shorts in the restaurant, fine for excursions off the train).

- Complimentary soft drinks, beer, wines, base spirits and tea/coffee in the Outback Explorer Lounge and Queen Adelaide Restaurant.
- Stylish dining in the famed Queen Adelaide Restaurant.

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. 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** are subject to availability and extension booking criteria.

****It should be noted** that to be fair to all passengers, specific coach seats cannot be reserved. We work a rotating seat system on board the coach.

****Please note** that on tours where flights/rails are involved, the seating within the confines of the group is computer allocated alphabetically by the airlines 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. 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, 13 FEBRUARY – FLY ADELAIDE/BRISBANE, MT COOT-THA BOTANIC GARDENS

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

Depart Adelaide Airport at 10.10am on board Virgin Australia flight VA1393, arriving in Brisbane Airport at 12.10pm. We join our coach and head off up to Mt. Coot-tha for a light lunch in the Botanic Gardens Café situated in the wonderful Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens - recognised as Queensland's premier subtropical gardens. After lunch there will be time to explore the magnificent Japanese Garden and Tropical Display Dome. Later, check in at the Amora Hotel, our home for the next 3 nights.

Dinner in the hotel tonight.

OVERNIGHT: AMORA HOTEL, BRISBANE. (L,D)

DAY 02 – SATURDAY, 14 FEBRUARY – IN BRISBANE – BEE GEES WAY, LEISURE TIME, PM – BRISBANE RIVER CITY CRUISES

We begin the day 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 presents as a multi-media mini outdoor museum. Enjoy some leisure time to explore the delightful **South Bank Precinct**, nestled along the banks of the Brisbane River. Take a stroll along the Clem Jones Promenade or explore South Bank's iconic **Arbour** – curling steel columns clad in vibrant magenta Bougainvillea flowers. You may also wish to visit the nearby **Brisbane Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA)** which is free entry except for special exhibitions. This afternoon we take a delightful **afternoon tea cruise on the Brisbane River with Brisbane River City Cruises**. Experience the unique charm of Brisbane's river scene as you enjoy a 1.5 hour cruise. See the Kangaroo Point cliffs, City Centre, Story Bridge, New Farm Park, the Powerhouse and Brisbane's riverside homes. This is why Brisbane is called the '**River City**.' After our cruise, transfer back to the hotel.

Dinner in the hotel this evening.

OVERNIGHT: AMORA HOTEL, BRISBANE. (B,A,D)

DAY 03 – SUNDAY, 15 FEBRUARY – IN BRISBANE – WINERY VISIT AND LUNCH – EVENING – THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO AT SUNCORP STADIUM

Today we head off to **Mount Cotton** and the **Sirromet Winery**. Since the year 2000, the family-owned winery has been creating premium Granite Belt wines. The rich soil, high altitude and cool climate provide the perfect location for growing grapes. At **Sirromet Winery** enjoy a **delightful wine tasting and lunch**, after which we make our way back to the hotel in preparation for tonight's big event!

THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO AT SUNCORP STADIUM

Late afternoon transfer in our own Spark Travel coach to **Suncorp Stadium** for the famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. **Our seats are 'A' Reserve.**

7.30pm Show commences.

9.30pm Show concludes.

Rejoin our coach for the transfer back to the hotel where we will enjoy a **light supper and glass of 'bubbly.'**

OVERNIGHT: AMORA HOTEL, BRISBANE. (B,L,S)

DAY 04 – MONDAY, 16 FEBRUARY – DEPART BRISBANE ON THE GREAT SOUTHERN TRAIN

After a final breakfast at our hotel we load the bags and transfer to historic **Hanworth House** to check in for our journey to Adelaide on board the **Great Southern Train**. After refreshments, we join a Journey Beyond coach for the transfer to **Acacia Ridge** where we will join the train. Enjoy lunch and a relaxing afternoon before arriving at the coastal town of **Coffs Harbour**. As the sun dips below the horizon, enjoy a unique **beach-side dinner** (weather permitting). Dine on local produce and fresh seafood matched with fine wines before returning to the train.

