

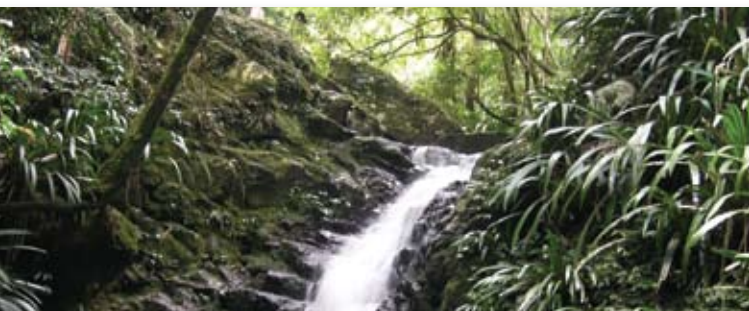
# Discover



THE COUNTRY CHARM



OF THE SCENIC RIM



  
Country Charm  
DISCOVERY TOURS

Located within easy access of Brisbane and Surfers Paradise, the Scenic Rim derives its name from an arc of mountains that stretch from the Gold Coast Hinterland to the Main Range.

The Scenic Rim includes spectacular remnants of extinct volcanoes surrounded by attractive rural landscapes and World Heritage listed national parks which include lush sub-tropical and various temperate rainforests.

Included within the Scenic Rim are country towns rich in the heritage of some of Queensland's earliest settlements, nestled in the foothills of majestic volcanic peaks.

Country Charm Discovery Tours introduces an easily navigated, easy drive, four day tour of the Scenic Rim which is ecotourism eco-certified.

With the longest driving distance being 1 ½ hours between two attractions, there is plenty of scope for you to leisurely visit our recommended pick of the best experiences that the region has to offer.

The tour includes 3-4 star quality accommodation which ranges from interesting farm stays where you can experience real farm living, to charming mountain top lodges that let you soak up the breathtaking grandeur of the Scenic Rim.

When we developed the discovery tour of the Scenic Rim, we were charmed by the experiences and the people we met along the way. That's why we called it a Country Charm Discovery Tour and we invite you to try it for yourself.

## *Day 1 - Mountain Charm*

Upon arrival from either Brisbane City or the Gold Coast, your day starts with a leisurely walk through a rainforest canopy followed by morning tea. Then saunter through the picturesque village of Tamborine Mountain to be introduced to the Scenic Rim at escarpment lookouts, with optional visits to national park and village attractions.

Your afternoon starts when you arrive at a 3½ star retreat in pristine surroundings with spectacular views. Experience the unique atmosphere and the crisp clear mountain air at this cosy mountain retreat nestled in this World Heritage listed national park.

Here you can hike or wander along graded national park trails, winding through ancient Antarctic Beech forest, along exposed escarpments and into heath-land. You'll be amazed by the rich abundance of birds and other wildlife that inhabit this complex and diverse ecosystem.

After a delightful three course dinner at 6.30 pm and an active day in the rainforest, when the fatigue sets in with the setting sun, it's time to participate in night time activities which could include a nocturnal spotlighting walk to see native Australian animals, or listen to bush poetry, or simply relaxing in this beautiful mountain environment.

## *Day 2 - Country Charm*

Following a hearty country breakfast you'll depart for the western end of the Scenic Rim, winding down through the Lamington National Park and traverse the pretty rural countryside from Canungra to Rathdowney. Here you'll be greeted by the spectacular volcanic peaks of the western Scenic Rim country. Your first stop is at an olive grove where you'll learn about olive processing, be able to acquire some delicious local produce, and conclude your morning with a scrumptious, home-cooked lunch in the rustic 'Shed Café'.

After lunch you can check into your accommodation where our itinerary gives you the choice of a farmstay or charming self contained cottages, or a luxury country house. All accommodation





options include magnificent views of the picturesque Scenic Rim, with one option allowing you to meet the resident wildlife.

Your afternoon includes a visit to a working Alpaca farm and homestead cottage garden, where you will be extended a warm welcome and enjoy a guided tour of the farm facilities and learn about this gentle and inquisitive animal.

Depending on the accommodation option you choose, your dinner options include an evening meal featuring quality local wines; or alternatively you can enjoy superb five course gourmet dining, served to you and accompanied by especially selected Australian wines and outstanding live classical and Marimba music. An optional extra offered is a visit to a solar-powered 'eco-home' located in a delightful bush setting to enjoy an authentic Italian cooking class using locally grown produce.

