

EAST COAST ISLANDS AND RAINFOREST
12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



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Bringing Australia & New Zealand to life

Explore the epic Eastern Australian coastline on a journey that takes you from spectacular Sydney to the glamorous Gold Coast. Cruise to pristine Fraser Island and the Whitsundays, and head to tropical Cairns to discover the world-renowned Great Barrier Reef. There are hinterland experiences too – you'll taste premium wines in the Hunter Valley and tour a remote Rockhampton cattle station.

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****Please note: Sydney Central, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.**

DAY 1 SYDNEY – COFFS HARBOUR

Start discovering the landscapes of Australia's east coast as you travel northward to the coastal town of Coffs Harbour. From your accommodation nestled amongst sprawling tropical gardens, you'll have the opportunity to wander down to Little Diggers Beach and Diggers Head. Enjoy the early evening sea breeze just like the locals do. Tonight enjoy a Welcome Reception and dinner with your Travel Director. (D)

Accommodation: Coffs Harbour for 1 night

DAY 2 COFFS HARBOUR – GOLD COAST

Journey to Cape Byron Lighthouse for superb views from Australia's eastern-most point over the Pacific Ocean. Afterwards spend time discovering the relaxed bohemian vibe of Byron Bay. For lunch we recommend fresh fish and chips on the beach, there's nothing more Australian. Continue to the famous holiday destination, the Gold Coast. (B)

Accommodation: Gold Coast for 2 nights

DAY 3 GOLD COAST

Today you have the freedom to enjoy the Gold Coast in your own style. Nature lovers may head to Mt. Tamborine, foodies explore the growing culinary culture or those needing relaxation just stroll down to the sand and salt of Surfers Paradise Beach. (B)

DAY 4 GOLD COAST – K'GARI (FRASER ISLAND)

This morning visit Australia Zoo made famous by the Crocodile Hunter, the late Steve Irwin and his family. Enjoy a sneak peek into the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital and see how AAT Kings works with the Wildlife Warriors to support the koala rehabilitation project at the hospital, the country's largest and busiest wildlife facility. This afternoon the ferry will take you across to the World Heritage listed K'gari, also known as Fraser Island. (B)

Accommodation: Fraser Island for 2 nights

DAY 5 K'GARI (FRASER ISLAND)

A day of discovery lies ahead as your 4WD tour takes you for a ride around the island's must-see sites. Visit Lake McKenzie, ringed with magnificent white sandy beaches. Walk through the ancient rainforest at Central Station and Wanggoolba Creek with its huge satiny, scribbly gum and kauri trees. Across the island to 75 Mile Beach, the sand highway will take you up the eastern coast to the Pinnacles Coloured Sands; cooling, calm waters of Eli Creek and the famous sinking Maheno Shipwreck. (B/L)

DAY 6 K'GARI (FRASER ISLAND) - ROCKHAMPTON

Visit Langmorn Station, a fully operational family run cattle station. Meet the Creed family and take a guided tour of the property including the original family homestead, built in 1873. Enjoy afternoon tea in the garden in the company of the pet kangaroo! Cross the Tropic of Capricorn as you arrive in Rockhampton, the beef capital of Australia. Your night is free so why not try some local beef at one of the town's steakhouses. (B)

Accommodation: Rockhampton for 1 night

DAY 7 ROCKHAMPTON – HAMILTON ISLAND

Travel north to Sarina today for a guided tour of its unique miniature sugar mill and distillery. At Airlie Beach you'll catch the ferry to Hamilton Island, one of 74 tropical islands that make up the Whitsunday group in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef. The spectacular island boasts pristine beaches and a kaleidoscope of coral and marine life. (B/L)

Accommodation: Hamilton Island for 2 nights

DAY 8 HAMILTON ISLAND

Today is yours to indulge in your own pleasures – consider an optional experience. Perhaps cruise to famous Whitehaven Beach, take a scenic flight over the iconic Heart Reef or sit back with a good book by one of the resort's stunning pools. (B)

DAY 9 HAMILTON ISLAND – MISSION BEACH

Take the ferry back to the mainland this morning, from where you'll head north to the seaside town of Mission Beach. Nestled between World Heritage rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef, your accommodation offers superb views over the Coral Sea. (B/D)

Accommodation: Mission Beach for 1 night

DAY 10 MISSION BEACH – CAIRNS

Today's journey takes you to the Atherton Tablelands, with its lush rainforests, spectacular waterfalls and peaceful lakes. Visit Millaa Millaa Falls and the heritage listed 500-year-old Curtain Fig Tree, and keep an eye out for the magnificent Ulysses butterfly. Spend some free time in Kuranda, the 'village in the rainforest', before travelling on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway. Your six-person gondola will provide spectacular views of the rainforest and the Coral Sea. (B)

Accommodation: Cairns for 2 nights

DAY 11 CAIRNS – GREAT BARRIER REEF - CAIRNS

Board a high-speed catamaran today and cruise out to the iconic Great Barrier Reef, the only living organism that can be seen from the moon. You'll have the opportunity to go snorkeling (equipment provided) or view the spectacular coral and tropical fish from the underwater observatory and glass bottom boat. Enjoy a tropical buffet lunch on board, before you return in the late afternoon for a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director and new-found friends. (B/L/D)

DAY 12 CAIRNS

Say farewell to your fellow travellers when your holiday comes to an end this morning after breakfast. (B)

INCLUSIONS

- 11 night accommodation in double occupancy
- Return airport transfers
- Travel by luxury coach
- English speaking experienced Travel Director and Driver Guide
- Meals: 11 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners (including a farewell dinner)
- Visits and sightseeing as per itinerary

Not included · International/domestic flights and airport taxes · Pre-night in Sydney · Gratuities to hotel personnel, guides and drivers · Optional excursions · Beverages unless noted in the itinerary · Any other services not specified above

Price in CAD\$, per person starting from, double occupancy	Land package
Departures	4 & 4 ½ *
April 6, 2020	5595
July 27, 2020	5595
September 21, 2020	5595
October 19, 2020	5595
November 16, 2020	5595
January 11, 2021	5595
February 8, 2021	5595
March 8, 2021	5595
Single room supplement	1450

Hotel Options or similar	
City	4 & 4 ½ *
Coffs Harbour	BreakFree Aanuka Beach Resort
Gold Coast	Novotel Surfers Paradise
Fraser Island	Kingfisher Bay Resort
Rockhampton	Quality Hotel Regent
Hamilton Island	Reef View Hotel
Mission Beach	Castaways Resort & Spa
Cairns	Pacific Hotel Cairns

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