

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
805 km

HIGHLIGHTS: Fraser Island one day and the Great Barrier Reef the next

DAY 1 - BRISBANE TO RAINBOW BEACH 240KM
Stop in at Noosa for some lunch and shopping on the famous Hasting street. Head towards Rainbow Beach in time for a walk to Carlo Sandblow



DAY 2 - K’GARI

Enjoy a **2 Day Tour of K’Gari** with **K’Gari Explorer Tours** departing from Inskip point. Explore icons like Lake McKensie, Eli Creek and 75 Mile Beach
Overnight at **K’gari Beach Resort**

DAY 3 - K’GARI

Enjoy the last day of your 2 day tour of K’gar Island. The ferry from K’gari will return you to Inskip Point at 5.00 pm

DAY 4 - RAINBOW BEACH TO BUNDABERG 205KM

Arrive in region in time for morning tea or lunch and an Orchard Tour at **Macadamias’ Australia**, the largest nut producer in Australia

See, smell and taste your way through the **Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience**

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

is a must

DAY 5 - SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF

Enjoy a day trip to **Lady Musgrave** or **Lady Elliot Island**, the southern-most islands of the Great Barrier Reef

DAY 6 - BUNDABERG TO BRISBANE 360KM

On your return drive to Brisbane try to leave some time to do the walk to Kondalilla Falls

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 McKensie 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 early to begin a **Taribelang Bunda Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Tour** learning rich aboriginal culture and history from the oldest living culture on earth. Then take the true brew tasting tour to learn about the history of Australia’s favourite ginger beer and international icon, **Bundaberg Brewed Drinks**.

DAY 6 - SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF

Enjoy a day trip to **Lady Musgrave** or **Lady Elliot Island**, the southern-most islands of the Great Barrier Reef.

DAY 7 - BUNDABERG TO BRISBANE 360KM

If you have additional time in Brisbane a visit to **Southbank Parklands** is a must!

14 Days - 13 Nights
1,725 km

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

DAY 1 - BRISBANE TO K’GARI 290KM

Make your way to the town of Hervey Bay for the ferry to the world’s largest sand island for a **3 Day Tour of K’Gari** with **K’Gari Explorer Tours**

Overnight at **K’gari Beach Resort**

DAY 2 - K’GARI ISLAND

Enjoy exploring the island and icons like Lake McKensie and the Maheno Ship Wreck

DAY 3 - K’GARI TO HERVEY BAY

Enjoy the last day of K’gari. The ferry from K’gari will return you to Riverheads at 5.50 pm

DAY 4 - HERVEY BAY TO BUNDABERG 111KM

Blend Your Own Rum Experience allows you to

create your own bespoke tippie by crafting your own unique blend and leaving the very same day with two personalized bottles. Then head to **Splitters Farm**, set amongst lush tropical bushland and offers a unique rural farm tour experience, with kayaking, swimming & fishing

DAY 5 - OVERNIGHT ON THE SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF

You will call a Reef Unit at **Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort** your home for the night and wake up with the view of the reef over your toes. Enjoy a glass bottom boat snorkeling tour and a snorkel in the beach accessible lagoon

DAY 6 - LADY ELLIOT ISLAND

After another day of exploring the reef on Lady Elliot Island you will return to the Bundaberg mainland at 4:30 pm



DAY 7 - BUNDABERG TO CANIA GORGE 228KM

Discover ancient caves and sheltered gorges in the Cania Gorge National Park

Overnight **BIG4 Breeze Cania Gorge**

DAY 8 - CANIA GORGE TO CAPRICORN CAVES 275KM

Before heading to the caves be sure to take a trip to Mount Archer National Park and The Nurim Circuit Elevated Boardwalk in Rockhampton

Overnight **Capricorn Caves**

DAY 9 - CAPRICORN CAVES

Choose from a number of caving tours; whether

it be experiencing the breath taking acoustics of the **Cathedral Cave Tour**, the intimate **Capricorn Explorer** or the **Capricorn Adventure Tour** there is something for everyone

DAY 10 - CAPRICORN CAVES TO TOWN OF 1770 316KM

Take a detour to Yeppoon and drive down the coast south to Emu Park overlooking the Great Keppel Islands before driving via Gladstone to the Town of 1770

DAY 11 - TOWN OF 1770 & AGNES WATER

Take a **1770LARC Paradise Tour** to explore two national parks, enjoy stunning views and visit the historic Bustard Head Lighthouse



DAY 12 - TOWN OF 1770 TO SUNSHINE COAST 412KM

Drive to the Sunshine Coast, a subtropical holiday paradise with a relaxed atmosphere, many small towns with great shops and cafés, and immaculate beaches

DAY 13 - SUNSHINE COAST

Explore the Sunshine Coast and see waterfalls near Maleny, Lake Baroon near Montville or hike the Glasshouse Mountains

DAY 14 - SUNSHINE COAST TO BRISBANE 93K

Explore the beaches around Mooloolaba and walk the Headland Walk at Caloundra. With a last look at the Glasshouse Mountains drive back to Brisbane

Getting Here

From	Drive	Fly	Distance
Brisbane	4 hours	45 mins	350 kms
Noosa Heads	3 hours 10 mins	-	255 kms
Hervey Bay	1 hour 20 mins	-	110 kms
Town of 1770	1 hour 40 mins	-	130 kms
Yeppoon	4 hours 15 mins	-	330 kms

Suggested Accommodation

BARGARA

Grand Mercure C Bargara Resort

★★★★ *Self Rated*

A franchise of the ACCOR group, situated on the Esplanade, where every apartment enjoys spectacular ocean views.

Kellys Beach Resort, Bargara

★★★ *Self Catering AAA Rated*

Eco-Certified resort located a block back from the beach, in Bargara.

BUNDABERG

Burnett Riverside Hotel, Bundaberg

★★★★ *Self Rated*

Located in the heart of the Bundaberg CBD and perched on the banks of the Burnett River, with hotel, restaurant and function facilities.

Villa Mirasol, Bundaberg

★★★★ *AAA Rated*

Centrally located motel, a short walk to restaurants, shopping centers, theatres, art galleries, and CBD.

CANIA GORGE

BIG4 Breeze Holiday Parks - Cania George

★★★★ *Self Rated*

Breeze Holiday Park is the perfect base for your Cania Gorge experience with self-contained cabins, powered and unpowered sites and a water park

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 blows, 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

