

Northern Rivers Tour

May 30 - June 2, 2022



Tour Highlights

- Private gardens not usually open to the public
- Tropical Fruit world private tour
- Zentfelds Coffee tasting and tour
- 4 days and 3 nights at Peppers Salt Resort at Kingscliff
- Tweed Valley Art Gallery
- Tweed River cruise with gourmet lunch
- Lunch at Eltham pub
- Visit Phil Dudman's private garden
- Included breakfast daily, 2 morning teas and 3 lunches
- Everything organised!



Day 1 Monday May 30

Tour begins in Toowoomba then drive to the Gold Coast and Northern Rivers. MT.

We will meet at the Toowoomba Visitors information centre at 8.15am or other points to be negotiated on the way to our first stop in Kingsholme. Carol and John Kerkin have created a plant collectors paradise in the hills behind the Gold Coast. Expect to see all kinds of perennials and colour set in a peaceful rural location. We will have morning tea on arrival. After a lunch stop (own expense) we will see the small lavish tropical garden of Graham and Lesley Wilkinson in Merrimac. Next stop is the garden of Trevor and Mandy Hicks who have created their take on a cottage garden in the subtropics. All 3 private gardens offer something completely different and are not normally open to the public. Later we will continue to our accommodation in Kingscliff. *Peppers Salt Resort and Spa or similar for 3 nights*

Day 2 Tuesday 31/5/22 Tweed Valley B L

This morning we have an organised private tour of Tropical Fruit World to explore their huge collection of fruiting plants and have a look behind the scenes of this popular tourist destination. Next we will head to Tumbulgum to catch our private charter for a lunch cruise for a 2.5 hour exploration of the Tweed River with a private guide/captain on board the *Spirit of Wollumbin*. Upon our return we will return to the resort for some free time.

Day 3 Wednesday 1/6/22 Tweed Valley B MT L

Today we start with a trip south to Zentfelds Coffee for a short tour of the plantation, roasting demonstration, product tasting and an included coffee. We then head to Lismore to see Phil Dudman's private garden. Phil is editor of the Gardening Australia magazine and will share his passion for all things edible. Lunch is included in the peaceful Eltham Pub before visiting a private garden in the Eltham area—the garden of Kim Woods Rabbidge. This is a brand new garden in a great spot. Next stop is the beautiful Tweed Valley Art Gallery set in a lovely setting with great views of the surrounding area. They are renowned for curating interesting exhibitions and the Margret Olley rooms and collection.

Day 4 Thursday 2/6/22 Gold Coast B L

A later check out this morning before spending some time in the Kingscliff Nursery for some plant therapy. We then have a special stop at a rarely opened private Japanese garden in the Currumbin Valley. Tani Tei En (garden in a valley) is the work of Evelyn and Bob Marshall who have created a small stroll style garden planted with suitable subtropical plants. Next we will head to the Gold Coast Botanical Gardens where we will have a simple included picnic style lunch before a guided visit of a section of the gardens,



Our accommodation....

Peppers Salt Resort and Spa at Kingscliff

Our resort hotel is located across the road from the main beach and within easy reach of shops and eateries. Breakfast is included each day. There is a large lagoon style swimming pool and many spa type facilities available.



Tour price

\$995 per person twin share.

Please complete a booking form and pay deposit of **\$500** pp to secure place.

Sole use **\$280 extra** - single room