



## Angles - March, 2010

### Southern Queensland

#### Discovery Tours

**Discovery Tour's four day Fraser Island tour is the perfect way to see the highlights of this beautiful island on a personalised, luxury four wheel drive tour.**

Travelling from Brisbane you travel past the Glass House Mountains, through Noosa Heads and on to coloured sands at Cooloola Beach, past the wreck of the Cherry Venture to Rainbow Beach where you drive along the beach to catch the ferry to Fraser Island. Accommodation each night is at Eurong Beach Resort and during the day your tour will take you to such beauty spots as the Maheno Shipwreck, the crystal clear waters of Eli Creek and the Champagne Pools, the colourful Pinnacles, the rainforest at Central Station and some of the island's beautiful lakes. Your tour is led by an experienced driver/guide, accommodation, all breakfasts and dinners, morning and afternoon teas, all national park entries and twin-share accommodation. The tours depart Brisbane weekly.

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

### Queensland Cities

#### Green Cabs in Brisbane

**Green transport has taken off in Brisbane with the arrival of the city's newest public transport alternative – Green Cabs.**

The fleet of cycle taxis, operating out of South Bank, through the city centre and along riverside bicycle pathways, is providing carbon-free and fun transport options in and around the CBD. Unique riverside tours include the new Kurilpa Bridge and Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA), but riders can also design their ride to go further along the river to New Farm or Toowong. Green Cabs operate from the Wheel of Brisbane, Southbank on weekends and public holidays from 12 noon until late, and on Friday evenings from 5pm. Green Cabs are also available for private events. [www.greencabs.net.au](http://www.greencabs.net.au)

### Outback

#### Harry Redford Cattle Drive

**There's no better way to appreciate the vastness of the Queensland Outback than on horseback on the 2010 Harry Redford Cattle Drive from May 8 to 29.**

The annual 200km event runs over 19 days as some of Australia's most experienced drovers drive approximately 600 head of cattle along the rugged Redford trail, reliving one of the world's greatest cattle duffing (stealing) drives through the Aramac and Muttaborra Outback communities. Riders will witness spectacular sunrises and sunsets, enjoy campfire story telling and celebrate at local festivities as the drove passes through. Accommodation is camping under stars and the food, unique

Australian camp oven cooking. Riders of all experience levels, including novices are welcome.

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

## **Nature and Wildlife**

### **Stingray Splash at Daydream Island**

**Handfeeding stingrays is the newest attraction at Daydream Island Resort and Spa's Living Reef, one of the world's largest man-made coral reef lagoons.**

Stingray Splash offers small groups of up to four people the opportunity to walk knee-deep into the man-made reef to hand-feed resident stingrays and sharks and pat the stingrays. Guests can learn about the biology of these amazing creatures from experienced guides and also closely view corals and touch starfish and sea cucumbers. The rays have all been de-barbed and every precaution has been taken to ensure guests' safety. Daydream's Living Reef is a massive 2,650 square metres in size and home to more than 80 species of fish and 50 species of coral. Free educational feeding sessions are also held twice daily at 10am and 12.30pm daily. [www.daydreamisland.com](http://www.daydreamisland.com)

## **Journeys**

### **North Johnstone White Water Rafting**

**RnR White Water Rafting offers adventurers the chance to combine thrilling on-water adventure with a rare glimpse of a precious and untouched part of Tropical North Queensland's World Heritage rainforests.**

The four day heli-rafting expedition takes place on the North Johnstone River, a steep, natural flowing river which cuts through a spectacular volcanic gorge. It is rated among the top wilderness adventures in the world with its helicopter fly-in, rides on gigantic Grade five rapids and camping under the stars in riverside rainforest clearings. All meals are freshly prepared during the trip and all rafting and camping equipment, with the exception of wetsuits and sleeping bags, are supplied, with the latter available upon request. All participants are given comprehensive instruction on paddling techniques and safety procedures. Departures are from Cairns four times a year.

[www.raft.com.au/nj.html](http://www.raft.com.au/nj.html)

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

### **Heron Island**

**Escape to stunning Heron Island, one of the few coral cays located right on the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef.**

This island paradise, 80km north-east off Gladstone in Central Queensland, is surrounded by sugar white sands, crystal clear waters and acres of brilliant coral. Swim straight off the beach in waters literally teeming with tropical fish, watch nesting green and loggerhead turtles and their baby hatchlings from November to March, and discover an abundance of birdlife in the dense bushlands. You won't see any buildings above the treeline, as the exclusive Heron Island Resort, the only

accommodation option on the island, has been designed to blend in with the surrounding environment. The resort offers many activities including guided island and reef walks, semi-submersible cruises, private beach picnics, school holiday Junior Rangers program and some of the best snorkelling and scuba diving experiences in the world. Access to Heron is via launch or a spectacular helicopter transfer from Gladstone Airport. [www.heronisland.com/](http://www.heronisland.com/)

## **Food, Wine & Lifestyle**

### **LILO...A Wet Bar**

**A new bar has splashed on to the Cairns bar scene with the opening of LILO at Rydges Plaza Cairns.**

The new wet bar is located on the terraced rooftops of the hotel and offers guests a choice of five indoor and outdoor lounging and dining areas. Catering for everyone from business people to bikini-clad sunseekers, LILO is open all day from sun up until late. The purpose built bar flows from inside to the outside terrace with its private cabanas and swimming pool and features a seasonal menu of delicious and interesting dishes, an extensive cocktail and beverage list and live music.

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

## **Coastal Lifestyle**

### **Lazy Lizard Surf School**

**Master the balancing act between wave and surfboard with the help of the experts at Australia's northernmost surf beach at Town of 1770 north of Bundaberg.**

Lazy Lizard Surf School 1770 is the brainchild of Luke Wuiske, a local who also operates sea kayaking tour company 1770 Liquid Adventures. Luke's half day learn to surf lessons take place away from the crowds on an isolated beach accessed via a sub tropical rainforest walk. Gentle surf conditions, small groups with a one-on-one instructor to student ratio and a combination of beach and in water training means participants are standing in no time. Lazy Lizard also donates a percentage of every customer's payment to Sea Shepherd Ocean Conservation to help preserve the ocean environment. [www.lazylizardsurfschool.com.au](http://www.lazylizardsurfschool.com.au)

## **Aboriginal Experience**

### **Pandanus Gallery**

**Nestled in the heart of beautiful Palm Cove in Tropical North Queensland, Pandanus Gallery is a new indigenous art gallery showcasing works from Aboriginal-owned community art centres throughout Australia.**

Located across from the beach, the gallery shows high quality Aboriginal art ranging from affordable works by emerging artists to rare collectable pieces. Owners and operators Anna and Paul La Fontaine are passionate about creating strong and transparent relationships with Aboriginal art

communities throughout Australia. Art works on display include artefacts, carvings, jewellery, paintings, prints, sculpture, weaving and bark art. [www.pandanusgallery.com](http://www.pandanusgallery.com)