



## Australian Bush and Beach Ride Itinerary

### Day 1 – Sunday

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- On arrival you will be transferred to beautiful Amamoor Lodge in the heart of the **Mary River Valley** and introduced to our hosts for the next two days, Cynthia and John Hayes. Amamoor Lodge is nestled on 50 picturesque acres with mountain views. The facilities include Queen-size bedrooms opening onto wide verandas, lounge area with open fireplace and a large resort style swimming pool. Amamoor Lodge has a working Cobb & Co. Coach, sulky and carriage and resident harness horses driven by host, John. There are also resident wildlife – wallabies, koalas, echidnas, possums and birdlife.
- 1pm – Lunch (this may vary depending on your flight arrival time) and includes a ride itinerary orientation. (Choose from the menu for dinner)
- After lunch you will be introduced to our wonderful Australian Stock Horses. This introduction will include a short familiarisation session on basic horsemanship and caring for your horse. Time permitting; it will be followed by a short “getting to know you” ride.
- 6:30pm – Pre dinner drinks and will be served in the lounge.
- 7pm – Dinner in the beautifully appointed dining room or alfresco.

### Day 2 – Monday

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- 7:30am – Breakfast.
- 8:30am – Prepare your horses for a 9:00am departure. Today we ride through beautiful **state forest and rainforest country west of Kenilworth**. Ride duration will be 3 ½ to 4 hours.
- 1:30pm – Lunch at Amamoor Lodge or McGinn’s Café, Kenilworth.
- 3pm – Assemble for travel to Mapleton and Montville, towns high on the Blackall Range.
- 6pm – Return to Amamoor Lodge
- 6:30pm – Pre dinner drinks.
- 7pm – Dinner.

### Day 3 – Tuesday

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- 6:30am – Breakfast. Dressed for riding.
- 7:30am – Depart for Kilkivan.
- 8:30am – Arrive at The Left Bank at **Kilkivan** where you will be staying for the next two nights. Kilkivan is the place where gold was first

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discovered in Queensland and led to a gold-rush in the area which finally centred itself around the historic town of Gympie (today the regional centre for the district). The Left Bank is an historic building being the former Union Bank in **Kilkivan**. Today it is a multi-award winning bed n breakfast and café/restaurant facility owned and operated by our charming hosts, Bruce and Rae Hurley. After being shown to your rooms, enjoy a delicious morning tea.

- 9:30am - Start **Wongella Trail Ride** – part of the trails which make up the annual Great Kilkivan Horse Ride. During this ride you will pass through a variety of open range country and what we call the Valley of the Grasstrees. Ride duration will be 4 hours approximately.
- 1:30pm – sit-down BBQ Lunch served by Bruce Hurley at **Mudlo National Park** entrance. Local historian and bush poet, Mike Webb may entertain us with some of his talents.
- 3pm – transported back to The Left Bank. Freshen up. (Choose from the menu for dinner) Explore the town or just relax.
- 7pm – Dinner.

#### Day 4 Wednesday

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- 7:30am – Breakfast.
- 9:00am – Depart for ‘Jaylyn Downs’ an Australian Stock Horse Stud of over 10,000 acres and nearly 200 horses and quite a few cattle. Justin and Lyndal Hafey are our hosts today.
- 9:30am – Mount up and ride through the property looking for herds of cattle or horses to be mustered.
- 1pm – Lunch.
- 2pm – Depart for a visit to **Goomeri** and the Emporium (riding store). Time permitting, a visit to a local saddler, Trevor Scott and the Goomeri Pub.
- 6pm – Pre dinner drinks on the balcony.
- 7pm – Dinner.

#### Day 5 Thursday

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- 7:00am – Breakfast. Have bags packed and ready to go. Also, be dressed ready for riding.
- 8:00am – Depart for **Kin Kin** in the heart of the Noosa Trail Network.
- 9:30am – Arrive at Kin Kin’s Country Life Hotel and prepare the horses.



- 10:00am – Mount up to ride the Noosa Trail Network. Usually we do the Trail No. 1 – The Kin Kin Countryside Loop complete with ocean and hinterland views. Today's ride is 3 ½ hours.
- 1:30pm – Light lunch and a welcome drink at the **Kin Kin Pub**.
- 3:00pm – Depart for **Noosa** and check into your luxury accommodation for the next two nights. Either Noosa Springs Resort and Spa, Noosa Blue or Montpellier Apartments. All with swimming pools and pampering facilities.
- 7:00pm – Dinner at our resort or one of Noosa's exclusive restaurants.

### Day 6 Friday

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- 7:30am – Breakfast.
- 8:45am – Depart for **Noosa North Shore**.
- 9:30am – Prepare the horses.
- 10:00am – Mount up and ride through the bush to the spectacular **Laguna Bay and Teewah Beach** for a memorable ride along the pristine Noosa North Shore.
- 1pm – Return to **Noosa** for a light lunch.
- 2pm – Return to your luxury accommodation and spend the afternoon chilling out with massage, spa treatments or explore Noosa's famous **Hastings Street**, beach or National Parks.
- 6:30pm – Alex will arrive to settle any extra accounts (airport transfers and Equathon product purchases, if any) and then transport you to Rasa's Restaurant on Gympie Terrace along the Noosa River precinct for a memorable dinner to complement a wonderful week of riding.

### Day 7 Saturday

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- 7:30am – Breakfast, then disperse. Depending on your flight departure times you may have time to fit in a visit to the Eumundi Markets or the Aussie Zoo.