

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Zentveld's correct
   Ricardoes Tomatoes & Strawberries,
- \* Australia's Last Riverboat Postman Cruise
- \* Ken Duncan Gallery &
- Alison Homestead Distillery Botanica & Firescreek Botanical Winery
- \* Broken Bay Pearls & Chocolate & **Nougat Factory**
- Summerland House Farm
- \* The Australian Outback Spectacular

## DAY I HOME to YAMBA

Monday 31st August: Welcome to our Central Coast holiday. After morning pick-ups, we travel south, stopping to purchase lunch before visiting Zentveld's Coffee. Learn about coffee growing, regenerative practices, and the roasting process before enjoying a cup on the verandah. We then continue to Yamba, where a peaceful rainforest retreat awaits as our overnight accommodation.

Accom: Angourie Resort (D)

## DAY 2 YAMBA to CENTRAL COAST

Tuesday 1st September: We start early to reach our lunch venue with time for a farm tour at Ricardoes Tomatoes & Strawberries, showcasing five hydroponic strawberry varieties and eight tomato varieties. This afternoon, we continue to the Central Coast to unpack and settle in for the next three nights. Accom: Quarters Foresters Beach (BLD)

### DAY 3 RIVERBOAT POSTMAN CRUISE

Wednesday 2nd September: After an early breakfast, we head to Brooklyn Wharf to join Australia's Last Riverboat Postman Cruise. Since 1910, the Postman has delivered mail and essentials to river communities, a tradition we experience today. Later, we return to our hotel with free time to enjoy the facilities.

Accom: Quarters Foresters Beach (BLD)

#### DAY 4 CENTRAL COAST

Thursday 3rd September: We begin at the Ken Duncan Gallery, exploring spacious viewing rooms and enjoying an audio-visual presentation. Next is Alison Homestead for morning tea and a guided tour on Wyong's first land grant (1825). Lunch follows at Bar Botanica, set in three acres of gardens at Distillery Botanica, where owner Phillip Moore creates award-winning spirits using onsite botanicals. From one lush garden to the next we make our way to Firescreek Botanical Winery for a wine tasting with a twist. Accom: Quarters Foresters Beach (BLD)

### **DAY 5 PEARLS & CHOCOLATES**

Friday 4th September: After breakfast, we check out and visit Broken Bay Pearls, the only pearl farm on Australia's East Coast. The discovery tour includes a cruise to an oyster lease on the Hawkesbury River and a pearl grading session inside the restricted-access room. Lunch is at the Chocolate & Nougat Factory, home to Nougat Limar, Bon Bon Fine Chocolate, and The Sydney Marshmallow Co., with time to stock up on treats. We then continue to Port Macquarie for the evening. Accom: Waters Edge Port Macquarie (BLD)

### DAY 6 PORT MACQUARIE to GOLD COAST

Saturday 5th September: This morning. we drive through Coffs Harbour to Ballina for lunch at Summerland House Farm, an inspiring enterprise founded by Lionel Watts to train people with disabilities for independent living. Crossing the border, we continue to our Gold Coast accommodation for the final night of the tour. In the evening, we head to the Australian Outback Spectacular, beginning with a behind-the-scenes tour of this world-class theatrical production. The show follows Reg and Marge, true Australian characters battling a five-year drought, and takes us on a vivid, emotional journey into the heart of the bush. A three-course dinner is included, making for a fabulous final night.

Accom: Mermaid Waters Hotel (BLFD)

# DAY 7 GOLD COAST to HOME

Sunday 6th September: What a fabulous holiday we have had travelling with friends with many experiences enjoyed along the way. We arrive at the Gold Coast Motor Museum. Built by Carl and Grant Amor as a tribute to their late father, the museum showcases the sibling's impressive private collection cars and bikes. Next door is Stanley's Barn where we enjoy a delicious morning tea. We'll stop enroute for lunch then arriving home, we farewell our coach captain completing our Central Coast holiday. (B)



Adult:	\$3,836
Pensioner:	\$3,822
Past Passenger:	\$3,815
Single Supplement:	\$887

#### **TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR 2026**

DEPOSIT: Unless otherwise stated, a deposit of \$350 per person is payable within seven days of booking. A deposit of \$600 is required for Early Bird discount. Final payment is due 50 days prior to departure unless otherwise advised.

CANCELLATIONS: The above amount will be deducted from your fare according to notice given plus any non-refundable tickets or airfares. No refund is payable once your tour has commenced. Please note: if booking through a travel agent please check the agent's cancellation policy as extra charges may apply. Cancellation fee is per person.

Days	50 days	49 days –	35 days
Notice	or more	36 days	or less
% of fare	\$100 admin fee (plus any non- refundable costs)	\$350 (plus any non- refundable costs)	

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We STRONGLY ADVISE passengers to take out travel insurance to cover for health, baggage and personal effects, loss of monies through cancellation, additional expenses incurred through illness and early departure from a tour.

LUGGAGE LIMITS: Luggage space is limited onboard our coaches. Each passenger is entitled to take one suitcase, the size of which is not to exceed 75cm(H) x 47cm(W) x 31cm(D), and the weight limit is 20 kilos. Please ensure your luggage complies with the size and weight limit and you yourself can manage the bags. Personal items should be carried in a travel bag.

