

Long Weekends

IN SOMERSET

The perfect long weekend away


Leave your troubles in the rear-view mirror and cruise down the road for a country escape to Somerset. This three-day long weekend getaway will be the breath of fresh country air you needed.

Day 1

- Cruise down the Warrego Highway and take the Brisbane Valley Highway turn-off.
- Stop for a snack in Fernvale – Grab an award-winning pie to-go from the Old Fernvale Bakery and pack it for a quick snack stop just up the road.
- Continue north along the Brisbane Valley Highway, turn right at Cormorant Bay and enjoy morning tea by Lake Wivenhoe.
- Continue north and turn left along Coominya Connection Road and follow the signs to Coominya.
- Meet up with Nash Horse Trekking and saddle up for a mid-morning trail ride with a stop at the Bellevue Hotel in Coominya for lunch.
- Retrace your steps along Coominya Connection Road toward Lake Wivenhoe and turn left onto the Brisbane Valley Highway towards Esk.
- Check into the Esk Caravan Park and settle in for a luxury glamping getaway
- Take a 10-minute stroll to Esk Grand Hotel for dinner and feast on fine country cuisine and ice-cold beverages.

Day 2

- But first, coffee. Take a short 10-minute stroll along the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail from the Esk Caravan Park to Brisbane Valley Roasters and get your coffee fix for the day.
- Take a short 5-minute stroll to Nash Gallery Café for a hearty country breakfast bursting with farm fresh flavours.
- Explore galleries and gift stores, and the Esk Country Markets on Saturdays. Why not add a touch of llama to your Esk-escape with a llama-led stroll around town with Ottaba Llama Walks.
- Head north along the Brisbane Valley Highway and turn left at Toogoolawah.
- Visit The Condensery | Somerset Regional Art Gallery, Toogoolawah Railway Museum, and the gift stores and galleries in town.
- Enjoy lunch at the Picnic Society or at one of the pubs in town.
- Head north along the Brisbane Valley Highway and turn right onto Gregor's Creek Road for a scenic detour.
- Turn right onto the Esk Kilcoy Road and look out for the NRMA Lake Somerset Holiday Park turn off.
- Check in for the night and settle in for a spectacular sunset over Lake Somerset.
- Take the free shuttle bus from NRMA Lake Somerset Holiday Park to the Exchange Hotel Kilcoy for dinner.

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1483 Brisbane Valley Hwy
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Day 3

- Head to Kilcoy's Yowie Park and get your coffee fix at the Yowie Coffee van (Thursday – Sunday mornings) before heading to one of the country cafes or bakeries for a hearty breakfast.
- Take a 40-minute country drive via Kilcoy Murgon Road up to Peach Trees Day Use and Camping Area in Jimna and spot the resident kangaroos, koalas, and other native wildlife. While you're there, check out Jimna Base Camp and book in your next holiday camping adventure.
- Head south and retrace your steps back to Kilcoy. From Kilcoy, head back towards Brisbane and take the scenic route through Villeneuve along Neurum Road.

If you still have time to spare, why not add a little Moore onto your trip?


But wait...
There's Moore!

BONUS Day 4

- From Kilcoy, head west along the D'Aguilar Highway toward Moore
- Stop in at the Moore Soldiers Memorial Hall (open weekends only)
- Check out the railway carriages and township of Linville.
- Head back to Moore and check in at Montrose on Moore and enjoy the afternoon paddling in the pool or relaxing in this glorious century-old Queenslander.
- Drive or ride to Linville and enjoy a classic country pub dinner at The Linville Hotel.

BONUS Day 5:

- Enjoy breakfast at one of the quaint country cafes in Moore before heading home with full hearts and bellies.

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