



**WEIR TOURS**  
**NEW ZEALAND**

# Queensland - Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers & beyond

**17<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Embark on a relaxed yet enriching journey through Queensland, designed for those who appreciate comfort, culture, and natural beauty including some of the best gardens Australia has to offer.

Begin in Brisbane, where you'll discover a warm, welcoming city with a rich cultural scene. A highlight is sure to be Toowoomba for the world-renowned Carnival of Flowers. Held each September, this breathtaking event offers a chance to wander through meticulously designed gardens, all bursting with colour and fragrance. With over 150,000 blooms on display, the Carnival is a feast for the senses. Take in the beauty at your own pace, enjoy local gourmet delights, all in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

After soaking in the vibrant floral displays, head to the peaceful Tamborine Mountain, an idyllic escape into nature. Enjoy scenic drives and leisurely walks through lush rainforests and outstanding gardens while you unwind with panoramic views of the Gold Coast hinterland.

Finally, the world-famous Gold Coast offers a perfect balance of relaxation and entertainment. From the golden sands of Surfers Paradise to the peaceful beaches of Burleigh Heads, you'll have time to soak up the sun, savour delicious local cuisine, and enjoy leisurely walks along the coast. With plenty of options for shopping and gentle exploration, the Gold Coast promises a relaxing finish to your Queensland journey.

This tour is crafted for those seeking a perfect blend of nature, culture, and relaxation, with all the convenience and comfort you need to explore Queensland at a leisurely pace.



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### DAY 1 – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. (D)

#### Home — Brisbane

Your journey begins as you board your flight from New Plymouth airport to Auckland. If joining the tour from another location, you will be given your personal flight itinerary to meet the group in Auckland. We board the international flight to Brisbane which includes meals and in-flight entertainment.

Once landed you will be greeted by the warmth of the city and transferred to our accommodation for the next two nights, **Royal on the Park Hotel** - a perfect blend of convenience and luxury, right in the heart of the city.

After settling in, unwind with a light supper at the hotel, offering you a peaceful start to your adventure. With your bags unpacked and your senses refreshed, enjoy the tranquil atmosphere of the evening before you retire for your first night's stay, setting the tone for the exciting days ahead.

### DAY 2 – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. (B, L, D)

#### Brisbane

Start your day with a delicious breakfast at the hotel, fuelling you for an exciting day of exploration. Your first stop is the stunning **Roma Street Parkland**, where you'll embark on a **guided tour** through lush gardens and tranquil landscapes. After your stroll, enjoy a lovely lunch within the park, surrounded by nature's beauty.

Next, it's time to step back in time with a guided tour of **Newstead House**, Brisbane's oldest surviving residence. Here, you'll learn about the rich history and architecture of this charming house, set against the backdrop of the beautiful Brisbane River.

The afternoon brings a **Brisbane city tour**, where you'll be shown the sights and sounds of the city. From its modern skyscrapers to the historic districts, there's so much to discover as you gain a deeper appreciation for Brisbane's unique charm.

After the tour, you'll have some free time to shop, explore on your own, or simply relax and enjoy some well-deserved R&R.

In the evening, we meet for dinner before getting ready to rest and rejuvenate for the adventures that lie ahead.



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### DAY 3 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. (B, L, D)

#### Brisbane - Toowoomba

After breakfast, it's time to head to Toowoomba, a charming city nestled in the beautiful Darling Downs region. Your journey begins with a scenic drive, offering glimpses of the lush countryside.

Upon arrival, your first stop is the picturesque **Queens Park Botanic Gardens**. Wander through the serene landscapes, admire the stunning floral displays, and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere that this beloved park has to offer.

Next, it's time for a step back in time at the fascinating **Cobb & Co Museum**. Here, you'll learn about the region's rich history, from the era of horse-drawn coaches to the development of transport in Queensland. After exploring the museum, enjoy a delicious lunch on-site, where you can recharge and reflect on your visit.

Your afternoon continues with a **city highlights tour** that takes you through Toowoomba's must-see spots. It then time to head to our accommodation for the next four nights to check in and unwind with some free time to relax or explore further.

