

Capricorn Coast Discovery & Food Trail

With Trade Travel - Fully Escorted

6 Days / 5 Nights



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Group & Private Tour Specialists

Tour Departs: Sunday 03 September - Friday 08 September, 2023.



Day 1. Sun 03 Sep : Brisbane - Yeppoon

Dinner

Today we depart on our flight from Brisbane to **Rockhampton** to begin our 6 day tour of this beautiful and diverse region encompassing **Yeppoon** and of course, right on the door step of the **Southern Great Barrier Reef**. Upon arrival, we will meet our host and transfer to our beachfront accommodation in Yeppoon. Relax and unpack before meeting for happy hour and our **Welcome Dinner** at the **Award Winning Beaches Restaurant** in the resort. Dinner tonight will feature **Mario's Sizzling Parrilla BBQ!**

Overnight Yeppoon: Rosslyn Bay Resort

Day 2. Mon 04 Sep: Coastal Tour

Breakfast, M/Tea & Dinner

It is all about exploring first as our coach captain gives us some information on the town before we call in to visit **Emu Park**, a small coastal town and home to some amazing sights including **Bluff Rock, Double Head and the Causeway Lake**. We take time to view the **Singing Ship**, a majestic monument that sculpturally commemorates Captain James Cook and his nautical exploration of the region's coastal line. Not to be missed is a wander down to the **Centenary of ANZAC** Commemorative Precinct. The impressive memorial boardwalk was designed to honour 100 years of ANZAC. Next we travel to the **Koorana Crocodile Farm**, a commercially operated crocodile farm and the first one in Queensland. Established in 1981 the Lever family have worked hard to grow the farm to a commercial level now holding over 3,000 crocs. Enjoy a cuppa and scones, jam and cream before an educational and incredibly informative tour that will highlight their story, the products they produce and give us a valuable insight into their industry. Say goodbye to John and Adam and return to town to soak up the ambience in one of the many cafés as we enjoy lunch (at own cost). We are in for a real treat this afternoon when we visit the **High Valley Dawn Farm** on a magnificent 140 acre seaside allotment. There is an established two acre market garden which is currently producing wonderful seasonal produce for Beaches restaurant and Farm Box customers. This is the food we will be enjoying at the resort restaurant! It is an inspiring story of a journey when a passion for wellness and sustainable development collided with a desire to serve fresh, local, organically grown produce. The vision of the owners is to complete a two acre food forest which is in its infancy but promises to one day deliver hundreds of varieties of fruits, vegetables, roots, leaves, herbs and spices from all around the world with a special emphasis on tropical Australian natives and bush tucker. The **Paddock to Plate dinner** also includes a **Cooking Demonstration** at Beaches Restaurant, what a way to end the day! The whole experience is now complete as we savour our three course dinner and truly appreciate the quality of the High Valley Dawn Permaculture Farm.

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Day 3. Tue 05 Sep: Free Day

Breakfast & Dinner

Today is a choice - Day of leisure and relaxation or why not visit Great Keppel Island.

Optional tour below must be pre-booked in advance.

Optional Tour:

- **Great Keppel Island** - Enjoy the Coral Lunch Cruise to this beautiful island including lunch, Glass Bottom Boat Tours, Snorkelling and free time exploring the island. Pricing is \$107.00 per person - transfers to Ferry terminal on request.

We have time to wander along the beach before dinner is served at Beaches Restaurant.

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Day 4. Wed 06 Sep: Henderson Park Farm Retreat & Rockhampton

Breakfast, M/Tea, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we are going to experience **Henderson Park Farm Retreat**, a 5th Generation, family owned commercial beef cattle property. Grazing is now the principle activity of the farm with a high level of Brahman influence. Learn about the history of the property, the current breeding program and their diversification to the tourism market from our hosts and enjoy a lovely home cooked morning tea. We continue on to **Capricorn Caves** to enjoy our guided tour of the magnificent Limestone caves, one of the largest privately owned cave systems in Australia. We then make our way to **Garden Tea Rooms** for a light lunch before exploring the **Rockhampton Botanical Gardens** featuring the **Japanese Gardens as well as the Rockhampton Zoo** with time at leisure. We then explore Rockhampton's rich heritage in the form of buildings including **St Joseph's Cathedral** which was blessed and opened on January 4th 1863 by Fr J Moynahan from Brisbane. Tonight we have the chance to savour more local produce at **Waterline Restaurant**, winner of the Certificate of Excellence! Experience local seafood or their signature "**Banana Station**" beef produced on the Wilson Family Group of beef cattle properties located in Central Queensland. This beef is produced primarily for the premium export market and Waterline is the only restaurant offering the "Banana Station" Beef experience. Relax and enjoy the view over the marina while indulging in another taste tempting dinner.

