

# Southern Great Barrier Reef Brisbane Loop Itineraries

South Queensland loop itineraries are for those explorers needing to immerse themselves in nature, take the road less travelled, and slow down. Less emissions from additional flying or driving and a more sustainable regional tourism interaction, come and explore and feel good for it! Reef within reach of Brisbane, rainforests on K'gari (Fraser Island), beaches and shopping on the Sunshine Coast and the wonders of Cania Gorge, doing less kilometres doesn't mean you miss out on what makes Queensland shine.

6 Days - 5 Nights  
810 km

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Fraser Island one day, the Great Barrier Reef the next

#### DAY 1 - BRISBANE TO HERVEY BAY 290KM

Arrive in Hervey Bay to catch the afternoon ferry over to K'gari the world's largest sand island

Overnight at **Kingfisher Bay Resort**



#### DAY 2 - K'GARI

Enjoy a **Beauty Spots Tour** of K'Gari and explore the island's icons of Lake McKenzie, Eli Creek, Maheno shipwreck and 75 Mile Beach

Overnight at **Kingfisher Bay Resort**

#### DAY 3 - K'GARI TO BUNDABERG 120KM

Enjoy the last day of your 2 day tour of K'gar Island. The ferry from K'gari will return you to Riverheads in Hervey Bay at 3.15pm, travel to Bundaberg

#### DAY 4 - SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF & TURTLES

Enjoy a day trip to **Lady Musgrave** or **Lady Elliot Island**, the southern-most islands of the Great Barrier Reef known for their abundance of marine life.

During turtle tour season (Nov-March) a nightly Turtle Encounter tour at **Mon Repos Turtle Centre** is a must

#### DAY 5 - BUNDABERG TO NOOSA 250KM

Ensure to set off early to enjoy the beaches, cafes and shopping in the resort area of Noosa

#### DAY 6 - NOOSA TO BRISBANE 150KM

On your return drive to Brisbane, allow 1.5 hours to do the Kondalilla Falls Circuit walking trail to enjoy scenic views over the waterfall, rock pools and freshwater creeks

7 Days - 6 Nights  
1,171 km

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Explore two Southern Islands and the western hinterland of Cania Gorge

#### DAY 1 - BRISBANE TO HERVEY BAY 290KM

Before driving to Hervey Bay enjoy some of the day in Queensland's capital; Brisbane a cosmopolitan hub for arts, culture and dining

#### DAY 2 - DAY TRIP TO K'GARI

Enjoy a **Day Tour** of K'Gari with **K'Gari Explorer Tours** departing from Inskip point. Explore icons like Lake McKenzie and the Maheno Ship Wreck

#### DAY 3 - HERVEY BAY TO CANIA GORGE 293KM

Discover Aboriginal free-hand art along towering cliffs, in ancient caves and sheltered gorges in the Cania Gorge National Park. Take one (or more) of the eight walking tracks

Overnight **BIG4 Breeze Cania Gorge**



#### DAY 4 - EXPLORE CANIA GORGE

Stroll by the creek or test your fitness skills with a strenuous climb to the Giant's Chair Lookout. Enjoy stunning views at Castle Mountain Lookout

#### DAY 5 - CANIA TO BUNDABERG 228KM

Arrive in the afternoon for a true Taste of Bundaberg—enjoy a flavourful tour at Bundaberg Brewed Drinks, to uncover the history behind Australia's favourite ginger beer, then take a guided journey through the iconic, fully operational Bundaberg Rum Distillery, complete with two tasting samples to finish.

#### DAY 6 - SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF

Immerse yourself in the pristine playgrounds around the coral cays of Lady Elliot or Lady Musgrave Island as you snorkel with turtles, manta rays and the abundance of marine life who call the islands home.

#### DAY 7 - BUNDABERG TO BRISBANE 360KM

A visit to Southbank, Brisbane is a must.

14 Days - 13 Nights  
1,325 km

**HIGHLIGHTS:** The best of Southern Queensland and the Great Barrier Reef

#### DAY 1 - BRISBANE TO K'GARI 290KM

Make your way to Hervey Bay for the ferry to the world's largest sand island.

Overnight at **K'gari Beach Resort**

#### DAY 2 - K'GARI ISLAND

Explore the island's icons of Lake McKenzie, Eli Creek, Maheno shipwreck and 75 Mile Beach on a **Beauty Spots Tour**

#### DAY 3 - K'GARI TO BUNDABERG 120KM

Enjoy the last day of K'gari. The ferry from K'gari will return you to Riverheads at 3.15pm with plenty of time to travel to Bundaberg, the gateway to the Southern Great Barrier Reef

### K'GARI ISLAND

K'gari (Fraser Island) is the largest sand island in the world and offers surprises at every turn. Within minutes of landing on K'gari, you'll feel its magic. Drive on wide-open beaches with the wind in your hair, marvel at shifting sand dunes, swim in iridescent waters, wander through ancient rainforest and witness playful marine life just metres from shore.

#### ACCOMMODATION & DAY TRIPS

K'gari Beach Resort  
Kingfisher Bay Resort

### LADY ELLIOT ISLAND

Visit the most southern point of the Great Barrier Reef at Lady Elliot Island. Renowned as 'Home of the Manta Ray', the island is regarded as one of the best diving and snorkelling locations on the Great Barrier Reef and is famous for its unspoilt coral reef and amazing array of spectacular marine life. Access to Lady Elliot Island is via a scenic flight departing Bundaberg Airport.

#### ACCOMMODATION & DAY TRIPS

Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort

### LADY MUSGRAVE ISLAND

Lady Musgrave Island is set on 3000 acres of living reef with a protected lagoon, making it a perfect spot for snorkelling and diving, departing from the Port of Bundaberg via luxury catamaran. Teeming with bird life above the water, and giant marine life below the water, you can swim with the turtles, dive alongside the manta rays, dance with the dolphins and witness the whales play.

#### ACCOMMODATION & DAY TRIPS

Lady Musgrave Experience

