



# *Brisbane & Gold Coast Aviation Tour*

8-day tour departing **10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**, escorted from NZ by aviation enthusiasts Kevin & Melanie Salisbury.

*Also including*

**Queensland Air Museum**

**RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre, Workshops Rail Museum**

**Caboolture War Plane Museum, Australian Aviation Heritage Centre**

**Gold Coast Motor Museum**

**Evans Head Heritage Aviation Museum, Ballina Naval and Maritime Museum**

**Stone & Wood Brewery**



Let us take you .....

## **Tour Itinerary –**

### **Day 1: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Auckland to Brisbane**

Meet & Greet 7am. Our flight to Brisbane departs Auckland at 9.20am, arriving in Brisbane at 11am. We'll stop at the Sir Charles Kingsford Smith Memorial which displays the preserved "Southern Cross", the first aircraft to cross the Tasman, before heading to our local hotel. This afternoon we relax with an included game of crazy golf, or you can take the option to play a full E-Golf simulator (own cost), both of which are onsite at the hotel. This evening, we enjoy our welcome dinner.

Meals: Inflight Meal and Dinner

Overnight: Brisbane International Virginia

**Day 2: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August                      Queensland Air Museum**

We head North today to Caloundra, home of Queensland Air Museum, Australia's largest and most diverse historic aviation display. The collection, nearing 100 historically significant aircraft, includes an F-111, Mirage Jet, and Australia's oldest DC-3. There's a large display of aero-engines, an extensive range of rare artefacts, books and reference materials and a growing collection of audio-recorded stories from the people who have lived our aviation history.

After lunch in Caloundra, we return to Brisbane and settle into our city centre hotel, our base for the next three nights. Royal on the Park is perfectly situated overlooking the City Botanic Gardens with just a short walk to the Queen Street Mall and close to the river ferries.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Royal on the Park

**Day 3: Tues 12<sup>th</sup> August                      RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre & Workshops Rail Museum**

This morning, a drive West will take us to RAAF Amberley where our guide will tell stories of their people and the aircraft they supported and flew. We learn about the Air Force journey in Southeast Queensland from the 1930s to the present day. The Heritage Centre occupies 4 WWII Bellman hangars and is home to a number of historical RAAF aircraft including: Canberra Bomber A84-242, Caribou A4-236, Douglas A20G Havoc – "Hell'n Pelican", F-111 A8-126, Sabre A94-962, Aircraft engines, F-111 Crew Module, World War II Jeep, Aircraft refuelling vehicles, and a wide variety of armaments.

From Amberley it's a short drive to Workshops Rail Museum where we stop for lunch and explore the rich heritage of Australia's oldest railway workshops.

If you prefer you can stay in Brisbane for the day.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Royal on the Park

**Day 4: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August                      Caboolture War Plane Museum and Australian Aviation Heritage Centre**

Today we spend time in Caboolture. As well as a captivating collection of exhibits, the War Plane Museum offers Warbird flights in the CAC Wirraway and a North American T-28 Trojan, operated by Warplanes Pty Ltd. There may be an opportunity for a few guests to take advantage of this. Morning tea will be provided and then we drop in to AAHC to hear about their collection including the current restoration of Australian built DAP/Bristol Beaufort Bomber A9-141 to airworthy status, as well as their Kiowa, Wessex, Dove, Tiger Moth and the Caribou. We will be back in Brisbane for an afternoon at leisure. You might like to relax, shop, hop across the river to the Maritime Museum or head over to the annual agricultural Royal Queensland Show. Today is a public holiday to celebrate the show.

If you prefer you can stay in Brisbane for the day.

Meals: Breakfast, Morning Tea

Overnight: Royal on the Park

**Day 5: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August                      Gold Coast Motor Museum**

Our journey takes us South today to Surfers Paradise stopping enroute at the Gold Coast Motor Museum. Set on 12 acres in the Gold Coast hinterland and surrounded by native trees and rolling grasslands, with views of the Coomera Valley, the museum has been designed to evoke memories and inspire great stories. There are over 80 cars and bikes and a treasure trove of memorabilia on display. Alongside the museum is Stanleys Restaurant and Bar where we take a leisurely lunch before heading into Surfers Paradise. Our hotel for the next three nights is the Novotel, just a 5-minute stroll to all the action of the weekend.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Novotel Surfers Paradise



**Day 6: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August****At leisure in Surfers Paradise**

Today you can choose from a range of local activities or just chill and see where your day takes you. One suggestion is the Muscle Car Museum, there is also an Aquaduck City & River Tour or for the more adventurous Amore Tours have water cars with a variety of options. Try the SkyPoint Observation Deck, bragging 360-degree views of the surrounding Gold Coast. Friday night comes alive with the Surfers Paradise Beachfront Markets, with over 100 stalls selling wares from local artisans and fresh local produce.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Novotel Surfers Paradise

**Day 7: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August****Evans Head Heritage Aviation Museum**

Our journey today takes us South and into NSW. We'll stop for an hour at the Ballina Naval & Maritime Museum, which includes exhibitions, research and memorabilia. Then it's on to Evans Head where passionate guides will share their stories, the history, the tragedies and the triumphs of Northern Rivers aviation.

