QUEENSLAND GARDEN FESTIVAL & PRIVATE GARDENS
Including RACV Noosa Resort
7 Days departing 05 July 2017

RACV GROUP JOURNEY

RACV SAVES YOU 5%
Day 1. Arrive Brisbane & Botanic Gardens. Today we commence our tour at 12.30pm at the airport or at the Sofitel Hotel at 1.30pm. Enjoy a visit to the Brisbane Botanic Gardens, where we will enjoy a guided tour. The gardens were established in 1970 after the Brisbane City Botanic Gardens had to be relocated due to flooding and subsequent damage to the plant collections. Later in the afternoon, we will visit the Roma Street Parklands with its fantastic collection of public art nestled in a unique urban park setting. This evening, you have the opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers at a special Welcome Dinner.

Stay: Brisbane, Sofitel Hotel or similar. (D)

Day 2. Noosa Private Gardens. Today, we depart Brisbane and head north towards the Sunshine Coast. Along the way we will visit three unique private gardens all making good use of tropical plants and get to meet the garden owners. We will stop at the spectacular Glass House Mountains to enjoy a light lunch with magnificent views before arriving at the RACV Noosa Resort.

Three Nights: Noosa, RACV Resort or similar (BLD)

Day 3. Ginger Factory and Garden Visits. Depart Noosa this morning for Stringy Bark Cottage, near Eumundi. This garden is a wonderful combination of meandering rock paths and vine covered arches that lead visitors into quaint garden rooms. For lunch, we travel to the Ginger Factory in Yandina where we will also enjoy a tour of the ginger processing plant and stroll through the fantastic gardens. In the afternoon, we head a little further south to an exclusive private garden in Flaxton.

Day 4. Queensland Garden Expo. Spend time at the highly acclaimed Queensland Garden Expo with wonderful displays. In the afternoon, we visit the unique Maroochy Bushland Botanic Garden, which showcases the flora native to this area. We return to Noosa via the scenic coast road.

Day 5. Southern Garden Visits. Today we head south to Tamborine Mountain. In the morning, we stop in Woombye in the Sunshine Coast hinterland to visit another exclusive private garden. We then make our way to the multifaceted and award-winning Joncia Garden, for lunch. This garden displays elements from many garden traditions, including a Japanese garden, complete with an oriental bridge along with areas dedicated to natives and tropica. We then arrive at our hotel on Tamborine Mountain. This historic hotel is one of the oldest Manor Hotels in Queensland, set amid 2 acres of lush gardens on the highest point of spectacular Tamborine Mountain.

Two Nights: Tamborine Mountain,
Day 6. Tamborine Mountain.
Owing to the cooler climate, Tamborine Mountain is a haven for plants more commonly seen in temperate regions. In the morning we arrive at Tallaringa, to admire one of Australia’s most delightful private collection of magnolias and michelias along with colourful rhododendrons. We will take time to wander through the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens, and then visit the gorgeous ‘Glenloch’ for lunch, followed by a tour of the European inspired garden. Farewell Dinner this evening.  (BLD)

Day 7. Depart Brisbane.
After a morning at leisure, we depart Tamborine Mountain for a drop off at Brisbane Airport to arrive approximately 12.30pm or the Sofitel Hotel to arrive approximately 1.30pm, where our tour concludes.  (B)

**MT TAMBORINE BOTANIC GARDEN**

A visit to Tamborine Mountain is not complete without time spent in the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens, where tropical meets temperate. Covering 11 hectares, the gardens consist of exotic species and the natural rainforest of Tamborine Mountain. Over 25 years, volunteers have developed this property into the highly-photographic boutique gardens that they are today. Being 500 metres above sea level, Tamborine Mountain has a climate that is cooler and less humid than the lower coastal areas. This allows plants to be grown from cool climate and temperate zones. Flowering cherries, rhododendron species, magnolias, camellias and maples are a few of the genera on display. Providing a picturesque background to the exotic sections of the gardens is the natural rainforest which is cared for by Volunteers from Landcare.

