

Welcome

G'day and welcome to Queensland Country, or in the words of our traditional owners in Wakka Wakka language, 'Galang Ngunar'.

Queensland Country is a unique and vibrant destination where you can feel an authentic connection to Mother Nature at every turn.

The official Travel Trade Planner provides you with an inspirational and educational guide to assist in planning and booking your customers holiday to Queensland Country.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Queensland Country Tourism pays our respects to all the traditional custodians of the land, elders past, present and emerging, and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders of other communities who may live here.

We acknowledge the Ugarapul, Geynyon (Keinjan), Giabal (Gomaingguru), Kambuwal, Jagera (Yagarr, Yaggera, Yuggera), Gidabal (Kitabul, Githabul), Bigambul, Barunggam, Iman (Yiman), Jarowair and Darumbal (Darambal and Dharumbal) people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which Queensland Country is situated. We recognise the ongoing connection to country of the traditional custodians of our abundant and thriving region.



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Queensland Country

Queensland Country is spread over a large swathe of Queensland countryside, with vast and varied landscapes offering an escape into nature that feels worlds away, yet is remarkably close to Brisbane.

Spanning from Emerald to the north, Stanthorpe and Goondiwindi in the south, the Lockyer Valley and Somerset Region to the east, Toowoomba Region, North Burnett and South Burnett in the centre and as far west as Dulacca in the Western Downs, each region offers its own unique charm and natural beauty.

It's a place where the hustle of city life gives way to the peaceful charm of the countryside, where you can explore national parks, sample fresh local produce direct from the source, and immerse yourself in the rich culture and friendly towns of regional Australia.

The region is brimming with natural wonders, from rugged mountain ranges to UNESCO listed rainforests. The abundance of waterways, lakes, rivers, rock pools, and waterfalls adds a dynamic element to the regions beauty, offering endless opportunities for water-based activities like boating, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, and skiing.

Whether it's hiking through the rugged

landscapes, discovering hidden wineries and boutique eateries, or simply soaking up the peace and quiet of a country sunset, Queensland Country offers a refreshing break from the everyday. It's a reminder of the simple pleasures and natural beauty that lie just beyond the urban fringe, waiting to be explored.

Brisbane River, Somerset

Queensland Country Trade Manual



Travel Info

Accessing Queensland Country is easy by air, road, or rail. Let us show you how.



Breathe in that fresh Queensland Country air, and experience stunning landscapes, beginning an hour's drive or a short one and a half hour flight from Brisbane – you really can choose your own adventure. Spanning just over 250km from East to West, Queensland Country is the ideal destination for a quick and easily accessible country getaway.

Air

If you're flying in, the region is easily accessible via the commercial domestic airports: Toowoomba (Wellcamp Airport) which is serviced by Qantas, and Rex Regional Airlines, and Emerald Airport which is serviced by Qantas and Virgin Australia.

Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport (WTB)

Flying local through Australia's newest airport is the easiest way to travel from Queensland Country to the world. Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport is serviced by Qantas, and Rex Regional Airlines, providing interstate, intrastate and international connectivity from the Toowoomba Region. You can fly direct to Sydney and onward internationally.



20 MINUTE DRIVE FROM TOOWOOMBA CITY CENTRE

Emerald Airport (EMD)

Emerald Airport is located in the Central Queensland Highlands Region and is serviced by Qantas and Virgin Australia.



10 MINUTE DRIVE FROM EMERALD TOWN CENTRE

Brisbane Airport (BNE)

Brisbane Airport is the closest major airport with two major terminals (Domestic and International), located just an hour away and is serviced by all major airports around Australia and the world



15 MINUTE DRIVE FROM BRISBANE CITY CENTRE

Road

All roads lead to Queensland Country, including the Cunningham, New England, Warrego, Leichhardt, D'Aguilar, Brisbane Valley, Gore, Capricorn and Gregory Highways and the Great Inland Way and the Adventure Way.

Self-Drive

Our well-maintained highways and quiet country backroads make driving holidays one of the best ways to enjoy your Queensland Country escape.

To plan your journey, check out our suggested itineraries on page 16.

Coach

Prefer to take the passenger seat? Soak up the scenery onboard one of the coaches that service the region. Regular bus services operate between Brisbane, Toowoomba, Warwick, Stanthorpe and beyond, with connections to air, rail and local buses.

Choose from Greyhound Australia, Murrays Coaches, Crisps Coaches and Bus Queensland for the ultimate touring experience through Queensland Country.

Rail

Ride the rails through Queensland's stunning countryside.

Queensland Rail offers two scenic train rides that showcase the beauty of our Queensland Country.

The Westlander travels across the Great Dividing Range to Toowoomba, allowing you to admire the stunning landscapes and rich farmlands of the region before continuing onto its final destination, Charleville.

The Spirit of the Outback travelling from Brisbane to Longreach, passing through the heart of the Central Queensland Highlands. Travel the full journey or stop along the way at Duaringa, Bluff, Blackwater, Emerald, and Anakie.

Things you need to know

First things first. There are eleven sub-regions that make up Queensland Country and they each have very different experiences, so you'll want to plan what to do geographically.



Queensland Country is big!

If you're heading from Brisbane, Toowoomba is an easy day trip. However, destinations like Stanthorpe, Dalby and the Bunya Mountains are best enjoyed with an overnight stay, and further afield, such as Carnarvon Gorge, you'll want to saddle up for a longer road trip or possibly fly there from Brisbane. One thing is for sure though, with a full weekend under your belt (or a little longer), the region offers endless possibilities for the perfect country escape.

Holiday Periods

Holiday periods are based around seasons, climate, major events, school and public holidays. Prices and availability fluctuate accordingly. For further information on school and public holidays in Queensland, visit education.qld.gov.au

Low: Summer (December - February) Shoulder: Autumn (March - May) Spring (October - November) High: Winter/Spring (June - September)

While there are events year-round in Queensland Country the largest number of events fall between August and October which we like to refer to as our Events Season.

O Lake Somerset, Somerset Region



Climate

Queensland Country is a place that changes dramatically with the seasons. With each season dishing up an experience to top the last – there's really no bad time to come and visit.



Visit in Winter to enjoy a cosy cottage with a fireplace for those frosty mornings, (sometimes even bringing snowfall), hunt for truffles or delight in distinct wine varietals in the heart of Queensland's wine country.



Visit in Summer for subtropical heat that can be relieved in fresh water holes, lakes, cascading waterfalls, and fields of sunflowers. Frolic amongst the strawberry fields and apple orchards.



Visit in Autumn to witness tree-lined streets painted in vivid reds and oranges and enjoy freshly harvested apples, grapes and other local produce including one of the many artisan breweries and distilleries.



Visit in Spring for a floral blockbuster show, which even has its own festival to celebrate the season — The Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers. Experience the treelined streets of the quaint country towns transcend into a purple oasis.

For further climate information, please visit Australian Bureau of Meteorology bom.gov.au

Fishing

Reel in unforgettable fishing experiences in Queensland Country. From tranquil creeks and rivers to expansive lakes, the region offers diverse habitats teeming with a variety of freshwater fish species. Whether casting a line for iconic Australian Bass, Yellowbelly, or Murray Cod, anglers of all skill levels will find ample opportunities to hook their next big catch.

