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TOOWOOMBA

With Ezi Drive Coaches



6 Days—with Brian and Mary

Tour Date: Thursday 15—Tuesday 20 September

Tour Inclusions:

- Pick up from your home, transport to Toowoomba and return to your door step (Sydney Metropolitan area only)
- Luxury Coach Travel Seatbelts and Restroom
- All fully cooked breakfasts and three course dinners at the motel
- Lunch Day 4
- 6 Nights minimum three star quality accommodation, twin share
- All Entry fees and Guides as per Itinerary
- Escorted tour

Tour Highlights:

- Lunch and Tour of Belltrees Homestead
- Reserved seating to view the Carnival of Flowers Parade.
- Guided driving tour of Toowoomba including
- Visiting prize winning gardens with a Local Guide.
- Viewing of the Australian Standing Stones.
- Tenterfield Saddlery
- Dad & Dave's Historic Rudd's Pub
- Sister Kenny Museum
- Lunch at the orchid show
- Armidale overnight

Tour Fee including GST:	Members	\$1199.00 per person, twin share
	Non Members	\$1249.00 per person, twin share
	Single Supplement	\$285.00

Minimum loading 20 passengers booked and paid by

15 July 2011

The Itinerary

Day 1 HOME TO TAMWORTH

Lunch, Dinner

We pick you up from home this morning and travel north along the F3 and New England Highway to Tamworth, The Country Music Capital of Australia. On the way will be stopping for lunch and a tour of **Belltrees Homestead**. Belltrees has been in the White family since 1831 and is set on 22,000 acres.

Accommodation tonight is at Tamworth.

Day 2 GLEN INNS TO TOOWOOMBA

Breakfast, Dinner

After leaving Tamworth we travel through Bush Ranger Country past Captain Thunderbolt's Rock (used by bushrangers as a lookout) to the "Land of the Beardies" and to Celtic Country. After traveling past the World Heritage-listed Gibraltar Range and Washpool National Parks we will have a short stop at the Balancing Rock Formation. Then we arrive at Glen Innes which is steeped in history and has more than 30 Heritage-listed buildings. It is the sapphire region of NSW and other stones like emeralds, topaz and quartz crystals are also in the area. Inspired by the Stones of Callanish on the Isle of Lewis, off Scotland's west coast are **The Australian Standing Stones**. They are on the edge of Glen Innes and are unique in the Southern Hemisphere. Glen Innes was settled largely by Scots in 1838, and this is evident every where you look. Our lunch stop for today is in **Tenterfield**, "The Birthplace of Our Nation" it was here that Sir Henry Parkes made his famous Federation speech in 1889 and Australia's destination was changed. It is also the home of the Tenterfield Saddler, the place that inspired Peter Allen's song of the same name. The Saddlery is still there selling handmade saddles, belts and clothing and the building was classified by the National Trust in 1972.

Accommodation for the next three nights is in Toowoomba.

Day 3 CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS

Breakfast, Dinner

Nothing reinforces Toowoomba's reputation as the Garden City more than the annual **Carnival of Flowers**. It is located at the juncture of major highways from Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Darwin. Close to 150,000 seedlings are propagated, and then planted out to bloom at the critical time. The Carnival has a parade which travels through the main street. So that we have a good view of the parade, we have reserved tickets in the Grand Stand build on the street. The parade is at midday and you are free to visit the stalls and enjoy the festivities and many cultural events staged at this time before and after the parade. After the parade the rest of the day is yours to plan as you wish.

Day 4 GARDENS AND ATTRACTIONS

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Tour of Toowoomba with a Local Guide seeing the local and prize winning gardens. The Guide will also take us to a variety of tourist attractions outside of Toowoomba. A drive through **Picnic Point Park** where there have been 145 bird species recorded within the park's natural bushlands. It is situated on a scenic peak of the Great Dividing Range and has stunning views of the Lockyer Valley to the east, the City of Toowoomba and farming lands to the west. Our lunch today is catered for by the Orchid Society and there will be time to view and purchase award winning Orchids.

Day 5 DARLING DOWNS, ARMIDALE

Breakfast, Dinner

Our journey south today takes us to the **Nobby**. This town is noted for having been home to two eminent Australians; Author Steele Rudd and Sister Elizabeth Kenny. Dad & Dave's Historic **Rudd's Pub** contains country photo collections & memorabilia including original selection deeds and Sister Kenny history. Sister Kenny won world acclaim for her treatment of Poliomyelitis. Her house can be viewed from the pub, and there will be time to look through the memorial to her and the Nobby Store and Serendipity Cottage.. Before crossing the boarder into New South Wales we pass through the towns of Warwick, the Rose and Rodeo City and Stanthorpe know for their fruit and vineyards.

Accommodation is in **Armidale**.

Day 6 ARMIDALE TO HOME

Breakfast

Today we retrace our steps and say goodbye to you at your door step.