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Jacaranda Festival
5 Days
Fully Hosted
04 – 08 November 2026

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Cobb & co Museum, Toowoomba
- Stanthorpe Museum
- Granite Belt Brewery
- Tenterfield Saddler
- Casino
- Ballina
- Grafton – **Jacaranda Festival**
- Byron Bay

INCLUDES:

- **Private single rooms** in Classic Plus* accommodation
- **Meals** as per itinerary – 4 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 3 Dinners
- **Sightseeing** tours and transfers by private coach
- Local Driver
- **Tour Host** – from Brisbane

EXCLUDES:

- Travel Insurance
- Flights
- Any tours or meals other than mentioned above or in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature i.e. laundry, drinks, phone calls, etc

From \$3,870* per person

Terms and Conditions apply. Price is per person, Sole Use and subject to availability. Price is in AUD and correct as at 13 May 2026. Classic Plus accommodation is considered 3 – 4 star hotels. Tour requires minimum number of passengers to depart. Prices may fluctuate if surcharges, fees, taxes or currencies change. Solo Connections is constantly striving to improve our itineraries and inclusions. If such improvements can be made, or unforeseen circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary, we reserve the right at any time to vary itineraries and to substitute inclusions of equal value. Further booking conditions apply, please check all prices, availability and other information with your travel agent at time of or before booking. Package cancellation fees apply. Denise Marie Falsay trading as Solo Connections. ATAS Accredited A11424. ABN 92 582 582 996



Day 1 – Wednesday, 04 November 2026
Brisbane to Toowoomba

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This morning all passengers are to meet the Tour Host at Brisbane Domestic Airport.

After a warm welcome and introductions to your fellow travellers, we journey west through the scenic countryside towards **Toowoomba**, Queensland's beautiful "Garden City." Our first stop is the stunning **Picnic Point Lookout**, where we'll enjoy sweeping views across the Lockyer Valley and breathe in the fresh country air. Don't forget your camera because this is one of the region's most spectacular viewpoints. We then stroll through the beautiful **Queens Park Botanic Gardens**, a peaceful oasis filled with colourful flowerbeds, towering trees, and charming pathways.

Next, we step back in time at the fascinating **Cobb & Co Museum**, for a guided tour exploring Australia's pioneering history, historic horse drawn carriages, and engaging interactive displays. After a light lunch, enjoy some fun and laughter during our relaxed **Sip & Paint** experience. No artistic talent is needed, just a sense of fun and a willingness to be creative.

Later this afternoon, we check into our hotel, with time to freshen up, relax, and settle in before tonight's **Welcome Dinner**, a relaxed and fun night filled with delicious food, great conversation, and the beginning of new friendships as we celebrate the start of our adventure together.

Accommodation: Oaks Toowoomba – 4 star – or similar (1 Night)

Please check with reservations before booking your flight. Coach departs Brisbane Airport at 8am.

Day 2 – Thursday, 05 November 2026
Toowoomba - Stanthorpe – Tenterfield

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After breakfast we farewell Toowoomba and settle in for a big day of scenic driving as we journey south through changing countryside towards Queensland's famous **Granite Belt** region. Known for its cool climate, vineyards, orchards, and striking granite landscapes, this part of the state offers some of the most picturesque scenery in regional Queensland.

Our first stop is the iconic **Big Apple** in Stanthorpe, the perfect place for a fun group photo and a chance to stretch the legs. Stanthorpe is renowned for its apple orchards and fresh produce, and the Big Apple has become one of the region's best loved landmarks. We then visit the fascinating **Stanthorpe Museum** where we explore displays showcasing the area's early settlers, farming heritage, mining history, and multicultural beginnings while gaining insight into how this unique region developed over the years.

From here we continue to the popular **Granite Belt Brewery** for a relaxed lunch surrounded by country scenery. You may also like to sample some of the brewery's locally crafted beers, famous for their unique flavours and use of regional ingredients.

This afternoon we cross the border into New South Wales and make our way to the charming heritage town of **Tenterfield**. After checking into our accommodation there is time to freshen up and relax before we head out together for an easy stroll to dinner.

Accommodation: Jumbuck Motor Inn, Tenterfield – 3.5 star or similar (1 Nights)



Day 3 – Friday, 06 November 2026
Tenterfield – Casino - Ballina

B-L-D

After breakfast, enjoy a relaxed morning exploring the charming town of Tenterfield, a place rich in history, heritage, and country hospitality. Take time to wander the quaint main streets, browse the local shops, or simply soak up the welcoming atmosphere of this beautiful New England town.

A must see is the famous **Tenterfield Saddler**, one of the town's most iconic landmarks. Steeped in history and made famous by Peter Allen's beloved song, the saddlery offers a fascinating glimpse into Australia's pioneering past and remains a treasured piece of local heritage.

Leaving Tenterfield behind, we continue a scenic winding drive through rolling countryside, picturesque farmland, and lush hinterland landscapes as we make our way towards **Casino**, known as the "Beef Capital" of Australia. Here we stop for a relaxed pub counter lunch at the historic Cecil Hotel, giving you the chance to enjoy a hearty meal, stretch the legs, and share stories from the journey so far.

This afternoon we continue east towards the coast, arriving in beautiful Ballina with time to settle into our accommodation, freshen up, and perhaps enjoy a short stroll along the river front before dinner. Tonight we come together at the popular Saltbush Bar & Grill for another enjoyable evening of delicious food

Accommodation: Ramada Ballina – 4 star – or similar (2 Nights)

Day 4 – Saturday, 07 November 2026
Jacaranda Festival

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After breakfast we enjoy a short scenic drive from Ballina to the beautiful riverside town of **Grafton**, home to one of Australia's most famous floral celebrations. At this time of year, the jacarandas are in full bloom, transforming the town into a spectacular sea of purple. With tree lined streets, historic buildings, and vibrant blossoms everywhere you look, it truly is a magical sight to experience.

On arrival we'll take a short drive through some of Grafton's most stunning jacaranda lined streets, giving everyone the opportunity to admire the breathtaking displays and capture plenty of memorable photos. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy the lively atmosphere of the famous **Jacaranda Festival**.

There is plenty to see and do with colourful street entertainment, local markets, food trucks, bars, and festival activities taking place throughout the town. Enjoy the excitement of the **Splash of Tartan featuring traditional pipe bands and highland dancers**, soak up the festive atmosphere of the **Jacaranda Float Procession**, or simply relax with a drink while enjoying the music, entertainment, and beautiful surroundings.

This evening we farewell the festival and transfer back to our hotel in Ballina after a wonderful day immersed in colour, culture, and celebration.



Day 5 – Sunday, 08 November 2026
Ballina - Byron Bay - Brisbane

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After breakfast the final day of our road trip begins with a short drive to the iconic beachside town of **Byron Bay**. Here we will have free time to wander and explore at our own pace. Browse the boutique shops, relax with a coffee, take in the coastal atmosphere, or enjoy a stroll along the beautiful beachfront.

We then make our way to the stunning Elements of Byron where we come together for a special **Farewell Lunch** at the elegant **Azure Bar & Grill Restaurant**. It's the perfect opportunity to reflect on the wonderful memories made, friendships formed, and adventures shared throughout our journey.

After lunch we begin our journey north back to Brisbane, enjoying the final scenic drive together before arriving at the Brisbane Domestic Airport where our tour comes to an end. We farewell our fellow travellers with wonderful memories, new friendships, and stories to last a lifetime.

Departure flights from Brisbane to be booked after 6pm