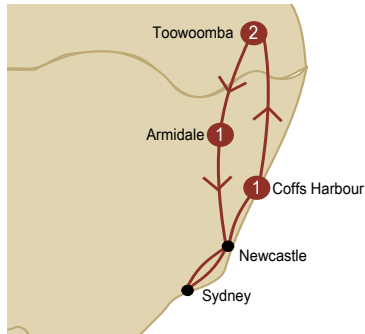


# Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

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5 Days



followed by **more Exhibition Gardens and the continuation of the prize winners in different categories, such as the best annuals, the best water-wise, good neighbours, as well as small and large displays.** We will enjoy lunch in the beautiful **Queen's Park** with its large floral display, either inside the marquee or outside amongst the colour. The remainder of the afternoon will be available for you to view more of the exhibitions in the park, as well as more gardens on offer.

## Day 4: Spring Bluff Railway—Armidale (BLD)

We start today with a visit to the scenic **Spring Bluff Railway Station**, which often wins the award for the best commercial premises. If time permits, we may visit one more Northern Garden before morning tea at Laurel Bank Gardens with their Scented Garden Section that has been specially designed to suit the visually impaired with an emphasis on perfumes rather than colour. There is also an elevated platform to enable photographers to capture the floral layout and design of the gardens. We will start our run down the New England Highway with lunch at the granite belt town of Stanthorpe, which is quickly becoming part of Queensland's booming wine industry. We will have a stop at Glen Innes, before arriving in Armidale.

[Hallmark Motel Armidale 02 67712590](tel:0267712590)



## Day 5: Armidale—Home (BL)

Travelling down Thunderbolt's Way, we will stop in the lovely township of **Walcha with its unique outdoor sculpture gallery, and extensive craft shop.** We will then start our journey over the Great Dividing Range with breathtaking views out over this wonderful area, before making our way to Gloucester, arriving in the Hunter mid afternoon, in Sydney late afternoon.



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## Day 1: Home—Coffs Harbour (LD)

Departing Strathfield, Hornsby, Tuggerah and the Newcastle area, we will make our way to Thornton in time for morning tea. Continuing onto Kew for lunch, we will have an afternoon stop on the water near Macksville before arriving mid afternoon in Coffs Harbour.

[Comfort Inn Big Windmill 02 6652 2933](tel:0266522933)

## Day 2: Coffs Harbour—Toowoomba (BLD)

This morning we will make our way up the coast, then turning off after Nerang and beyond Brisbane's hinterland. We will then make our way to Toowoomba. First stop will be the **Regional Visitor's Centre.** From here we visit **last year's prize winning champion garden and the first of our exhibition gardens.**

[Toowoomba Motel 07 4631 8678 \(2 nights\)](tel:0746318678)

## Day 3: Exhibition & Prize Gardens, Queen's Park (BLD)

After breakfast, our **local garden guide** will join us for a full day of touring the beautiful gardens of private residences which are opened up to the visitors of the city. Morning tea will be on top of the range overlooking the Lachlan Valley at **Picnic Point,**

