



# Islands of Queensland by Train

Friday 20th to Thursday 26th July 2018



Beginning in Brisbane, this unique tour will feature travel by chartered heritage railcar and road coach accompanying the entire tour, as we explore the islands of Queensland. Exquisite icons and old favourites, a-place-to-call-home and the less-frequented – join us as we experience the great diversity of landscapes and singular beauty of St Helena, Bribie, Fraser, Curtis and Great Keppel Islands. Exclusive, insightful touring, the comfort of a private train and chartered vessels, and good accommodation make this a truly memorable itinerary.

# Touring Programme

## **Day 1      Friday 20th July                      Brisbane**

Meet in Brisbane at our centrally located hotel, checking in from 2 pm. Early evening we transfer to Southbank for the first feature of the tour; a relaxing private dinner cruise on the Brisbane River. The cruise offers a different and impressive perspective of the night skyline of the city.

Two nights accommodation at the Mercure King George Square Hotel.

## **Day 2      Saturday 21st July                      St Helena Island**

Morning transfer to board the ferry for St Helena Island in Moreton Bay. St Helena has a long history of protecting the entrance to the Brisbane River and our guided tour will reveal its place in the history of Brisbane. A picnic lunch will be served on the island. Dinner this evening will be served at our hotel.

## **Day 3      Sunday 22nd July                      Brisbane to Maryborough**

A short walk to Roma Street station after breakfast to board our chartered 2000-class railcar which will take us to Caboolture. Our accompanying coach will meet us there for a guided tour of Bribie Island, the northernmost island in Moreton Bay. Most of the island is protected as national park or conservation area, with the remainder a prized location for relaxed living. Return to railmotor and continue north to Maryborough, with lunch served on board.

Two nights accommodation at the McNevin's Parkway Motel, Maryborough.

## **Day 4      Monday 23rd July                      Fraser Island**

Full day tour of World Heritage Listed Fraser Island. Travel by specially equipped 4WD bus on the world's largest sand island. Discover its unique eco-system of fresh water hanging lakes, heathlands and tall sub-tropical rainforest growing on sand dunes. See the strikingly coloured cliffs, the dazzling white sand of Lake McKenzie (where you can swim), experience driving on 75 Mile Beach to the wreck of the Maheno and enjoy a picnic lunch.



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## **Day 5      Tuesday 24th July                      Maryborough to Yeppoon**

Morning journey by railcar from Maryborough to Gladstone where we will take a chartered cruise. The intricacies of the busy Gladstone Harbour will be explained as we cruise towards Curtis Island while lunch is served on board. Rejoin the train for the trip to Rockhampton then transfer to Rosslyn Bay Resort at Yeppoon for overnight.

## **Day 6      Wednesday 25th July                      Yeppoon to Mackay**

Enjoy a glass of bubbles and a cooked breakfast as we cruise from Yeppoon to Great Keppel Island. by chartered boat. Return to Yeppoon for transfer to Rockhampton station. The journey from Rockhampton to Mackay is perfect for a relaxing day trip on a private train and that's exactly what we have planned! Lunch will be served at the Sportsman's Arms Hotel at St Lawrence where our train makes a special stop. Continue to Mackay – enroute you may glimpse the Coral Sea from the train, one of only two places where its possible between Brisbane and Cairns.

Overnight at the Quest Mackay.

## **Day 7      Thursday 26th July                      Mackay**



After breakfast, check out at your leisure or we can arrange a complimentary airport transfer this morning.

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# **General Information & Booking Conditions**

## **Cost**

The cost of this tour is \$4,675 AUD

The cost includes:

- ✿ travel by chartered 2000 class railmotor from Brisbane to Mackay
- ✿ all coach travel in a chartered air conditioned coach as per the itinerary
- ✿ good quality 3 or 4 star accommodation on a twin-share basis in ensuite rooms
- ✿ all ferry travel as per the itinerary
- ✿ chartered private cruises at Gladstone and Yeppoon,
- ✿ all meals
- ✿ services of Insights Tours' tour escort throughout the tour

- ✿ all sightseeing excursions, guided touring and entrance fees to all places as specified in the itinerary
- ✿ all taxes and tips
- ✿ complimentary reusable metal water bottle

The additional costs are: drinks, travel insurance and items of a personal nature and anything not specified above.