### *Day 3 - Heritage Charm*

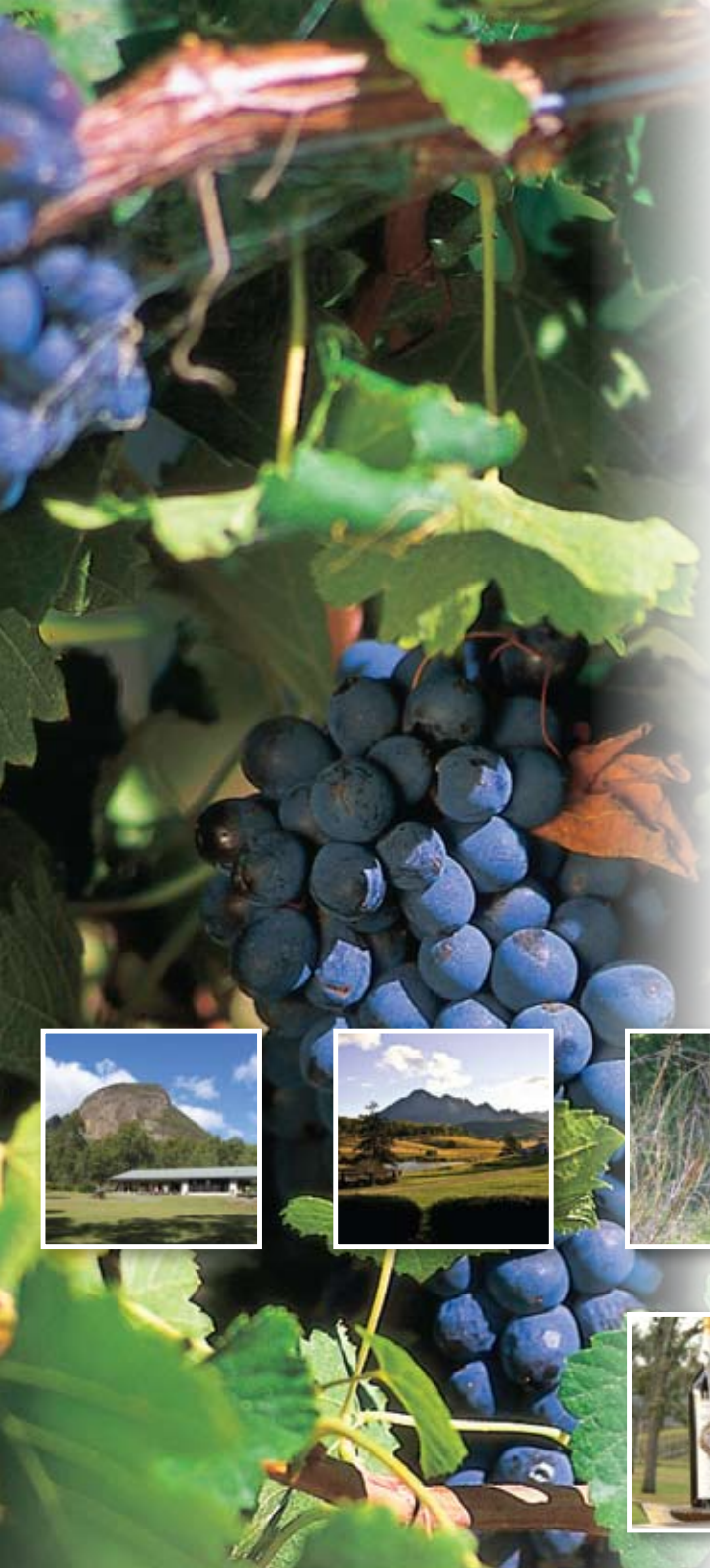
After breakfast you will depart just before 10am to commence another exciting day in the Scenic Rim country.

With morning tea provided, you'll either visit one of the oldest surviving homesteads in Queensland and meet the current residents who are fifth generation owners, or visit other fascinating historic precincts which feature historical buildings and contents dating back to the 1870s.

Visit the Mt French National Park and then Lake Moogerah which lies in the valley below the peaks to meet 'The Rock Doctor' to enjoy a thoroughly entertaining, interpretative experience which explains the geology and landforms of the Scenic Rim country.

Included in day 3 is a visit to a very hospitable vineyard for a light lunch, wine-tasting and winery tour.





Easy drinking Shiraz and boutique Chambourcin wines are available with picturesque views of the Scenic Rim volcanic peaks and valley landscapes. The day will conclude with an exciting open all-terrain vehicle tour through the Australian bush, discovering native wildlife and meeting a herd of adorable donkeys. In the evening you'll return to your accommodation for a barbecue or home-cooked meal served with local wines. Alternatively, depending on your selected accommodation option, you can enjoy a superb three course dinner, served to you and accompanied by specially selected Australian wines and delightful live music.

### *Day 4 - Township Charm*

After breakfast, depending on your accommodation option you can either take an early morning bushwalk or at one outstanding property participate in the early morning 'farm' activities.

Your fourth and final day in the Scenic Rim gives you time to explore further Scenic Rim highlights including Mt Barney National Park and Lake Maroon and/or the Main Range National Park. At morning's end you'll be able to investigate the attractive township of Boonah, which offers that special brand of country hospitality that comes from taking time to enjoy life. From there you will be able to stop for lunch at an amenable eatery in the nearby village of Kalbar and visit a heritage boutique gallery\* .

In the afternoon you can commence your trip back to Brisbane, via two alternative routes. One is that you continue directly back to Brisbane via the Ipswich-Boonah Road and then via the Logan and other motorways to Brisbane or Brisbane Airport. Alternatively if you are travelling to the Gold Coast, you can return via Beaudesert and then onto Canungra to the Tamborine National Park for more rain-forest sight-seeing.

All options allow the opportunity to explore the historic village of Harrisville and delightful rural surrounds not far from Kalbar.

\*currently open from Friday to Sunday or by a pre-arranged appointment organised by your accommodation provider





## *Bookings*

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