



# Pacific Airshow Gold Coast

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  
Caboolture War Plane Museum  
Australian Aviation Heritage Centre  
Workshops Rail Museum  
Gold Coast Motor Museum**



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****Pacific Airshow® Gold Coast**

Pacific Airshow® Gold Coast is a beach-front three-day weekend event featuring heart-pumping aerobatic demonstrations by the world's finest aviators, VIP meet and greet events, social parties, family fun, licensed ticket precinct and more! Featuring some of the best civilian performers and military aviators from around the globe, it's the largest airshow event to ever take place in Australia. Today we have general admission tickets so we can explore Aviation Alley at leisure on the quietest day and take in all the ground entertainment. The 2024 show took up around 1.5 kms of the Esplanade so there is plenty to see. We will experience all the excitement as the show starts today with a full flying program. Our hotel is so close you can come and go as you please all day.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Novotel Surfers Paradise

**Day 7: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August****Pacific Airshow Gold Coast**

Today we have the luxury of the Beach Club, a tented pavilion close to the landing zone, providing seating and shade and a haven from which to sit back and enjoy the full airshow. Morning tea, cold buffet lunch, afternoon snacks and a 4-hour beverage package are included. Military displays last year included the RAAF's F35A Lightning II and F/A-18F Super Hornet; US Air Force F-22 Raptors, KC135 tanker and C-17 heavy jets; and the RAF Falcons and US Navy Leap Frogs parachute teams. Civilian performers also wowed the crowds, with standout performances by Greg Colyer flying the T-33 Shooting Star, the first of its kind to ever fly in Australia, Jeff Boerboon in his Yak 110, Emma McDonald and Matt Hall himself from Matt Hall Racing. With this year's show promising to be "Bigger, Faster, Louder" we look forward to the announcements of participating aircraft as they are confirmed.

Meals: Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, 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

**\$4395** per person twin/double share Room\*

**\$895** single room supplement

**\$3570** per person Twin/Double Share Room - Land Only joining in Brisbane

- Please note that the airshow tickets are flexible, for example you may prefer General admission both days saving \$500 or you may like to upgrade on the Friday to the Beach Club as well. Let us know what suits you.

\$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  
General Admission for Friday Airshow  
Beach Club Enclosure for Sat Airshow  
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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