



## Magic in the mountains

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While there weren't any broomsticks and cauldrons, our two-night stay at Witches Falls Cottages was magic, and we were there during a great time of change with the super blood moon total lunar eclipse!

Our hosts, David and Daniela, warmly welcomed Rod and myself. We were impressed with the collaborative and progressive way they work in with other local businesses by designing creative workshops and inviting a range of people from the community to be involved. We recommend checking out their book of suggested travel trails, as they have gone to a lot of effort to create something special for people visiting the area.

We were thoroughly spoilt during our mini holiday and their comfortable cottages had everything – a king size bed, luxury double spa bath nestled in nature, TV/video with a truck load of videos to watch, and a little bottle of local port and decadent chocolates waiting for us on arrival.

Waking up in the morning to the

sounds of nature was such a treat, as was the gourmet breakfast hamper delivered each morning to our cottage door. You can select from either a cold or cooked hamper, and the freshly made hot bread was ample to eat for the entire day. We had our breakfast in the courtyard and rose garden, which was a great way to start the day before venturing out into one of the many walking trails in the area. Did you know Tamborine Mountain is the third oldest National Park in the world? Just a quick walk across the road from the cottages and you are right in the thick of lush rainforest, where you can be surrounded by negative ions to help relax and unwind.

Speaking of relaxation, the following day we had two talented massage therapists come to our cottage from Ripple Massage for a sublime 90-minute treatment, which included a relaxing foot soak and facial at the end of the deeply relaxing therapeutic massage.

Because I was reviewing the area, our hosts were keen for us to experience

the local fare and were kind enough to shout us our first dinner at Hickory restaurant. I had one of the best vegetarian platters I have ever eaten called the Vegesaurus Trencher, which included homemade falafel, pumpkin hummus, quinoa, beet and red onion feta, toasted macadamia nut salad and more, while my partner had the ribs platter, so there was something for everyone. Another friendly, local business putting love into everything they create.

I could easily write another page about this beautiful experience. Needless to say, it was a little hard to leave after all that pampering but it's a spot we are sure to regularly visit, now we know what a special gem it is.

Witches Falls Cottages in Tamborine Mountain is just an hour's drive south of Brisbane and only 30 minutes inland from the Gold Coast.

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