

# Angles

## Media Angles – June 2010

### Southern Queensland

#### Thirsty Critters Brewery Tours

**Visit south-east Queensland's best craft breweries with Thirsty Critters Brewery Tours.**

Brisbane based Thirsty Critters offer customised tours to a range of top quality breweries including Mount Tamborine Brewery, Tamborine Distillery, Burleigh Brewing Company on the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast Brewery and Brisbane's Brews Brothers. You can even stop in at the famous Beared Dragon Pub for a pint on the way home. Tours include morning tea and lunch, beer tastings, guided brewery tours and air-conditioned transport from Brisbane's CBD and surrounding suburbs. Prices depend on group size (up to 10) and bookings are essential. <http://thirstycritters.com.au/>

### Queensland Cities

#### Brisbane Urban Adventures

**Urban Adventures are Brisbane day tours with a difference, perfect for visitors wanting to explore the city with minimal impact on the environment.**

**Taste Trekkers will take visitors on a local shopping trip in Brisbane with a delicious Asian twist.**

Named Best Travel Startup at the 2010 Travel Distribution Summit Asia, Intrepid Brisbane Urban Adventures provide a range of tours for every budget and itinerary taking in Brisbane heritage trails, contrasting city environments and the city's indigenous culture. All tours are designed to have a minimal impact on the environment and are operated using local transport. Take in heritage trails past colonial buildings, stop for a refreshing cup of tea at Old Government House, soak up the arts scene at the Brisbane Cultural Centre, wander through an urban rainforest, enjoy panoramic views from the top of Mt Coot-tha and learn about local indigenous art and culture. [www.brisbaneurbanadventures.com](http://www.brisbaneurbanadventures.com)

### Outback

#### Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame

**The Stockman's Hall of Fame's new show gives visitors to Queensland's Outback the opportunity to watch authentic stockmen and women in action.**

The new show runs twice daily Monday to Saturday between May and October at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre in Queensland's central western town of Longreach. The show encompasses the modern day aspects of being a stockman as well as telling tales of what it was like in the past. After working as a horse breaker, drover and bush poet on stations throughout Queensland, renowned

horse trainer and performer Luke Thomas brings the right set of skills to give visitors an authentic true blue Outback experience. The Stockman's Hall of Fame is one of Australia's most iconic Outback attractions where visitors can explore five themed galleries and discover the history behind Australian explorers, stock workers and life in the Outback. [www.outbackheritage.com.au](http://www.outbackheritage.com.au)

## **Nature and Wildlife**

### **New Platypus Exhibition at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary**

**The first platypus to be bred in captivity in 55 years has arrived at Brisbane's Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary.**

Barak the platypus travelled all the way from Healesville Sanctuary in Victoria and is now on display at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary in Brisbane. With six underwater cameras streaming live in the exhibit, visitors can't miss Barak splashing, grooming, hunting yabbies and hanging out with his keepers in his \$AUD1 million home. Rated one of the top 10 zoos in the world by AOL, Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary is the world's first and largest koala sanctuary where you can cuddle a koala, handfeed kangaroos, discover what it's like to be a wildlife keeper with the "Keeper for the Day" Program and get up close to Australian wildlife in a beautiful bushland setting. Visitors can also take a scenic cruise along the Brisbane River from the city to Lone Pine with Mirimar Cruises. [www.koala.net](http://www.koala.net)

## **Journeys**

### **Reef Encounter**

**Live and sleep onboard a floating boutique hotel and experience the Great Barrier Reef at its best, day and night.**

One of the ultimate ways to experience the reef is aboard Reef Encounter, a luxury floating hotel featuring 21 state rooms with ensuites, air-conditioning, dining room and bar, sundeck, helipad, snorkel and dive platform, glass bottom boat and heated spa. Reef Encounter's Top Deck Club provides excellent service with guests greeted upon arrival with delicious local fruit platters and sparkling wine. The vessel has access to five spectacular reef locations where guests can dive underwater canyons, discover gardens of corals, visit a sand clay, and swim with sea life including manta rays, turtles, tame reef sharks, Wally the Giant Wrasse, huge cod and inquisitive moray eels on a snorkel or dive adventure. With boat and helicopter transfers departing Cairns daily, guests can experience Reef Encounter for the day or stay several nights.

