

Scottsdale Tours Limited

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COAST ROAD TO CAIRNS

Brisbane to Cairns by road

July 26 – August 8, 2010



The tour begins with our flight into the Gold Coast so we have a chance to enjoy the sights here before we venture on to Brisbane. Following a day of local tours, we head up to Hervey Bay for 3 nights. Here we can enjoy a Whale Watching Cruise and a visit to Fraser Island. We then continue north with stops at Rockhampton, Mackay and 2 nights at Townsville. On to Cairns where we have a 4 night stay in a motel very close to the shops and waterfront. This will give us plenty of time to explore the area including the city, Atherton Tablelands and Port Douglas and a free day for you to visit the World Heritage Great Barrier Reef if you wish.

DAY 1 MONDAY 26 JULY

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We travel to Auckland today to catch our nice civilized afternoon flight to the Gold Coast for our first 2 nights stay in Mermaid beach.

DAY 2 TUESDAY 27 JULY

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Making the short trip into Brisbane we will meet our tour guide for some local sightseeing around this lovely river city. Later we return to the Gold Coast and also explore around there. I believe there is a little shopping mall there called Pacific Fair where we might be able to spend 5 minutes or so as well.

Day 3 WEDNESDAY 28 JULY

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Starting our journey north we make our way up the Sunshine Coast through all the famous resort towns to a lunch stop at Noosa Heads. Continuing on through Gympie and lovely historic Maryborough we arrive at our waterfront accommodation for the next 3 nights in beautiful Hervey Bay.

Day 4 THURSDAY 29 JULY

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This morning will be the highlight of the tour for many as we are off in search of the whales aboard the *Spirit of Hervey Bay*. We venture into Hervey Bay National Marine Park where the Humpback Whales stop over on their epic south bound migration to the Antarctic. Some free time this afternoon to look around Hervey Bay.

Day 5 FRIDAY 30 JULY

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After breakfast, we board the ferry at River Heads for a day on magnificent Fraser Island. Being the largest sand island in the world, Fraser hosts an amazing range of rainforests, freshwater lakes, sand dunes and miles of beaches. As the island has no roads and all access is via sand tracks and the beach, we take a 4WD tour of the island, showing us the many island sights, the crystal clear freshwater lakes, the magnificent wilderness and rich rainforests. A spectacular day out.

Day 6 SATURDAY 31 JULY

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Back on the road today our touring continues north through Childers onto the number one highway until we reach Gladstone where we will make time to stop for lunch. This afternoon we complete the day's trip when we arrive in Rockhampton, having a brief look at the city centre before arriving at our overnight accommodation.

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Day 7 SUNDAY 1 AUGUST

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A quick look around the coastal area of Yeppoon before we continue our wander north arriving in Mackay, a vibrant, exciting tropical city, booming from the richness of sugar and mining, early afternoon. Time for some local exploration this afternoon before stopping at our overnight accommodation here.

Day 8 MONDAY 2 AUGUST

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We're on our way again today as we travel through Proserpine, the "gateway" to the opulent Whitsunday Coast. From Proserpine, it's on to Bowen and Ayr before we reach Townsville, a city of great charm and style. We spend the next 2 nights here.

DAY 9 TUESDAY 3 AUGUST

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There is such a diversity of things to do in Townsville we will have a free day for you to do your own exploring today. We will point out some of the more popular visits including Reef HQ and Magnetic Island.

DAY 10 WEDNESDAY 4 AUGUST

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Our last leg today as we continue north, travelling to Ingham, then Cardwell and Tully, the town with Australia's highest recorded rainfall. Today, we visit what will be one of the highlights of this tour – historic Paronella Park. What an amazing place! This park is what remains of a magnificent castle surrounded by acres of gardens, modelled on the best botanic gardens of Europe. We enjoy a late lunch here and time to explore the park before travelling to another very special spot, the Babinda Boulders. Later on arrival in Cairns we settle into our accommodation for the next 4 nights.

DAY 11 THURSDAY 5 AUGUST

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One of the "must do" tours in Cairns is a ride on the historic Kuranda Train for the spectacular ride to the famous, tropical plant clad Kuranda Station. The train journey takes us through the magnificent Barron Falls National Park. Following time to look at the famous Karanda Markets and an early lunch we catch the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, across the rooftop of World Heritage listed rainforest areas and back down to the coastal plain. To complete the afternoon we visit Tjapukai – the Aboriginal cultural park set on 25 acres at Caravonica Lakes.

DAY 12 FRIDAY 6 AUGUST

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We travel just north of Cairns today to visit Hartley's Creek Crocodile Farm. Apart from their big toothy friends there is also a large variety of other Australian wildlife. An easy afternoon as we explore the lovely resort of Port Douglas and the other northern beaches. A special secret treat for dinner tonight

DAY 13 SATURDAY 7 AUGUST

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Today is a free day to do as you please – perhaps take a full day cruise to discover Green Island and the Outer Barrier Reef, or a 4WD tour to the Daintree and Cape Tribulation National Park. Or maybe just relax at the pool or take a wander along the Esplanade boardwalk into town for some shopping. The choice is yours – so enjoy your day.

DAY 14 SUNDAY 8 AUGUST

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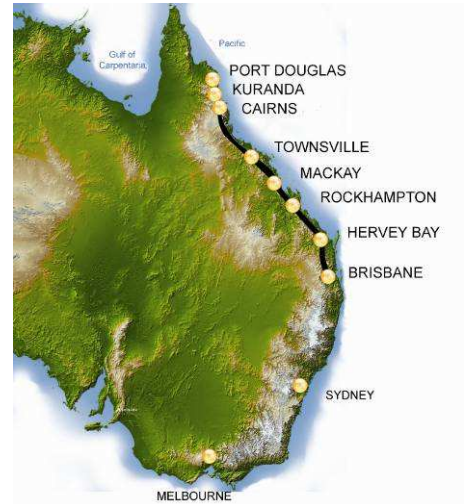
Unfortunately we must head home today. Our coach transfers us to the airport for our departure on our direct flight back to Auckland after a memorable time away.

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Highlights include:

Gold Coast sights
Brisbane sights
Brisbane River Cruise
Lone Pine Sanctuary
Sunshine Coast sights
Whale Watching
Fraser Island Tour
Townsville sights
Cairns sights
Kuranda railway
Skyrail,
Tjapakai Aboriginal Cultural Show
Hartley's crocodiles
Port Douglas
Great Barrier Reef (own expense)



14 days-13 nights
All inclusive escorted package
TOTAL COST \$3750 per person
\$100 deposit on booking
\$1500 by April 26, 2010
Balance of \$2150 by May 26, 2010
Single Supplement \$780