

Queensland's Scenic Rim and Sunshine Coast 9-Day Walking Holiday

Brisbane to Sunshine Coast

9 Days From \$7,595 AUD pp

Trip Code: DWAUQ9

Inclusions

- Stay in exclusive eco cabins and a farm house on the Scenic Rim Trail plus relax and indulge in luxury after your walk at Spicers Peak Lodge for 1 night
- Carry day packs only in a small group up to 12 guests accompanied by APT Walking Leader and local walking guide
- Enjoy locally-inspired gourmet dining a total of 23 meals including wine, beer and spirits during the Scenic Rim Trail walk & Spicers Peak Lodge
- Dine at the Chef-Hatted restaurant, The Peak at Spicers Peak Lodge

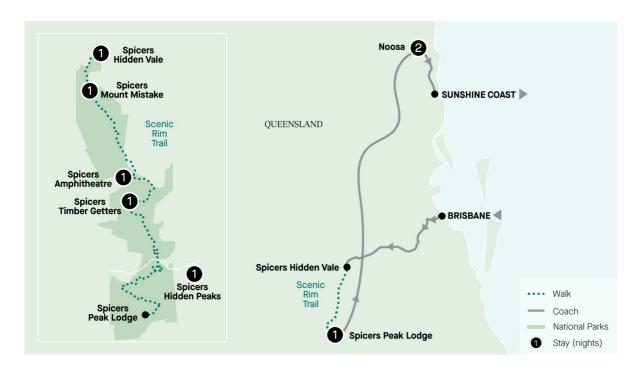
- Walk through one of Australia's most untouched regions, the World Heritage-listed Gondwana Rainforest of Main Range National Park
- Finish with 2 nights at The Sebel in Noosa, with nearby beaches and national parks
- Travel between accommodation and trail-heads aboard a comfortable vehicle to explore the hinterlands & Glass House Mountains
- Optional private 4WD tour along the iconic stretch of sandy beaches between Noosa and Rainbow Beach, famous for its stunning coloured sands

TRIP NOTES

- Itinerary and inclusions subject to change
- Private bathroom in adjoining pavilion at Spicers Amphitheatre Eco Cabin and Spicers Timber Getters Eco Cabin
- Walking boots or sturdy walking trail shoes must be well worn-in to avoid blisters. No sneakers allowed
- For guests aged 69 years or older we require a GP to sign off on a letter we provide before departure

- Price includes airport transfers
- Guests must be fit and healthy, with the ability to walk over a variety of terrains for a maximum of 8 hours in one day (with regular breaks)
- Gear list provided prior to departure
- Prices are for land only. Flights not included

Map & Itinerary



DAY

1

Arrive Brisbane To Spicers Hidden Vale

Arrive into Brisbane where you'll be met at the airport and transferred to Spicers Hidden Vale Retreat. After settling in, wander over to the Hidden Vale Wildlife Centre and learn about the work being done to protect its resident populations of white cheeked wallabies, koalas, king parrots and wedged tail eagles. In the evening, you'll be treated to the flavours of the local area, cooked on the outside coal-fired kitchen.

Stay: Grandchester, Spicers Hidden Vale Retreat

Daily: • Lunch • Dinner

DAY **2**

Scenic Rim Trail To Mount Mistake Farmhouse

After breakfast, begin the Scenic Rim trek with the ascent of Mount Mistake, one of a collection of 40 extinct volcanoes, that make up the Main Range. As you walk, enjoy plenty of rest breaks to take in panoramic views and enjoy your gourmet picnic lunch at a picturesque vantage point. Today's walk is challenging in sections but your efforts will be amply rewarded upon arrival at the Mount Mistake Farmhouse, with its sweeping mountaintop views and where a gourmet dinner and comfortable bedroom with ensuite bathroom is waiting.