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Day 5. Thur 07 Sep: Byfield National Park

Breakfast, M/Tea, Lunch & Dinner

Today we head north to explore the **Byfield National Park**. See outstanding coastal scenery and the rugged pinnacles of The Peaks and Mount Atherton that dominate the landscape. Our first stop is **Waterpark Farm** situated in the Byfield Range. Meet our host Jordan and board his vessel to drift along **Waterpark Creek**. See the stunning native flora and fauna of the region and learn about the history of this area and land. Look out for the **Byfield Fern, Azure Kingfisher, Water Dragons** and the **Kreffts River turtle**. Afterwards we join the **Safari Bus** to see the farm and give us a behind the scenes look at the whole farming process, learn about the production and distillery of pure tea tree oil and all its magical properties. Just a short distance away we visit **Ferns Hideaway**. This property is set in the **Byfield National Park** and we will have a chance to see the beautiful birds and wildlife on the property before enjoying a lovely lunch in this beautiful setting. We finish the day at **Nob Creek Pottery**, a working studio that prides itself on exhibiting quality craft, art and sculptural work with over 45 artists on show in their three large galleries. Meet Susie and Steve, browse the displays before we return back to the resort after a wonderful day. We have with time to wander along the beach before our transfer to the **Footlights Theatre Restaurant**. Laugh it up and enjoy a delicious dinner and fantastic theatre before returning to the resort.

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Day 6. Fri 08 Sep: Yeppoon - Brisbane

Breakfast

This morning we farewell our hosts and journey home to Brisbane, after a relaxing holiday to the Capricorn Coast and Southern Great Barrier Reef, reflecting on our time away with Trade Travel.



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Tour Highlights: Emu Park; Bluff Rock; Double Head; Causeway Lake; Singing Ship; Centenary of Anzac; Koorana Crocodile Farm; High Valley Dawn Farm; Paddock to Plate Dinner Experience & Cooking Demonstration; Henderson Park Farm Retreat; Capricorn Caves; Rockhampton Botanical & Japanese Gardens; Rockhampton Zoo; St Joseph's Cathedral; Waterline Restaurant "Banana Station" Beef Experience; Footlights Theatre Restaurant; Byfield National Park; Waterpark Farm Tour; Fern Hideaway Experience; Nob Creek Pottery & more.

Tour Price Includes:

- Trade Travel Tour Host
- Return flights from Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne to Rockhampton
- Luxury coach travel while touring
- 5 nights quality accommodation on Rosslyn Bay Esplanade
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (12 Meals)
- All entry fees, cruise & guides as per itinerary

Ex Brisbane \$2198.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$525.00)

Ex Sydney \$2345.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$525.00)

Ex Melbourne \$2398.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$525.00)

Tour cost based on minimum 20 pax

The tour prices valid for travel in 2023. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.

Deposit: A deposit of \$100 per person is due on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form.

Final Payment: Due no later than **Friday 23 June, 2023.**

For information, bookings & travel insurance contact:

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Yeppoon is situated 38 kilometres north east of Rockhampton, and is the gateway to Great Keppel Island and the wonders of the Southern Great Barrier Reef.

Meander down Yeppoon's main street or stroll the esplanade to browse beach-chic boutiques and surf stores and keep an eye out for one of the many new street art murals adorning local walls.

The Capricorn Coast delivers with ease when it comes to sourcing speciality produce including premium export quality beef, seafood and tropical produce – you will enjoy it all while staying in quality resort style accommodation and experiencing quality inclusions and very interesting attractions.



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