Hiking

From the rugged beauty of Carnarvon Gorge to the ancient rainforests of Bunya Mountains, each trail in over 20 national parks calling our region home promises stunning views and unique encounters with wildlife. Whether tackling challenging terrain or enjoying leisurely strolls, hikers will find endless opportunities to connect with nature.





Biking

Queensland Country offers a diverse array of cycling adventures, catering to every level of enthusiast. Explore serene country roads winding through picturesque vineyards, or embark on tranquil rides along scenic rail trails, bordered by lush bushlands. For adrenaline seekers, discover purpose-built mountain bike trails designed to challenge both beginners and seasoned riders alike.

Bird Watching

From lush rainforests to expansive agricultural plains, the region boasts diverse ecosystems, each teeming with a plethora of bird species. Discover the melodious calls of lorikeets, or marvel at the majestic sight of wedge-tailed eagles soaring over mountain ranges. With over 400 species recorded across the region, every outing promises new and exciting birdwatching opportunities.





Horse riding

Riding along country trails or working cattle properties on horseback is an authentic country experience. Whether riding with a knowledgeable guide sharing the local history of the area or hiring a horse and embarking on a solo adventure, there is an experience for every level of horse rider.



Night skies

With Queensland Country's high elevation, travellers can find serene stargazing hotspots free from light pollution throughout the region. Travel through the galaxy with a captivating night show at Kingaroy Observatory or learn from an award-winning astrophotographer in the Bunya Mountains. Explore Carnarvon Gorge's flora, fauna and stars with expert-guided tours. For a relaxed stargazing adventure select a secluded campground or a boutique cabin surrounded by nature.

The best time to see the night sky in all its glory is through winter with the lower humidity, cool, calm air and generally clear skies (no clouds in sight here) providing the perfect opportunity to see the black star lit canvas in more detail. This season in Australia is also referred to as the Milky Way season, with the centre passing right overhead.



Sunflowers

Sunflower fields are a sight to behold, where paddocks transform into fields of gold as sunflowers stand tall in bloom. While you can find sunflower fields across the state, Queensland Country is a region that truly shines. However, it's important to know where to find them and how to respectfully visit them.

Sunflowers typically bloom from January to March, but are highly weather dependent so bloom season can vary. While some fields come to life as early as November or December, others may have limited sunflowers due to drought conditions. The bloom period typically lasts for about three to four weeks, so timing is essential. A field that was vibrant one week might be past its prime the next. It's a combination of good timing and a bit of luck to catch the sunflowers at their best.

Remember to tread carefully when visiting these fields, as they grow in the farmlands and crop fields of hardworking Queenslanders. The best way to show your admiration is by observing the sunflowers from a distance. Contact the Queensland Country Tourism (QCT) team for up to date info on where blooming sunflower fields may be.

Regions of Queensland Country

Queensland Country is the ideal destination for a country getaway, offering a perfect blend of stunning natural landscapes, four distinct seasons, a thriving wine scene, and a wide range of farm-to-table regional food experiences.

Beginning just a short 55-minute drive from Brisbane (and just 6 traffic lights), or an hour and a half flight from Brisbane, this region encompasses the vibrant regions of Central Queensland Highlands, Goondiwindi, Lockyer Valley, Somerset, Southern Downs & Granite Belt, Toowoomba, Western Downs, North Burnett, South Burnett, Woorabinda, and Cherbourg.

Whether you are seeking breathtaking scenery, exploring vineyards, enjoying fresh local produce, or immersing yourself in the local culture, Queensland Country has something for everyone. With its close proximity to Brisbane and the variety of regions to explore, it offers a perfect escape from the city and a chance to experience the beauty of rural Queensland.



Lockyer Valley Region

Welcome to "Australia's Salad Bowl". The flourishing crop country of the Lockyer Valley is one of the most fertile farming areas in the world and grows over 95% of all winter crops in Australia. Upon arrival in this picturesque countryside, you will be greeted with an abundance of colourful fields and delightful foodie experiences, all made with the freshest and highest quality local ingredients.

Beyond its thriving agricultural industry, the Lockyer Valley is filled with charming towns, historic buildings, heritage sights, breathtaking mountain views, and immersive farm experiences.



55 MINUTES FROM BRISBANE



MUST DO



Towoomba Region

Home to Australia's second-largest inland city, the Toowoomba Region offers the perfect blend of metropolitan living and country charm. This region stretches from Yarraman in the north to Millmerran in the south-west. Perched 700 meters above sea level on the western slope of the Great Dividing Range, the Toowoomba Region boasts a diverse landscape with rolling plains, lively country towns, and picturesque sunflower farms.

In addition to its natural beauty, the region is also known for its thriving urban coffee culture, artisanal produce, and hidden laneways. While embracing modernity, the Toowoomba Region proudly showcases its historical connection to the pioneering era, giving visitors a glimpse into its rich heritage.



90 MINUTES FROM BRISBANE



MUST DO

Scan here for must do activities in region.

Western Downs Region

Stretching from Dalby to Meandarra, this expansive region is unparalleled in size and scale and covers a land area that is so vast, some parts of the world would require passports to cross it.

The Western Downs greets you with fields of lush produce, wildlife that embodies the spirit of the bush, and landscapes that burst to life with vibrant colours. While the region is renowned for its thriving agricultural scene, it would be a disservice to overlook its rich history, expansive skies, and unforgettable sunsets.

What truly sets the Western Downs apart is its people. With a deep appreciation for the land, the locals make this region come alive with their warmth and welcoming spirit. Prepare yourself for a whole new adventure as you immerse yourself in the Western Downs and discover the true essence of country community in Australia.



JUST UNDER 3 HOURS FROM BRISBANE



MUST DO





Southern Downs & Granite Belt

A perfect blend of natural beauty, immersive wine experiences, fresh local produce, and exciting events. There are countless opportunities to explore and indulge in wine tastings and vineyard tours. Its vineyards, some of which are located at an impressive altitude of 1,000 meters above sea level are leading the way in producing Strange Bird varietals with over 50 cellar doors.

But the Southern Downs & Granite Belt has much more to offer than just wine. The region boasts stunning natural landscapes, with vast sky panoramas and prehistoric granite boulders that seem to defy gravity. Its rich multicultural and agricultural heritage adds another layer of charm and history to the area. The cooler climate, which can bring snow in winter, makes it a truly unique destination in Australia.



90 MINUTES FROM BRISBANE



MUST DO

Scan here for must do activities in region.

Goondiwindi Region

Sitting on the banks of the Macintyre River, this is regional Australia at its best, where you'll find a thriving country culture, rich in early Australian history and heritage. Fall in love with the flourishing vibrant street art scene, larger-than-life sculptures, and one of the biggest silo artworks in the country. Venture beyond the town streets to discover an abundance of rivers, dams, and waterways, renowned for a variety of water sports and inland fishing, crisscrossing their way through the region. Additionally, it is the agricultural heart of the region, with cotton farms, local olives, and numerous primary producers who call this part of the world home.



