

Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

7 Days with a Botanical Guide in a small group. Visit the annual Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers to see spectacular gardens in a festival atmosphere. Enjoy this regional city swathed in colourful bulbs and annuals creating floral masterpieces, plus visit private gardens, followed by a three-night stay at Sanctuary Cove.



Included

- · All sightseeing as mentioned
- · Services of a Botanical Guide and an experienced Coach Captain
- · Airport transfers on first and last day
- Stay 3 nights at a luxury resort and 3 nights in a boutique hotel
- 10 Meals 6 Breakfasts **B** and 4 Dinners **D**
- Travel in a comfortable coach with space to spread out

Highlights

- Explore the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers
- Visit a range of private gardens and meet their owners
- Enjoy spectacular views from Picnic Point
- · Visit 'Mary Poppins House' the childhood home of Pamela Travers
- · Tour the Japanese Garden Ju Raku-en
- Visit the Margaret Olley and Toowoomba Art Galleries
- · Explore a tropical fruit plantation
- Enjoy time to relax at Sanctuary Cove







Ju Raku-en Garden





Margaret Olley Art Centre

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Private Gardens & Art

Day 1. Arrive Brisbane to Toowoomba. Be picked up at the pre tour hotel at 10.30am. Stop at Picnic Point perched atop the crest of the Great Dividing Range for 180-degree views over the World Heritage-listed area of The Scenic Rim. Afterwards visit a private native garden before having time to settle in to your hotel before a Welcome Dinner this evening in one of Toowoomba's most historical buildings. D

Three Nights: Toowoomba, Potters Boutique Hotel

Day 2. Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers.
Today we visit some specially selected exhibition gardens, chosen because of their unique and creative designs. Be inspired, meet their owners and learn a tip or two. Enjoy time this afternoon visiting Queens Park or have free time to explore some of the many other parks and gardens in the town. B

Day 3. Allora. This morning visit a historic homestead in the Allora region. Continue to 'Mary Poppins House', the childhood home of writer, Pamela Travers. This evening enjoy a 'Progressive Dinner' enjoying food and wine in three different and unique venues around Toowoomba. **BD**

Day 4. Japanese Garden & Art. This morning tour Ju Raku-en Garden, Australia's largest and most traditionally designed Japanese strolling garden before a visit to the Toowoomba Art Gallery, the oldest public gallery in Queensland. Afterwards continue on to Sanctuary Cove and your luxury resort. BD Three Nights: Sanctuary Cove, InterContinental Hotel or similar

Day 5. Margaret Olley Art Centre & Tropical Fruit World. This morning we make a visit to the Margaret Olley Art Centre at Murwillumbah which celebrates the career, life and legacy of Australia's most celebrated painter of still life and interiors. Afterwards we take a tour of a tropical fruit planation and journey through orchards where more than 500 of the world's weird and wonderful fruit varieties are grown. Learn why this unique location nestled on the edge of the volcanic caldera of Wollumbin is so special. B

Day 6. Private Garden Visit. This morning enjoy a private garden visit. Meet the owner and learn about gardening in this climate. This afternoon enjoy free time to relax in your resort before a Farewell Dinner this evening. BD

Day 7. Depart Brisbane. This morning we depart Sanctuary Cove and make our way back to Brisbane for a drop off at the post tour hotel by 1pm. **B**

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For over 70 years, the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers has been celebrating the colourful blooms grown by its green-thumbed locals. Visitors from all over Australia converge on the charming Queensland country town's yearly gardening spectacular that includes live music, food, wine and entertainment.

2020/21 Dates & Prices (A\$) BTTCF7

7 Days Brisbane Return

 22 Sept. 2020
 Twin Share

 Per person from
 \$4,595

 21 Sept. 2021
 Twin Share

 Per person from
 \$4,595

 Twin Share
 Solo Traveller

 \$4,595
 \$5,695

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Group Size - 20 to 25 guests.



Botanical Guide Ross McKinnon

Ross McKinnon is the former curator in charge of the Brisbane Botanic Gardens. He has a

weekly gardening column and has hosted various television and radio gardening programs.

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