



QUEENSLAND COASTAL FLY AWAY

Hervey Bay, Fraser Is, Agnes Water/1770, The Old Station,
Airlie Beach/Whitsundays/Daydream Is, Bowen, Townsville/Magnetic Is, Atherton,
Helenvale/Daintree

27th April – 7th May 2012

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Day 1

Hervey Bay



Arrive at **Hervey Bay**, a nice relaxed atmosphere to begin our fly away, with picturesque backdrops of Platypus Bay and the Great Sandy Strait. It is the main entry point for Fraser Island. Urangan Boat Harbour is Hervey Bay's meeting location for many different aquatic activities, including the whale watching vessels, passenger ferries, the barge to Fraser Island, and fishing charters. You can also find restaurants and cafes in this area. The Esplanade takes in the picturesque foreshore and

has great walking and cycle paths as well as picnic and play areas, a bustling marina and entry point to the botanical gardens.

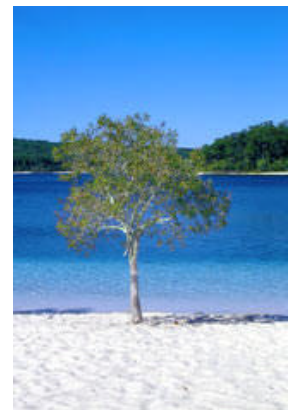
Dinner and overnight **Hervey Bay**.

Day 2

Fraser Island

Full day tour of World Heritage listed **Fraser Island**, the largest Sand Island on Earth visiting:

- Lake Mackenzie in the centre of the island where a swim in the crystalline waters is a priority.
- Central Station, originally a forestry township.
- 75 Mile Beach
- Eli Creek, the largest freshwater creek
- Maheno Shipwreck
- The Cathedrals, towering cliffs of multicoloured sands eroded by the wind.



Return to **Hervey Bay** for dinner and overnight.

Day 3

Agnes Water / 1770



Depart Hervey Bay after breakfast for the town of **1770**, site of James Cook's historic landing on 24th May 1770 and the birthplace of Queensland. The dual township **1770/Agnes Water** is located along a magical, sun drenched stretch of sub-tropical surf coastline and nestled amongst five national parks. After transferring to our accommodation, you will have time to either relax or explore before our sunset cruise on board the ex-military Lighter Amphibious Resupply Cargo (L.A.R.C) vessel -

painted a brilliant pink and fondly known as the LARC. Our exclusive tour takes in the magic of the Town of 1770 on twilight, stopping on the sandbar in the middle of Round Hill Creek, where our tour guide will set up our picnic hamper with finger food and beverages on the beach, to enjoy the sunset.

Dinner and overnight **1770**.



Day 4

The Old Station / Airlie Beach / Daydream Island



After breakfast transfer to airstrip for departure to **The Old Station**. Guided tour of the property, discussing all aspects of operation and lifestyle followed by a guided tour of the original Creed family homestead, built in 1873. This building is the oldest lived-in home in the Gladstone region. Damper, slices, cake and billy tea will be served under the Crows Ash tree before our departure to **Airlie Beach**.

On arrival **Airlie Beach**, transfer to Abel Point Marina then launch for the short crossing to Daydream Island. The resort offers a wonderful range of facilities and activities that make the most of its gorgeous location. Lover's Cove, on Daydream's western side, is home to an exquisite coral reef which lies just metres from the shore, waiting to be explored. Other features of the island include a 19 hole mini-golf course, the world-class Rejuvenation Spa, an open air cinema and man made lagoon.

Dinner and overnight **Daydream Island**.



Day 5

Daydream Island



Soak up the tropical ambience of the magical **Whitsundays** as you relax at the picturesque **Daydream Island Resort & Spa**. It is the perfect place from which to explore the beautiful **Whitsunday Islands** and the **Great Barrier Reef**. The sparkling bays, secluded beaches and stunning rainforest are just some of the island's natural beauty that you can expect to experience. **Daydream Island** has three fabulous beaches, with Sunlovers Beach fringed by live coral outcrops containing over 40 marine fish species and 50 coral varieties, the perfect location for hours of snorkeling and underwater

exploration. The highest point and centre of the island is a small, dense jungle of lush tropical vegetation inhabited by parrots and tiny sunbirds.

Dinner and overnight **Daydream Island**.