4 HOURS FROM BRISBANE



MUST DO





Somerset Region

Discover 5,382 km2 of countryside boasting an abundance of lakes and landscapes encapsulating mountain forests and tranquil valleys just waiting to be explored. Travel a short one hour from Brisbane's CBD to the heart of the South-East, punching above its weight in outdoor adventures featuring some of Queensland's most loved water-sporting locations - Lake Wivenhoe and Lake Somerset. Take a country drive along winding valley roads through towns who believe in authentic country hospitality, value high quality produce and experiences. Whether it's history, adventure or romance, each town has its own story to tell and a certain charm and a character of its own. Look closely to uncover stories hidden all over the region; on the walls of art galleries; in the footprints along the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail; or over the counter at the local pub. Adventure awaits in Somerset.



1HOUR FROM BRISBANE



MUST DO

Scan here for must do activities in region.

Central Queensland Highlands

Experience the best of both worlds in the Central Queensland Highlands, where the quintessential Queensland countryside meets lush rainforest-clad peaks. This region offers a perfect fusion of action-packed adventure and awe-inspiring scenery.

Explore Carnarvon Gorge, known for its towering sandstone cliffs, prehistoric cycads, and more than 2,000 examples of Aboriginal rock art. Visit the Gemfields, where you can try your luck at fossicking for your very own sapphire. Discover Blackdown Tableland National Park with deep gorges, spectacular lookouts, scenic waterfalls, and Ghungalu cultural sites. The Central Queensland Highlands has all of this and more, just waiting for you to discover.



APPROX 9 HOURS DRIVE OR 1.5HR FLIGHT FROM BRISBANE



MUST DO





Paddock to Plate

Relish the foodie time of your life

Queensland Country is renowned for its rich, wholesome food and beverage culture. The abundant agricultural landscapes boasting flourishing crops and diverse climate, make this region a stand out to experience unusual flavours and taste profiles.

Home to Queensland's wine country, visitors to the region can pair the stunning and dramatic landscapes with the freshest flavours of the area. You can pick your own ripe berries and apples, forage for truffles, or savour cheese with very low food miles (from Okm), meaning it has been produced nearby. The chance to see and taste the season's finest produce right where it is grown at a signature event made to celebrate each harvest season is a truly authentic country experience.

Embark on the ultimate foodie journey in Queensland Country and discover the incredible flavours and experiences that this region has to offer.



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SAVOUR QUEENSLAND COUNTRY

Explore Queensland Country's thriving foodie culture with purpose along our series of tasting trails. Discover these self-guided experiences that deliver a deeper, richer, and more immersive culinary journey. Along these trails, you will find the best local flavours and have the opportunity to meet the makers.

Markets and Farm Gates

Market to market

Souvenir's look a little different in our neck of the woods. We like to skip the supermarkets and source local products directly from roadside stalls, farmers markets and farm gates.

Visitors and locals alike can buy their fruits, vegetables, meat, preserves, and baked goods straight from the people who have grown and nurtured them. It is one of the best ways to meet our country locals, hear their stories, and learn exactly where the food and products come from. This warm country hospitality and connection to the source is what sets Queensland Country apart.

Embark on a culinary journey starting with the Lockyer Valley, known as 'Australia's Salad Bowl', where you can taste the freshest produce. Continue your adventure to Stanthorpe in the Southern Downs, the apple capital of Australia, where you'll also find the juiciest strawberries. Explore Chinchilla in the Western Downs, known for its watermelon, and beyond.

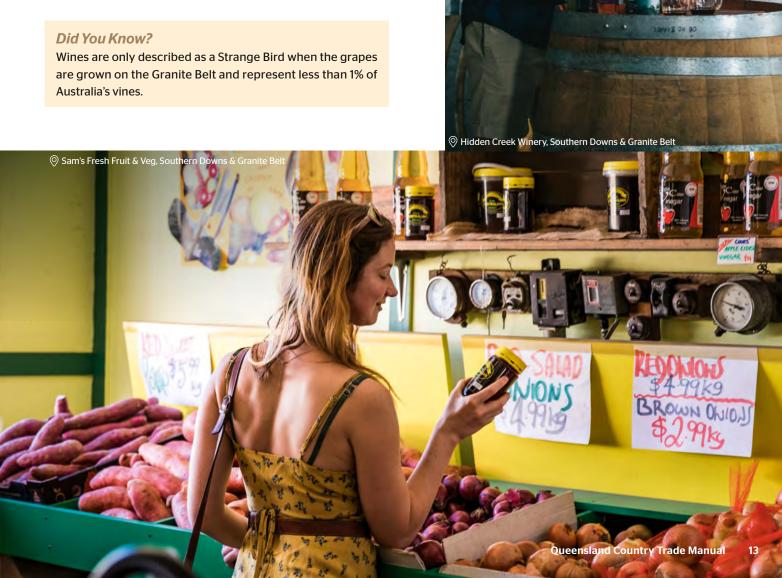
Visit the weekly markets dotted throughout Queensland Country, bursting with friendly hospitality and tales to tell every weekend. Here, you'll find premium quality, locally sourced fresh produce, and artisan goods. Enjoy rotating live music and abundant arts and crafts.

Wine and Craft Beverages

Savour the flavours of our locally crafted and award-winning drinks

Whether you're a wine lover, whiskey aficionado, or fan of craft beers and spirits, Queensland Country offers a diverse and exciting range of experiences. Known for its commitment to producing exceptional drinks, Queensland Country is home to the Granite Belt and South Burnett regions, which are Queensland's two official Geographical Indication (GI) wine regions. Visitors can sample from top producers of alternative variety wines, also known as Strange Bird Varieties.

In addition to its wine prowess, Queensland Country also boasts a remarkable collection of craft breweries and artisanal distilleries, including Australia's highest whiskey bar. And for those looking for non-alcoholic options, Queensland Country has not one, but two historic soft drink factories located in the Toowoomba Region that have been operating since the early 1900s, making them two of the oldest surviving "small town" manufacturers of Soft Drinks in Australia. Visitors can get a taste of history and the chance to learn about the art of soft drink-making.



Queesland Country's Top 10

#1 Go on a country drive

Embark on a scenic Queensland country drive, exploring picturesque landscapes, charming towns, and breathtaking natural wonders. Meet authentic country characters, always willing to share a yarn or stay in cute Queenslander-style cottages, boutique hotels, B&B's, or roll out your swag and camp under the stars.

43 Relax or play on our waterways

Explore the tranquil waterways of Queensland Country for relaxation and adventure. From fishing in secluded creeks to thrilling watersports on sparkling lakes there is something for everyone. Unwind with scenic water views or get active with paddleboarding, kayaking or water skiing.

#5 Savour Queensland's wine region

Sip, swirl and taste some of Australia's most distinctive wine varieties in Queensland's highest wine region. Learn from passionate winemakers delivering extraordinary experiences as they conduct wine tastings at boutique cellar doors, or stroll through picturesque vineyards for that Instagram-worthy photo.

***7** Shop local

Shopping is a little different in Queensland Country. Bypass shopping centres and go straight to the source to pick your own produce and learn the story of how it was grown directly from the farmer. Stop at roadside stalls or browse farmer's markets for fresh produce and artisanal goods.

#9 Get adventurous

Adventure seekers will be thrilled by the myriad of activities awaiting them in Queensland Country. Venture off the beaten track and horse ride or mountain bike through forests and agricultural plains. Go back in time fossicking for gems and fossils scattered throughout the region. Or, pull out the binoculars for birdwatching by day, and stargazing by night.

