

# Beneath the Moonlight:

## A Bundaberg & Mon Repos Turtle Encounter

5 DAYS

ABN: 92 607 321 531

2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March 2026



### 5 Days of Coastal Charm, Aquatic Wonders & Sweet Distillery Discoveries

Day 1 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Northern Rivers-Bundaberg: From Rivers to Rum Country

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We set off on a journey north — winding through valleys, over the border, and into the warmth of Queensland. A relaxed morning tea offers time to stretch and chat. Then it's onward for a hearty lunch and by late afternoon, sugarcane fields give way to the welcoming streets of Bundaberg, our home for the next four nights. After a long day's journey, a warm meal and cozy beds await at the **Burnett Riverside Motel**, where the Burnett River gently murmurs nearby.

Accommodation: Burnett Riverside 4 nights

Day 2 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Bundaberg & Surrounds: Coral, Coastlines & the Call of the Turtle

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This morning, we delve beneath the surface — not of water, but of wonder — with a tour of **Monsoon Aquatics**, where vibrant coral and marine life thrive in dazzling colour. At **Burnett Heads**, lunch is served seaside at the **Lighthouse Hotel**, a local gem near the shore. After a restful afternoon, we embark on something truly unforgettable. At Mon Repos, a delicious early dinner at **Milbi Café** sets the tone for the evening. As dusk falls, we join National Parks rangers for a **rare and magical Turtle Encounter**. Beneath starlight and moonshine, loggerhead turtles make their ancient pilgrimage to the sands — laying eggs, continuing a rhythm older than memory.



Day 3 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Bundaberg & Surrounds: Aviation & the Spirit of Bundaberg

BLD



After breakfast, we begin our day in the skies — or at least, in the stories of them — at the **Hinkler Hall of Aviation**, celebrating Bundaberg's most daring son, Bert Hinkler. A charming morning tea in the garden café follows, before we explore the colonial elegance of **Fairymead House and Sugar Museum**, followed by lunch in Café 1928. From the summit of **Hummock Hill Lookout**, we take in sweeping views of volcanic plains and shimmering ocean. Then, the afternoon shifts to Bundy's most iconic export: **Bundaberg Rum**. A rich, immersive tour — with tastings, of course — uncovers the soul of this beloved spirit.

Day 4 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Bundaberg & Surrounds: Barrels, Clifftops & Coastal Breezes

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This morning brings us to **The Barrel**, where a **guided tasting and interactive tour** showcase the stories behind Bundaberg's other famous drop — the ginger beer that's taken the world by storm. Later, we dine at The Waves Club in Elliott Heads, near a coast laced with rugged cliffs and open skies. For those craving salt spray and a little solitude, an optional walk along the cliffs to the point offers time to reflect. The journey back meanders via Bargara, offering glimpses of beachside charm. The afternoon is yours to enjoy: shop, rest, or simply breathe in Bundaberg one last time.

Day 5 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Bundaberg-Northern Rivers: Homeward Bound

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We rise early for breakfast and begin our journey south, pausing for morning tea in Tiaro. Lunch is lively at the North Lakes Sports Club, where stories of the week will flow freely over the final meal of the trip. By late afternoon, the familiar faces of the Northern Rivers reappear as we roll into Ballina, hearts full and cameras packed with memories — from hatchlings on the sand to rum in the glass.

**Please Note:** This itinerary was correct at time of printing. However, Simes Bros reserves the right to change venues if necessary.

#### MOBILITY

- ❖ Walking is a fundamental part of this tour and as such, requires, at the minimum, a moderate level of fitness. You will be expected to walk and stand for extended periods at Bundaberg Rum and The Barrel. The Mon Repos Turtle Encounter involves walking unaided over uneven ground including soft sand. If you choose to book this tour and don't meet the mobility requirements, you must expect that you will not be able to participate in all tours, attractions and activities.
- ❖ Get on and off transportation multiple times unaided.
- ❖ Downstairs rooms and walk-in showers cannot be guaranteed.
- ❖ You must be able to manage your own luggage to and from allocated rooms, which could be upstairs or some distance to walk. Luggage may include one suitcase not weighing more than 20kg and one carry-on bag.

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#### INCLUSIONS

- ❖ 4 nights of motel style accommodation
- ❖ **Meals:** All breakfasts, lunches & dinners
- ❖ All highlighted attractions
- ❖ Travel in luxury air-conditioned coach
- ❖ Experienced coach driver

#### COST:

**\$1,895.00 per person twin share**

**\$600.00 extra per person for sole use of room**

**\$380.00 deposit due at time of booking**

**Full payment due by 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

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