ON BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN TRAIN: (B,L,D)

DAY 05 – TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY – THE HUNTER VALLEY WINE REGION

Start the day with a hearty breakfast before stepping off the train for a full day of off-train Experiences. Taste wines from the Hunter Valley, or you may wish to take in the stunning views of Port Stephens, or visit a vibrant mix of old and new in the beautiful coastal city of Newcastle. In the evening return to the train to enjoy a regionally inspired meal prepared on board before retiring for the night.

ON BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN TRAIN: (B,D)

DAY 06 – WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY – MELBOURNE

Today travel through Victoria's High Country, then venture into Melbourne for a day, explore the city with one of the Off Train Experiences, all culminating with a **lunch at Eureka 89** at the top of Eureka Tower, or perhaps wine and dine in the beautiful Moorabool Valley, the choice is yours.

ON BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN TRAIN: (B,L,D)

DAY 07 – THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY – ARRIVE ADELAIDE

This morning arrive back in to Adelaide, arriving **Adelaide Parklands Terminal** at **08.45am**. Disembark from the train and your Hughes chauffeur will be waiting to drive you home. **(B)**

TOUR COST:

Sharing twin/double:
Single supplement:

\$6795.00 per person
\$625.00 per person

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

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Hughes home pick up service from/to your home (zoned area).
- Escorted throughout by a Spark Travel professional Tour Manager.
- Fly Economy Class Adelaide to Brisbane with Virgin Australia.
- **Gold Service** twin share or single sleepers on the **The Great Southern Train**, Brisbane to Adelaide, including dinners, breakfasts and lunches, soft drinks, alcoholic beverages (including base spirits) and tea/coffee in the Outback Explorer Lounge and Queen Adelaide Restaurant, Off Train Excursions.
- Spark Travel Luxury airconditioned touring coach.
- Hotel accommodation with private facilities.
- On tour 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 afternoon tea, 2 dinners, 1 supper. Train meals as per schedule.
- Brisbane River City Afternoon Tea cruise, wine tasting and lunch at Sirromet Winery.
- Touring as specified in the itinerary.
- Goods and Services Tax.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals, morning and afternoon teas, drinks other than indicated in the itinerary.
- 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, Great Southern Railway, airlines or our coach company.

Conditions Apply

THE GREAT SOUTHERN TRAIN

OFF TRAIN EXPERIENCE 2026

The following Experiences are included in your train fare. These can be requested at the time of booking subject to availability but will only be confirmed by your Car Manager on board The Great Southern Train. Full descriptions of the Off Train Experiences are available on the Journey Beyond website.

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Hunter Valley Wine Region

Known for superior semillon and shiraz, the Hunter Valley is around 50kms inland from the New South Wales coast. After breakfast on board, you'll disembark and spend the day visiting cellar doors in Australia's oldest wine region. From historic Maitland Station (1880), you'll take a relaxing coach ride into this fertile valley, home to around 150 wineries ranging from slick big-name producers to small-scale boutique bottlers.

Your day amongst the vines will take you to some of the region's finest wineries, from stylish and contemporary to marvellously historic, and relaxed and fun. Generous tasting times at award winning Tulloch and Brokenwood Wines, will allow you to savour the full range of Hunter Valley offerings. In between wine tastings, you'll also sit down for a platter-style lunch at Twine Restaurant.

Tour duration is approximately 7 hours.

Recommended Fitness level: Low – required to climb coach stairs with walking and standing for short periods.

PLEASE NOTE: It is recommended guests bring a hat and sunscreen.

Port Stephens By Land

Port Stephens' sun-soaked beaches, stunning sand dunes and beautiful waterways are essential east coast highlights. After breakfast on board, the Great Southern pulls into old-time Maitland Station, from where it's a relaxed one-hour coach ride to Anna Bay, home to the impressive Stockton Sand Dunes.

Soaring to an impressive 30m high and 1km wide in some places, these colossal sand hills are the largest mobile dunes in the Southern Hemisphere. A guided 4WD excursion is the best way to experience the beaches and dunes. After the 4WD tour, you'll be coached to nearby Nelson Bay Golf Club to savour fresh local produce for a platter style shared lunch.