Walking distance 10 kilometres, 7-8 hours

Stay: Mount Mistake Farmhouse

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

Scenic Rim Trail To Spicers Amphitheatre Eco Cabins

Today's walk may be longer in distance but the track is relatively flat and with so much natural beauty to keep your mind occupied, you'll hardly notice the kilometres. Set off from Mount Mistake after breakfast and you'll soon approach a lush tract of the 180 million years old World Heritage-listed Gondwana rainforest. Learn about the rainforest's fascinating ecology and surrounding ecosystems from your guide, and feel the wonder of being immersed in such awe-inspiring nature. Arrive at tonight's eco-accommodation a set of 'tree-house' cabins set in a natural amphitheatre above the forest floor. After a delightful dinner and drinks in the common pavilion, retreat to your private cabin and be lulled to sleep by the magical sounds of the rainforest at night.

Walking distance 18 kilometres, 8 hours

Stay: Spicers Amphitheatre Eco Cabin

Daily:

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

DAY

4

Scenic Rim Trail To Spicers Timber Getters Eco Cabins

Today's walking takes you deep into the Main Range National Park over a variety of terrains with stops at plenty of vantage points where you emerge from under the rainforest canopy to be greeted with spectacular views of nearby mountain peaks. As you descend the ridgeline, the rainforest gives way to equally ancient eucalyptus forest, alive with the song of native birds. Arrive at Dalrymple Creek where it is possible to swim in the fresh mountain spring water. Refreshed and replenished, it's just a gentle ascent to the Timber Getters eco-cabins, where you will make camp for the evening.

Walking distance 16 kilometres, 8 hours

Stay: Spicers Timber Getters Eco Cabin

Daily:

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Scenic Rim Trail To Spicers Hidden Peaks Cabins

Today is your final full-day of walking. Set off after breakfast, crossing a rocky saddle and briefly re-entering rainforest before emerging to more open terrain. The panoramic views which will amplify the vastness of the entire Scenic Rim region. Spend most of the day walking across the open ridgeline of Mt Cordeaux, looking out over the farmlands in Fassifern Valley and Lake Moogerah, one of South East Queensland's major vegetable growing areas. Your camp this evening is at Spicers Hidden Peaks Cabins. Celebrate your achievements with another delicious meal in the dining pavilion a relaxing evening by the fireside in your own rustic cabin - the perfect way to end your walk.

Walking distance 16 kilometres, 7-8 hours

Stay: Spicers Hidden Peaks Cabins

Daily:

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

DAY

Scenic Rim To Spicers Peak Lodge, Maryvale

This morning after breakfast, you'll be transferred to Spicers Peak Lodge, an award-winning luxury lodge set on a remote hilltop and surround by national park. Here you'll have the day to enjoy the superb facilities, perhaps indulge in a spa treatment, or simply relax and unwind in your 5-star suite. Lunch and dinner, with a selection of drinks, will be served in The Peak restaurant, which has been awarded a Chef's Hat for its exceptional modern cuisine using the best Australian produce.

Stay: Maryvale, Spicers Peak Lodge

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY
7

Maryvale To Noosa Via The Hinterlands

After a leisurely breakfast, set off for your journey to Noosa travelling through a spectacular part of Australia's coastal hinterland, not on the usual tourist trails. Along the way, enjoy a gourmet lunch with views of the Glasshouse Mountains and enjoy a short, guided eco-walk through lush, sub-tropical rainforest with stops at quaint villages. Arrive into Noosa this afternoon and check in to your luxury hotel in the heart of Hastings Street.

Stay: Two nights, The Sebel, Noosa

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch



Noosa, 4WD Rainbow Beach - Optional Tour

Choose how you wish to spend your day. Perhaps cruise in style along the beautiful waterways of Noosa in a restored 1950s mahogany speedboat including lunch at a local restaurant, then enjoy free time to wander along Hastings Street, the beaches and national park nearby. Or you may prefer to set off for a full day 4WD tour to world-famous Rainbow Beach. With exclusive access to protected Double Island Point Lighthouse this private 4WD tour takes you across beautiful stretches of sandy beaches and includes a walk to the Carlo Sand Blow viewing point, a unique 'moonscape' overlooking the stunning coloured sands of Rainbow Beach. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Daily:

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner



Depart Noosa

After breakfast you will be collected from The Sebel and transferred to Sunshine Coast airport for your onward flight.

Daily: • Breakfast