Following lunch at Club Evans RSL overlooking the Evans River, we head North and drop in to Byron Bay for tour of Stone & Wood Brewery. The Tasting Room and brewery houses 31 brewing tanks, a canteen run by local foodie legends 100 Mile Table and a leafy beer garden. We'll take a deep dive into the world of craft beer.

This evening we enjoy our farewell dinner at Steampunks just round the corner from the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Overnight: Novotel Surfers Paradise

**Day 8 – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August****Flight home from Gold Coast Airport**

After breakfast we start our journey home departing on NZ104 at 11.50am, arriving in Auckland at 4.50pm.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch in Flight.

**Tour Costs in NZD**

8 Day Tour including return Air NZ economy flights Auckland-Brisbane & Gold Coast-Auckland

**\$4195** per person twin/double share Room\*

**\$895** single room supplement

**\$3395** per person Twin/Double Share Room - Land Only joining in Brisbane

\$300 non-refundable deposit required on booking with full balance due by 10<sup>th</sup> May 25

For bookings after 10<sup>th</sup> May, the full balance is payable immediately.

The \$300 deposit is refundable should the tour not reach the minimum numbers.

Flight upgrades are subject to availability and will be quoted on request.

Pre-tour accommodation and domestic departure points can be quoted.

Please ask if you would like any variations to the above arrangements. We are quite flexible! You may choose a different return date. Costs are subject to availability.

**Inclusions**

Economy return The Works airfares on Air NZ

Accommodation with private facilities.

Private Coach Transport

Meals as stated

Sightseeing & entrances as stated

Gratuities, Tour Escorts from NZ

**Not Included**

Upgrade to Premium Economy/Business Class

Accommodation upgrades

Insurance, Some meals

Shuttle or flights to/from Auckland

Passport and visa charges

Items of a personal nature i.e. laundry, beverages, telephone calls etc. Optional excursions

**Tour Features**

Small group, max 24 guests, unique itinerary, quality accommodation, escorted from NZ

## NOTES

Any changes to the flights need to be made as soon as possible as there may be additional costs on other dates as availability changes.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Tour costs** - Tour costs are based on specially negotiated airfares on which special conditions apply, and on double/twin share accommodation. Costs are based on a minimum number of 14 passengers. For passengers travelling alone, a single supplement is payable, or there is the possibility of a same sex room share. If you cannot be matched, the single supplement is payable.

**Fitness** - A reasonable level of fitness is required to make the most of the museums and sightseeing. Some hotels may have showers over the bath.

**Reservations and Payment** - Your reservation will be confirmed on receipt of a non-refundable deposit of \$300. Final balance is due by 10<sup>th</sup> May or immediately, if booked after 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**Changes to Tour Costs** - Tour costs are based on exchange rates as at Feb 2025, and are subject to change. Airfares are based on group departures and taxes correct as of Feb 2025. Should these costs change, it may be necessary to make a surcharge on the tour. Once full payment has been received, no surcharge will be made in respect of currency or fuel surcharges. However, changes imposed by governments, or their agencies are not covered by this guarantee.

**Changes to Itinerary** - If improvements can be made to the itinerary or circumstances beyond our control make it necessary to make changes, we reserve the right to do so.

**Cancellation refunds and flight changes** - Notice of cancellation must be in writing. Changes to flights once ticketed will incur charges. After the final balance has been paid, the following scale of charges will apply.

Cancellation period	Fees as a percentage of tour price
Up to 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Loss of deposit
11 <sup>th</sup> May – 11 <sup>th</sup> June	50%
12 <sup>th</sup> June onwards	100%

**Insurance** - For cancellations, we regret that we are not able to make refunds against any unused part of the tour. It is therefore essential that you have sufficient insurance to cover your loss. We strongly recommend a complete and comprehensive travel insurance policy. We accept no responsibility for any loss caused by insufficient or lack of insurance cover. A quote will be provided on receipt of your booking form but you may make your own arrangements.

**Optional Return Dates** - The international airfare on which this tour is based allows individual passengers to return independently on a space-available basis.

**Passports and Visas** - A current passport with 6 months' validity is essential. NZ & Australian passport holders do not require visas. Other passport holders will require a visitor's visa. Non-NZ passport holders must be in possession of a re-entry permit. Passports and visas are not the tour operator's responsibility, but we can help with these.

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