

## What is the Great Sunshine Way?

The Great Sunshine Way is a new way to discover Southern Queensland and affords visitors of all kinds - whether travelling by car, rail, coach or boat - to experience the best of all the Australian experiences.

The Great Sunshine Way is located in Southern Queensland, Australia. The experience takes travellers through the various regions of Southern Queensland- north from Brisbane through the Sunshine Coast and Fraser Coast regions, south from Brisbane to the Gold Coast and for the more adventurous international traveller, west from Brisbane to Southern Queensland Country. Although the trip can be as short or as long as you like, 10 days is recommended to make the most of the experience.

### Five Day Great Sunshine Way itinerary

#### Day one - Gold Coast

Enjoy stunning beaches and world class theme parks. Travellers of all ages and inclinations will encounter an array of exhilarating worlds brought together in Australia's theme park capital.

#### Day two - Gold Coast Hinterland

Travel into the World heritage listed wilderness areas. The Gold Coast hinterland is naturally spectacular, even at night. At Springbrook National Park, discover one of Australia's largest glowworm colonies sparkling in the dark under the Natural Arch.

#### Day three - Southern Qld Country

Early morning ballooning, horse riding and then relax in 5 star accommodation or a cosy B&B.

#### Day four - Sunshine Coast

Visit world famous Australia Zoo, learn to surf on one of the inviting beaches or swim with the sharks or playful seals at Underwater world.

#### Day five - Sunshine Coast Hinterland

The vineyards are ideally positioned to take advantage of differing altitudes and rainfalls, broadening the grape varieties grown. This translates to greater depth in tastings between cellar door experiences.

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#### Day one - Brisbane

Shopping, wining and dining, sight seeing, action & adventure, wildlife encounters, history, art and culture are all part of the Brisbane experience. Head over to Stradbroke and Moreton Bay Islands.

#### Day two - Brisbane

Stay on an Island resort where you can hand feed dolphins, sand tobogganing, scuba dive or snorkel in the crystal clear waters of Moreton Bay.

#### Day three - Sunshine Coast

Montville, Maleny and the other villages that sit on or behind the escarpment have restaurants, wineries, alternative-style eateries and produce stores, art galleries, boutiques and curiosity shops catering for tastes refined or earthy.

#### Day four - Fraser Coast

Blessed with long sandy swimming beaches, relaxing island retreats, abundant marine life and pristine national parks this is a relaxing holiday playground. There are wealth of coastal paradises, recreational pursuits, adventure activities and historic explorations that will keep you busy.

#### Day five - Fraser Coast

Delve into Maryborough's fascinating early history as one of Australia's main immigration ports at the Bond Store Museum. It's part of Maryborough's Heritage Gateway.

### Seven Day Great Sunshine Way Itinerary

#### Day one - Brisbane

Hire a bike and explore miles of purpose-built riverside bikeways and floating boardwalks.

Visit the vibrant Queen Street Mall in Heart of Brisbane CBD.

#### Day two - Brisbane

Take an eco cruise on Moreton Bay. Learn to sail or explore the beaches by 4WD.

#### Day three - Gold Coast

Tee off at one of many championship golf courses. Take a shopping tour or shop for international designer labels.

#### Day four - Gold Coast Hinterland

For a delicious taste of locally grown produce and wine follow the Gold Coast Food and Wine Trail.

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## Day five – Southern Qld Country

Offering stunning mountain and country scenery, a range of accommodation, fantastic food and wine, art galleries and national parks.

## Day six - Sunshine Coast

Great diving opportunities, as well as offering a great variety of sites such as HMAS Brisbane which lies off the coast another attraction is the warm water and good visibility.

## Day seven - Sunshine Coast Hinterland

Discover The Sunshine Coast's macadamia nuts with unique flavours, award-winning restaurants on the Blackall Range, fresh and unique produce at the many recurring markets and the hinterland's renowned cooking schools where you can learn how to cook with the highest quality produce.

## Ten Day Great Sunshine Way itinerary

### Day one - Fraser Coast

Fraser Island's abundant pristine freshwater lakes and crystal clear creeks are great spots to view flora and fauna. Scenic 4WD circuits and walking tracks, take in some of the largest of the lakes.

### Day two - Fraser Coast

Each year from late July to early November, the mighty humpback whales take time out from their annual migration for a bit of R&R in the protected waters of Hervey Bay. There is no better place to experience their antics and their awesome size than on a whale-watching cruise.

### Day three – Sunshine Coast –hinterland

Experience the beauty, tranquility and culture of the hinterland. Glass House Mountains National Park protects eight of the peaks, along with rare plants, animals and birds.

### Day four – Sunshine Coast

Famous markets are held almost every day all along the coast, often by the beach and are the perfect spot to find a local memento.

### Day five – Sunshine Coast

The beaches are ideal for surfing; take a lesson with an expert or try your hand at boogie boarding.

### Day six – Brisbane

Fortitude Valley and New Farm are home to thriving boutique galleries. In the evening, take in a show at the Performing Art Centre.

## Day seven – Brisbane

You're spoilt for choice – picnics in the park, thrilling cruises, climbs, wildlife attractions and adventure tours.

## Day eight – Southern Qld Country

Exhilarating bushwalking, dramatic National Park landscapes, gracious hotels, cosy B&Bs and stunning gardens. All this plus an abundance of fresh produce and gourmet foods & wine to be enjoyed.

## Day nine – Gold Coast - Hinterland

Spectacular views, ancient forests and thundering waterfalls are a few of the highlights of the Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk.

## Day ten – Gold Coast

Long stretches of golden sandy beaches. Lie back and soak up the sun or join the locals for a meal at one of the beachfront surf clubs.

## Top ten Must Dos:

- Follow the wine trails and visit some boutique wineries
- Cuddle a koala or Hand feed wild dolphins
- Whale watching cruise
- Experience the energising outdoor adventures of Riverlife on the Brisbane River
- Climb the Story Bridge
- Visit one of the many theme parks
- Visit the home of the late Crocodile Hunter at Australia Zoo
- Explore Southern Qld sand islands – Fraser, Moreton and Stradbroke Islands by 4WD
- Join a guided Indigenous Tour
- Enjoy a world Class spa pampering experience by the beach or in the rainforest

