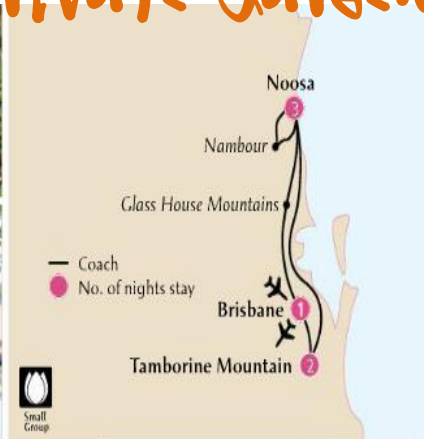
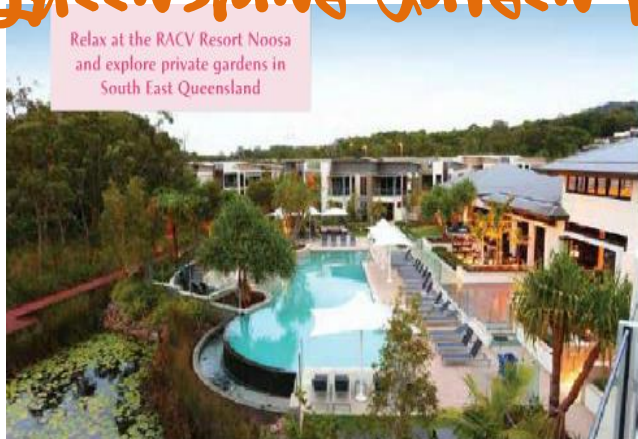


Queensland Garden Festival & Private Gardens

Relax at the RACV Resort Noosa and explore private gardens in South East Queensland



5 July 2017 per person \$3,995AUD

Solo Travellers \$ 4,995AUD

7 days with a Botanical Guide in a small group. Visit exclusive private gardens, many owned by Botanica Club members, on this special tour. Spend time at the highly acclaimed Garden Expo. Explore the beautiful Tamborine Mountain and enjoy the warmth of the 'Sunshine State'

Highlights

- Learn about the history of the area from your local Coach Captain
- Guided visit of the Brisbane Botanic Gardens and Roma Street Parklands
- Visit private gardens, many owned by Botanica Club members
- Explore the Queensland Garden Expo
- Have lunch on the Glass House Mountains
- Visit private, cool-climate gardens on Tamborine Mountain
- Discover the beautiful Stringy Bark Cottage
- Enjoy lunch and a tour of the Ginger Factory at Yandina
- Learn about tropical plants and fruit growing from your Botanical Guide
- Stay on the Tamborine Mountain with wonderful views over the landscape

Included

Services of a Botanical Guide and experienced Coach Captain

Airport transfers on first and last day of tour

14 Meals - 6 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches and 4 Dinners

Travel in a small group aboard a luxury vehicle with room to spread out

Stay in 4-5 star hotels



Day 1. Arrive Brisbane and Botanic Gardens

Today we commence our tour at 12.30pm at the airport or at the Sofitel Hotel at 1.30pm. Enjoy a visit to the Brisbane Botanic Gardens, where we will enjoy a guided tour. The gardens were established in 1970 after the Brisbane City Botanic Gardens had to be relocated due to flooding and subsequent damage to the plant collections. Later in the afternoon, we will visit the Roma Street Parklands with its fantastic collection of public art nestled in a unique urban park setting. This evening, you have the opportunity to get to know your fellow guests at a special Welcome Dinner.

Stay: Brisbane, Sofitel Hotel or similar

Daily Meals Included: Dinner

Day 2. Noosa Private Gardens

Today, we depart Brisbane and head north towards the Sunshine Coast. Along the way we will visit three unique private gardens all making good use of tropical plants and get to meet the garden owners. We will stop at the spectacular Glass House Mountains to enjoy a light lunch with magnificent views before arriving at the RACV Noosa Resort.

Stay: Three Nights: Noosa, RACV Resort or similar

Daily Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3. Ginger Factory and Garden Visits

Depart Noosa this morning for Stringy Bark Cottage, near Eumundi. This garden is a wonderful combination of meandering rock paths and vine covered arches that lead visitors into quaint garden rooms. For lunch, we travel to the Ginger Factory in Yandina where we will also enjoy a tour of the ginger processing plant and stroll through the fantastic gardens. In the afternoon, we head a little further south to an exclusive private garden in Flaxton.

Daily Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 4. Queensland Garden Expo

Spend time at the highly acclaimed Queensland Garden Expo with wonderful displays. In the afternoon, we visit the unique Maroochy Bushland Botanic Garden, which showcases the flora native to this area. We return to Noosa via the scenic coast road.

Daily Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 5. Southern Garden Visits

Today we head south to Tamborine Mountain. In the morning, we stop in Woombye in the Sunshine Coast hinterland to visit another exclusive private garden. We then make our way to the multifaceted and award-winning Joncia Garden, for lunch. This garden displays elements from many garden traditions, including a Japanese garden, complete with an oriental bridge and areas dedicated to natives and tropicals. We then arrive at our hotel on Tamborine Mountain. This historic hotel is one of the oldest Manor Hotels in Queensland, set amid 2 acres of lush gardens on the highest point of spectacular Tamborine Mountain.

Stay: Two Nights: Tamborine Mountain, Bungunyah Manor Resort or similar

Daily Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 6. Tamborine Mountain

Owing to the cooler climate, Tamborine Mountain is a haven for plants more commonly seen in temperate regions. In the morning we arrive at Tallaringa, to admire one of Australia's most delightful private collections of magnolias and michelias along with colourful rhododendrons. We will take time to wander through the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens, and then visit the gorgeous 'Glenloch' for lunch, followed by a tour of the European inspired garden. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner this evening.

Daily Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 7. Depart Brisbane

After a morning at leisure, we depart Tamborine Mountain for a drop off at Brisbane Airport arrive approximately 12.30pm or the Sofitel Hotel arrive approximately 1.30pm, where our tour concludes.

Itinerary and inclusions are subject to change

Prices are land only. Flights not included

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