



Heron Island Resort



Moss Gardens



LARC Paradise Tour

10 DAYS
ESCORTED
TOUR

CARNARVON GORGE & HERON ISLAND HAVEN

with Capricorn Coast, Great Keppel Island & Town of 1770

PHYSICAL RATING

3
ACTIVE/
MODERATE



TOUR OVERVIEW & INCLUSIONS

- Opulent 'Diamond Class' coach travel
- 1 night Roma; visit to Picnic Point Toowoomba and lunch at Chinchilla
- Visit Carnarvon Gorge National Park with guided nature walk through Moss Gardens
- 1 night Moura
- Koorana Crocodile Farm; visiting Singing Ship; driving along the Capricorn Coast
- 2 nights oceanview rooms Yeppoon
- 1 night Gladstone
- Cruise the Great Barrier Reef & Keppel Islands
- Glass bottom boat and fish feeding tour
- Visit the heritage listed Rockhampton Botanical Gardens and Zoo
- Footlights Theatre Restaurant
- 2 nights Heron Island Resort with daily naturalist eco and bird watching tours and reef walks on the coral cay at low tide
- 2 nights Town of 1770
- Full day amphibious LARC tour
- 28 meals
- 'Diamond Class' tours include a beverage package each evening with dinner
- ***(standard beer, wine, spirits and soft drink capped to a bar tab not unlimited)*

PRE & POST TOUR EXTENDER OPTION

2 additional days (TOTAL 12 DAY TOUR)

- Return economy class flights ex Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide to Brisbane
- 2 additional nights bed & breakfast (1 night pre & 1 night post tour) at Sofitel Brisbane Central
- Return Airtrain tickets ex Brisbane Domestic Terminal to Central Station

Plus \$860pp Twin Share

Plus \$1025 Sole Use

Subject to availability - some block out dates apply. Prices are subject to change without notice

DAY 1 (MT,L,D)

Departing on one of Fun Over Fifty's signature opulent 'Diamond Class' coaches from **Brisbane Transit Centre** on Roma Street, we travel through the rich fertile area of the **Lockyer Valley**, arriving at **Picnic Point Toowoomba** for a cuppa, taking time to admire the stunning view. We continue through **Dalby**, breaking for lunch at **Chinchilla**, then make our way to **Roma**.

1 Night Stay: Explorers Inn, Roma ★★★★★

DAY 2 (B,MT,L,D)

We set out early this morning, making our way into **Carnarvon Gorge National Park**. On arrival over a cuppa we meet our local **nature guide** to listen to a brief overview of our walk to the lush **Moss Gardens**. **Carnarvon Gorge** is an oasis hidden in the rugged ranges of **Queensland's Central Highlands**. Featuring towering white sandstone cliffs, spectacular scenery, incredible bushwalks, pockets of rainforest and amazing diversity of flora and fauna. The **Moss Gardens** has water dripping constantly from the sandstone walls, supporting a lush carpet of mosses, ferns and liverworts. Beneath tree ferns straining for sunlight, a small waterfall tumbles over a rock ledge into an icy pool. We stop and enjoy a packed lunch surrounded by beautiful wilderness. Our afternoon takes us out of the National Park, travelling to the town of **Moura**.

1 Night Stay: 1 Night Stay: Meridian Motel, Moura ★★★★★

DAY 3 (B,L,D)

Departing **Moura**, we break at Westward for a cuppa, before making our way via **Rockhampton** to **Koorana Crocodile Farm**, home to over **3,000 saltwater crocodiles**. Enjoy a fascinating insight and tour of a **commercial crocodile farm**, not your everyday tourism theme park. Take a guided tour of the farm, where the excitement of seeing crocodile feeding is something you won't match anywhere. From here we travel on to the coastal town of **Emu Park** to visit the **Singing Ship** monument that commemorates the area's legacy of the historical explorations of Captain James Cook. We finish our afternoon taking a scenic drive along the **Capricorn Coast** showcasing 13 beautiful beaches before checking into our **beachfront accommodation**.