#2 Walk in national parks

Discover the beauty of Queensland Country's national parks, with stunning landscapes, diverse wildlife, a UNESCO listed rainforest, and endless opportunities for outdoor adventures. Unearth precariously balanced boulders at Girraween National Park, towering rock walls at Carnarvon Gorge, and ancient bunya pines in the Bunya Mountains, plus so much more.

#4 Go to great local events

From the cultural to the quirky, Queensland Country is filled with a diverse calendar of events. Back a winner at a country race meet, indulge in local produce at a harvest festival, celebrate floral spectacles each spring, and the list goes on!

#**6** Have some wholesome family fun

Queensland Country is filled with experiences the whole family will enjoy. Hike, bike or swim through nature. Meet farm animals or those a little more exotic. Pack a picnic filled with fresh local produce and bask in the beauty of the many parks or gather around a crackling campfire toasting marshmallows under a starry sky.

#8 Uncover the art scene

Queensland Country is bursting with artistic flair. From unique artworks at premium galleries to vibrant murals painted on silos and everything in between, discover a captivating must-see arts and culture destination, telling pivotal stories of the region.

#10 Unearth history and heritage

From quaint country pubs and historic bed-andbreakfasts to engaging museums and private collections, a rich tapestry of Indigenous and pioneering tales of yesteryear unfolds, illuminating Queensland Country's distinctive history.







Suggested Itineranes





OVERNIGHTS Stanthorpe (2) **WHAT WE LOVE**

- Granite Belt Food and Wine Trail local seasonal produce, cellar doors and craft breweries
- ▶ Granite Belt Strange Bird Alternative Wine Trail
- Apple pie and cider at Sutton's Apple Farm, Cidery & The Shed Café, Thulimbah
- > Stanthorpe Cheese, Thulimbah
- Delicious jams and conserves at Jamworks Gourmet Foods Café & Larder
- Girraween National Park's granite walking trails, abundant birdlife and spring wildflowers
- Seasonal produce destination restaurant
 The Barrelroom, Ballandean
- Twilight Winery Tour tastings, sunset drinks and three-course seasonal produce dinner



OVERNIGHTS Toowoomba (1), Carnarvon (2) **WHAT WE LOVE** (Toowoomba)

- ▶ Ju Raku En Japanese Garden
- Cobb+Co Museum
- Laneway street art trail & coffee culture
- ▶ Local restaurants featuring seasonal food & wine

WHAT WE LOVE (Somerset)

- Nash Gallery at Esk
- Water Skiing on Lake Somerset
- Camping on the waters edge
- ▶ Riding the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail on Horseback
- Live music at Esk Caravan Park







OVERNIGHTS Toowoomba (1), Dalby (1), Goondiwindi (1), Stanthorpe (1), Warwick (1), Gatton (1)

WHAT WE LOVE

- ▶ Walking the Toowoomba Street Art Trail, Toowoomba
- Jondaryan Woolshed, Jondaryan
- Hiking at Bunya Mountains National Park, Western Downs
- ▶ House Tour of Jimbour House, Jimbour
- Farm Tour of Goondiwindi Cotton, Goondiwindi
- Inglewood Pub Murals, Inglewood
- ▶ Stay at Barrel View Luxury Cabins, Ballandean
- ▶ Stunning Views at Girraween National Park, Granite Belt
- ▶ Historic Stay at Abbey Boutique Hotel, Warwick
- ▶ Tastings at Awassi Cheesery, Lockyer Valley



OVERNIGHTS Bunya Mountains (2), Carnarvon Gorge (2), St George (1), Girraween National Park (2)

WHAT WE LOVE

- Ravensbourne National Park, near Toowoomba
- Bunya Mountains National Park
- Carnarvon Gorge National Park
- Bonus Downs Farm Stay
- ▶ Riversands Winery, St George
- Historic Nindigully Pub
- Girraween National Park's granite walking trails, abundant birdlife and spring wildflowers
- Granite Belt Food & Wine Trail local seasonal produce, cellar doors and craft breweries





OVERNIGHTS Stanthorpe (2), Goondiwindi (1), St George (1), Roma (1), Miles (1), Chinchilla (1), Toowoomba (1)

WHAT WE LOVE

- ▶ Granite Belt Food and Wine Trail
- ▶ Exploring Girraween National Park
- ▶ Cotton Farm tours in Goondiwindi
- ▶ Historic Nindigully Pub in St George
- ▶ Sunset river cruises in St George
- ▶ Touring the Roma Saleyards
- ▶ Step back in time at the Miles Historical Village
- ▶ Birdwatching at Charley's Creek, Chinchilla
- ▶ Uncover the history at Cobb+Co Museum, Toowoomba

OVERNIGHTS Stanthorpe (2), Warwick (1), Toowoomba (1), Ravensborne (1)

WHAT WE LOVE

- > Sample local food and wine at the Granite Belt
- ▶ Stay the night at Abbey Boutique Hotel, Warwick
- Tour the historic Glengallan Homestead & Heritage Centre
- ▶ Enjoy a pub lunch at the famous Rudd's Pub
- ▶ Picnic in the wilderness at Ravensbourne National Park
- Visit the quaint timber town of Crows Nest
- ▶ Explore Toowoomba's High Country









OVERNIGHTS Bunya Mountains (3), Girraween National Park (3)

WHAT WE LOVE

- Discover rainforests and Ancient Bunya Pines at Bunya Mountains National Park
- ▶ Follow popular rainforest and mountain walking trails
- Spot crimson rosellas, red-necked wallabies and other local wildlife
- ▶ Take a self-guided garden tour at historic Jimbour House
- ▶ See the granite outcrops at Girraween National Park
- ▶ Walk up to 17km of tracks in Girraween National Park
- Uncover Girraween's diverse wildlife and native plants
- Visit Coolmunda Organic Olive Grove

OVERNIGHTS Toowoomba (1), Carnarvon (2) **WHAT WE LOVE** (Toowoomba)

- Ju Raku En Japanese Garden
- ▶ Cobb+Co Museum
- Picnic Point Lookout
- Laneway street art trail & coffee culture
- ▶ Local restaurants featuring seasonal food & wine

WHAT WE LOVE (Carnaryon)

- ▶ Half & full day walks
- Spectacular sandstone gorge vistas
- Ancient rainforests
- Well-preserved Aboriginal rock art







OVERNIGHTS Toowoomba (2) **WHAT WE LOVE**

- ▶ Take in the sights as you drive up into the Toowoomba region
- Sample handmade chocolates at the Chocolate Cottage in Highfields
- View the magnificent gardens at Springs Bluff Railway Station
- ▶ Tour the National Carriage Collection at Cobb+Co Museum
- ▶ See the sights at Picnic Point Lookout
- Visit the quaint towns of Nobby and Glengallan
- ▶ Enjoy the floral displays at Queens Park

OVERNIGHTS Stanthorpe (3) **WHAT WE LOVE**

- ▶ Robert Channon Wines
- ▶ Heritage Estate Wines
- Jester Hill Wines
- Symphony Hill Wines
- ▶ Tobin Wines
- Queensland College of Wine and Tourism
- ▶ Ridgemill Estate Wines
- ▶ Ravenscroft Wines
- Summit Estate Wines







Arts and Culture Trail

WHAT WE LOVE

- Explore Holmwood Lavender Farm
- ▶ Enjoy Lunch at Jak & Mo Taste Co
- ▶ Cheese tasting at Awassi Cheesery
- ▶ Fresh produce from Australian Organic Farmers
- Dinner and drinks at Porters Plainland Hotel
- Sample the many farmgate stalls scattered around the region.