Single accommodation is available please contact us for the supplement amount.

## **To make a booking**

Please complete the enclosed booking form and return it to Insights Tours with your deposit. Places on the tour require a \$500 deposit.

The balance will be due by Friday 18th May 2018.

## **Cancellation policy**

### **For cancellations on or before Friday 18th May 2018**

Refunds will be subject to a cancellation fee of \$200 per person.

### **For cancellations after Friday 18th May 2018**

There will be no refunds possible. Insights Tours strongly recommends that insurance cover be obtained.

## **Insurance**

We strongly recommend considering travel insurance to cover cancellation fees as well as medical emergencies, lost luggage and unforeseen delays during the tour. Insights Tours can provide information about obtaining insurance. We are an accredited agent of Aussie Travel Cover insurance.

## **Viability of tour**

In the event that the economic minimum number of guests is not reached, the tour will be cancelled by Insights Tours no later than Monday 21st May 2108 and we will refund in full any money paid

## **Railmotors**

Insights Tours has chartered a 2000 Class railcar from Queensland Rail. The railcar has seating for approximately 90 passengers however Insights Tours has limited the number of guests to a total of 40 to ensure a comfortable and spacious travelling experience.

## **Coach**

Insights Tours has chartered an air-conditioned coach for all transfers and road travel as described in the itinerary.

## **Luggage**

Please limit your luggage to 1 suitcase and 1 piece of hand luggage per person. Portage of luggage can be

provided as a special service however we request that you notify us at the time you make your booking

## **Guides**

Insights Tours has engaged our own proficient guides wherever we have advertised a guided tour in the itinerary.

## **Meals**

All meals are included and are a set menu. We take care to ensure that the menu is varied throughout the tour. Please ensure that you carefully note any dietary or any other requests on your booking form so that we can oblige your requirements.

## **Pre and post tour accommodation and travel**

The itinerary commences with check in at the hotel in Brisbane on day 1 and concludes after breakfast on day 7. If you wish to extend your stay pre or post tour at our tour hotels, please contact us for a quotation. Additionally, if you desire assistance for your travel plans to and from the tour, please don't hesitate to contact us.

## **Changes to the itinerary**

There is always the chance that our itinerary could be delayed or curtailed in some way beyond our control. Except for prolonged or unexpected events, the tour will be conducted as closely as possible to the itinerary stated above. Every reasonable endeavour will be made to conduct the advertised itinerary however we reserve the right to alter the itinerary in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

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# About Insights Tours



Insights Tours is a tour company operated by Paul and John Tuckerman. We arrange tours which utilise chartered trains, coaches and aeroplanes and provide passengers with spacious and ample accommodation. Our philosophy is to provide a tour with a spectrum of interesting visits, inspections and conveyances. Each tour is uniquely arranged to encompass the most interesting sights of the regions visited. Insights Tours engages our own guides to ensure that our passengers have the best insight into the location being visited.

Guest numbers are limited to ensure a commodious travelling experience and to ensure that visits and guided tours are of maximum benefit. This tour is for a maximum of 40 guests. Each of our tours is personally escorted ensuring you can relax in the confidence that all of the pesky administrative details and arrangements are taken care of. This tour will be escorted by John Tuckerman and Brigitte Baumgartner.

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(please make an appointment to ensure our office is attended when you visit)

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## Booking Form

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	Guest 1	Guest 2
Name		
Address		
Telephone		
Email		
Emergency Contact Person & Telephone		
Any special requirements or requests (especially dietary)		
Room type (please indicate)	<input type="checkbox"/> Twin (2 beds) <input type="checkbox"/> Double (1 large bed) <input type="checkbox"/> Single supplement (please ask us )	
Deposit <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque enclosed - Please make cheques payable to "Insights Tours" - or - <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic transfer/direct deposit Account Name: Insights Tours Client Travel Account BSB: 062607 Account Number: 10131313		

I/we acknowledge the terms and conditions of booking

Signature/s

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