



Heron Island & The Capricorn Coast

7 Days / 6 Nights
\$3,695.00 p.p.t.s.

Saturday 15th February to Friday 21st February 2025

Includes:

- *Return Air-Fare Sydney / Gladstone / Rockhampton / Sydney
- *6 Nights Accommodation including all Breakfasts & Dinners & a lunch in The Botanical Gardens.
- *Entrance Fees to all Tourist Attractions * Return Ferry Transfers Gladstone to Heron Island & Tours as per Itinerary. *Luxury air-conditioned coach travel * Fully Escorted by Adam Taylor.

Highlights:

- 1 Night at The Oaks Gladstone Grand, 3 Nights at the Heron Island Resort , 2 Nights at Rosslyn Bay Resort Yeppoon, see Green & Loggerhead Turtles lay eggs and Hatchlings guided by Marine Biologists, Guided Reef and Birdlife walks, Reef Snorkelling, Rockhampton Botanical Gardens, Koorana Crocodile Farm Tour, Rockhampton city tour, Plus more.

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7 Day Itinerary Heron Island & The Capricorn Coast Tour.

DAY 1

SATURDAY

SYDNEY / GLADSTONE

We fly Qantas from Sydney Domestic Airport to Gladstone. The Gladstone port is one of Australia's largest export ports of commodities such as coal, alumina, oil & gas serving the Bowen & Cooper Basins. On arrival into Gladstone a day tour will include a stop at Round Hill lookout, enjoying the diverse views it offers of the township then after check-in into the **Oaks Gladstone Grand Hotel** mid afternoon, leaving time to freshen up before our dinner in the restaurant.

DAY 2 & 3 & 4

SUNDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY

HERON ISLAND

After breakfast we meet our vessel at the marina for our mid morning transfer to **Heron Island Resort** for the next 3 nights.



Upon arrival an information sheet with daily activities will be available for everyone. Breakfast and Dinner will be in the restaurant at the Resort, while lunch is at your own expense and choosing.

A Nature SlideShow Presentation and Marine Documentaries all about the local marine life will be available for viewing. Some of the other inclusive activities that are available at your leisure are:

1. Guided Reef Walks

* A stunning one-hour walk out to the edge of the reef that lets you in on its best kept secrets. Wandering around the coral at low tide is the best way to get up close to the reef. A qualified naturalist guide will point out all the hidden creatures and you'll get a chance to get up close and personal with sea cucumbers, sea stars and a myriad of other amazing reef creatures and corals. On the walk, you'll learn fun facts about the creatures and finish with a true appreciation and understanding of the reef.

2. Guided Birdlife Walks

* Heron Island is a special nesting site for sea birds, as well as a roosting and feeding site for many visiting species of seabirds and migratory waders. Heron is also home to seven resident species as well. There have been over 100 bird species recorded on the island and about 20 of these are regularly observed including Young Wedge Tailed Shearwater birds, Black Noddy Terns, Eastern Reef Egrets and Buff-banded Rail birds. Take a walk with one of the expert naturalists at the resort to discover some of these interesting and loveable birds.

3. Island Ecology Walks

* Learn how the Island maintains its ecological balance on an Island walk. One of the qualified naturalists will take you on a walk to view all of the different habitats found on this special Island.

4. Turtle Tours

* As it's Turtle Season, you'll be able to spot both green and loggerhead turtles on the beaches laying eggs on the high tide. Join a Turtle Tour and watch the hatchlings make their way over the sand to the seashore at either dawn or dusk. Peak nesting times are December through to April. Watching these turtles either laying their eggs and/or hatching thereafter, is a truly magical and unforgettable experience.



5. A Night with the Stars

Weather permitting, have the opportunity to meet for a 1 hour experience of star gazing on the Island helipad, where a Naturalist Guide's telescope allows views such as the seas of the moon and perhaps the rings around Saturn !

6. Optional Sunset cruise

* Enjoy a drink on the Wistari Terrace, before boarding a boat for a sunset cruise around the reef of Heron Island

7. Optional Glass Bottom Boat tour of the reef

* Get a diver's view of the reef without getting wet with the new semi-submarine and see a variety of marine animals, including Turtles, Sharks and Rays, while hearing about the biology and ecology of the reef



DAY 4**WEDNESDAY****HERON IS / GLADSTONE / YEPPOON**

Breakfast in the resort, then the morning is at leisure before we farewell Heron Island and depart on the 12.45pm ferry back to Gladstone. We leave Gladstone via luxury coach & travel along the Bruce Hwy via Rockhampton, before reaching our destination, **The Rosslyn Bay Inn Resort, Yeppoon** in time for sunset drinks, then dinner at the Resort's Restaurant.

The Resort which overlooks the Keppel Islands, is our accommodation for the next 2 nights.

DAY 5**THURSDAY****CROCODILE FARM / BOTANICAL GARDENS**

We commence our day with a tour of the Capricorn Coast including Yeppoon & Emu Park. We will stop at Wreck Point Lookout to inspect the Singing Ship monument.

Leaving here for Koorana Crocodile Farm, opened in November 1981 it was the first commercial crocodile farm in Australia. A fully guided tour consisting of a brief history of the farm and farming in general, a video of behind the scenes, a walk/feeding session between the main breeding lakes, viewing of active nest sites, large crocodile feeding and a hands-on experience with a 1-3 year old baby crocodile.



Next stop is at the open air non-denominational St Christopher's Chapel, built by US soldiers during WWII back in 1943.

We leave here for Rockhampton Botanical Gardens to have lunch as a group, before a walk through the magnificent gardens. We will have a tour of the city before making our way back to the Capricorn Coast & the Resort for a well earned rest before our farewell Dinner.

DAY 6

FRIDAY

FLY HOME ROCKHAMPTON / SYDNEY

An early breakfast as we farewell Rosslyn Bay for our late morning Qantas flight from nearby Rockhampton Airport, arriving back in Sydney later that afternoon.

