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# Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers 2026

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**6 Days / 5 Nights with Brian and Mary**

**Tour Date Thursday 17 - Tuesday 22 September 2026**

## Tour Inclusions:

- Pick up from your home, transport to Toowoomba Qld and return to your doorstep
- (Sydney Metropolitan area only)
- Luxury Coach Travel, Seatbelts and Restroom
- All fully cooked breakfasts
- Three Course Dinners with Choices at the motel
- Five nights quality accommodation
- Lunches each day
- All entry fees and guides as per Itinerary
- Escorted tour

## Tour Highlights:

Marthaville Craft Centre, Australian Standing Stones, Glen Innes Visitors Information Centre, Glen Innes & District Services Club, 2026 Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Grand Central Floral Parade with reserved seats, Crows Nest Soft Drinks, Farmers Arms Hotel, Spring Bluff Railway Station, Driving Guided Tour of Private Gardens that are finalists in the Open Gardens Competition, Laurel Bank Park, Cobb & Co Museum, Ju Raku En Japanese Garden, Nobby, Rudd's Pub, Jamworks in Stanthorpe, Railway Taven in Glen Innes Australian Army Infantry, Museum..... and more.

<b>Tour Fee including GST:</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>\$2826.00 per person twin share</b>
	<b>Non Members</b>	<b>\$2876.00 per person twin share</b>
	<b>Single Supplement</b>	<b>\$589.00</b>

**Book now Paid by Thursday 16 July 2026**

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# The Itinerary

## Day 1 Thursday 17 Sep 2026 Home to Tamworth

Lunch, Dinner

We pick you up this morning and head north along the M1 Motorway to the Hunter Valley and stop in Cessnock at the **Marthaville Craft Centre** for lunch. Browse the extensive range of locally handcrafted arts and crafts on display sale before lunch is served. This afternoon we continue our way to Tamworth and along the way have a brief stop in Scone to stretch our legs and have a short break. On arrival in Tamworth, we check in to our accommodation for the night and meet again for dinner at the **Powerhouse Hotel Tamworth by Rydges**.

## Day 2 Friday 18 Sep 2026 Tamworth to Toowoomba

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Following breakfast, as we head north through Armidale to see the site of the **Australian Standing Stones**, the only standing stones to be erected in the last 3000 years. A primary venue for the Celtic Festival, (except for the parade) the Celtic Council of Australia developed the idea of erecting a national monument to honour all Celtic people who helped pioneer Australia which were officially opened in 1992 in Glen Innes. Settled by the Scots, the town regards itself as the Celtic Capital of New England and is known fondly as "the land of the Beardies". It is also renowned for its gemstones and minerals. On arrival we head to the Visitors Information Centre to enjoy a look through the gem centre followed by a light lunch at Glen Innes & District Services Club before continuing through to Toowoomba for our stay for the next 3 nights, so un-pack and relax before meeting over dinner at **Platinum International, Toowoomba**

## Day 3 Saturday 19 Sep 2026 Carnival of Flowers

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Experience the longest running floral event of its kind in Australia Celebrating 77 years. Following breakfast, we make our way to our reserved seats for the **2026 Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Grand Central Floral Parade**. Featuring spectacular floats decorated with live flowers, fitting the chosen theme for the year, plus Bands, Marching Groups and Carnival Characters. There is so much to see and colours to absorb! The parade concludes at Queens Park, where we will have free time to experience the festivities. Next, we travel to the small town of **Crows Nest** for a visit to **Crows Nest Soft Drinks** Established in 1903, Crows Nest Soft Drinks (then Crows Nest Cordials) is one of the oldest surviving; "small town"; manufacturers of soft drinks and syrup flavourings. Relive your childhood summers as you taste a Creaming Soda or Double Sarsaparilla. A short drive away is the **Farmers Arms Hotel** where we have lunch before we visit the heritage listed **Spring Bluff Railway Station**. The spring exhibit is absolutely stunning with thousands of visitors each September enjoying the magnificent display with an array of poppies, ranunculus, stock, snapdragons, petunias and many other annuals bursting into colour under the warm sunshine.

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#### **Day 4 Sunday 20 Sep 2026 Flowers and Gardens**

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

We spend today exploring Toowoomba. Its "Garden City" image comes from the fact that it has rich fertile soil, a unique climate and its position on the edge of the Great Dividing Range presents ideal conditions for growing flowers. We start our day with a visit to four of the beautiful **private gardens** with a **local guide**, that are finalists as part of the **Carnival of Flowers Open Garden Competition** in addition to experiencing **Laurel Bank Park** which provides a majestic oasis with manicured gardens, topiary and many other points of interest. The scented gardens here are unique and are filled with richly perfumed plants and herbs. Following a suggestion from the Downs Association for the Blind, the gardens were developed in 1980. The Scented Gardens were designed with the visually impaired in mind. Wide pathways winding among magnificent trees and perfumed plantings, and water. We then make our way to **Cobb & Co Museum**, tracing the history of the horse drawn transportation in Australia through an array of interactive displays and exhibits. We enjoy lunch here before our final visit to one of the most beautiful and peaceful parks in Toowoomba, the **University of Southern Queensland's Japanese Garden. Ju Raku En**, roughly translating 'to enjoy peace and longevity in a public place', has many species of Japanese and Australian native trees and plants combined in a seamless and restful harmony.

#### **Day 5 Monday 21 Sep 2026 Toowoomba to Tamworth**

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

An early start today as we leave Toowoomba after a wonderful time. Our southern travels take us through **Nobby**. The town is famous for its local pub, called **Rudd's Pub** which was in recognition of Steele Rudd, author of the radio classic Dad and Dave and Sister Elizabeth Kenny Memorial who had significant world-wide impact on the treatment of polio. We continue through the towns and stop at the **Jamworks** for morning tea in **Stanthorpe**. Our journey takes us further south as we arrive in time for lunch at **Railway Tavern** in Glen Innes. Our day ends as we arrive in Tamworth where we check in and freshen up before dinner. **Powerhouse Hotel Tamworth by Rydges**,

#### **Day 6 Tuesday 22 Sep 2026 Tamworth to Home**

**Breakfast, Lunch,**

Today, after breakfast we start making our way home. as we travel through horse stud country to **Singleton** where we visit the **Australian Army Infantry Museum**. The exhibition is divided into two areas. The ground floor displays focus on the chronological history of infantry operational deployments, from Sudan in 1885 through to our current deployments. The mezzanine displays focus on the small arms and their associated training aids the infantryman's "tools of the trade"; and how they have developed and influenced the tactics, techniques and procedures of the Royal Australian Infantry Corps. We enjoy lunch here at the **Lone Pine Cafe** before continuing our journey home. And we reminisce over our wonderful holiday we've had with Brian and Mary and Ezi Drive Coaches and say good bye at your door.

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