CLOTHING: Pack a wash 'n' wear wardrobe of casual, comfortable clothing with some warmer clothes for evenings. Include a jacket, walking shoes, hat, swimsuit, towel, light raincoat, torch, and a special outfit.

PASSENGER SEATING: A compulsory seat rotation policy is employed (for longer tours), and there are no exceptions to this policy. While Down Under Coach Tours makes every effort to accommodate the special requirements of our passengers in fairness to other travellers, we request that all travellers participate in the seat rotation.

DAILY ROUTINE: Breakfast is usually 7.00 or 7.30am. Generally, your coach will be ready to leave at 7.45 to 8.00am. You will have many opportunities to stop for photographs during the day. Depending on the day's activities, you will arrive at your accommodation between 5.00 to 5.30pm. Dinner is usually 6.30 pm, allowing time for a rest and to freshen up before dinner.

MEDICAL & DIETARY: Passengers accept that it is their responsibility to ensure that their health is in a state which allows them to enjoy the tours and successfully complete activities that the tour offers. We require all passengers to complete our Booking Form truthfully and accurately with regard

to their medical/physical condition. It is essential for you to address any medical conditions / dietary requirements with us at the time of booking.

SPECIAL NEEDS: A reasonable level of physical and mental health and fitness is required on all of our tours. We recommend that you visit your doctor to confirm that you are physically able to undertake the day-to-day requirements of the tour. Persons with limited mobility or those unable to adequately care for themselves are required to be accompanied by a carer. In particular, hostesses, tour guides, coach captains, and your fellow passengers will not act as assistants or carers in these circumstances. Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to refuse to carry passengers requiring assistance who are not accompanied by a carer.

ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR: No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition, in the opinion of any representative of the company, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any reason.

CONDITIONS AND LIMITS OF LIABILITY: The conditions and terms of liability on which these tours operate are detailed as follows:

- 1) Down Under Coach Tours finalises all arrangements for these tours upon the express condition that they cannot accept responsibility or liability for any delays, accidents, injury or damage caused by the airlines, rail, express coaches or any other service the company acts as agents on behalf of or arising out of the provision of, or failure to provide these services.
- 2) Down Under Coach Tours have used information supplied to it by the providers of relevant tours and accommodation houses and have endeavoured to ensure the information contained is correct at the time of printing. Down Under Coach Tours can accept no responsibility for inaccuracy or mis-descriptions.
- 3) Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to alter or change the accommodation, carriers or coach at any time for any reason. Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to change or amend the tour itinerary should the occasion warrant and if it becomes necessary, due to adverse weather/road conditions or unforeseen circumstances. The coach crew retain the right to alter the itinerary in a manner which will benefit all concerned.
- 4) Down Under Coach Tours provide a Tour Leader subject to a minimum loading of 20 passengers. If the tour takes place with fewer than 20 passengers, the Coach Captain may take on both roles.
- 5) Departures are subject to a minimum number. In the event that a tour is cancelled by Down Under Tours due to low numbers, you will be notified prior to the final payment due date and any deposits paid will be refunded in full.

- 6) Down Under Coach Tours maintains strict standards of safety and reliability of vehicles at all times, however, in rare cases mechanical failure may occur. Passengers are assured that every effort is made to minimise any small inconvenience experienced, while we utilise the large network of repair facilities Australia wide.
- 7) Down Under Coach Tours can give no guarantee as to the exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used in the tour and cannot be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions.
- 8) Down Under Coach Tours will endeavour to contact clients in the event of industrial action affecting air, rail or other tour related transportation. However, if contact is not made passengers should phone the number listed below to finalise alternative arrangements.
- 9) Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to vary the advertised or printed price to cover any significant increases in airfare, rail fare, fuel price or other tour related costs.
- 10) Down Under Coach Tours accepts no responsibility for the suitability of the rooming partners allocated for single passengers willing to share accommodation. If a passenger regards the rooming partner to be unsuitable every effort will be made to arrange single accommodation for the duration of the tour with the additional costs being paid by the passenger.
- 11) Down Under Coach Tours takes all reasonable steps to ensure an enjoyable holiday experience and cannot accept liability for any loss of enjoyment whatsoever and howsoever experienced by the passengers.

#### A DOOR TO DOOR SERVICE

A door to door service is offered to residents in the following areas:

Hervey Bay: within a 5km coastal strip from Pt Vernon to Urangan

Maryborough: within 5km radius from McDowell Car Park

Gympie: within 5km radius of GPO

Sunshine Coast: within 10km from one of the following designated pick up points – Cooroy, Eumundi, Forest Glen, Palmview, Caboolture/Burpengary.

Brisbane: within 30km radius of Brisbane
Transit Centre

Toowoomba & Ipswich: Door-to-Door service may be available from this area if tour travels in this direction – please check with your travel consultant.

The door to door service applies to tours of five days duration or more. For passengers requiring overnight accommodation to join or depart a tour, accommodation is an additional cost. For more details please enquire.

