

Sun, Surf and Great Southern

Soak up some sun on the surf coast of Queensland before riding the rails in luxury down through to Adelaide. Start your journey in Brisbane, hit the beach in Surfers Paradise before hopping on the Great Southern train to take you through the Hunter Valley wine region & the Great Ocean Road before arriving in the beautiful city of Adelaide.

Note: This trip can be completed with either Platinum or Gold Service, please enquire for further details.

Day 1: (Wednesday) Brisbane

Pick up your hire car in Brisbane to begin your beach-loving adventure. Today is yours to get to know this sultry subtropical capital at your own pace.

Overnight: Hilton Brisbane

Day 2: (Thursday) Brisbane to Surfers Paradise

Legendary waves are just the start at Surfers Paradise. Make your way to this renowned Gold Coast location with an hour-long drive from Brisbane. Once there, you'll discover that Surfers is about more than just legendary waves and that golden beach, it's a 24-hour city of buzzing nightlife, restaurants and shopping, attracting visitors from around the world.

Overnight: 3 nights Hilton Surfers Paradise

Day 3: (Friday) Byron Bay

Today you'll cross the border into New South Wales by coach on a guided all-day tour, passing through sugar cane country and coastal rainforest to beautiful Byron Bay. Fringed by lush green hinterland, the town is a magical combination of stunning natural assets and a creative, laid back local population. You'll explore Cape Byron Lighthouse, built in 1901 - the lookout is the most easterly point of the Australian mainland. Enjoy a lingering lunch at The Byron, before soaking in the relaxed opulence of this one-of-a-kind coastal town.

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Day 4: (Saturday) Surfers Paradise

Located in the heart of South East Queensland, Surfers Paradise is the perfect gateway to explore the best of what this beautiful region has to offer, and today is your chance to get behind the wheel and take it in at your own pace. Drive to the Gold Coast, the Sunshine Coast or beyond, the choice is yours.

Day 5: (Sunday) Surfers Paradise to Brisbane

Take in any last minute sights at Surfers Paradise today, then it's time to start the self-drive back to Brisbane where you'll return your hire car.

Overnight: Hilton Brisbane

Day 6: (Monday) Board the Great Southern in Brisbane

Time to begin the next chapter of your adventure aboard the Great Southern. As you depart Brisbane, settle into your cabin and enjoy the fabulous food, wine, service and social atmosphere of this exceptional journey.

The Northern New South Wales Coast stretches across 90km of incredible sandy beaches and some of the best surfing breaks in the world. Watch as the sun dips below the horizon as you enjoy dinner to the sound of waves lapping on the shore.

Overnight: 3 nights Great Southern (L,D)

Day 7: (Tuesday) Great Southern, Hunter Valley

Welcome to wine country. The Hunter Valley, north of Sydney, is one of the country's renowned wine regions, with a history dating back to the early 1800s. Today you'll take the time to meander its picturesque vineyards, sampling world-renowned brands and boutique cellar doors.

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Day 8: (Wednesday) Great Southern, Regional Victoria

With a backdrop of mesmerising blue, the Twelve Apostles is a collection of majestic limestone rock stacks rising from the Southern Ocean on Victoria's rugged coastline, just offshore of Port Campbell National Park. Today you'll discover their ancient magic, as you ascend the dramatic cliff faces of the Great Ocean Road.

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Day 9: (Thursday) Great Southern, Adelaide

Today you will arrive into Adelaide, ending an epic coastal adventure.