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# HOLIDAY BROCHURE

June 2022 – August 2023

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# Welcome to the Leisure Options Holiday Brochure of 2022/23

Welcome to the new edition of our much-anticipated holiday brochure. It is so wonderful to be able to offer you all of your favourite tours, some of which have been running for over 20 years, a repeat of the holidays we missed during lockdown plus many new and exciting holiday options along with the recommencement of our popular cruising program. With the opening of international boarders, we will continue to monitor quarantine, testing, vaccination, and other travel requirements closely to ensure a safe passage is possible before committing to any destinations.

Just when we thought 2021 would be the year of accelerating travel opportunities, COVID threw another curveball with a more virulent strain of the virus. Our dedicated office team worked tirelessly and were able to deliver some high quality travel experiences during the first half of the year. Thank you to all of our wonderful travellers for being patient while we traversed the changing environment with last minute alterations to itineraries, flights and holiday dates all in the pursuit of fulfilling your holiday aspirations or giving you a much needed break with our respite program. A warm and heartfelt thank you from both Cathy and myself for your understanding during these testing times.

Thanks to high vaccination rates in Australia and government mandates ensuring that all Leisure Option's staff and travellers are fully vaccinated we feel confident in embracing travel opportunities again and are looking forward to booking you on your next Leisure Options tour. We will continue to adapt our tours as we evaluate situations and consult with government health authorities and agencies to ensure that your holiday is safe and stress free. From all of us at Leisure Options, we wish everyone a safe and prosperous year as we progress with the exciting travel opportunities ahead.

# **Travel Safe and Travel with confidence**

Leisure Options offers you peace of mind to "travel with confidence" as we continue to conduct our enhanced health and wellbeing measures for the foreseeable future. In many cases some of these measures will remain as standard on a permanent basis.

These measures include:

- Travelling in small groups or on an individualised touring/respite package
- Fully (COVID 19) vaccinated staff and travellers
- · Pre travel health checks including a Wellness Questionnaire
- Pre departure Rapid Antigen Testing (where required)
- $\cdot$  Daily temperature monitoring for travellers and staff
- Compulsory Australian Government COVID-19 infection control training for staff
- · Contingency planning including isolation and repatriation protocols

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- COVID Screening nurse on call 24/7
- COVID VAXX Practicing Business Accreditation
- COVID-19 CLEAN Practicing Business accreditation



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Leisure Options offers a range of holidays that provide learning and skill development opportunities for our travellers. We immerse ourselves in the communities we visit to provide experiences rich in culture, recreation, socialisation and fun.



# Leisure Options

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# **TOUR INFORMATION**

### Small Group Tours

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Leisure Options believes in creating memorable experiences for each of our travellers. We prefer to travel with smaller groups (normally up to 12 people including staff) which enable us to provide personalised and bespoke travel experiences.

Limited numbers, with high staffing ratios, allows us to customise every tour and include activities and outings that stimulate each of our traveller's interests. These shared interests and experiences lead to more meaningful friendships and long-lasting memories

## **Tour Leaders**

Leisure Option's tour leaders focus on delivering incredible service and an authentic experience to make each holiday memorable. By building strong relationships with each traveller our tour leaders strive to understand individual needs and provide support in a safe and nurturing environment. Their unique knowledge of the destinations we visit ensures that you can relax and immerse yourself in a physical, emotional and cultural journey. Our tour leaders all have police checks, NDIS Worker Screening Checks, first aid certificates, COVID vaccinations and access to 24 hour nursing advice and support. Tour leaders are not able to share rooms with travellers but will be available when needed.

# **High Staff to Traveller Ratios**

At Leisure Options we strive to offer unparalleled holiday support, guidance and care. To enable this our holidays are always staffed at high support ratios. Offering ratios no greater than 1:4 ensures that you are able to actively participate in holidays that meet your aspirations and goals. Leisure Options staffing ratios are the highest in the industry and provide peace of mind that you will receive the care and support you require.