Tour duration is approximately 7 hours.

Recommended Fitness Level: Moderate – the 4WD tour is bumpy and may not be suitable for people with some injuries or mobility restrictions. The vehicles are not wheelchair accessible

PLEASE NOTE: It is recommended guests bring comfortable shoes, a hat, sunscreen and water.

Port Stephens By Sea

Port Stephens is a natural world stage, encompassing beautiful beaches, stunning sand dunes and clear waterways a true highlight of the east coast. After breakfast on board, the Great Southern pulls into old-time Maitland Station, from where it's a relaxed one-hour coach ride to the marina at Nelson Bay, just east of Port Stephens.

Here you'll enjoy a relaxed cruise on the Bay, spotting playful bottlenose dolphins in their glorious natural habitat. Following a pleasant morning on board the 78ft catamaran, you'll be coached to nearby Nelson Bay Golf Club to savour fresh local produce for a platter style lunch.

Tour duration is approximately 7 hours.

Recommended Fitness Level: Moderate – the vessel has steep steps to board and access the top deck and is not wheelchair accessible.

PLEASE NOTE: It is recommended guests bring non-slip, flat shoes (no high heels permitted), a hat, sunscreen, water, wind jacket, and warm clothes pending weather. The vessel is not wheelchair accessible.

Newcastle Explorer

Newcastle is an off beat boutique city that is anything but ordinary, where creative energy and heritage architecture collide with surf beaches and a hard-edged industrial legacy. Take a day to discover the many charms of Australia's second-oldest city. After breakfast on board, the train will pull into Maitland Station, from where you'll travel by coach to Queens Wharf on the waterfront in 'Newy'.

There's enough here to keep you busy all day: the Marina, Ferry Dock, Cafes, Restaurants, Pub, renovated Train Station and Boutique Shops. But an easy going 60-minute guided Newcastle walking tour will give you a broader sense of the city, finishing with an a-la-carte lunch overlooking Newcastle Harbour. In the afternoon, enjoy some free time at the Museum or in town.

Tour duration is approximately 7 hours.

Recommended Fitness Level: Moderate – this walking and coach tour suits people with most abilities. Guests must be able to navigate coach stairs, stand and walk for 1 hour, tour is slow paced.

PLEASE NOTE: It is recommended guests bring comfortable walking shoes, a hat, sunscreen and water. Wheelchair access is possible as the route can be altered accordingly.

HUNTER VALLEY HELICOPTER EXPERIENCE

OPTIONAL UPGRADE - \$215 PER PERSON (LIMITED AVAILABILITY)

Tailor-made for Great Southern guests, this is an opportunity to take to the skies and get a birds eye view of the Hunter Valley. Enjoy wine tasting at award-winning Brokenwood Wines, before being transferred to Twine Restaurant, overlooking some of the oldest vineyards in the region. While you are waiting to board your helicopter experience, savour exquisite wines.

This 15-minute Hunter Valley helicopter flight showcases the best of the wine region and beyond. See the myriad vines, rolling green hills, and the changing soil that make the Hunter Valley unique. Highlights along the way include the Hunter Valley Gardens, Broken Back Range, and more. Gliding over the Broken Back Range, you'll admire Pokolbin State Forest and the surrounding valleys.

Don't forget your camera and capture some great shots as the landscape shifts from vineyards to ridgeline to bush. During the flight, your pilot will share the regions rich history.

Tour duration is approximately 7 hours.

Recommended Fitness Level: Low – guests must be able to board coaches and helicopter without assistance. Weight restrictions of 130kg per person apply.

PLEASE NOTE: It is highly recommended guests bring comfortable walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen.

18th February 2026

NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA

An art lover's delight, explore the highlights of the Ian Potter Centre at the National Gallery Victoria (NGV) Australia at your own pace. This is the home of Australian art, featuring a permanent collection of more than 75,000 works that span the history and development of Australian, Indigenous and international art, design, and architecture.

