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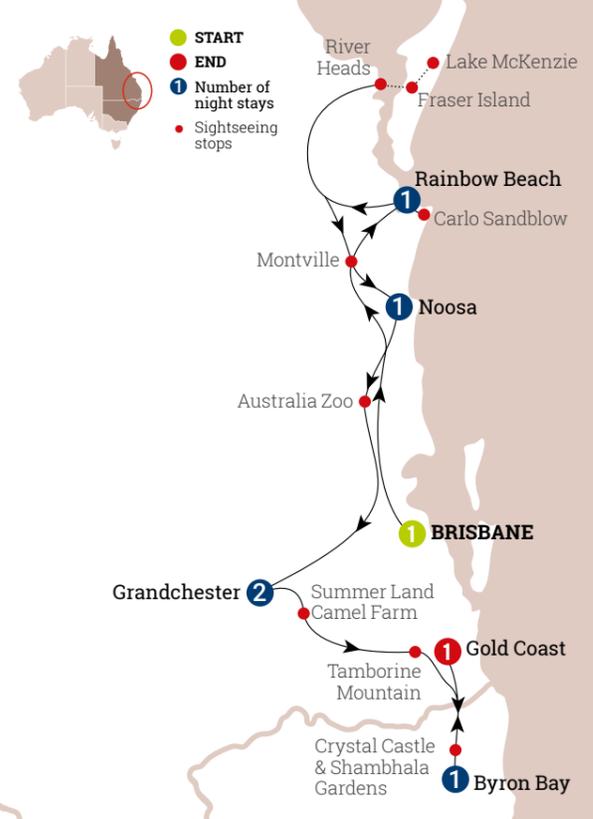
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Crystal Castle & Shambhala Gardens

The Uncharted Coast

8 DAYS BRISBANE → GOLD COAST IJSQLD



Brisbane • Rainbow Beach • Noosa • Grandchester • Hidden Vale • Byron Bay • Gold Coast

Indulge yourself in the relaxed lifestyle of the southern Queensland coast. From the understated luxury of Spicers Hidden Vale to the rugged beauty of the world's largest sand island, you'll discover the beach culture for which tropical Byron Bay and Noosa are internationally renowned.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover**
 - Queensland Hinterland, off the beaten track locations
 - Walk to Carlos Sandblow from Ocean Palms Rainbow beach, a famous sunset or sunrise vantage point
- Explore**
 - Walking tour of Brisbane with local Indigenous guide and expert
 - Swim in the fresh waters of Lake McKenzie at Fraser Island
- Immerse**
 - Enjoy a private Indigenous storytelling under the stars at Spicers Hidden Vale
 - Australia Zoo wildlife experiences
 - Meet camels at Summer Land Camel Farm and learn about the multiple benefits of camel's milk from an expert
- Relax**
 - A private boat cruise of Gold Coast waterways while enjoying a pre-dinner drink



Day 1 Welcome to Brisbane
On arrival in Brisbane, you'll be transferred by private car to your hotel in Brisbane's South Bank. Meet your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés before a stroll along the river to the waterfront restaurant Stokehouse Q. Take in the unsurpassed river and city views as you dine with your travelling companions. **Hotel: Emporium Hotel South Bank, Brisbane. DW**

Day 2 Brisbane – Rainbow Beach
After breakfast, you'll join a local guide on a unique walking tour of Brisbane that will offer you a rare opportunity to learn about Brisbane's Aboriginal history and its culturally rich street art. Try some Indigenous flavours at morning tea before departing Brisbane on your road trip through the Queensland countryside with time along the way to stop in charming hinterland villages including Montville. You'll arrive late



afternoon in the tiny, idyllic town of Rainbow Beach at the base of the Inskip Peninsula, known for its colourful sandcliffs. **Hotel: Rainbow Ocean Palms Resort, Rainbow Beach. B DW**

Day 3 Rainbow Beach – Noosa
Take the ferry to famous Fraser Island and join a 4WD tour of the world's largest sand island. Walk through towering rainforest at Central Station and swim in the exceptionally pure, vivid blue waters of Lake McKenzie, or stroll on the pristine white silica sand that surrounds the perched lake. Continue your journey to the iconic beachside destination of Noosa. This evening will be free for you to dine at leisure, and perhaps take a stroll along Noosa Main Beach with its array of beachside boutique stores. **Hotel: Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas. B L**

Day 4 Noosa – Grandchester
A wildlife extravaganza awaits you today at Australia Zoo, made famous

by the late Steve Irwin, the 'Crocodile Hunter'. Witness the renowned Crocoseum Wildlife Warrior show and enjoy lunch before meeting staff at the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital for a private tour of this leading-edge treatment facility. Continue your journey to Spicers Hidden Vale, an historic Australian homestead set on 12,000 acres. This evening, a dinner created from local produce is served at the onsite restaurant. **Hotel: Spicers Hidden Vale, 2 nights. B LW DW**

Day 5 Hidden Vale
After a leisurely breakfast, visit Summerland Camel Farm, the largest commercial-scale camel dairy operation outside of the Middle East. You'll have the opportunity to create your own camel-milk skincare product in the onsite laboratory before lunch at the farm. During the afternoon you're free to do as much or as little as you please. Spicers Hidden Vale offers an abundance of activities including self-guided nature walks and mountain-biking. However, you may consider an optional experience 4WD discovery tour or you can take to the skies on a helicopter excursion. Or simply relax by the pool while taking in the sights and sounds of the Lockyer Valley. This evening, join a local Indigenous storyteller under the stars for an unforgettable Local Dining Experience. **B L LD**

Day 6 Grandchester – Byron Bay
Your first destination today is Mount Tamborine, known as the 'Green behind the Gold'. Discover stunning waterfalls

and local art, or take an optional experience on the Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk 30 metres above the valley. If you prefer, you can visit a local winery for a leisurely wine-tasting. This afternoon, cross the border from Queensland into New South Wales and visit Crystal Castle & Shambhala Gardens, where you'll discover giant crystals, lush sub-tropical gardens and beautiful spaces for contemplation and meditation. This evening is free for you to relax at your resort. **Hotel: Elements of Byron Bay Resort & Spa. B**

Day 7 Byron Bay – Gold Coast
Byron Bay is famous for its 'vibe', and this morning there's time to explore the town at your own pace. You may like to book an optional experience sunrise balloon flight for spectacular views over the lush Green Cauldron region. Before leaving Byron Bay, head to the famous Cape Byron Lighthouse, a stunning vantage point offering panoramic ocean views and the opportunity for spotting whales (June to November). Your destination beckons as you approach the glitz and glamour of Australia's Gold Coast. Enjoy a pre-dinner drink on a private boat as you cruise along the canals before a sumptuous Celebration Dinner with your Journey Director and newfound friends. **Hotel: Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort, Gold Coast. B CD**

Day 8 Farewell from the Gold Coast
Your journey concludes this morning after breakfast with your transfer to Coolangatta or Brisbane Airport for your onward flight. **B**



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