Gold Coast, Hinterland and Stradbroke Island

From Brisbane & Gold Coast

LUXURY SMALL GROUP 4WD ESCAPES

HINTERLAND & ISLAND ADVENTURE
3 DAY/2 NIGHT LUXURY ESCAPES
Premium, Gold & Platinum Services

Tour code: G4 17 17

Highlights include:
A journey from the Gold Coast visit - Springbrook National Park - Lamington National Park - O’Reilly’s Rainforest Retreat - The Outback Spectacular Show & Dinner - Stradbroke Island. A different perspective of this tourist region.

- This tour is a luxury small group adventure.
- Travel is in a top of the range 4WD vehicle.
- Minimum 4/ maximum 4 clients
- A very experienced driver guide
- A fully inclusive charter with a range of services
- The choice of Premium, Gold or Platinum Services

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**Day 1 Surfers Paradise to O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat**

A short distance beyond the beaches another paradise awaits. The trek into the Hinterland region follows the original pioneer's track to the volcanic plateau of Tamborine Mountain. This area of secluded eucalyptus forest provides a private sanctuary for koala, wallabies and other varied wildlife. Your guide will escort you on a leisurely bush walk and share their local knowledge and expertise. Discover lush sub-tropical rainforests with cascading waterfalls, learn about the forests unique characteristics, how the Aboriginal people gathered food from the forest floor and the animals and birds that call the area home. Following the rainforest walk explore Gallery Walk, the arts and crafts precinct of the mountain or enjoy a wine tasting from one the local wineries.

After leaving the mountain plateau you head further west through cattle and equestrian country to our own private lunch venue “Spring Gully” tucked away in the beautiful Sarabah Valley. On a hot summer's day, nearby cool waters and rock pools provide the opportunity for a refreshing swim.

Following lunch, the tour continues on into the mountainous regions of Lamington National Park (Australia's largest preserved natural stand of subtropical rainforest). At O'Reilly's Plunge, some 3,000 feet above sea level, colourful native birds flit around and can be fed. The Treetop Boardwalk through the rainforest canopy offers a bird's eye view of this enchanting area, especially for those who climb the observation tower.

After check in at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, a self guided Treetop Walk awaits. O'Reilly's famous Tree Top Walk is the first of its kind in Australia, which provides a bird's eye view of the rainforest canopy as you walk along a series of suspension bridges. If you are more adventurous, climb a ladder heading up a Strangler Fig leading to two viewing platforms almost 30 metres above the ground.

Meals: Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea and Dinner
Accommodation: O'Reilly’s Rainforest Retreat 4 star

**Day 2 Birds, Dams, Waterfalls, Mountains and The Outback Spectacular Dinner & Show**

An early start with a morning bird walk where you will meet hundreds of birds that visit each morning to feed around the Retreat. 10.00am departure from O'Reilly’s and head to Kamunur look out to admire 300 degree views of the Scenic Rim area before stopping at Canungra Valley Vineyard to taste the wines from the region. A short drive to your morning tea stop at Hinze Dam before visiting the stunning Natural Arch. Learn about this unique waterfall and see the water cascading through the roof of the basalt cave which has been formed over millions of years.

The Best of All Lookout got its name for a good reason. Look down into what's left of the caldera of the volcano that is responsible for the mountain region you have visited over the last two days. On this walk you will see three thousand year old Antarctic beech trees and feel the cool mountain air.

Before heading back to your hotel visit a cosy hinterland restaurant which will provide us with a home cooked meal and then a short walk to the nearby viewing platform to test one of Queensland's highest waterfalls, Purling Brook Falls. Leaving the rainforests behind you make your way back to Surfers Paradise.

Evening visit to the Outback Spectacular which includes dinner and show: Welcome to the High Country! Saddle up and join us on a captivating journey to the snow peaked mountains of the high country where enchanted whisperers and legendary yarns come alive with the most inspiring stories of Australian characters. Be dazzled like never before by the amazing animal stars. See death defying stunts and aerial performances as you hear the brave tale of the Aussie girl sold to the circus at the tender age of 7. Be mesmerised by the biggest display of special effects ever seen as you travel the Road to Omeo with Australia’s yesteryear ghosts. With all the drama and action guests have come to expect from Australia's favourite dinner show, prepare for the most breathtaking arena production.

Meals: Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea and Dinner
Accommodation: Mantra Circle on Cavill 4 star

**Day 3 North Stradbroke Island, Lakes, 4WD Beach Drive, Dolphins & Whales**

Head straight to the pretty seaside suburb of Cleveland with your guide. Catch the Big Red Cat from Cleveland for the pretty 45-minute voyage across Moreton Bay.

Your first island stop is Brown Lake; perched above the water table and surrounded by tea-trees. Take a stroll or go for a swim in the healing, soothing tea tree soaked lake.

Next we go 4x4 beach driving along Main Beach. Look out for whales migrating in season. Try your luck at catching pippies under the sand and maybe even catch the sandworms when conditions are right. Or just stop along the beach at a spot of your choice for some beach fishing or beach games.

Point Lookout in the island’s north east is where you explore the boarded ‘Bluff Walk’. If lucky, watch the dolphins catch the waves. This is a perfect place to spot migrating whales and look out for the rarer marine-life such as turtles, sting rags, dugongs and sharks. Make your way to Flinders Beach, on the north side of the island, for a famous Australian gourmet BBQ lunch.

Keep your camera ready as Amyt Point is home to two of Australia's most popular and famous animals – dolphins and koala’s – both in their natural habitat! Watch out the end of the jetty – with only a few people around look for dolphins swimming right under the jetty.

During the day, learn about the colourful history of North Straddie. The first Aboriginal inhabitants who arrived around 20,000 years ago called it Minjerrribah. Colonial settlement began in the 1820’s. The settlement also acted as a leper colony, a quarantine station and nursing home and has a record of 32 shipwrecks. Return by ferry to the mainland and journey to Surfers Paradise/Brisbane where you will be dropped off at your accommodation.

Meals: Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea
Accommodation: Nil

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