Discover the various displays, including "Cats & Dogs," an exhibition with over 250 works of art exploring humanity's deep connection to these animals, from cattle dogs to lap dogs and divine felines to the black cats of superstition.

Tour duration (including travel time) is approximately 7 hours.

Recommended Fitness Level: Low – guests are required to climb stairs with walking and standing for short periods. Lunch is served on the 89th floor of Eureka Tower, via a fast elevator ride almost 300m above the city. Please consider this when selecting your tour.

PLEASE NOTE: It is recommended to bring comfortable walking shoes, hat and sunscreen.

MCG TOUR

There is a special kind of buzz at the Melbourne Cricket Ground affectionately known as the MCG, not just an iconic sporting institution, but also an impressive landmark solidified in Melbourne's skyline. On this Off Train Experience, immerse yourself in the history and world-class facilities of the MCG, as you go behind-the-scenes to gain an insight into Melbourne's sporting culture, while exploring one of the world's most iconic stadiums. Be regaled with the highs and lows of sporting history and take away some useful trivia for your next quiz night.

Having worked up an appetite, transfer to Eureka 89 for lunch. Eureka 89 is within Eureka Tower on Melbourne's South Bank, which is also home to the Southern Hemisphere's tallest public observation deck, soak in the incredible views and see up to 75 kilometres in every direction on a clear day. Here, you'll dine on a gourmet menu showcasing local and seasonal produce by Executive Chef Renee Martillano, while taking in the views of Melbourne and beyond.

Tour duration (including tour time) is approximately 7 hours.

Recommended Fitness Level: Moderate – guests are required to climb stairs with walking and standing for short periods. Lunch is served on the 89th floor of Eureka Tower, via a fast elevator ride almost 300m above the city. Please consider this when selecting your tour.

PLEASE NOTE: It is recommended to bring comfortable walking shoes, hat and sunscreen.

OLD MELBOURNE GAOL

Head to the Old Melbourne Gaol, which from 1842 until its closure in 1929 was the scene of 133 hangings, including Australia's most infamous citizen, Bushranger Ned Kelly. Enjoy a private tour through the building and cells, to see how dangerous criminals, petty offenders, the homeless and the mentally ill were housed.

Having worked up an appetite, transfer to Eureka 89 for lunch. Eureka 89 is within Eureka Tower on Melbourne's South Bank, which is also home to the Southern Hemisphere's tallest public observation deck. Here, you'll dine on a crafted menu showcasing local and seasonal produce while taking in the views of Melbourne and beyond.

Tour duration (including travel time) is approximately 7 hours.

Recommended Fitness Level: moderate – guests are required to climb stairs with walking and standing for short periods. Lunch is served on the 89th floor of Eureka Tower, via a fast elevator ride almost 300m above the city. Please consider this when selecting your tour.

PLEASE NOTE: It is recommended to bring comfortable walking shoes, hat and sunscreen.

MOORABOOL VALLEY

Victoria is well-known for its excellent food and wine scene, and Moorabool Valley hits that brief with the region known for their fresh produce, farm gates, markets and provedore.

A little over an hour from Melbourne, Clyde Park is a beautiful vineyard, cellar door and bistro set among rolling hills. Here, you'll enjoy the best the valley has to offer, a sumptuous lunch and cool climate wines while being entertained with live music on the glorious lawns.

Tour duration (including travel time) is approximately 5 Hours.

Recommended Fitness Level: Low – guests are required to climb coach stairs with walking and standing for short periods.

PLEASE NOTE: It is recommended to bring comfortable walking shoes, hat and sunscreen.

DOMESTIC TOUR BOOKING CONDITIONS

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Please ask your consultant for details.

Should you have any pre-existing medical conditions, please let your consultant know so they can be listed on the policy.

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 **\$1000.00 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 is due on Tuesday, 12 August 2025, or in the case of bookings made after 12 August 2025, 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.

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 prior to 12 August 2025, full refund less deposit and booking fee and any other non-refundable services or products.
- (b) Bookings cancelled on or after 12 August 2025 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