2 Night Stay: Oceanview Rooms, Salt Yeppoon ★★★★★

DAY 4 (B,L,D)

Today we cruise through the **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park**, the largest heritage listed area in the world. On arrival our cruise crew will advise times for our glass bottom boat venture for a **coral viewing and fish feeding tour**. The glass-bottom boat tour is a quiet, relaxed alternative for those wishing to view the wonders of the reef and spectacular marine life without even getting their feet wet. We then get some free time on the island, enjoying lunch whilst cruising the group of **Keppel Islands**. Time this afternoon to snorkel or those who dare **Boomnetting**. Tonight, we get together for a dinner and show at **Footlights Theatre Restaurant** where we enjoy a **top-class comedy variety show** and three course dinner.

DAY 5 (B,MT,L,D)

This morning we explore the unique **Capricorn Caves** for a 1-hour underground tour of **Cathedral Cave**. Follow your experienced guide into the brightly lit limestone cavern that contains rare ferns, massive tree roots, and some small bats. The high-domed **Cathedral Cave** is renowned for its acoustics and as a setting for special events. Near the finishing point of the tour, you can pass through the pioneer passage and walk across a suspended swinging bridge in the rainforest. From here we visit heritage listed **Rockhampton Botanic Gardens and Zoo**. Enjoy lunch here before free time to browse these spectacular gardens. We then travel to **Gladstone** for an overnight stay.

1 Night Stay: Mercure, Gladstone ★★★★★

DAY 6/7 (B,L,D)

This morning we make our way to Gladstone Marina to board the **Heron Island** fast cat. Located in the World Heritage listed **Great Barrier Reef**, **Heron Island** is a haven for nature lovers and is surrounded by pristine beaches and brilliant blue waters. Enjoy two nights at **Heron Island Resort**, where we join **naturalist eco guides** for daily activities discovering the **birdlife**, reef walk the **coral cay formations**, and discover **native flora and fauna**. We check-in to our **Reef Rooms**, which are located near the beach and offer reef views with a living area which extends out to a private balcony or garden. At low tide, we take the **reef walk** that will expose some of the most fascinating creatures found on the coral reef.

****Please note: Fast cat transfers take 2 hours and are in open waters. Those who suffer motion sickness are advised to take the necessary precautions. Optionally, at additional expense you may like to organise return helicopter transfers from Gladstone.**

2 Night Stay: Heron Island Resort in Reef Rooms ★★★★★

DAY 8 (B,L,D)

We enjoy a leisurely morning on beautiful **Heron Island**, before an early afternoon departure on the fast cat ferry. Back on the mainland, we take a short journey to the **Town of 1770**.

2 Night Stay: Lagoons 1770 Resort & Spa ★★★★★

DAY 9 (B,L,D)

This morning we take the ideal getaway on the **Pink Amphibious LARC**. The **Paradise Tour** takes us along the coastline of **Eurimbula National Park**, where we are given commentary on wildlife and the history of **Bustard Bay**. We cross four tidal creeks and take a **4WD tour** up the steep climb to the historic **Bustard Head Light Station**. Return to **Lagoons 1770 Resort & Spa**.

DAY 10 (B,MT,L)

Homeward bound this morning, we break at historic **Childers** for a cuppa and time to visit the **Palace Backpackers Memorial**. After lunch in **Gympie**, we make our way back to the **Brisbane Transit Centre** arriving at approximately 4:30pm.

DIAMOND CLASS DEPARTURE DATE 2020

27 July

TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Share \$4500

Sole Use \$5990

****Please refer to page 7 for 'Diamond Class' seating expectations that apply to both sole use and twin/double bookings.**

DEPOSIT

Non-refundable deposit of \$800pp required within 14 days of making booking to secure your reservation.

N.B. This package is subject to an additional levy for coach/air component that may be imposed and is out of Fun Over Fifty's control.

INCLUDED MEALS

B = Full Breakfast **MT** = Morning Tea **L** = Lunch
AT = Afternoon Tea **D** = Two Course Dinner



Reef walking at Heron Island

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PLEASE NOTE: PHYSICAL RATING

This tour carries a strict fitness level.
Please carefully read the
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