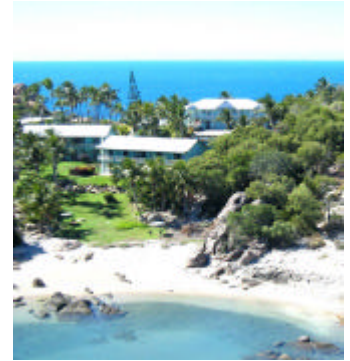
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Bowen

After breakfast, launch to **Airlie Beach** and transfer to airstrip for departure to **Bowen**.

Situated on a peninsular in the shores of Port Deninson, Bowen is Northern Queensland's oldest town. The historical museum and the Bowen Murals are some attractions. It boasts award winning beaches, many fringed with inshore reefs where snorkelers can swim to, and all the usual facilities including Restaurants, Pubs and Clubs. Mullers Lagoon is a vast sanctuary for both waterfowl and birdwatchers.

Dinner and overnight at beachside resort.



Day 7

Magnetic Island



Depart Bowen for Townsville. Transfer to ferry terminal and to **Magnetic Island**. The contrasting landscape of this World Heritage listed island makes this natural destination truly distinctive. The rocky granite headlands fuse with the 23 bays and beaches studded with magnificent Hoop pine trees, creating a dramatic coastline. Mount Cook hovers above the eucalypt woods and green vine forests. Over two-thirds of the island is protected National Park providing a haven for the native wildlife, like rock wallabies, possums, and over 100 species of birdlife. Magnetic Island is home

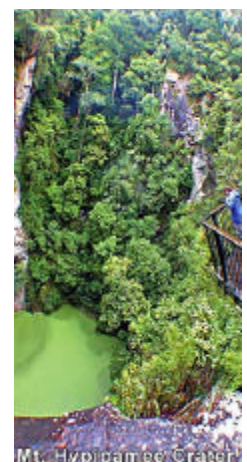
to Northern Australia's largest colony of koalas living in the wild. Morning tour of Magnetic Island is included, the rest of the day is yours to either relax or explore the island (free bus ticket for the rest of the day is included in our tour price). Dinner and overnight **Magnetic Island**.

Day 8

Atherton

After breakfast, transfer to ferry and back to Townsville airstrip for departure to **Atherton**. This friendly country town is our base for today. After transferring to our accommodation we take a tour of the Atherton Tablelands. The landscapes range from extinct volcanoes and crater lakes; there's abundant tropical flora and fauna, crocodile-free lakes and rivers; forests and National Parks; peaceful dairy and cropping farms; and charming towns and villages.

Dinner and overnight Atherton



Day 9

Helenvale/Daintree

After breakfast, transfer to airstrip for departure to Helenvale.

Transfer to our resort lodge, nestled in the tropical rainforest on the northern edge of the



Mangkal-Mangkalba National Park. The lodge also borders the famous Black Mountain (Kalkajaka) a 260 million year old rock formation. Rest of the day free to relax or explore. Within walking distance are opportunities to swim in jungle waterfalls, observe wildlife (you might even be lucky enough to spot the rare and elusive Bennett's Tree Kangaroo which live in the area), historic mining sites, or a nice spot for a cold ale is the Lions Den Hotel, built in 1875 to service workers at the Lions Den Tin

Mine.

Dinner and overnight at the Lodge.

Day 10

Helenvale/Daintree

After breakfast we head into pristine tropical Rainforest. Along the way your guide will point out various kinds of ancient Eucalypt, Fig and rainforest giant trees, White & Silky Oaks, Milkwoods, Cedar, Tropical Kauri Pines found in this area. You will hear and see birds and lots of fascinating vegetation. You may encounter snakes and other insects, which will be explained to you by your guide. The trek takes us deep into the forest. At the end of the trek is the beautiful Hidden Falls, a 15 metre waterfall with it's inviting pool of natural and sparkling water. After a refreshing dip, we head back to the lodge where the rest of the day is free to relax, swim in the pool, explore further or pay the Lions Den another visit.



Dinner and overnight at the Lodge.

Day 11

Transfer to airstrip. Tour ends.

Optional extension.

Lizard Island.

Notes:

Accommodation, tours, park entries, transfers, and most meals included.

Accommodation ranges from 3-5 Star according to availability and location.

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