

# Angles

## Media Angles – July 2010

### Southern Queensland

#### Albert River Wines' Australiana Tour

**Tour a boutique winery in the Gold Coast hinterland, learn how to throw a boomerang and try your hand at whip cracking and old fashioned grape stomping on Albert River Wines' Australiana Tour.**

The day trip includes a guided tour of the Albert River vineyard and the winery's historical colonial homestead and a range of Australian activities. Guests can enjoy a Billy Tea and Damper making demonstration, learn how to crack a whip and throw a boomerang and even have a go at old fashioned grape stomping in the barrels. Visitors can also dine in the Vineyard Restaurant which is located on the sweeping verandahs of one of the winery's historic homes offering stunning views of Tamborine Mountain. Tours run twice daily Monday to Friday or by special appointment on weekends and include a private wine tasting. Bookings are essential. [www.albertriverwines.com.au](http://www.albertriverwines.com.au)

### Queensland Cities

#### Brisbane - My Favourite Spot

**If you're planning a trip to Brisbane make sure you check out the My Favourite Spot websites for some local tips and information about the region's most loved products, places and experiences.**

From beautiful Moreton Bay and Islands to country valleys, the Scenic Rim, Ipswich and the CBD, Brisbane offers a range of holiday experiences to suit everyone. The new My Favourite Spot website ([www.visitbrisbane.com.au/Travel/mfs/](http://www.visitbrisbane.com.au/Travel/mfs/)) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/myfavouritespotbrisbane](http://www.facebook.com/myfavouritespotbrisbane)) provides an insider's guide to the Brisbane region and features lots of holiday ideas including dining options, tours and accommodation. You can learn about Brisbane's island experiences including Tangalooma Island Resort and their Moreton Bay whale watching cruise and CBD dining options such as Freestyle Tout's delicious desserts and the Breakfast Creek Hotel's famous Queensland steaks.

### Outback

#### Clancy's on the Thompson Tour

**Clancy's on the Thompson overnight tour gives visitors the chance to ride an authentic Cobb and Co coach and spend the night under a canopy of stars in the Queensland Outback.**

The tour departs from Longreach and takes guests on a short scenic ride on a Cobb and Co coach to Clancy's Campout on the banks of the Thompson River. There's time to fish in the river as the sun goes down, relax in

a canvas chair by the fire and take in a spectacular Outback sunset before you enjoy a delicious three course camp over dinner and climb into your deluxe swags for a night under the stars.

[www.longreachtravelcentre.com.au](http://www.longreachtravelcentre.com.au)

## **Nature and Wildlife**

### **New Segway tour at Currumbin Sanctuary**

**Glide silently through the lush surroundings of Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary on the Gold Coast with the new Segway Safari Tour.**

The fully-guided 90 minute eco Segway Safari tour allows visitors to experience Currumbin's natural coastal rainforest and eucalypt environment on their own two-wheeled zero emission segway unit. The tour also takes eight guests through the sanctuary's extensive forest walk and wildlife displays. Participants must be 14 years or over and bookings are essential. [www.cws.org.au](http://www.cws.org.au)

## **Journeys**

### **Cooloola Great Walk**

**The Cooloola Great Walk on the Sunshine Coast offers a stunning five-day trek with opportunities to camp in remote areas of the Cooloola National Park.**

The 102km Great Walk links the pristine Noosa North Shore to Rainbow Beach via the eastern high dunes to the upper Noosa River and Poona Lake. Designed as a five-day trek, the walk also has four camping areas for overnight breaks. Walkers take a coastal and inland route passing through a diverse range of scenery including tall eucalypt forest, dry coastal woodlands, heathland plains, rainforest, perched lakes, high dunes and spectacular scenic lookouts at Double Island Point Lighthouse, Rainbow Beach and Carlo Sand Bow.

[www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/great-walks-cooloola/index.html](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/great-walks-cooloola/index.html)

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

### **Hayman's two new exclusive dining experiences**

**Tantalise your tastebuds with two new exclusive dining experiences at Hayman, Queensland's celebrated island resort on the Great Barrier Reef in the Whitsundays.**

Guests can now enjoy The Chef's Bench and The Fontaine Bench as part of the island resort's signature experience. The Chef's Bench offers up to four guests an intimate banquet in the main kitchen prepared by Hayman's Executive Chef, Glen Bacon. The Fontaine Bench experience includes a 12 course dinner for two in the heart of the main kitchen presented by Hayman's Sous Chef. Both dining experiences include a selection of matching wines, a visit to the famous La Fontaine Wine Cellar and Hayman Chocolate Room followed by coffee and tea at the end of the dinner in The Club Lounge. [www.hayman.com.au](http://www.hayman.com.au)

## **Food, Wine & Lifestyle**

### **Michelin magic at Castaways**

**Indulge in cuisine created by Michelin trained chefs metres from the turquoise waters of the Coral Sea at the newly-refurbished Castaways Resort & Spa Mission Beach in Tropical North Queensland.**

Castaways' new head chefs Neil Phillips and Serena Fedeli have been trained by some of the world's leading chefs and are now serving up beautifully prepared cuisine at the resort's beachfront restaurant. The talented duo have been mentored by the likes of Albert Roux, Fulvio Pierangelini, Salvatore Tassa and Keith Podmore. Neil has prepared food for the Queen's annual Christmas parties, and the couple also spent a summer as private chefs of a cliff-top Spanish villa formerly owned by Sir Richard Branson. The Castaways' menu features beautifully prepared, seasonal local produce with dishes like slow braised shoulder of lamb, spiced cous cous and coriander and crisp cannolo with coffee foam and almond praline. The resort's restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch or dinner – all served within metres of the resort's lawn which rolls down to the sea. [www.castaways.com.au](http://www.castaways.com.au)

### **Coastal Lifestyle**

## **Blue Angel Cooking Classes at Noosaville**

**The Sunshine Coast's renowned Blue Angel Restaurant offers the delicious combination of a Michelin-awarded chef with a relaxed riverside location at Noosaville, just five minutes from Noosa Heads.**

Owner/chef Daniel Mosedale specialises in local organic produce and seafood, and is now sharing his knowledge at cooking classes. Against the backdrop of the Noosa River, Daniel conducts a three hour lesson once a month. He spent 10 years in some of the most inspirational kitchens in France including the 1 Michelin Star restaurant, La Tour Rose in Lyon and Switzerland's 2 Michelin Star L'Ermitage. The three hour cooking class includes coffee on arrival, the class, lunch plus a glass of wine and the recipes to take home. If you would prefer to just indulge in Daniel's award-winning food, the Blue Angel Restaurant is open daily for lunch and dinner.

[www.blueangelrestaurant.com.au](http://www.blueangelrestaurant.com.au)

### **Aboriginal Experience**

## **Echo Creek Adventure and Culture Camp**

**Experience life in the great outdoors through the eyes of a local indigenous community at the Echo Adventure and Cultural Camp, situated a two hour drive south-west of Cairns.**

The eco-friendly property offers a range of indigenous, cultural and adventure experiences including bird watching, swimming, canoeing trips, river walks, abseiling, rafting and ropes courses for the whole family. Echo Creek's popular four hour fully-guided Spirit of the Rainforest Tour takes guests on a cultural journey into World Heritage listed rainforest giving them the opportunity to visit sacred places and learn about life in the rainforest and Aboriginal uses of flora and fauna. Visitors can also listen to Dreamtime stories and experience traditional cultural activities including weaving, mija (hut) building and painting.

[www.echocreek.com.au](http://www.echocreek.com.au)