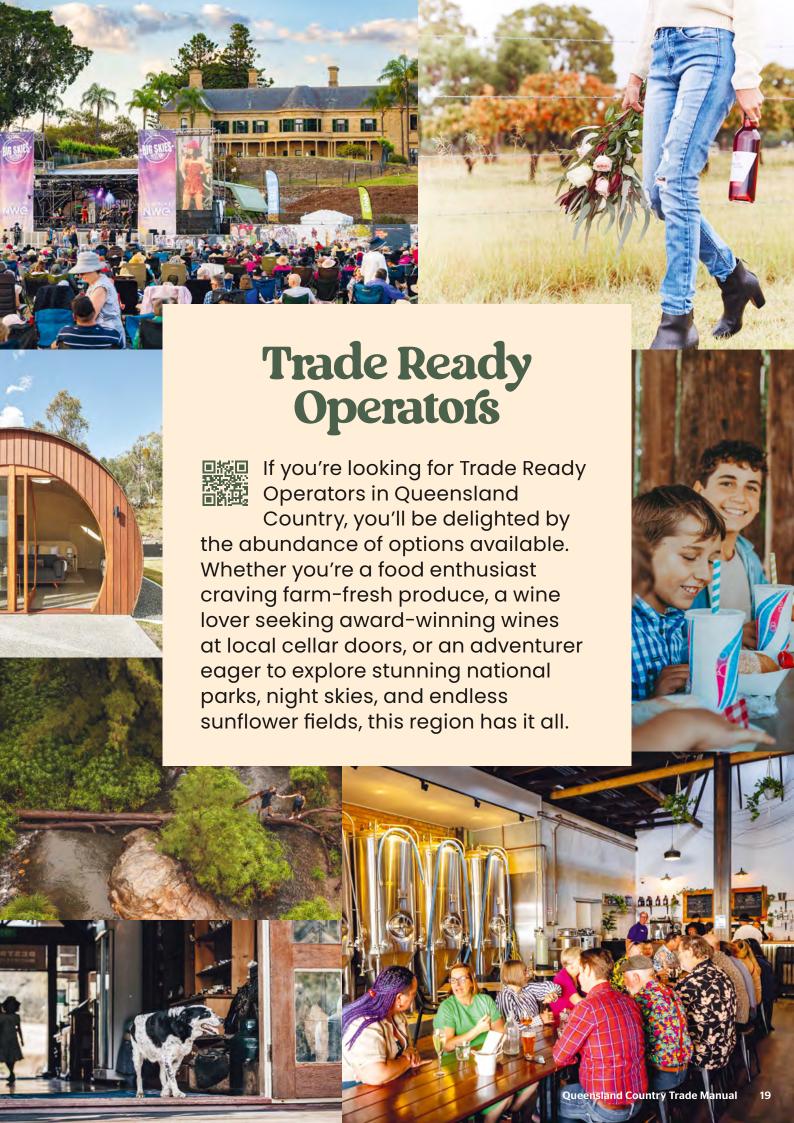
OVERNIGHTS Warwick (1), Goondiwindi (1), Miles (1)

WHAT WE LOVE

- ▶ Ju Raku En Japanese Garden, Toowoomba
- ▶ Toowoomba Laneway Art
- ▶ Royal Bulls Head Inn, Toowoomba
- ▶ Glengallan Homestead, Warwick
- ▶ Grantie Belt Art Trail
- Yelabon Silo Art
- ▶ Goondiwindi Art Trail
- Miles Historical Village
- Jimbour House, Jimbour











31 The Rocks

31 Brunkhorst Ave, Stanthorpe, Qld 4380

Nestled within 10 acres of stunning bushland, these modern self-contained villas provide unique features and privacy, making them the perfect retreat for any occasion. Each villa is fully equipped with cosy wood fireplaces, BBQ's, and air conditioning, ensuring year-round comfort.

- Rooms: Self-contained villas with modern amenities
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Bestbrook Farmstay

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Whether it's a family getaway or catching up with friends, Bestbrook is the ideal farmstay for creating unforgettable memories. Bestbrook embraces simple pleasures: milking cows, feeding our barnyard friends, cooking damper on our bush microwave, and boiling the billy for a cup of Aussie tea.

- Rooms: Two and three bedroom cabins, powered and un-powered camping sites.
- Facilities: Licensed Bar and Restaurant, swimming pool, free Wi-Fi, open fire-pits, car parking facilities
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Barrel View Luxury Cabins

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Experience unparalleled luxury, where sophisticated elegance meets modern comfort. Nestled in the heart of Queensland's wine country, each cabin offers breathtaking views and indulgent amenities. Whether you're savouring local wines on your private patio or relaxing in plush interiors, every moment promises serenity and style.

- Rooms: All cabins boast private deck and panoramic mountain views
- Facilities: Contactless Property, Alfresco BBQ and Fire Pit area, Undercover Parking, Free Wi-Fi
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Best Western Tuscany on Tor Motor Inn

412 Tor Street, Toowoomba, Queensland 4350

Curated with comfort and simplicity and a touch of luxury, the Best Western Tuscany on Tor Motor Inn offers boutique motel and apartment style accommodation where guests will enjoy a restful, calm, and stress-free stay. Nestled just minutes from the heart of Toowoomba within close proximity to shopping, dining and local activities.

- Rooms: Motel rooms, executive studio and spa rooms, one and two bedroom apartments
- Facilities: Undercover parking, Outdoor Pool, Guest Laundry
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Breeze Holiday Parks Carnaryon Gorge

Obrien's Road, Carnarvon Gorge, Queensland 4702

Set amongst Carnarvon National Park on 100 acres is BIG4 Breeze Holiday Parks - Carnarvon Gorge. It's the perfect destination to disconnect from the hustle of life and reconnect with nature. Just a five-minute drive from where your Carnarvon Gorge walks begin, Breeze Holiday Parks is the perfect base.

- Rooms: Cabins, Tents, unpowered and powered camping sites
- Facilities: Accessible amenities, camp kitchen, walking tracks, bush bar, laundry



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26 Diamondvale Road, Stanthorpe, Queensland 4380

Welcome to Diamondvale Estate, where the charm of yesteryear merges with the luxury of today. Four unique cottages situated over 30 peaceful acres on the banks of Quart Pot Creek, we provide you with a personal experience of space, stillness, and ultimate serenity in the heart of Stanthorpe.

- Rooms: Fully self-contained one and two bedroom apartments with quality extras
- Facilities: Country luxe gathering space, outdoor firepits, outdoor bath, walking tracks



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Emerald Inn By Traveller's

28-30 Esmond Street, Emerald, QLD 4720

The Emerald Inn is your 'home away from home' in Emerald. Minutes from the CBD, our quiet motel offers modern, selfcontained apartments with free Wi-Fi, comfy beds, smart TVs, a fully equipped kitchen, and a washer-dryer. Perfect for business or leisure, we provide everything you need to stay, work, and recharge.

