

PORT BUS | 8 Days Christmas in Bundaberg tour

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Icons of Bundaberg

Come explore the historic sugar cane city.

Taste world class rum, wander beautiful botanic gardens, experience phenomenal marine life, and discover the adventurous life of aviator Bert Hinkler.



DAY 1 (LD) HOME TO BRISBANE

Friday 20 December 2024

Welcome to our Christmas tour to Bundaberg. Sitback and meet your fellow travellers as we travel to Urunga for our morning tea stop at the Anchors Wharf Café overlooking the water. Heading up the coast we arrive in New Italy for our lunch at the Tastes of New Italy Café before arriving in Brisbane for our overnight stay.

Dinner at the Hotel, lunch at Tastes of New Italy Cafe

Hotel Grand Chancellor Brisbane | 1 night

DAY 2 (BLD) BRISBANE TO BUNDABERG

Saturday 21 December 2024

After our relaxing evening last night, we checkout and head to Caloundra for a morning cruise through waterways. Our skipper will keep us entertained with commentary and a bit of fun. Next, we make our way to Gympie where we have chosen Gunabul Homestead as our lunch venue. The building was built as a house of grandeur using the finest timbers throughout. It is now set amongst a par 3 golf course making good use of the grounds. Our hosts have prepared a tasty lunch to enjoy. Continuing north we travel to Bundaberg where we settle in for the next 5 nights.



Lunch at Gunabul Homestead | dinner at the motel

Econo Lodge Park Lane Motel | 5 nights



DAY 3 (BLD) BUNDABERG

Sunday 22 December 2024

Following breakfast, we set off for our days touring in Bundaberg. We are joined on the coach by a local guide who will introduce us to this major sugar growing area. As we drive around 'Bundy' look out for the local landmark of the 'Whaling Wall'. This is a fantastic marine life wall mural on one of Bundaberg's highest buildings in the town centre. Dropping off our guide, we arrive at the Botanic Gardens and visit the Hinkler Hall of Aviation, dedicated to the life and times of the famous aviator Bert Hinkler. In 1928 he made the first solo flight between England and Australia. The house in



which he lived his final years was transported from Southampton, England to its present location within the gardens. We'll also enjoy a light lunch here in the gardens before heading to the iconic Bundaberg Rum Distillery. This Australian spirit has been rolled out of the production line

DAY 3 (BLD) BUNDABERG

for 110 years and today we are here for a **self-guided tour**. We'll be able to look, feel and taste our way through the making process starting with the raw material molasses to the aromas of maturing spirit.

Breakfast and dinner at the motel | lunch in the Botanic Gardens

Sunday 22 December 2024



DAY 4 (BLD) LADY MUSGRAVE ISLAND



An underwater oasis is waiting to be discovered as we travel on a luxury catamaran to the unspoilt **Lady Musgrave Island**. Pop on your snorkel and mask to reveal one of the Great Barrier Reefs protected coral lagoons. We also discover the pristine reef habitat many marine and land animals call home by glass bottom boat, or an island walk. The tour will also include a delicious lunch. What an incredible day on the reef!

Breakfast and dinner at the motel | lunch included

Monday 23 December 2024

DAY 5 (BLD) DISCOVERY MORE OF BUNDABERG

We start the day visiting the **Macadamias Australia Farm**. Here we are taken on a guided tour of one of Australia's working Macadamia Farms before a delicious lunch. Our final appointment today is at **Bundaberg Barrell Brewed Drinks**. We embark on the True Brew Experience Tour, which has interactive touch screens



showing us how the ginger root is transformed into a delicious Ginger Beer product. We have a chance to sample some of their 14 flavours and of course there will be time to make purchases of our favourites. Tonight, we dine out at H2O perched on the banks of the beautiful Burnett River with breathtaking views over the water.

Breakfast in hotel | Lunch at Macadamia Australia | dinner at H2O Restaurant and Bar

Tuesday 24 December 2024



DAY 6 (BL) MERRY CHRISTMAS



Merry Christmas! We start our day with a sightseeing drive out to **Bargara** and **Mon Repos**. The stretch of coastline supports the largest concentration of nesting marine turtles of the eastern Australian mainland and has the most significant loggerhead turtle nesting population in the South Pacific region. Returning to Bundaberg, we have some time to freshen up for our Christmas lunch with all the trimmings at the **Melbourne Hotel**. The rest of the afternoon is ours to simply relax and read a book or go for a relaxing walk to walk off Christmas lunch. Whatever you chose to do, enjoy.

Continental Breakfast in hotel | lunch at Melbourne Hotel | Cheese & Crackers for supper.

Wednesday 25 December 2024



DAY 7 (BLD) BUNDABERG TO GOLD COAST

Following breakfast, we farewell our hosts and checkout of our motel. We stop along the way for our morning break before heading to Yandina to visit Australia's only and the world's largest **Ginger Factory**. After lunch, we view the audio-visual display tracing the life of ginger from planting to final use, see ginger growing in the patch and then look at the factory from the observation deck to see production. We also take a ride on the Ginger train. Afterwards, we can visit the Ginger town shops or stroll through the landscaped gardens. From here we head through to the Gold Coast for our last night on tour.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch at Ginger Factory

Mermaid Waters Hotel by Nightcap Plus, Gold Coast | 1 night

Thursday 26 December 2024



DAY 8 (BL) GOLD COAST TO HOME

Friday 27 December 2024



Farewelling the **Gold Coast**, we make our way back across the NSW border. We call in and visit the unique **Clog Barn** to experience the colour and charm of Holland as we witness a clog making demonstration, see the miniature Dutch village. We enjoy lunch here before heading for home after a wonderful Christmas holiday travelling with friends.

Breakfast in motel | lunch at the Clog Barn

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- 8 night's motel accommodation
- 8 motel breakfasts
- 5 motel dinners and 1 own expense and 1 out – see below
- 8 included lunches – see below
- Morning Tea at the Anchors Wharf Café, Urunga
- Lunch at Tastes of New Italy Café, New Italy
- Eco Explorer Cruise with Caloundra Cruises
- Lunch at Gunabul Homestead, Gympie
- Locally guided tour in Bundaberg
- Cockpit Tour at the Hinkler Hall of Aviation, Bundaberg
- Lunch at Cafe 1928, Bundaberg
- Distillery and Museum Experience at the Bundaberg Rum Distillery
- Lady Musgrave Experience – full day including lunch
- Macadamia Orchard Tour and lunch at Macadamias Australia
- Tour including tasting at The Bundaberg Barrel
- Dinner at H2O Restaurant, Bundaberg
- Christmas Lunch at the Melbourne Hotel, Bundaberg
- Cheese & Cracker Christmas Supper
- Lunch, tour and train at The Ginger Factory, Yandina
- Visit and lunch at The Clog Barn, Coffs Harbour



\$3,969 pp twin share

\$4,779 pp single

\$750 pp deposit

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- Morning teas or afternoon teas are not included unless specified.

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