



## Bus Tour—'Heritage City' Maryborough



*Join us on a tour of a city that is renowned for its love of heritage.*

Maryborough, situated 250 Km north of Brisbane, was the first township on the Fraser Coast established in 1847. It was a thriving, bustling river port for the export of wool, cotton, timber, sugar – and then gold. Maryborough Town Council was formed in 1861 and was proclaimed the Maryborough City Council in 1905.

The Indigenous Butchulla people are the traditional owners of the Fraser Coast region.

The region owes much of its character and history to the Mary River. It was in 1842 that European settlers came to the region because of the rich alluvial soil and the deep, natural harbour.

### Day 1—Tuesday 31 August

8am Depart Roma Street, Morning tea at the Ginger Factory at Nambour  
Lunch will be provided at the Carrier Arms Hotel Maryborough, then we meet up with *Mary Heritage*, a local city guide for a guided tour of Maryborough. Visiting the following historic sites.

**Brennan and Geraghty's Store Museum.** Established in 1871, this large grocery store was operated by one family for over 100 years. Its intact interior houses a collection of more than 100000 items, all original to the store. Unsold stock from 1890s to 1920s, as well as historic trading records and advertising material are on display.

**Mavis Bank.** Set amongst magnificent gardens this home was originally called Ormond and was built between 1862 and 1874. The land was bought in 1849 by James Cleary, the first vegetable and dairy farmer in the Maryborough area.

**Baddow House.** Constructed in 1883 for Edgar Thomas Aldridge, Maryborough's founding father. This house overlooks the Mary River. It is a substantial two-storeyed Victorian residence.

### Day 2—Wednesday 1 September

Breakfast at the motel then depart at 9am for a guided tour of City Hall. Maryborough and District Family History Society will host a tour of building and the original Maryborough township site and cemetery. Our next visit will be to the Maryborough Art Gallery and the Gatakers Artspace which was originally built in 1869.

Lunch at the Post Office Hotel (c. 1889) then a guided tour of the Monumental Cemetery which dates from 1873 to the present day.

Returning to the Rose Gardens and then an afternoon tea at "Mary Delicious".

### Day 3—Thursday 2 September

An early visit to Maryborough's Heritage Markets then all aboard the 1873 replica 'Mary Ann' steam train. Visiting historic Wharf Street and the Portside Centre c.1900 and the Bond Store Museum c.1864. Lunch at the Muddy Waters Café then a visit to the Maryborough Military and Colonial Museum (c.1879). Board 'The Mary' for a river cruise taking in the historic wharf area and some of the heritage homes.

### Day 4—Friday 3 September

Visiting Grand Shirl's Doll and Toy Museum, filled with antique toys, dinky trikes trains, pedal cards plus lots more. A back stage guided tour of the Bolga Theatre then a guided tour of Queen's Park. Lunch at the Parkview (c.1874)

Depart Maryborough and arriving back to Roma Street at approximately 5pm.

**When:** Tuesday 31 August to Friday 3 September 2010

**Cost:**  
\$650 for NTQ Members  
\$695 for non-members (includes all meals, accommodation, entry fees, bus transfers) \$40 per night single supplement.

**Accommodation:** Local Motel

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:**

07 3223 6666

**Departs:** Roma Street 8am

**Returns:** Roma Street 5pm

(opposite Police HQ)

Bookings and payments by 15 August 2010.