- Facilities: Undercover parking, meal delivery service, after



hours check-in, accessible rooms, BBQ facilities



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Girraween Environmental Lodge

🔘 1/49 Wrens In, Wyberba, Stanthorpe, Queensland 4382

Offering a unique nature experience on 400 private acres surrounded by Girraween National Park. Stay in luxury comforts whilst also exploring hiking trails with ancient rock formations, encounter wildlife, relax in outdoor spa, swim under the stars, and visit local wineries.

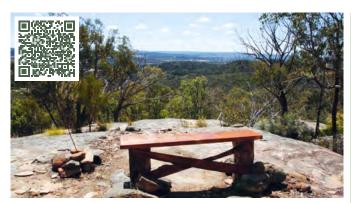
- Rooms: Stay in one of 10 deluxe self-catering spa chalets nestled on 400 acres of Australian bush
- Facilities: Under stars outdoor spa, two plunge pools, outdoor fire pits, picnic areas, and a pizza oven



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Glen Lough Cabins

232 Townsend Road, Glen Aplin, Queensland 4381

Experience the tranquil ambiance of Glen Lough luxury bush Cabins with scenic walks, granite formations, and wildlife sightings. Enjoy picnics or BBQs on the deck with local delights. Explore the night sky with telescopes. Your hosts Irish hospitality ensures a memorable retreat staying in your own quaint self-catering bush cabin.

- Rooms: Four fully self-contained cabins with one queen bed and one double sofa bed
- Facilities: Accessible amenities, car parking, laundry, walking tracks

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Kiambram Country Cottages

O Sunrise Road Gowrie Little Plain Queensland 4352

An Eco Farm stay offering self-contained Studio Cabins and circa 1910 Cottage. Land For Wildlife accredited, the complex is set amongst beautiful Mountain Coolibah and vine scrub flora with a bush tucker trail and elevated rural views. Guests can relax, rejuvenate and experience nearby award-winning food and tourism experiences.

- Rooms: 3 x cabins (sleeping 2 people), and 1x three-bedroom cottage (sleeping up-to 6)
- Facilities: Accessible amenities, private gardens, outdoor firepits, car parking

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Jubri's Hideaway

63 Chelldan Av, Dalby, Queensland 4405

Enjoy tranquil ambience at Jubri's Hideaway, Dalby, stay in the 3 bedroom guesthouse or hideaway cabins, surrounded by stunning themed gardens. Hosts Brian and Judy offer the perfect base to explore and hike the Bunya mountains one day and visit quaint country towns and wineries the next. Relax by the pool, view stunning sunsets and BBQ dinner under the stars.

Rooms: Three-bedroom Guest House or Hideaway Cabins

Facilities: Accessible grounds, swimming pool

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Potter's Hotel Toowoomba

258 Margaret St, Toowoomba City, Queensland 4350

Potters Hotel is an ideal choice of accommodation in the Garden City offering Deluxe King and Twin rooms or two Bedroom Self-catering Apartments for families. Potters Hotel is a short walk from the Grand Central Shopping Centre and Laurel Bank Botanical Gardens.

Rooms: Twin or King rooms, and two-bedroom apartments

Facilities: Enjoy dinning in the onsite restaurant, breakfast and dinner or room service, accessible amenities, free Wi-Fi, free onsite secure car parking, and laundry facilities on each level

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Quest Toowoomba

133 Margaret Street, Toowoomba Queensland 4350

Nestled in the heart of Australia's second-largest inland city, with some rooms giving guests coveted views over Queens Park - one of the city's oldest and most treasured parks. Boutique cafés, restaurants, and shops pepper the surrounding streets, while the Empire Theatre and Grand Central Shopping Centre are only a short walk away.

- Rooms: Boasting 74 modern serviced apartment style rooms
- Facilities: On-site gym and conference facilities

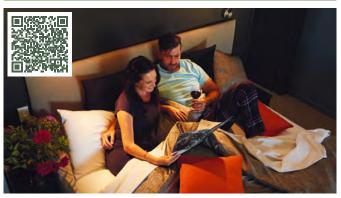


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Ridgemill Estate Winery

218 Donges Road, Severnlea, Queensland 4380

An immersive experience in authentic vineyard and winery life, showcasing spectacular views across the valley Girraween National Park ranges. Ideal for couples looking for a luxurious getaway, groups celebrating special events or family gatherings.

- Rooms: 12 x fully self-contained 'Studio Cabins', and 'Winery Escape House'
- Facilities: Vineyard tours and wine tasting experiences, complimentary continental breakfast, bottle of Ridgemill Estate wine, and free bicycle hire, lawn games & goat feeding!



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Ravensbourne Escape

💿 3143 Esk Hampton Road, Ravensbourne, Queensland 4352

Ravensbourne Escape is a luxurious retreat nestled high on the Great Dividing Range. Offering a range of beautifully designed self-contained cottages with spas & log fires, this hidden gem provides a unique blend of luxury and tranquillity in the Australian bush, and a refreshing getaway for nature-loving travellers.

- Rooms: Choose between a self-contained 'Luxury Studio', 'Luxury Chalet', standard or luxury 'House'
- Facilities: On-site Function Centre, secure gated community, car parking, Wi-Fi



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Sancerre Estate

60 Zambelli Road, Ballandean, Queensland, 4382

Distinguished vineyard and accommodation provider located in Ballandean, Queensland, Australia. Its View Wine winery is renowned for its premium wines produced in the unique Granite Belt terroir, also offering a charming and immersive experience at the on-site Grape to Glass Centre, making it a destination for wine enthusiasts and travellers alike.

- Rooms: 2x B&B rooms, and 1x 3 bedroom self-contained house
- Inclusions: Vineyard views, complimentary wine tasting with the wine maker included in all stays



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The Ballandean Pub and Motel

1 Saint Judes Lane, Ballandean Queensland 4382

A quintessential country experience in the heart of Queensland's Granite Belt. Known for its welcoming atmosphere, the pub is a hub for locals and visitors alike, and the on-site motel provides comfortable, convenient accommodation. The perfect base to stay and explore the nearby wineries and national parks.

- Rooms: 1x triple room (3pax), 1x family room (5pax), and 1x three-bed self-contained cottage Artist Residence (6pax)
- Facilities: Air con, private bathrooms, Wi-Fi, Pub open for lunch and dinner 7 days



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Valhalla Glamping

20 394 West Haldon Road, West Haldon Queensland 4359

A serene sanctuary set amidst the farming landscapes of the Lockyer Valley. Situated within a working cattle property and commercial flower farm you can dive into the heart of country life, leaving your stresses behind. This luxury glamping getaway offers breathtaking views and starry filled skies, providing the perfect blend of nature's simplicity and modern comforts.

Rooms: King size bed with luxury linen, private deck with scenic views, furnished with up-cycled individually chosen pieces, en-suite facilities

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The Folly Ballandean

1110 Bents Road, Ballandean Queensland 4382

Be welcomed by wildlife and kangaroos and sleep under starry nights enjoying the peace of the Australian bush on a working Truffle farm. Off-grid and eco-friendly campsites with firepits and amenity block. You can join the farmers and unearth a fresh truffle, meet farm animals or go for a bushwalk.