**Your Holiday Includes**

- Learn about the history of the area from your local Coach Captain
- Guided visit of the Brisbane Botanic Gardens and Roma Street Parklands
- Visit private gardens, many owned by Botanica Club members
- Explore the Queensland Garden Expo
- Have lunch on the Glass House Mountains
- Visit private, cool-climate gardens on Tamborine Mountain
- Discover the beautiful Stringy Bark Cottage
- Enjoy lunch and a tour of the Ginger Factory at Yandina
- Learn about tropical plants and fruit growing from your Botanical Guide
- Enjoy three nights at the stylish, award-winning RACV Noosa Resort
- Stay on the Tamborine Mountain with wonderful views over the landscape
- Services of a Botanical Guide and experienced Coach Captain
- Airport transfers on first and last day of tour
- Everything as detailed, including gratuities and onboard entertainment
- Travel in a small group aboard a luxury vehicle with room to spread out
- Stay in 4–5 star hotels
- Finest dining – a total of 14 meals

**RACV GROUP JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS**

- 5% Member Discount*
- Return home to Melbourne Airport transfers (within 40kms of airport)*
- Pre-tour gathering to collect travel documentation and meet fellow travellers
- RACV Tour Host (subject to minimum numbers)*

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**2017 DATE & PRICES (A$) RACV MEMBER PRICES PER PERSON**

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*Price includes RACV 5% Savings
THE GENERAL INFORMATION & CONDITIONS

To be read in conjunction with the Terms and Conditions contained in the latest Botanica World Discoveries brochure which all travellers will be bound by.

Bookings

Bookings are taken by RACV Club Tours and Travel either by phone, mail, email or in person. An RACV booking form must be completed and sent with deposit. The completion of the booking form together with the passenger’s signature and deposits creates an agreement between RACV Club Tours and Travel and the passenger. It verifies that you have read, understood and accept these terms and conditions. Deposit – A non-refundable $1000 per person is due within 7 days of booking confirmation. The company reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking or to refuse to carry any passengers where payment is not received. Payment methods – Payment may be made by cheque, credit card, cash or direct deposit. Please make cheques payable to RACV Club Tours and Travel. Payments made by credit card will incur a surcharge (1% Visa/Mastercard and 3% Amex). Contact RACV for direct deposit details. Late Bookings – Full payment is required at time of booking for reservations made less than 42 days before departure from Australia. If reservation cannot be confirmed, all monies will be refunded.

Pricing

Prices are per person, twin share, land/cruise only & include GST, port charges, taxes, Non Discountable Amounts and RACV discount. Prices are quoted in AUD unless otherwise stated. RACV member discount excludes port charges, taxes, NDB, tipping fees, airfares and some upgrades. Prices are subject to change. RACV 5% discount subject to style of touring and may be replaced with special member benefit.

Included In Our Tour Price

All coach/train/cruise travel, accommodation, sightseeing admissions, botanical guides, driver and meals (as indicated in itinerary).

Not Included In Our Tour Price

Airfares, optional excursions, meals not specified in the itinerary, travel insurance, drinks, laundry, excess baggage and items of personal nature this is additional at passenger’s own expense.

Airport Transfers

No refund will be given for unused transfers. Transfers cannot be re-routed to other pick up points or destinations. Passengers who miss the pre-booked transfers must make their own way to/from home at own expense.

Tour Host

Tour Host is subject to minimum numbers and may not travel with the group for the entire journey.

Health and Fitness

It is important that all passengers are reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in the tour. There is a reasonable level of walking involved. Clients must advise RACV of pre-existing medical conditions that may affect their ability whilst on tour. It is your responsibility to carry any personal medication you require for the duration of the tour. (We recommend carrying medication in your hand luggage from the time you leave home). Botanica World Discoveries, as the operator of this tour reserves the right to accept/decline and/or terminate a passenger’s participation in a tour. If it is believed that is in the best interest of that passenger or other passengers on tour if terminated whilst on tour, no refund will be given and the passenger is responsible for their return transportation costs.

