

# 9 Days: Brisbane / Meanjin & Beyond

Brisbane – Mount Cotton – Scenic Rim

MAIN RANGE NATIONAL PARK, QUEENSLAND

The riverside capital city of Brisbane / Meanjin is a cosmopolitan hub on the doorstep of rugged national parks, idyllic beaches and family-friendly destinations like the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast.

Located at Mount Cotton, Sirromet is a family-owned and operated winery offering wine tours, tastings at the buzzing cellar door, and fine dining options.

Experience awe-inspiring views and bush luxury on the 2-day Scenic Rim Trail. See the unique fauna and flora of the Great Dividing Range and Gondwana Rainforest with overnight glamping and gourmet food and wine.

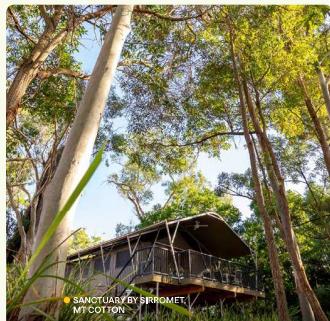
## The Journey

	Duration 9 days
	Nearest major city Brisbane / Meanjin
	Transport On Foot, Helicopter, Touring Vehicle



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## Day 3

This morning, take a **Story Bridge Adventure Climb** for 360° panoramas of Brisbane and its surrounds – from the Glass House Mountains to Moreton Bay and south to the Scenic Rim. Choose a restaurant on Brisbane's riverside for a relaxed lunch then return to your hotel and collect an overnight bag.

Embark on a luxurious helicopter tour to **Sirromet** winery with **V2 Helicopters**, taking the scenic route via Mt Coorabah and Brisbane CBD.

Touch down at Sirromet, where your overnight stay at **Sanctuary by Sirromet** awaits. Nestled on a 560-acre property, the retreat offers serene surrounds and elevated views across Moreton Bay. Enjoy one night in a private tented pavilion in a tranquil bushland setting.

### Highlights

- Climb Brisbane's Story Bridge for sweeping 360° views from the Glass House Mountains to the Scenic Rim.
- Witness extraordinary views of the Gold Coast and Mount Tamborine on a private helicopter flight.
- Spend the night in a romantic private tented pavilion.

## Day 4

Wake up in your glamping pavilion at Sirromet and enjoy a leisurely breakfast before joining a **Winery Tour & Taste** with **2-Course Lunch at Cellar Door**.

Discover the winemaking process and the history of Queensland's Granite Belt, followed by a tasting of six popular wines. Then, relax on the Cellar Door deck with a two-course lunch and a glass of Sirromet wine, while enjoying the beautiful rural views.

Return to Brisbane and check into **Spicers Balfour**. Head to Howard Smith Wharves for dinner with glittering city views.

### Highlights

- Enjoy a guided tasting and two-course lunch with Sirromet wines, set against the rural beauty of the Granite Belt.
- Watch Brisbane's city lights reflected on the water at a riverside restaurant.



## Day 1

Start your morning with breakfast at the **QAGOMA** Cafe, overlooking the Brisbane River. Then join a private one-hour tour of the **Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art** (QAGOMA), where an expert guide will introduce you to impressive art, and the Gallery's history.

This afternoon, stroll down Brisbane's cultural and entertainment precinct and take a VIP Gondola on the **Wheel of Brisbane**. Enjoy birds-eye views of the city, complete with luxurious leather seats, tinted windows and your beverage of choice.

Check into **Spicers Balfour**.

This evening, experience a captivating performance by the **Queensland Ballet**. Enjoy a pre-show dinner at the **Queensland Performing Arts Centre** (QPAC) at one of their Eat & Drink venues.



## Day 2

Make an early start from Brisbane and drive to Burleigh Heads on the Gold Coast for the **Jellurgal Walkabout** at the **Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre**. This two-hour cultural journey takes you through sacred sites on Jellurgal (Dreaming Mountain), where you'll hear Dreamtime stories, learn traditional practices, and connect with the heritage of the Yugambeh people.

Afterwards, enjoy a long lunch overlooking the ocean at **Rick Shores**, before spending the afternoon relaxing on Burleigh Beach or heading to Surfers Paradise for shopping and entertainment.

Return to Brisbane and spend the evening uncovering secret small bars like **John Mills Himself**, **Maker** and **Mermaid Lounge**, before enjoying laneway dining at a vibrant bistro.