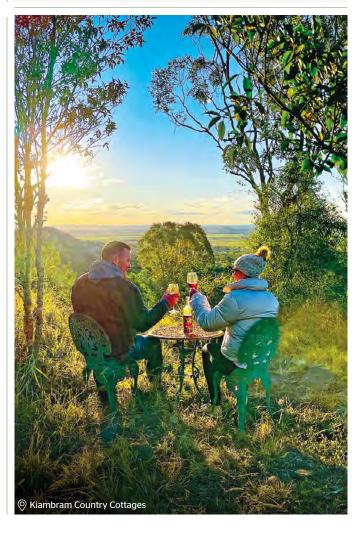
Facilities: All sites are unpowered with level gravel pads and designated fire pits. Accessible amenities block, camp sink and septic dump point on site

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PLAY in Queensland Country

Whether you're in search of adventure or a peaceful country getaway, our region has something for everyone.

With a range of outdoor activities and adrenaline-pumping adventures, Queensland Country is the perfect destination for nature lovers and thrill-seekers alike. Queensland Country offers numerous tour and experience options, or you can set off on a Country Roadtrip to explore at your own pace.





Ballandean Estate Wines

354 Sundown Rd, Ballandean Qld 4382

The oldest family-owned winery in Queensland located in Ballandean, the centre of Granite Belt wine country, with sustainable winemaking and grape growing practices. Welcoming guests daily for wine tastings of a wide range of varieties and styles. Or stay a while to enjoy unparalleled wine and food experiences in the charismatic Barrel Wine Lounge.

Open daily from 9:00am - 5:00pm for self-paced wine tasting of a wide range of wines including very rare varieties. Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day.



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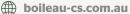


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Central Queensland Nature Tours

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Central Queensland Nature Tours is an owner-operated business located at the gateway to Carnarvon National Park, offering a blend of tourism services focused on nature exploration in The Roof of Queensland. Tours include 4WD tag-along adventures and guided hikes, designed to cater to various interests and abilities.

Facilties: Our tours operate from two locations; Carnarvon Gorge and Nyanda Station. Carnarvon Gorge has toilet facilities available. Nyanda Station has a meeting point shelter, toilet, fire pit, and more.



Dear Vincent Vineyard

64 St Judes Lane, Ballandean Queensland 4382

Located behind the Ballandean Pub is the stunning St Judes Vineyard, home to the regions newest and most exciting wine brand 'Dear Vincent Wines'. Guests can enjoy incredible views (and even better sunsets) from the authentic rustic cellar door out across the Granite Belt, through to the nearby world-class national parks.

Ideal for a relaxed tasting experience, Dear Vincent combines passion, creativity, and the rich terroir of Granite Belt Wine Country, making it a must-visit destination for wine enthusiasts.

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Floating Images Hot Air Balloon Flights

259 Junction Road, Karalee Queensland 4306

Floating Images offers a unique opportunity to combine a city and country balloon flight. Passengers enjoy superb and glorious views whilst floating majestically and effortlessly over the beautiful Somerset Countryside, Scenic Rim and the heritage city of Ipswich.

Each boutique flight has a max of 10 pax onboard, takes 3-4 hours and includes: 1-hour balloon flight, after-flight restaurant breakfast, flight certificate, friendly and professional chief pilot and crew. You'll be in very safe hands with our chief pilot, who has over 32 years' experience.



Goondiwindi Cotton

27 Herbert Street, Goondiwindi QLD 4390

Education to showcase the advancements of the cotton industry are central to Goondiwindi Cotton's Farm & Town Tour. Guests enjoy an authentic farm-based experience, led by friendly and knowledgeable locals, designed to connect visitors with the process of taking cotton from field to fabric. Guiding thousands of visitors each year through the sustainable practices and the dayto-day workings of our cotton farm 'Alcheringa', this tour is sure to be a hit.

Includes: morning tea at Goondiwindi's Customs House Museum and a stop-over at the Goondiwindi Cotton showroom.



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Gummingurru Experience

148 Old Homebush Road, Gowrie Junction Queensland 4352

Experience a fascinating tour of Gummingurru, a men's ceremonial site estimated to date between some 4000 - 6000 years old. Aboriginal people from across south-east Queensland and northern New South Wales, would use the men's site enroute to the gatherings in the Bunya Mountains to coincide with the ripening of the Bunya pine nuts. The traditional custodians now care for Gummingurru and are reviving the cultural knowledge of this place. On a guided tour learn the significance of stone arrangements, skin and kinship, and belief systems. Discover traditional plant use and bush tucker in the Bush Gardens.



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Miles Historical Village Museum

141 Murilla Street, Miles Queensland 4415

Experience Australian pioneering history at Miles Historical Village Museum, just 3.5 hours inland from Brisbane, the perfect stopover during an Outback Queensland road trip. Step back in time on guided tour discovering the life of early settlers, stories of local characters as you stroll the main street of this authentic village with over 30 buildings and countless displays. Experience local stories with local tour guides. Open 364 days a year. Monday to Sunday (7 days per week) except Christmas Day. 8.30 am - 4.30 pm.



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Jondaryan Woolshed

264 Jondaryan Evanslea Rd, Jondaryan Queensland 4403

The Woolshed at Jondaryan is proud to be the oldest and largest operating shearing shed in Australia. Suitable for group tours, Jondaryan offers an immersive experience in the rich cultural and pastoral history of the Darling Downs region. Explore the historic woolshed dating back to 1859, see demonstrations of traditional skills including sheep shearing, blacksmithing and whip making. Wander through the character-filled heritage buildings then enjoy freshly made damper and 'billy' brewed tea. Jondaryan is located 45-minutes-drive west of Toowoomba.



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Ridgemill Estate Winery

218 Donges Road, Severnlea, Queensland 4380

An immersive experience in authentic vineyard and winery life with three unique tour offerings: Choose between a 30-minute vineyard tour with a 45-minute tasting; a self-guided discovery of Strange Bird' wines paired with cheese platter; and an exclusive premium tasting with winemaker Peter McGlashan.

Grape to Glass Masterclass 2-4ppl, 75 minutes Strange Bird Flight of 3 Wine & Cheese 2-4ppl, 90 minutes Winemaker's Tasting Experience 2-6ppl, 60 minutes

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The Bunya Mountains Experience

30 Tolmie Street, Mowbullan, Bunya Mountains, 4405

The Bunya Mountains has been likened to a 'Parliament House' for Aboriginal people across Southern Queensland and Northern NSW. Every three years, great gatherings occurred in line with the bumper bunya nut crop. Lore was maintained at these gatherings including arranged marriages, trading and settling disputes. For these reasons the whole of the Bunya Mountains landscape can be considered as highly significant cultural heritage. Take part in a traditional smoking ceremony, learn the Bunyas significance to Aboriginal people, tour the unique Bush Uni and join a rainforest walk to discover how plants were used in daily life.

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Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

Toowoomba City, Queensland 4350

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The Folly Truffles

1110 Bents Road, Ballandean QLD 4382

Join truffle farmers Maple and Ben and meet the truffle dogs as you discover where and how truffles are grown at the only commercial farm in Queensland.

Hunt for fresh truffles in July and August, or enjoy other educational and interactive experiences including trying locally made truffle products outside of truffle season.



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Vintage Tours

26 Diamondvale Road, Stanthorpe Queensland 4380

Go vintage style AND VIP in our 1960 Morris Minor 1000.

Leave the car and crowded tour buses behind and take a slower, deliberate pace around the region on a VIP tour. Pickup & drop off from your accommodation, personal tour guide for up to 6 hours, bespoke itinerary according to your interests-foodie heaven, discover some of the 50+ wineries including Strange Bird varieties, local artisans & attractions.