Luggage Limits

Air, Coach and Cruise travel restricts you to one piece of 20kg of luggage. The company cannot guarantee to carry over weight or oversized luggage. Baggage is at ‘owner’s risk’.

RACV Group Journey Exclusive Benefits

Package Price includes 5% member discount and home to Melbourne Airport return transfers. This is applicable to pickups/drop-offs within a 40km driving radius of Melbourne Tullamarine Airport. Surcharges apply for greater than 40km and must be paid at time of booking transfer. Transfers are complimentary and non-refundable. Transfers can be substituted for a RACV Cruises & Tours discount voucher (valid for use on a future booking with RACV Travel). Additional conditions apply - ask your travel consultant for more information.

Itineraries

Botanica World Discoveries will endeavour to operate the tour as outlined. However itinerary changes either before or whilst on tour may occur outside the control of the company. These changes may involve additional expenses. If for some reason accommodation listed becomes unavailable Botanica World Discoveries reserve the right to substitute hotels with alternative accommodation of a similar standard. For a group to operate and to provide enjoyable group atmosphere, a minimum number of participants is required. The decision to operate a tour is usually 60 days prior to departure.

Airfares

RACV can assist with booking flights to complement this journey. Please speak to your RACV travel consultant for a quote. Airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Once air tickets are issued, airline amendment and/or cancellation fees apply and in some cases are non-refundable. Name changes and voluntary date and schedule changes will incur fees. RACV & Botanica World Discoveries are not liable for delays or disruptions of air travel. Once tickets are issued RACV & Botanica World Discoveries will have no liability and will not be responsible for refunding the cost of any services booked in conjunction with the flights.

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is not included in your tour cost. For your protection we recommend you purchase adequate comprehensive insurance that includes coverage for medical expenses, loss of luggage, land content and airfare charges that may occur due to cancellation, loss of deposit or strikes. RACV Travel Insurance is available through the RACV Club Tours & Travel.

Single/Double Accommodation

A limited number of single rooms/cabins are available by request at time of booking. Single supplement must be paid with final payment. Should shared rooms/cabins be necessary, a portional refund of the single supplement will be provided at the end of the tour. Please note: Single rooms/cabins may be smaller and often have one single bed. Please note: Triple rooms/cabins are not available.

Office Hours

From 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday excluding Victorian Public Holidays.

Responsibility & Exclusion of Liability

Botanica World Discoveries (referred to as ‘the Company’) is the organiser and packager of various tour components including where applicable land, sea or air transportation, accommodation, meals, and applicable entry fees as outlined in the various tour itineraries and packaged arrangements set out in this brochure. Accordingly these tours include the services of suppliers other than the Company e.g. hotels, airlines, coach operators, cruise operators and others. These suppliers are not under the direct control of the Company. Whilst the Company takes all reasonable care in selecting its suppliers it cannot accept any liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, sickness or irregularity which may be occasioned by any of these suppliers or their employees such as the failure of a hotel to provide any of the service normally available or any defect in any vehicle or other conveyance. The Company accepts no responsibility for losses or additional expenses resulting from any delays or changes in air, motor, and other services, sickness, weather, strikes, lockouts, war, earthquake, floods, volcanic eruptions, or any other causes. The Company cannot guarantee the exact arrival and departure times for any of the services included in the tour arrangements and therefore are not liable for any failure to make connections with any other service. Whilst the Company will take all reasonable care to ensure passengers enjoy the tour, it accepts no liability for any loss of enjoyment experienced by passengers due to circumstances beyond its direct control. Baggage and personal belongings are at owners risk unless insured. Prices & itinerary are valid from 3 January 2017. For full terms and conditions including deposit amounts and current pricing and availability contact RACV Club Travel on 03 9944 8916, ABN 44 004 684 619 ATAS #A10825. RAC0318

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