As the day winds down, you'll embark on a twilight tour of **Laurel Bank Park**, a beautiful place to witness the soft glow of sunset and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of one of Toowoomba's most scenic spots.

For dinner, indulge in a delightful meal at Gips Restaurant, known for its exceptional cuisine and elegant setting.

Finally, enjoy a restful night at the **Toowoomba Central Plaza Hotel**, ready to recharge for the days ahead.

### DAY 4 – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. (B, L, D)

#### Toowoomba

Start your day with a buffet breakfast to fuel you for an exciting day ahead as we then head straight to the vibrant **Grand Central Floral Parade**. With reserved seating, you'll enjoy the colourful floats and spectacular floral displays as the parade makes its way through the streets, showcasing Toowoomba's renowned Flower Festival in full bloom.

Next, climb aboard the **Downs Steam Railway** for the Parade Special. Take a ride through the scenic countryside on this historic steam train, offering a unique and nostalgic way to experience the region's beauty while enjoying the excitement of the parade.



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Following the railway adventure, it's time to visit some of the stunning garden displays around Toowoomba. Explore the lush landscapes, blooming flowers, and meticulously designed gardens that have made Toowoomba famous for its floral heritage.

After a day of exploring, relax and enjoy a delightful dinner at one of the highly recommended local restaurants, known for their excellent service and hearty meals.

Return to our hotel, where you can unwind and rest after a fun-filled day, ready for the next adventure.

### **DAY 5 – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. (B, L, D)**

#### **Toowoomba**

This morning, we are joined by a local guide who will share her expertise and take us to some of the true hidden gems in the area. We begin with a warm welcome at **Emaho Tree Farm** in Ravensbourne, where you will be greeted and guided through the beautiful tree farm. With a relaxed pace, you'll have the opportunity to admire a variety of trees and learn about their cultivation. The peaceful environment makes it a perfect spot to connect with nature, and there will be plenty of seating options for resting.

Next, we enjoy a scenic drive to the charming town of Crowsnest. Your guide will share interesting facts about the region as you travel to our lunch spot for the day. You will have some time to take a short stroll around the town to savour the charm, explore local shops, art galleries and the peaceful streets.

We then make our way to the stunning **Japanese Gardens**, which provide a serene and calm environment with easy-to-navigate walking paths. The peaceful ponds, beautiful flowers, and traditional architecture offer a perfect place to relax and enjoy nature.

After a day full of beautiful sights, enjoy a relaxing, scenic drive and reflect on the day's adventures as we head back to our hotel before another great group dinner.

### **DAY 6 – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. (B, L, D)**

#### **Toowoomba**

After breakfast then we head off for an exclusive experience as we welcome a local guide aboard who will privately guide us through some of the best gardens on offer. Explore some of the most



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beautiful and well-maintained gardens in Toowoomba, with your expert guide sharing insights into the history and design of each space.

After your tour, the journey continues as you travel out to Highfields, a charming area known for its natural beauty. Along the way, take in the scenic views and enjoy the peaceful countryside atmosphere.

It's time for a lovely lunch at a local favorite, where you can enjoy a hearty meal with stunning views of the surrounding landscape.

In the afternoon, continue your exploration as you visit more gardens in the Highfields area. Discover hidden gems and take in the tranquillity of the well-kept spaces.

As the evening draws near, we head out for our final dinner in Toowoomba at a highly rated restaurant known for its fresh and flavourful dishes in a cozy, welcoming atmosphere.

Finally, we return to our hotel where you can unwind and rest after a day full of exploration and beauty.

### **DAY 7 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. (B, L, D)**

#### **Toowoomba - Tamborine Mountain**

Today it's time to depart Toowoomba, setting off on an exciting journey towards Tamborine Mountain. The scenic drive will take you through charming towns, offering a glimpse of the beautiful Queensland countryside.

Your first stop is in Allora for a delightful morning tea and a visit to the Allora's historic centre where you can explore the town's rich history and feel the sense of old-world charm.

Next, you'll arrive in Kalbar where you'll enjoy a delicious lunch at Scenic Rim Farm Shop. After your meal, a history talk will give you insight into the area's past, followed by time to browse the gift shop for unique souvenirs.

