

# Bush & Beach, Australia

## Itinerary

### Day 1 – Sunday

You should take an early lunch today; those being collected at the airport will be taken to Hastings Street in Noosa where there are lots of places for lunch.

From RACV Noosa Resort you are taken to the horses' base at Verrierdale (20 minutes from Noosa) to be introduced to the wonderful Australian Stock Horses. This introduction will include a familiarisation session on basic horsemanship and caring for your horse. It will be followed by a short "getting to know you" orientation ride of about one hour.



If some of the group have been delayed arriving then the orientation ride might be deferred until the following morning.

After the orientation ride at Verrierdale everyone is transferred to Edenvue, the cattle property of your guide Alex Watson (a journey of c. 1 ¼ hours).

Pre-dinner drinks will be followed by dinner in the dining room.

Overnight at Edenvue where you stay for the next two nights.

Please note that the following itinerary is the planned ride. The day by day route and the overnight stops may occasionally change depending on local weather conditions but always with your best interests in mind.

### Day 2 – Monday

After breakfast you will groom and tack up the horses.

Today you ride over the 640 acre cattle and horse property. Try your hand at some cattle mustering and explore the trails.

Today will also be an opportunity to learn a few campdrafting skills if you would like to.

You have lunch on the property.



This afternoon you may choose to just relax or go for a drive looking for kangaroo and wallabies.

Pre dinner drinks will be served, then dinner in the dining room.

Riding time c. 4 hours.

### Day 3 – Tuesday

Today's ride is over the Black Snake Range. You climb the "Hanging Rock" trail a historic stock route over the Black Snake Range. This is one of the trails used for the annual Kilkivan Great Horse Ride. The ride starts from the site of the old Kilkivan township where gold was first discovered in Queensland.



Spectacular mountain views are a feature of today's ride before you descend into Widgee Valley and the ride features a wide variety of forest and unique flora. Lunch is on the deck at Edenvue.

Later, transfer to the beautiful Amamoor Lodge in the heart of the Mary River Valley. Be introduced to your hosts for the next two days – Malcolm and Christine.

Tonight drinks are around the fire before moving over to the veranda for dinner.

Riding time c. 4 hours.

#### **Day 4 Wednesday**

Saddle up for a ride through the Amamoor State Forest which is full of Bunya Pines and amazing vistas, including Skyring Lookout.



Picnic lunch at Amama Park followed by a ride back to Amamoor Lodge.

Riding time c. 4.5 hours.

#### **Day 5 Thursday**

With bags packed again this morning, load up the horses and depart for the Noosa Trail Network. You will stop for lunch on the trail, dependent upon the trail that has been chosen for the day.



Depart for Noosa and check into your luxury accommodation at the RACV Noosa Resort for the next two nights.

Dinner at the resort or one of Noosa's many fine restaurants.

Riding time c. 4 hours.

#### **Day 6 Friday**

After breakfast transfer over to Noosa North Shore and ride through the bush to the spectacular Laguna Bay and Teewah Beach for a memorable ride along the pristine Noosa North Shore. A great way to end the trip.



Return to Noosa for a light lunch then return to your accommodation and spend the afternoon relaxing with a massage, spa treatments (payable locally) or explore Noosa's famous Hastings Street, the beach or the National Park.

Before dinner your guide Alex will arrive to settle any extra accounts (airport transfers and Equathon product purchases, if any) and then take you to a restaurant on Gympie Terrace along the Noosa River precinct for a memorable dinner to conclude a wonderful week of riding. There will be many stories to tell around the table tonight.

Riding time c. 2 hours.

#### **Day 7 Saturday**

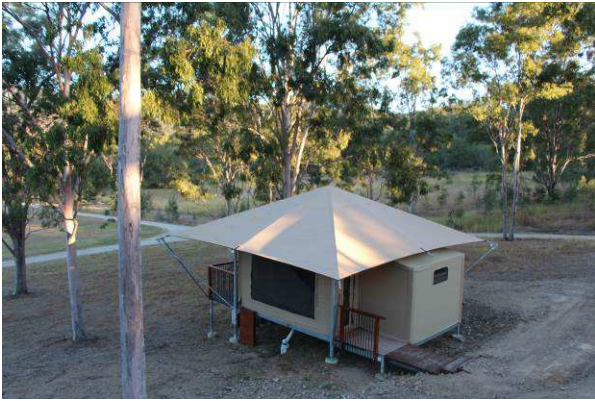
Transfer to the airport in time for your flight or your own onward arrangements for the rest of your stay in Australia.

## **Accommodation**

The accommodation varies from authentic award winning Bed and Breakfasts in the picturesque Mary River valley to resort hotel apartments in Noosa. Single accommodation is available at extra cost. Some rooms are en suite and on some nights you may share one bathroom between two rooms. Some of the apartments have one en suite bedroom and one bedroom room with separate bathroom.

Days 1 & 2 – Edenvue





Edenview is a 640 acre cattle and horse property on the western side of the Widgee Mountain. There are six large en-suite tents that can be made into twins or doubles.



The property also has a covered decking area with a fireplace where everyone relaxes and takes meals together.

Days 3 & 4 - Amamoor Lodge  
[www.amamoorlodge.com.au](http://www.amamoorlodge.com.au)



Amamoor Lodge is nestled on 50 picturesque acres with mountain views. The facilities include en suite bedrooms opening onto wide verandas, lounge area

with open fireplace and a large style swimming pool. Amamoor Lodge has a working Cobb & Co. Coach, driven by the owner Malcolm. There are also resident wildlife – wallabies, koalas, echidnas, possums and birdlife.

Days 5 & 6 - RACV Noosa Resort



The RACV in Noosa is a 5 star resort with suites, one and two bedroom apartments and villas. Each comes complete with wide screen TV's, DVD player, king size beds, and large showers. The resort offers numerous activities such as a day spa, tennis, and a large swimming pool with a sandy beach.

## What to Bring

The meeting point is the RACV Noosa Resort and you will be returning to the RACV Noosa Resort for your last two nights, so it would be possible to leave bags at the Resort that you do not need on the trail.