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Queensland 'Gold Coast' Explorer



With Tour Leader Annie Selander

8 Days for \$3,085.00 per person share twin
(single supplement: \$885.00)
TOUR DEPARTS: Sunday 10 June 2012

"Enjoy a fully escorted leisurely stayput holiday on Queensland's exciting Gold Coast. Stay at Coolangatta on the Southern Gold Coast and enjoy a fantastic schedule of local sightseeing featuring Surfers Paradise, the Tropical Hinterland, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Carrara Markets, Tropical Fruit World and Northern NSW, Tweed River and Brisbane City".

INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR COST:

- * Home pickup and return within the Auckland area (if applicable).
- * Experienced Tour Leader, **Annie Selander** throughout.
- * Current airfare/airport taxes and airline fuel surcharges.
- * Return air fares Auckland/Brisbane flying Air New Zealand.
- * Coach transfers Brisbane Airport/ Coolangatta return.
- * Quality accommodation at the **Outrigger Twin Towns Resort Coolangatta** in deluxe rooms for 7 nights.
- * 5 Dinners and 7 cooked breakfasts at Coolangatta plus picnic lunch (day 3).
- * **'Australian Outback Spectacular' dinner & show.**
- * **Gold Coast sightseeing** including visits to Point Danger, Surfers Paradise, Q1 Observation Tower for spectacular 360 degree views and Robina Town Centre.
- * **Tropical Hinterland tour** with visits to Springbrook National Park and Chillingham including picnic lunch.
- * Visit to the beautiful **Tweed Valley** with Tweed River cruise.
- * Day excursion along the coastline travelling south into **Northern NSW** through Kingscliff for a scenic tour including visit to **Tropical Fruit World, Tweed.**
- * Visit to **Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.**
- * Visit to **Carrara weekend markets.**
- * **Brisbane city sightseeing** including visits to Mt. Coot-tha and botanic gardens.
- * Travelwise Holidays Travel Bag and Name Badge.

(Full itinerary details are available on request).



Outrigger Twin Towns Resort

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Tour Itinerary 2012

Sun 10 June - Auckland/Brisbane/Gold Coast D

Early afternoon you will be picked up from your Auckland address and transferred to Auckland Airport for your Air New Zealand flight to Brisbane departing at 12.30 pm. Arrive in Brisbane at 4.10 pm and transfer to the Gold Coast. Arrive at the Outrigger Twin Towns Resort Coolangatta, where you will stay for the next 7 nights.

Mon 11 June - Gold Coast Sightseeing B,D

This morning depart on an introductory tour of the **Gold Coast** which is known for its sunny subtropical climate, surfing beaches, waterways and canal systems. Towards Surfers Paradise, the skyline is dominated by high-rise apartment buildings, and boasts a spectacular network of waterways. The coast boasts some 36 kilometres of golden beaches, so the first stop this morning will be at **Point Danger**, which marks the border between **Queensland** and NSW. Here take a few moments to enjoy the stunning coastal vista before transferring to Surfers Paradise to visit the **Q1 Observation Deck** on the 77th floor of the iconic Q1 Tower, which offers 360-degree views of the Gold Coast. Later stop at **Robina Town Centre** for lunch (own expense). Robina has a 900-seat Food Atrium, with plenty of choice. This fantastic shopping centre has just gone through a multi-million dollar makeover, making it the coast's premier shopping destination, and features major retailers including David Jones, Kmart and Target and more than 300 speciality stores. Return to hotel with leisure time before dinner.

Tue 12 June - Scenic Hinterland & Northern NSW B,L,D

This morning after breakfast, depart hotel and travel into the **Gold Coast Hinterland**, through Mudgeeraba and Gilston before arriving at Natural Bridge, Springbrook National Park. Lush rainforest grace this part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage area, making it one of the most popular parks in Australia. Take the short circuit walk to the natural arch over Cave Creek and view the unique waterfall and cave. Next stop is Chillingham, visit Banana Cabana, see the Indian Neem Tree and 'Buddha's Hand' fruit tree, maybe try a chocolate coated banana before returning to the hotel for dinner.

Wed 13 June - Tweed Cruise/ 'Australian Outback Spectacular' B,D

Today head south to experience the natural beauty of the **Tweed River**. Cruise the calm waters past lush farming communities and spectacular subtropical rainforest, and a chance to see wildlife and birds along the river. Late morning to early evening is at leisure before transfer to the **Australian Outback Spectacular Dinner & Show**. 'Heroes of the Light Horse' is one of Australia's most stirring and remarkable true stories is retold as **Australian Outback Spectacular** celebrates the heroes of the legendary Australian Light Horse. The show is a unique and exciting evening dinner show filled with outback music, drama and action – an unforgettable night. As every twist and turn of the show features a cast of larger than life characters, magnificent horses, stampeding cattle, camels and an array of rough and ready bush vehicles – even a helicopter! All of this is accompanied by a stirring musical score, composed especially for the show, by country music legend Lee Kernaghan.

Thu 14 June - Tropical Fruit World & Northern NSW B

This morning travel south into **Northern New South Wales** along the coastline through Kingscliff to **Tropical Fruit World**. The 5th generation family has nurtured this farm for over 30 years. Late morning hop aboard the Plantation Safari, learn about the various fruits on the farm, live tasting presentation at the Miracle Fruit Show and much more. There is time for lunch (own expense) before travelling the scenic route of northern NSW through sugar cane fields and Hogan's Forest to Bilambil set in a beautiful valley in the Tweed before stopping at the Tweed Heads Historical Museum where we can see what the District once was before the present day population expansion. This afternoon head back to the hotel. Tonight is 'Freedom Dining' in Coolangatta at a restaurant of your choice (own expense).

Fri 15 June - Currumbin Sanctuary B,D

Today visit the renowned **Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary**, nestled within 27 hectares of lush eucalypt and rainforest where hundreds of native Australian animals are on display in natural settings. Cuddle a koala, get up close to a crocodile, get amongst a mob of kangaroos or check out reptiles, birds and marsupials in amazing wildlife shows and displays. Mid- afternoon return to hotel before enjoying dinner at Danny's Restaurant at the nearby Tweed Golf Club.

Sat 16 June - Carrara Markets B,D

This morning after breakfast, depart hotel and visit **Carrara Markets**. Held each weekend, these are the biggest markets on the Gold Coast. Visit the Opal Shed well known for Lightning Ridge black opals, a chance to learn about opals and purchase from a large selection. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure before dinner at the hotel.

Sun 17 June - Gold Coast/Brisbane/Auckland B

This morning bid farewell to the Gold Coast and head north to **Brisbane**. Enjoy a sightseeing tour around Brisbane including a stop at Mt. Coot-tha to enjoy views of Brisbane City followed by a drive through the Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. Visit DFO (Discount Factory Outlets) for some last minute shopping before arriving at Brisbane Airport to join your Air New Zealand flight to Auckland departing at 5.25 pm. Arrive in Auckland at 8.25 pm where you will be transferred to your home address.



KEY: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