After lunch, you will be given time to wander around Kalbar, soaking in the quaint town atmosphere before departing for Boonah, where you will be guided through a family business local store and share fascinating stories about the area.

We continue our way towards Tamborine Mountain, arriving with time to take in the refreshing mountain air and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. We check in to our superb accommodation



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for the next two nights then meet up to indulge in a delicious dinner at St Bernard's Hotel, offering a warm and welcoming atmosphere with great food to end your day.

### **DAY 8 – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. (B, L, D)**

#### **Tamborine Mountain**

Start your day with a peaceful morning spent exploring the stunning gardens of Tamborine Mountain. As you wander through the lush landscapes, you'll be surrounded by the vibrant colours and fragrant scents of blooming flowers, making it the perfect way to begin your day.

After soaking in the beauty of the morning, enjoy a lovely lunch at a charming local spot, where you can relax and savour a delicious meal, with plenty of time to unwind and reflect on your garden visits.

In the afternoon, continue your exploration of the mountain's renowned gardens, each one offering its own unique beauty and tranquillity. Take your time to explore the serene surroundings and discover hidden gems tucked away on the mountain.

As the day draws to a close, indulge in a delightful dinner at a highly rated local restaurant, known for its exceptional cuisine and welcoming ambiance—perfect for rounding off a day of natural beauty and relaxation.

After a fulfilling day, return to the Mt Tamborine Motel, where you can relax and prepare for the next day's adventures.

### **DAY 9 – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. (B, L)**

#### **Tamborine Mountain - Gold Coast**

After a peaceful breakfast, your day begins with a visit to the **Gold Coast War Museum**. This fascinating stop offers a deeper understanding of the region's military history, with a wide range of exhibits and displays showcasing the bravery and sacrifice of those of the ANZACs.

Then we head to the **Mudbrick Cottage Herb Farm**, a delightful spot where you can explore the lush gardens and enjoy a refreshing experience. We enjoy a delicious lunch at the farm, savouring freshly prepared dishes that incorporate locally grown herbs and produce.

After lunch, you'll make your way to the Gold Coast, arriving with some free time to explore at your own pace. Whether you choose to relax on the beach, enjoy a leisurely walk, or do some last-minute shopping, the choice is yours.



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In the evening, get ready for a final night's dinner aboard a **Buffet River Cruise**. As you dine on a wide array of delicious dishes, you'll take in the breathtaking views of the Gold Coast's skyline and the sparkling waters, making for a memorable end to your journey.

Finally, settle in for the final night, staying at the **Novotel Surfers Paradise**, where you can rest and relax, ready to reflect on an incredible trip.

### **DAY 10 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. (B, L)**

#### **Gold Coast - Home**

Enjoy a relaxed morning at your leisure, perhaps taking a final stroll along the beach or soaking in the vibrant atmosphere of the Gold Coast before it's time to head home.

Afterward, you'll travel to the airport, where you'll board your flight back, with a stop in Auckland before continuing your journey home. As you reflect on the incredible memories made during your adventure, you'll look forward to the comfort of your own home.

#### **Tour Costs Include**

- 9 nights' quality accommodation, twin/double rooms (*Single rooms available with surcharge*)
- All **tour admissions** and **activities** as per Itinerary
- Flights
- Tour photos
- Experienced Tour Leader
- Comfortable tour coach
- Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), dinners (D), Morning and Afternoon Teas (MT/AT), where indicated on the itinerary.

#### **Tour payments per person**

- Twin/Double share **\$7650pp**
- Single Supplement **\$9070pp**
- Deposit due at time of booking **\$1500pp**

**Please note your seat is not secure until deposit has been paid!!**

**Balance of tour payment due 60 days prior to departure –**





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### **TERMS & CONDITIONS....**

(Applicable for all tours 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 – 30 June 2026)

#### **Acceptance Of Terms & Conditions**

If you have booked a tour with us and pay your deposit, you are deemed to have accepted these terms. We may ask you to sign a copy of these terms when you join a tour to provide a record that you have accepted these terms.

#### **Itineraries**

The Itinerary for your tour package was correct at the time of date and printing, however it is subject to change without notice. Your itinerary could change due to road or weather conditions, changes imposed by other tour operators or a range of other factors beyond our control. You agree that we have no liability for changes to your itinerary.

