



# Angles

## **Angles - April, 2010**

### **Southern Queensland**

#### **City to Straddie Tour**

**An exciting new package tour of Brisbane's coastal Redlands region combines the diverse offerings of North Stradbroke Island with a visit to Australia's first environmental centre for indigenous plants.**

The City to Straddie Tour includes a half day Straddie Kingfisher Tour including Brown Lake, Main Beach, the Gorge Walk, beach fishing and a barbecue lunch on Flinders Beach. On the mainland the Bush Tucker Tour takes guests through the themed native botanical gardens at Redlands IndigiScapes. The tour includes pick-up and drop-off from hotels in the Brisbane CBD, morning and afternoon tea, a barbecue lunch and ferry transfers. [www.straddiekingfishertours.com.au/page13aaa.html](http://www.straddiekingfishertours.com.au/page13aaa.html)

### **Queensland Cities**

#### **Valentino, Retrospective: Past/Present/Future**

**Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA) will be the only Australian venue to host Valentino, Retrospective: Past/Present/Future, a stunning exhibition celebrating the career of Italian couturier Valentino Garavani.**

Running from August 7 to November 14, the exhibition presents 100 garments tracing Valentino's career from the 1959 opening of his fashion house in Rome through to the presentation of his final collection in 2008 and recent designs from the house of Valentino. Featuring a stunning array of haute couture designs including dresses worn by Jackie Onassis and Julia Roberts, this exhibition is a must see for fashion and art enthusiasts. Valentino, Retrospective: Past/Present/Future will also be complemented by a special exhibition for children, featuring work drawn from GoMA's own collection, exploring the relationship between fashion and art. [http://qag.qld.gov.au/exhibitions/coming\\_soon/valentino\\_retrospective](http://qag.qld.gov.au/exhibitions/coming_soon/valentino_retrospective)

### **Outback**

#### **Out the Back Australia Tours**

**Get down and dusty in the spirit of adventure and experience the very best of the Queensland Outback with Out the Back Australia Tours.**

Out the Back Australia offers a range of tours for every traveller, budget and itinerary. Take part in authentic Outback experiences including sheep shearing, farming demonstrations, homestead visits, opal tours, mineral mud baths, a camp oven dinner and a good old-fashioned pub crawl as you get up close and

personal with the Queensland Outback. With a selection of fun, action-packed, hands-on adventures rich in history, natural beauty, wildlife and Aussie larrikins, Out the Back Australia Tours are about as "Outback" as you can get. [www.outthebackaustralia.com.au](http://www.outthebackaustralia.com.au)

## **Nature and Wildlife**

### **Wooroonooran Rainforest Safaris**

**Discover the pristine rainforests of World Heritage-listed Wooroonooran National Park, only 30 minutes south of Cairns, with a personalised safari tour.**

Wooroonooran Safaris offer high quality personalised rainforest tours for individuals, groups and private charters. Featuring a range of tours from relaxed sightseeing to adventure trekking, there is something for every fitness level, budget and almost every language. Multilingual drivers and guides offer tours in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin and Spanish and are trained in aspects of meet and greet and departure assistance. The tours travel through areas of unsurpassed beauty featuring the two highest mountains in Queensland, numerous rivers, waterfalls, swimming holes and the spectacular Mamu Rainforest Canopy Walkway. [www.wooroonooran-safaris.com.au](http://www.wooroonooran-safaris.com.au)

## **Journeys**

### **Ngaro Sea Trail**

**The Whitsundays' Ngaro Sea Trail is a unique and spectacular series of walks and sea excursions involving three islands - South Molle, Hook and Whitsunday.**

The islands are the traditional country of the indigenous Ngaro people and the island hopping experience involves walks on the islands and boat transfers between them. The area's natural beauty and rich cultural history can be enjoyed by people of all levels of fitness with walks ranging from 170 metres to challenging excursions as long as 11km. Walkers can enjoy strolls on pure white sands, climbs through dry rainforests and rolling grasslands and breathtaking views of the Great Barrier Reef and Coral Sea from the summits of the islands. [www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/whitsunday-ngaro-sea-trail/index.html](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/whitsunday-ngaro-sea-trail/index.html)

## **Islands of the Great Barrier Reef**

### **Tropical Island Picnics & Camping**

**Mission Beach Boat Charters offer a range of reef experiences including secluded tropical island picnics, overnight camping trips, snorkelling safaris, personalised boat charters, plus birdwatching and scenic boat tours.**

The Tropical North Queensland charter service can provide everything you need to camp overnight on one of the deserted islands in the Family Island Group, or you may prefer to spend the day on a tropical beach with a gourmet picnic hamper for two? If you'd like to snorkel among the spectacular fringing reef, Mission Beach Charters can also provide full snorkelling equipment and lunch or morning tea. Half and full day charters are available and packages can be personally tailored. Mission Beach is located approximately one and a quarter hours south of Cairns. [www.missionbeachcharters.com.au](http://www.missionbeachcharters.com.au)

## **Food, Wine & Lifestyle**

### **Food, Wine & A Taste of Port**

**Latin fever is set to strike Tropical North Queensland's Port Douglas on May 22 with Food, Wine & A Taste of Port serving up a vibrant mix of Latin American food, cooking classes, music and dance.**

Food, Wine & A Taste of Port is an evening of fantastic food, fine wines and an array of outstanding musical performances held under the palm fronds of Rex Smeal Park in Port Douglas. This year's theme "La Vida Loca", inspired by the Ricky Martin hit song, will feature special performances by acoustic Spanish guitarists, Mariachi bands and a yet-to-be announced headline Latino act as well as lashings of mouth-watering food.

[www.foodandwinenq.com](http://www.foodandwinenq.com)

## **Coastal Lifestyle**

### **Sailaway Port Douglas Sunset Sail Cruise**

**Soak up the peace and tranquillity of a spectacular Tropical North Queensland sunset on a Sailaway Port Douglas Sunset Sail Cruise.**

What better way to end your day than with an exhilarating afternoon of sailing onboard the new luxury 'Lagoon 500' French catamaran? The sunset cruise includes one and half hours of sailing along the Port Douglas coastline, a complimentary glass of champagne, wine or beer and a selection of canapés. Enjoy drinks and nibbles with friends or family as you relax on deck and enjoy stunning tropical views as the sun sets over the Daintree Mountains. Sailaway's sunset sail cruises depart from Marina Mirage in Port Douglas at 5pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. [www.sailawayportdouglas.com](http://www.sailawayportdouglas.com)

## **Aboriginal Experience**

### **Daintree Dreaming Day Tour**

**Adventure North Australia's exclusive Daintree Dreaming Day Tour combines Aboriginal culture and nature in an exciting and interactive tour through World Heritage-listed rainforest in Tropical North Queensland.**

Travel along one of Australia's most scenic coastal drives as you head north from Cairns and discover the stunning natural wonder and fascinating ecosystems of the Daintree Rainforest. Learn how to throw a spear, track and hunt for fish, mud crabs and mussels and discover the secrets to locating bush tucker and bush medicines from the Kubirri Warra brothers of Kuku Yalanji Cultural Habitat Tours. Adventure North's Daintree Dreaming Day Tour also includes a one hour crocodile and wildlife spotting river cruise on the Daintree River, a picnic lunch on the shores of the river and a visit to the spectacular Niau Waterfall on a secluded 450 acre private property. [www.adventurenorthaustralia.com/page/tours.html#abby](http://www.adventurenorthaustralia.com/page/tours.html#abby)