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ATTRACTIONS in Queensland Country

Immerse yourself in the beauty of our natural landscapes!

Hike through breathtaking national parks, soak in the spectacular views from our mountain lookouts, and conquer our mountain biking trails. History buffs will find delight in our museums, where each exhibit offers a captivating glimpse into the rich tapestry of our past.

Why not elevate your next holiday with a Queensland Country event? Back a winner at a country race meet, savour delicious local produce straight from the source, and marvel at our vibrant floral spectacle each September.

Whether you're seeking a unique day trip or eager feel like a local for a weekend at a community event, our region is packed with exciting options!





Big Skies Festival

86 Jimbour Station Rd, Jimbour East Queensland 4406

The Big Skies Festival is unlike any festival anywhere else in Australia. The location, the music, the people... truly a special experience. Set on the STUNNING grounds of Jimbour House, this majestic, iconic sandstone heritage-listed homestead is one of the earliest stations established in Queensland Country. The festival includes Australia's leading rock and country bands, sunset dinners, local artists, and exclusive tours inside Jimbour House. Festival goes can stay onsite with glamping, caravan or campervan, with transfers to motel accommodation in Dalby.

() Opening Hours: Annual event. First weekend in October.



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Gemfest - Festival of Gems

2 Evans Street, Anakie Siding Queensland 4702

Gemfest Anakie is an annual festival held in Anakie, Queensland. celebrating the region's rich sapphire mining history. Known as one of Australia's premier gem shows, it attracts gem enthusiasts, collectors, and tourists from around the world. The event showcases a wide array of gemstones, including sapphires, rubies, and other precious stones, along with jewellery, fossicking opportunities, and lapidary demonstrations. With live entertainment, food stalls, and activities for families, Gemfest offers a vibrant mix of education, culture, and fun, all set in the picturesque Sapphire Gemfields.

() Opening Hours: Annual event. Second weekend in August.



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Oueensland Museum Cobb+Co

27 Lindsay Street, Toowoomba Queensland 4350

Toowoomba's must-see tourist destination. Queensland Museum Cobb+Co is home to the National Carriage Collection featuring Australia's premier collection of 50 horse-drawn vehicles. Immerse yourself in the natural and cultural history of the Toowoomba Region with a variety of interactive exhibitions and events, including heritage trades workshops, from blacksmithing to wheelwrighting and more. Relax and recharge at Cobb's Coffee Shop and browse the Museum Shop for unique, locally made gifts.

Opening Hours: Open daily, 9 am - 4 pm. Closed Good Friday, ANZAC Day, Christmas Day and Boxing Day



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Toowoomba City Queensland 4350

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Queensland Country Events 2025

Seek new experiences and discover hero events that define our regions. From the cultural to the quirky, there is an abundance of unique and bespoke ways for you to stay and play.



February

Chinchilla Melon Festival 13 - 16 February Chinchilla, Western Downs



Legends of Beef February Toogoolawah, Somerset Region

Emerald Big Beer Festival February Emerald, Central Queensland Highlands March

Meatstock Toowoomba 7 - 8 March Toowoomba, Toowoomba Region

Words Out West

7 - 16 March
Western Downs

Heavy Horse Festival

15 - 16 March

Allora, Southern Downs & Granite Belt

Hell of the West Weekend

22 - 23 March

Goondiwindi, Goondiwindi Region

The name says it all! Embark on Queensland's toughest, oldest and most iconic long course triathlon event along the picturesque Macintyre River.



Taste Central Highlands

March

Emerald, Central Queensland Highlands

Australian Reining Breeders Classic

March

Dalby, Western Downs

Central Highlands Easter Sunflower Festival

March

Emerald, Central Queensland Highlands

April

Goondiwindi Picnic Races

April

Goondiwindi, Goondiwindi Region

Lockyer Valley Heritage Festival

April Gatton & Laidley, Lockyer Valley

May

Clydesdale & Heavy Horse Field Days

3 - 4 May

Gatton, Lockyer Valley

Toowoomba Marathon

4 May

Toowoomba, Toowoomba Region

Capella Country Music Festival

6 - 11 May

Capella, Central Queensland Highlands

Boot stomping fun awaits at this central Queensland country music festival.

Hampton Festival

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Hampton, Toowoomba Region

Grazing the Granite Belt

May

Southern Downs & Granite Belt

June

Elders FarmFest

3 - 5 June

Kingsthorpe, Toowoomba Region

Esk Garden & Lifestyle Fair

21 June

Esk, Somerset Region

Ag Grow Emerald

25 - 27 June

Emerald, Central Queensland Highlands

July

Snowflakes in Stanthorpe

4 - 6 July

Stanthorpe, Southern Downs & Granite Belt

Jumpers and Jazz in July

17 - 27 May

Warwick, Southern Downs & Granite Belt

Head to Queensland's coolest destination for an epic celebration of all that is wonderful about winter.



Somerset Rail Trail Classic

July

Fernvale, Somerset Region

Athletes can run, walk or ride the course along the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail.

August

InStudio Art Trail

August

Crows Nest, Toowoomba Region

Gemfest - Festival of Gems

August

Sapphire Gemfields,

Central Queensland Highlands

ARB Gundy 500

August

Goondiwindi, Goondiwindi Region

Kingaroy BaconFest

August

Kingaroy, South Burnett

Historic Leyburn Sprints

August

Leyburn, Southern Downs & Granite Belt

76 years after Leyburn played host to the Australian Grand Prix, watch the town transform into a racetrack filled with classic cars.

Dalby's Delicious & Delightful Festival

August

Dalby, Western Downs

September

Laidley Spring Festival

September

Laidley, Lockyer Valley

See the Lockyer Valley come alive for their annual celebration of colour, flair and delight of Spring.



Miles Back to the Bush Festival

11 - 14 September

Miles, Western Downs

Rotary Gourmet in Gundy

September

. Goondiwindi, Goondiwindi Region

Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

September - October

Toowoomba, Toowoomba Region

This iconic Queensland event, showcases a bunch of flower, food, wine and cultural activations.



Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Festival of Cycling

September

Esk, Somerset Region

Murphy's Creek Chilli Carnival

September

Murphy's Creek, Lockyer Valley

Texas Country Music Festival

September

Texas, Goondiwindi Region

Weetwood Races

September

Toowoomba, Toowoomba Region

Lights on the Hill Trucking Convoy

September

Gatton, Lockyer Valley

October

Big Skies Festival

October

Jimbour, Western Downs



CelticFest Warwick

October

Warwick, Southern Downs & Granite Belt

Rotary Ride the Range

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Toowoomba, Toowoomba Region

Lanescape Street Festival

October

Goondiwindi, Goondiwindi Region

International Street Fiesta

October

Toowoomba, Toowoomba Region

Granite Belt Art and Craft Trail

October

Southern Downs & Granite Belt

Warwick Rodeo & Gold Cup Campdraft

October

Warwick, Southern Downs & Granite Belt



November

Stanthorpe Berry Festival

November

Stanthorpe, Southern Downs & Granite Belt

Dalby Australian Stock Horse Sale

November

Dalby, Western Downs

December

Toowoomba's Christmas Wonderland December

Toowoomba, Toowoomba Region