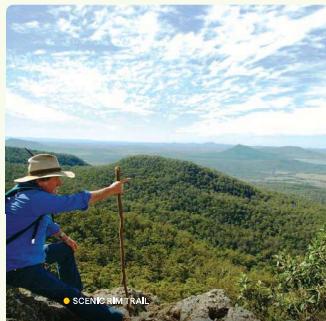
### Highlights

- Discover Yugambeh culture and sacred sites on the Jellurgal Walkabout.
- Enjoy a beachfront lunch at Rick Shores on Burleigh Beach.
- Discover the dens and subterranean lounges of Brisbane's secret small bars.



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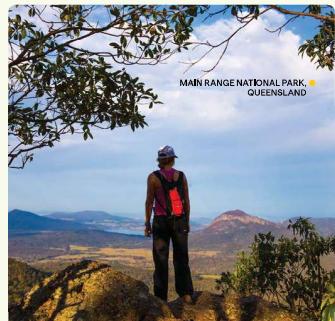
Depart on an **early morning transfer** to **Spicers Scenic Rim Trail** for the **4-Day Walk**.

This walk takes you along the Great Dividing Range and through the World Heritage-listed Gondwana Rainforest, see native fauna and flora, unique ecosystems and learn the history of settlers and original Indigenous inhabitants. Enjoy luxurious accommodation, gourmet food and wine, and attentive service.

Today's 12km Grade 4 walk features a 600m elevation gain, rock ladders and steep climbs. From the Scenic Rim Trail base, the track winds into the rugged Mount Mistake range through dry sclerophyll forest, offering sweeping views and chances to spot Brush-tailed Rock-wallows and Peregrine Falcons.

At day's end, unwind at Spicers Mt Mistake Farmhouse with afternoon tea on the escarpment, followed by a share-style dinner and fireside drinks.

Overnight at Spicers Mt Mistake Farmhouse.



## Day 6

Start the day with sunrise views from the escarpment before an 18km walk across mostly Grade 3 terrain. Crossing into Main Range National Park, discover remnants of old logging history and spot towering Red Cedar and Hoop Pine. A private Grade 5 section leads deep into rainforest, ending at Spicers Amphitheatre eco-camp.

Unwind with drinks on the viewing deck over Kulgur Valley, then enjoy a warm shower, dinner and evening drinks.

Dinner and overnight at Spicers Amphitheatre eco-camp.

### Highlights

- Begin the day inspired by golden escarpment views at sunrise.
- Step back in time as the forest reveals its history.
- Settle into a remote eco-camp surrounded by rainforest tranquillity.



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#### Day 7

Journey 16km on a moderate to difficult Grade 3-5 track, spending much of the day beneath the canopy of the World Heritage-listed Gondwana rainforest. Guided along unmarked trails, you'll hear the calls of forest birds and carefully descend rocky boulder sections into Dalrymple Creek.

A final climb leads to Spicers Timber Getters Eco-camp, where hosts greet you with afternoon drinks and a grazing platter. After dinner, retreat to your cabin and open the tilt door to the sights and sounds of the bush.

#### Highlights

- Immerse yourself in the ancient Gondwana rainforest alive with birdsong.
- Tackle unmarked trails and rocky descents guided by expert leaders.
- Arrive at a welcoming eco-camp with drinks, grazing platters and bush views.

#### Day 8

Covering 16km, today's walk traverses a variety of landscapes from rainforest to montane heath and along a dramatic ridge line with sweeping views. A steep climb to Bare Rock rewards with a stunning lookout, the perfect spot for lunch and reflection on your journey.

The trail continues via Mount Cordeaux before descending to Cunningham's Gap, where you'll transfer to Spicers Hidden Peaks Cabins. Celebrate with dinner and fireside storytelling before retiring to your cabin.

#### Highlights

- Traverse rainforest, heath and ridge line landscapes with sweeping views.
- Pause atop Bare Rock for breathtaking outlooks over your journey.
- Celebrate the adventure with fireside stories at Hidden Peaks.



#### Day 9

Enjoy a hearty BBQ breakfast before returning to Brisbane.

#### Trip extension recommendation: Spicers Peak Lodge

End your trip in luxury at Spicers Peak Lodge, an exclusive escape with breathtaking mountain views, gourmet dining, and tailored outdoor experiences in a tranquil, natural setting.



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