

Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

6 Day Tour

Depart: Wednesday 25th September 2024
Return: Monday 30th September 2024

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Nothing says spring quite like the promise of sunshine and pretty blooms. Cue the award-winning, annual Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, which brings a much-anticipated burst of colour that paints the city as the weather heats up.

Every year, Toowoomba celebrates its reputation as the Garden City with the most spectacular display of spring flowers during the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers. The longest running floral event of its kind in Australia, dating back to 1950, visitors travel far and wide to see the city's gardens in full bloom.

Day 1 Wednesday 25 th September	NEWCASTLE to TENTERFIELD	MT - D
Accommodation	Henry Parkes Motel, Tenterfield	

7:30am Depart Kings Depot. Welcome aboard **Kings of Newcastle Coach** ready for a 6-day tour, including the **Toowoomba Carnival Of Flowers**.

Today is a travel day so sit back, relax and enjoy the facilities of our 5 Star Touring Coach as we begin our holiday travelling along the New England Highway. We stop enroute to stretch our legs and purchase lunch while heading north along the New England Highway, through rich sheep and cattle country, and the town of Guyra to Glen Innes, known fondly as "the land of the Beardies". The town was settled by Scots and regards itself as the Celtic capital of New England. Also renowned for its gemstones and minerals, it is the centre of a large sapphire industry. Proud of its Celtic history some street signs are bilingual so keep a look out. We continue to Tenterfield, sometimes referred to as the birthplace of the nation. It was here in October 1889 that Sir Henry Parkes made his famous Tenterfield Speech which set in motion the popular movement resulting in the Federation of Australia. We can check in for the evening for our overnight stay.



Day 2 Thursday 26 th September	TOOWOOMBA	B - D
Accommodation	Platinum International, Toowoomba	



While in Tenterfield, sometimes referred to as the birthplace of the nation, we take a look around. We meet a local character who can give us insight into the towns' history during our town tour. Leaving here we cross the border and travel through **Warwick to Toowoomba**; on arrival we visit the famous **Picnic Point Lookout**. Perched on the edge of the **Great Dividing Range** it provides an amazing view of the **Lockyer Valley** and **Tabletop Mountain**. From here we can settle in to the hotel for the next 3 nights.

This morning, we head out of Toowoomba and travel to the small town of **Crows Nest** for a visit to **Crows Nest Soft Drinks**. Established in 1903, Crows Nest Soft Drinks (then Crows Nest Cordials) is one of the oldest surviving "small town" manufacturers of soft drinks and syrup flavourings. Relive your childhood summers as you taste a Creaming Soda or Double Sarsaparilla. Taking a trip down memory lane we visit the **Crows Nest Museum and Historical Village**. The museum boasts its very own village! With buildings that have been lovingly restored by volunteers who have paid great attention to every detail to make sure that everything is as close to authentic as possible. See the origins of Ray White Real Estate, as this was the location of its humble beginnings. To finish off the morning touring we make a delightful discovery at the **Clock & Bull Brauhaus**. With 1000's of different Cuckoo Clocks and almost 100 German Grandfather Clocks on display there is no chance you will lose track of time! We have a short drive to the **Farmers Arms Hotel** for lunch before our visit to the heritage listed **Spring Bluff Railway Station**. The spring exhibit is absolutely stunning with thousands of visitors each September enjoying the magnificent display with an array of poppies, ranunculus, stock, snapdragons, petunias and many other annuals bursting into colour under the warm sunshine.



We start our day with a visit to several of the beautiful **private gardens** that are on show as part of the **Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers**, and then late morning we arrive at the **Cobb & Co Museum** which is also part of the Queensland Museum. It traces the history of horse drawn transportation in Australia from old timber wagons, spring wagons, and bullock drays through to the Cobb & Co coaches and the elegant Victoria and a landau used by the Duke of Edinburgh when he visited the colony in 1876. We enjoy lunch and some time to look through the museum. Our final visit today is to **Laurel Bank Park** which provides a majestic oasis with manicured gardens, topiary and many other points of interest.



Day 5
Sunday 29th September

TOOWOOMBA to COFFS HARBOUR

B - D

Accommodation

Opal Cove Resort, Coffs harbour



We farewell Toowoomba early this morning and travel past the Gold Coast then through the Tweed Valley to **Ballina**, at the mouth of the Richmond River to purchase lunch. This afternoon we arrive in **Grafton**, a city of tree lined streets and graceful old buildings overlooking the Clarence River. As early as 1866 Grafton council resolved to consider by-laws for the planting and preserving of trees and shrubs in the streets and recreation grounds. There are now some 7,000 trees in Grafton and many beautiful parks. The most famous of the trees is of course the Jacaranda. On our sightseeing around the town see many of the fine historical buildings, such as the Christ Church Cathedral and Schaefer House, both of which are classified by the National Trust. From Grafton we continue onto **Coffs Harbour** for our last night on tour.

Day 6
Monday 30th September

COFFS HARBOUR to NEWCASTLE

B - L

With our bags packed full of wonderful memories we head for home. We have arranged lunch at the **Nabiac Hotel** before arriving home this afternoon with some tips for our gardens to try out.
5.30pm Approximate return to King's Depot.

COST INCLUSIONS:

- 5 Star coach travel
- Experienced coach driver.
- Quality accommodation
- Attractions as per listed on itinerary.
- Meals as per code below

Breakfast	B	(5)
Morning Tea	MT	(1)
Lunch	L	(3)
Dinner	D	(5)

COST:

\$2500.00 per person *Twin/Double share accommodation*

\$650.00 per person *extra charge for a single supplement*

NON – REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT:

\$400 per person *due within 14 days of your booking*

FULL PAYMENT DUE:

Friday 9th August 2024

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