**Brisbane’s Best Day Trip!**

Escape to the country and discover the quaint villages and hamlets in your backyard.

If it’s diverse scenery, fresh mountain air, antiques, old wares, great food and outstanding country hospitality that you are after, you are in the right place. Local villages and hamlets have it all in generous quantities and in a unique environment bursting with personality.

We list below a selection of some the villages, hamlets and settlements of the Scenic Rim. A whole new world awaits you out there. Go forth and explore.

1. **Tamborine Mountain**
   Country lanes meander throughout the mountain directing you to exciting outcomes. You’ll find boutique wineries, historic pubs, eclectic gift shops, beautiful art galleries and nature at its finest. Enjoy waterfalls, rainforest walking tracks and priceless views to the ranges and to the coast.

2. **Canungra township**
   This 125-year old village is the gateway to Binna Burra Mountain Lodge, O'Reilly’s Rainforest Retreat and the magnificent Lost World Valley. See the historic Lahey Tramway Tunnel and enjoy Canungra’s wineries, hang gliding, arts, crafts and cafes.

3. **Beaudesert**
   Seen by many as the entry point to the villages of the Scenic Rim. Be sure to visit the information centre and historical museum which displays vehicles, machines and tools of yesteryear, some going back 100 years. From Beaudesert go right, go left or simply drive straight ahead to explore the villages and hamlets of the Scenic Rim. Take the Kerry Road to the Lost World Valley to experience a magical natural environment which will linger long in your memory.

4. **Rathdowney**
   Gateway to the wilderness areas of Mount Barney National Park. Rathdowney has an interesting Visitor Information Centre and Historical Museum. Here you can stock up on maps, brochures and suggested itineraries that will guide your exploration of this vibrant rural community and its incredible natural attractions.

5. **Mount Alford**
   What this village lacks in size it makes up for in character. This historic area, settled in the 1880s, features the Mount Alford School – founded in 1888 – which continues to operate today. The Farmers’ Market, the Mt Alford Pub, the Kooroomba Winery and the Lavender Farm are all great places to visit.

6. **Boonah**
   If seeing a one-off timepiece takes your fancy, Boonah is the home of sculptor Christopher Trotter’s quirky creation – The Blumbergville Clock – a masterpiece of functional art. Include visits to local art galleries, the donkey farm and stock up on freshly grown produce and delicious home-made jams and relishes.

7. **Kalbar**
   Rich in German history dating back to 1876, Kalbar offers great views of the Scenic Rim region and boasts many heritage-listed buildings. The town has shops, cafes, galleries, parks, gardens and many attractions including the heritage-listed Wiss Emporium. Enjoy a coffee with Belgian waffles or visit the Art Café for delicious Dutch croquettes.

8. **Harrisville**
   A village with character, Harrisville has a diverse mix of shops including quaint antique and collectable stores. Visit the Historic Museum or one of the excellent wineries. Pick up some locally grown organic vegetables, a bunch of native flowers or simply take in the fabulous scenery.

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