#### **Price Amendments**

Prices were correct at the time and date of printing; however, Weir Bros Ltd reserves the right to amend the price subject to any changes in price imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary or increases in government or other levies.

#### **Health & Fitness**

All passengers are required to acknowledge they are in reasonable health and are considered fit to travel and are not travelling contrary to any medical advice. Passengers should be able to walk moderate distances to be able to participate in activities and sightseeing opportunities. By acknowledging their health and fitness to participate passengers are indemnifying us from all actions, claims and demands arising out of any lack of health and fitness. We reserve the right to remove a passenger from a tour if their health or fitness interferes with any other passenger's experiences or the day-to-day running of the tour.

#### **Travellers Who Require Assistance**

We kindly request that, as part of joining our Tour, you share with us at the time of booking any disabilities or conditions that may require special attention. This includes, but is not limited to, physical disabilities, difficulties with mobility, impairments in hearing or eyesight, or neurological conditions. Should your health circumstances change after booking and before your travel date, we respectfully ask that you inform us of any new needs for special assistance. Please rest assured that we will make every effort to accommodate such requirements. However, we must highlight that there may be situations where we are unable to do so, and we cannot be held responsible in cases where services are denied by third-party providers, including airlines, accommodations, or tour operators.

#### **Health & Safety Information**

At Weir Tours our first priority is your safety and enjoyment while you are travelling with us. While we have always maintained a high standard of cleaning on our coaches. We have increased the frequency of cleaning when we are traveling on tours to help ensure your safety.

Hand sanitiser will be provided, and we ask that you hygiene practices, this includes washing or sanitising hands frequently. Should any passenger start to feel unwell on arrival or while on tour, they must immediately advise their Tour Manager and may be required to visit a medical practitioner/medical centre/hospital. To continue the tour the passenger must be deemed fit and well to participate fully on a coach tour. Any costs incurred will be at the passenger's own expense.

#### **Payments, cancellations & Amendments**

A deposit of 20% is required to Weir Tours at the time of booking to confirm your reservation and acknowledges your agreement to our terms and conditions. All balance payments must be received by Weir Bros prior to or on the date specified for final payment. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. If the full tour price is not received by this date, we reserve the right to cancel your booking. Payments can be made with Cash, Eftpos / Credit or Direct Debit via the account number supplied on the payment form. Please note if paying via credit card you will incur a fee of 2.5% on top of the original price. Weir Bros reserves the right to amend or reschedule the tour due to the result of circumstances outside the company's control. Weir Bros also reserves the right to cancel the tour due to insufficient numbers and in this instance a substitute date may be offered, or a full refund will be made available. Tour Prices exclude drinks, travel insurance or items of a personal nature.

Weir Tours Ltd is not liable for any cancellation or change to cost or penalties incurred via third party travel arrangements, including air travel, that may be affected thereby. Weir Tours are not liable for all additional costs incurred and these will be passed onto you. Please ensure you have sufficient insurance to cover any costs incurred for unforeseen disruptions. Weir Tours is not responsible for other travel arrangements that you or your party have made outside of those made by Weir Tours and which are affected by our cancellations or amendments.

#### **Force Majeure**

Force Majeure Event means any event or circumstance beyond the control of Weir Tours, which has the effect of preventing, restricting or changing the nature of the products and services sold to you including but not limited to: (a) an act of god (such as earthquake, flood, fire, explosion, landslide, lightning, action of the elements, force of nature, washout, typhoon, hurricane cyclone, tsunami, storm or storm warning of natural disaster); (b) industrial disputes, work ban or other labour dispute or difficulty; (c) acts of terrorism, political unrest, war or threat of war, riots or civil strife; (d) failure or delays to scheduled transportation and the closure of airports or ports; (e) Pandemic, epidemic or health risk including Covid-19; (f) all governmental and administrative actions, guidance and measures in any territory (including closure





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of borders and travel warnings and restrictions) Weir Tours have the right to cancel amend or reschedule your packaged tour during or following any force Majeure and if we do so you agree that we have no liability to you for any direct or indirect consequences of the cancelation, amendment or rescheduling.