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

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

### **Lotus House on Magnetic Island**

**For luxury island accommodation look no further than Lotus House, an exclusive retreat offering seclusion and pure indulgence on north Queensland's Magnetic Island.**

Only 25 minutes from Townsville, nestled between the Great Barrier Reef and Magnetic Island's World Heritage National Park, this exquisite beachfront house caters for up to six adults. Lotus House features three spacious bedrooms with ensuites including a tower master suite, exotic tropical gardens, spa bath, an

oceanfront temperature-controlled swimming pool, expansive upper deck and in-house chef options. Wander down sand dunes to beautiful Horseshoe Bay, enjoy absolute privacy as you unwind by the pool, or kick back with gourmet canapés and chilled champagne on the deck while you take in spectacular sunsets and uninterrupted views of the Coral Sea. [www.lotusonmagnetic.com](http://www.lotusonmagnetic.com)

## **Food, Wine & Lifestyle**

### **Kuranda-Made**

**Visitors to the charming rainforest village of Kuranda now have the chance to take home a piece of the Tropical North Queensland lifestyle by purchasing handmade gifts at Kuranda-made.**

Located only 25km north-west of Cairns, Kuranda-made emporium offers original high quality handmade items including jewellery, gifts, clothing, ceramics, creative metalwork, books and artwork that have been crafted by Kuranda residents. Many of the artists use eco-friendly fabrics or recycled materials to craft distinctive and environmentally-friendly products. [www.kuranda-made.com.au](http://www.kuranda-made.com.au)

## **Coastal Lifestyle**

### **Noosa on the Sunshine Coast**

**Located at the northern end of the Sunshine Coast, Noosa is renowned for its pristine surf beaches, stylish accommodation and dining options, lush surrounding National Park and relaxed coastal lifestyle.**

Noosa is one of Australia's most beautiful destinations and at its heart is famous Hastings Street offering a low rise mix of cosmopolitan cafes, delis, stylish shops, al fresco dining and entertainment venues along the beachfront. With Noosa National Park within easy walking distance from the main beach, visitors can experience stunning swimming bays and surfing spots, spot a wild koala in a gum tree or look out onto Laguna Bay to spot dolphins year-round or (in season) whales. Noosa offers a range of accommodation from holiday apartments to five- star resorts like the newly-opened Noosa Quay West Resort and Spa. There are also plenty of activities to keep the whole family entertained. Explore the Noosa River onboard Noosa Dreamboat's stunning six metre handcrafted mahogany runabout, take in the natural beauty of the river ecosystem with Noosa Everglades Discovery Tours, enjoy a romantic evening with Noosa Gondolas or watch the sun set on a Noosa Ferry Sunset Cruise. Learn how to surf on the main beach or discover nearby Fraser Island, the world's largest sand island, on a luxury four wheel drive tour with Fraser Island Discovery Tours. <http://www.visitnoosa.com.au> [www.queenslandholidays.com.au/destinations/sunshine-coast](http://www.queenslandholidays.com.au/destinations/sunshine-coast)

## **Aboriginal Experience**

### **UMI Arts Big Talk One Fire Indigenous Cultural Festival 2010**

**From August 20 to 24, Cairns will come alive with a five-day festival celebrating the diversity of Tropical North Queensland's indigenous arts and culture.**

The UMI Arts Big Talk One Fire Indigenous Cultural Festival provides an opportunity for visitors to experience the very best of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music, dance, crafts and culture. The free event

coincides with the 2010 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair and includes the UMI Arts Indigenous Markets on the Cairns Esplanade as well as two days of indigenous performances and presentations at the Cairns Civic Theatre. The festival gives visitors a chance to see live indigenous music and dance performances and purchase locally-made indigenous artworks, crafts and artefacts.

[www.queenslandholidays.com.au/things-to-see-and-do/big-talk-one-fire-indigenous-cultural-festival/index.cfm](http://www.queenslandholidays.com.au/things-to-see-and-do/big-talk-one-fire-indigenous-cultural-festival/index.cfm)