

Hervey Bay, Fraser Island & the Town of 1770

With Val Henry - Donald Simpson Centre



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Tour Departs: Monday 17th June - Friday 21st June 2019

Tour Cost: \$1690.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$300.00)

Tour cost based on minimum 20 pax

The tour prices valid for travel in 2019. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.



Day 1. Mon 17 Jun: Homeport - Hervey Bay

Lunch & Dinner

This morning we board our coach and make our way to the beautiful Sunshine Coast and the surrounding picturesque hinterland. We ascend the **Blackall Range via Landsborough** passing the Mary Cairncross Park and then north to **Montville**, a beautiful village full of charm with a myriad of art galleries, antique stores, fashion houses, gift and antique shops. While here we can purchase morning tea (own expense). We continue to Mapleton where the village flanks the National Park and take in the views from Noosa to Maroochydore. We continue north to **Gympie**, a historic town that has been heralded as the "town that saved Queensland". The discovery of gold by James Nash back in 1867 on the site of the Gympie Town Hall, attracted over 15,000 men to come and dig for their fortune and the Gold Rush began. We stop and enjoy a stroll around one of the town's most beautiful parks or take a walk along the historical Mary Street with its traditional shop fronts. We then visit **Gympie's Gold Mining Museum** enjoying a light lunch then a guided tour. The museum is based on 5 hectares and has over thirty display areas, there is over 100 years of history to enjoy. We continue our drive north to Hervey Bay and check into our accommodation with time to freshen up before dinner in the resort restaurant.

Overnight: Ramada Resort Hervey Bay

Day 2. Tues 18 Jun: Fraser

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

We have an early breakfast before transferring to River Heads for our day trip to Fraser Island. We enjoy a **Fraser Explorer Day** including a buffet lunch at **Eurong Beach**, take a stroll along the **Wanggoolba Creek board-walk** to discover the ancient King Ferns, towering Eucalypts and Conifers. We have a photo stop at the **rusting wreck of the Maheno** which washed ashore during an out of season cyclone in 1935. See the **sand dunes** along the eastern coast of the island that are mobile and are not being replaced by sand from the beach, but from sand excavated by the prevailing south-easterly winds from deflation corridors. These dunes progress across the island often burying forests and other plant communities. On the other side of the island see the **coloured sands** which occur north of Eli Creek and comprise 72 different colours, mostly reds and yellows. After a wonderful day out we return back to Hervey Bay and our accommodation at approximately 5.30pm. We have time to freshen up before dinner at the resort restaurant.

Overnight: Ramada Resort Hervey Bay

Day 3. Wed 19 Jun: Bundaberg - 1770

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast we pack our bags and make our way to **Bundaberg**, the southern most access point to one of the wonders of the world – The Great Barrier Reef. This district is well known for its sugar, beef, tomatoes, avocados, melons and most importantly rum!



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Day 3. Continued

Our first stop is the **Bundaberg Barrel** where we discover the secrets of ginger beer! We enjoy a True Brew Experience guided tour and learn the process of the humble ginger root then enjoy tastings of the many flavours of the Ginger Beer. We now visit the **Bundaberg Botanical Gardens**, a green oasis of tropical shrubs, towering trees and flowering gardens we stroll the winding board-walks to **Fairymead House**. This is a beautiful Queenslander house originally built in 1890 and now is a museum that displays the history and photographic memorabilia of the sugar industry over the last century. Next is **Hinkler's Hall of Aviation** that celebrates Bert Hinkler and the wonders of innovation, spirit and adventure displayed through multi-media exhibits, a flight simulator, a theatrette, aircraft and the museum of Hinkler House.. a true aviation experience! We enjoy lunch at **Cafe 1928** then it's off to experience the real flavour of Queensland at the **Bundaberg Rum Distillery**. We smell and taste our way through an extensive tour and have the opportunity to sample the produce before purchasing some of the famous Aussie spirit!! We continue north to Agnes Water and the **Town of 1770**, Lieutenant James Cook made the first landfall by a European on what was to become the Discovery Coast and the birthplace of Queensland. We check into our accommodation and enjoy dinner in the resort restaurant

Overnight: Lagoons 1770 Resort

Day 4. Thur 20 Jun: 1770

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast we meet our crew and board the **amphibious duck 'The Larc'** for a journey across tidal creeks in the Eurimbula National Park to historic **Bustard Head Light Station** where one of the most spectacular panoramic views in Australia awaits us. We hear the tales of tragedy and triumphs of the early settlers and lighthouse keepers who struggled to tame this remote wilderness and the mysteries and secrets of Middle Island. We encounter some of the prolific wildlife that inhabits the area and see kangaroos resting lazily in the shade of casuarinas, watch the dolphins and turtles play in the bay and the sea eagles and pelicans flying overhead. Our unique experience includes morning tea, a **picnic lunch with billy tea** and time for a stroll along the beach, as well having the chance to experience the thrill of sand boarding down the towering dunes on Middle Island! Late afternoon we make our way back to accommodation and enjoy dinner in the resort restaurant.

Overnight: Lagoons 1770 Resort

Day 5. Fri 21 Jun: Childers - Homeport

Breakfast & Lunch

An early start today as we head south stopping for a comfort stop along the way we arrive at **Childers** for morning tea from our coach in one of the local parks. Our next stop is **Wolvie** with a comfort stop along the way we visit **Cooloola Berries Farm**, which has been in the same family producing strawberries for three generations. We enjoy lunch then try one of their delicious ice creams. It's now time to relax and enjoy the drive back home arriving late afternoon after a wonderful break away with Trade Travel.

Tour Highlights:

Montville; Gympie's Gold Mining Museum; Fraser Explorer Day; Bundaberg Barrel; Bundaberg Botanical Gardens; Fairymead House; Hinkler's Hall of Aviation; Cafe 1928' Bundaberg Rum Distillery; The Larc; Cooloola Berries & much more.

Tour Price Includes:

- Luxury coach travel
- 4 Nights quality accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (13 Meals)
- All entry fees, cruise & guides as per itinerary



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**\$250.00 deposit per person to be paid to Trade Travel
with completed booking form no later than
Friday 15th March 2019**

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