### **Travel Insurance**

Weir Bros strongly advises all passengers to purchase travel insurance when booking a tour. A comprehensive travel insurance policy gives peace of mind for unexpected issues or emergencies that may arise prior to or during a tour. Weir Tours cannot be held responsible for your failure to obtain Insurance which is appropriate, and we recommend you purchase your insurance at the time of, or soon after, booking your trip. Weir Tours will not be held liable for any costs incurred resulting from your failure to obtain adequate travel insurance.

### **Travel Insurance – International Travel**

It is a booking condition for all passengers travelling on Weir Bros overseas tours to have a travel insurance policy with comprehensive cover valid for the dates of travel.

### **Passports – International Travel**

All travellers on overseas tours require a current passport which must have a minimum validity of six months after the date you return from the tour to New Zealand. We will require a copy of your passport details when you make a booking.

### **Visas, Customs and Immigration**

Compliance with any immigration, customs and/or quarantine regulations is the client's responsibility. Weir Bros cannot, under any circumstances, be held liable nor responsible if applicable rules and regulations are not observed.

### **Luggage**

Although every effort will be made to will be made to handle guests' luggage carefully, we cannot be responsible, assume liability or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft or fair wear and tear through hotel, airline, and group carrier handing. Therefore, it is important for protection that passengers make certain that they have adequate travel insurance to cover such eventualities.

### **Car Parking at Weirs depots**

The car parking facility ("Facility") at Weir Bros Depot 50a Fantham Street, Hawera, and 17 Turuturu Road, Hawera, is provided for the convenience of our patrons only. The use of this Facility is entirely at the risk of the vehicle owner. Weir Bros Ltd ("Company") shall not be responsible for any loss, theft, damage, or vandalism to vehicles or their contents while parked in the Facility. The Company disclaims all liability for any accidents, injuries, or damages that may occur within the Facility, including but not limited to, collisions between vehicles, slips, falls, or any other accidents. All vehicles parked at the Facility must be properly insured. By using the Facility, the vehicle owner or

operator agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its employees and affiliates from any claims, liabilities, losses, costs or expenses arising out of or in connection with the use of the Facility.

### **Our Responsibilities**

Weir Tours are responsible for booking and packaging goods and service provided by other operators such as hotels, attractions, and transportation companies to create your packaged tour. We take all practicable steps to ensure the safety and comfort for all involved in this packaged tour. We are not responsible and have no liability to you for the terms of the other operators or for any loss, damage, omission or acts of negligence or otherwise, committed by those other operators.

### **Your Responsibilities**

You agree to behave reasonably throughout the tour and not to be a nuisance to other passengers. You agree to comply with our reasonable requests and the requests of other operators. You indemnify Weir Tours for any liability, costs, damages or other expenses we suffer or incur as a direct or indirect consequence of your behaviour while part of your package tour.

### **Removal From Your Package Tour**

For the Wellbeing of all passengers on your packaged tour, Weir Tours reserve the right to remove you from the tour and cancel your booking with us if you breach any of your obligations under the terms provided that, except in the case of a serious breach ( as determined by Weir Tours) we will give you notice of your breach and a reasonable opportunity (which will be no more than 2 days ) to remedy the breach before exercising our cancellation right. In the case of a serious breach, we can exclude you from the tour and cancel your booking by immediate, verbal, or written notice to you. In the event of such cancellation, you will be responsible at your cost for arranging any accommodation or travel costs and other matters as required as a direct or indirect consequence of the cancellation. In the event of removal form a tour no refund will be given.

### **Privacy Act Waiver**

Travellers joining our tours automatically give consent for us to pass essential personal information to our suppliers on the tour as necessary. This information may include full name; address; passport number; travel details; contact details; dietary requirements and health information.

### **Cancellation Policy**

Cancellation fees depend on when Weir Tours receives notification of a cancellation.

Bookings cancelled more than 60 days before departure incur 20% of tour cost.

Bookings cancelled between 59 and 45 days before tour commencement will forfeit 50%

31-44 Days Prior to tour commencement you will forfeit 75%

0-30 Days prior to tour commencement you will forfeit 100% of your price (No Refund)