

3 Day Carnival Family Fun - Suggested Self Drive Itinerary

Travel period: Friday 28 September to Sunday 30 September 2018

The Toowoomba Carnival Flowers program features 10 days of fantastic events. But, for this three-day itinerary, we've specially selected events over the second weekend. Perfect for the whole family to enjoy.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Picnic Point Lookout & Parklands
- Queens Park & Parkland Entertainment
- Cobb+Co Museum**
- Night Garden **
- Nostalgic scenic rail journey to Spring Bluff Railway**
- Laurel Bank Park & Parkland Entertainment
- Carnival of Trains**
- 'Thrive on Arts' Program
- Allora and Mary Poppins House
- Historic Glengallan Homestead**



DAY 1: FRIDAY

28 SEPTEMBER -

BRISBANE TO

TOOWOOMBA

1. PICNIC POINT LOOKOUT AND PARKLANDS

164 Tourist Road, Rangeville, Toowoomba

Grab the kids, load up the car and follow the Warrego Way to 'The Garden City' for a weekend of fun, festivities and flowers. Make your first stop the heritage-listed Picnic Point Lookout and Parkland. The panoramic views over Main Range and Lockyer Valley are awesome and the kids will love the adventure playground.

2. QUEENS PARK BOTANIC GARDENS

Cnr Campbell & Lindsay Streets, Toowoomba

Drive a short distance to Queens Park & Botanic Gardens. Don't forget your camera for capturing rows upon rows of colourful floral splendour. There's even a viewing platform for that all important 'pano' shot. Unpack your picnic lunch and enjoy the free Parkland music, entertainment and eye-popping blooms.

3. COBB + CO MUSEUM

27 Lindsay Street, Toowoomba

Wander across the paddock to the Cobb+Co Museum* to see Australia's finest collection of horse drawn vehicles. While at the museum, you can also view over 60 beautiful hanging baskets as part of their annual Hanging Basket Display. (*entry fee applicable).

4. QUEENS PARK (MIDDLE)

Godsall Street, Toowoomba

Get ready to be impressed tonight when you visit the spectacular Night Garden* in Queens Park. Wander through this dazzling interactive space featuring creative light installations and mesmerising fields of light. (*entry fee applicable)

DAY 2: SATURDAY

29 SEPTEMBER

- TOOWOOMBA

5. TOOWOOMBA RAILWAY STATION

Railway Street, Toowoomba

Make sure that you are up early this morning in time for a 9.00am scenic rail journey to historic Spring Bluff Railway. Be prepared for a unique song and dance welcome by the 'Acting' Station Master as you pull onto the platform after your 35-minute nostalgic journey. Wander the prize-winning gardens and enjoy some morning tea from the Café before boarding the 11.00am rail journey back to Toowoomba.

6. LAUREL BANK PARK

50 Hill Street, Toowoomba

From Toowoomba Railway Station, it's around 10-minute drive to the fabulous Laurel Bank Park. Is that a giant caterpillar you see? Or is it just one of the cleverly clipped topiary hedges? Follow your nose on the scented garden trail and stand atop the viewing platform to guess the 2018 floral display. Tuck into a picnic lunch or purchase a snack from the vendors, then kick back and enjoy the free parkland music and entertainment.

7. CARNIVAL OF TRAINS

Toowoomba Showgrounds, Glenvale Road, Toowoomba

To see a slightly 'smaller' scale of train we recommend you visit the Carnival of Trains, not far from Laurel Bank Park. See the latest edition Model Railways of Australia journeying through beautiful scenery and tunnels. You'll be amazed with the detail.

8. THRIVE ON ARTS, EMPIRE THEATRE

56 Neil Street, Toowoomba

For the little creative people in your family, head to Empire Theatre for 'Thrive on Arts'. This engaging program will include artist activations, main stage productions, an interactive cardboard maze, drawing workshops for children and much more.

DAY 3: SUNDAY

30 SEPTEMBER -

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9. MARY POPPINS HOUSE

61 Herbert Street, Allora (Note: Entry & tours only by appointment)

Check out of your accommodation today and follow country roads to Allora, the childhood home of Mary Poppins creator, PL Travers. Guided tours of the heritage-listed home can be organised by appointment.

10. GLENGALLAN HOMESTEAD

18515 New England Highway, Warwick

Step back in time and re-live the Glengallan story and the beautiful sandstone mansion, Glengallan Homestead. The onsite café, Eliza's serves colonial fare with a modern flair.

Enjoy a scenic drive back to Brisbane, passing through Cunningham's Gap along the Cunningham Highway.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO HELP YOU PLAN YOUR DRIVE

1. Applicable entry fees per person:

- Cobb+Co Museum - Adult \$12.50; Concession \$10; Child \$6.50
- Scenic Rail Journey - Adult \$20; Child \$10; Infants Free
- Carnival of Trains - Gold coin donation
- Thrive on Arts - various events ranging from free to \$25
- Glengallan Homestead - Adult \$10; Children Free

2. Places to eat along the drive or nearby:

- Picnic Point Cafe
- Cobb+Co Museum Café
- Toowoomba Historical Society, Queens Park
- Spring Bluff Railway Cafe
- Croquet Club, Laurel Bank Park
- Glengallan's Eliza's cafe

3. Public Toilets along the drive:

- Picnic Point Parklands
- Queens Park
- Spring Bluff Railway Station
- Laurel Bank Park