# Accommodation

Leisure Options aims to create a family like atmosphere whilst on tour. To do this, where possible we stay in luxury houses with multiple bedrooms so that everyone is accommodated under the one roof. This provides the greatest opportunities for travellers to socialise and create meaningful friendships. On cruises we only use twin share cabins and when booking hotels we aim for 4 and 5 star luxury accommodation. We can also arrange a single room for travellers, however a single supplement will apply.

# **Active Night**

Leisure Options is happy to provide checking or intervention during the night (for example, due to a medical condition such as epilepsy). This will require an active night staff person be rostered during your holiday and must be organised prior to departure. Leisure Options will arrange for active night support as part of planning your holiday. As not all travellers require this support these costs are not included in the advertised prices of the holidays.

# Airfares

Airfares are NOT included in the advertised price of the holiday except where indicated. We encourage travellers to book holidays early so that we can negotiate the best possible airfares on your behalf. Leisure Options pays for carbon offset on airfares to assist with greenhouse gas emission reduction.

### Departures

All advertised holidays depart from Melbourne. However, if you live elsewhere, we are able to arrange for you to join the holiday on route or have a tour leader travel with you from your location to our departure point. There will be an additional cost for this service.

### Pre/Post Tour Accommodation Package

If you need an additional night of accommodation before or after your holiday, we can arrange this for you at a cost from \$635 per night. This includes staff support from 4.30 pm on the day prior/post travel through to your departure, dinner, bed and breakfast.

## **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is not included in the price of your holiday but we strongly recommend all travellers obtain insurance. Travel insurance is mandatory for all cruises and international holidays.

### NDIS

Leisure Options is a nationally registered NDIS service provider. Our tours offer opportunities to develop new skills and capabilities in a safe and fun environment.





# **HOLIDAY GUARANTEE**

When you book a holiday with Leisure Options you can be assured that your booking is secure and your holiday won't ever be cancelled. Our unique holiday guarantee ensures all tours depart as scheduled along with our price match guarantee providing you with value for money, certainty, and peace of mind when planning your holiday.

Guaranteed departures provide you with the peace of mind that your tour will definitely operate on the day it is scheduled and will not be cancelled. All guaranteed departures will run except in the event of a natural disaster or other similarly disruptive events that are beyond our control. We will also match any genuine competitors advertised price for an equivalent holiday to ensure you receive the best value for money. Our guarantee covers all Leisure Options advertised group holidays, helping to take the stress out of planning your next trip.

# **HOLIDAY CATEGORIES**

Leisure Options tailors a wide range of holidays for people with different interests, skills and abilities. Our holidays are categorised to help you choose the most suitable option for your capability and needs.

### Independent

- Travellers with good social and communication skills
- Independent in personal care and activities of daily living
- Have good mobility and can eat independently in restaurants
- Can understand and follows directions
- Able to stay with the group on outings, or meet back with the group at a specified time and venue
- Meet the independent flight criteria as imposed by domestic airlines

# Active

- Travellers that can cope with a faster paced holiday itinerary
- Safely manage all forms of public transport
- Manage days with a substantial amount of walking
- Good fitness level

# **HOLIDAY RATIOS**

All Leisure Options holidays are tailored to provide you with the greatest enjoyment. To ensure we can cater for your specific needs and provide safe experiences, our holiday ratios ensure you receive the appropriate level of care. The ratios indicate the number of staff members on a holiday for each traveller.

### 1:4 Ratio

For travellers who are primarily independent in all areas of personal care with appropriate social skills when out in the community.

### 1:2 Ratio

For travellers requiring immediate and prompt assistance with personal care and meals, those that use mobility aids or enjoy slower-paced travel and those needing close supervision when out in the community.

## 1:1 Ratio

Travellers who require full assistance with personal care and meals and require strict supervision in the community. This also includes travellers in manual or electric wheelchairs.



## **Extra Assistance Personal Care**

• Travellers who require assistance with showering, toileting or other areas of personal care, such as meals and activities of daily living



### **Extra Assistance Mobility**

- Travellers who require extra assistance with walking or use mobility aids such as a walking frame or wheelchair for distance
- Can manage a regular bus or coach or a few stairs

### **Physical Disability**

• Travellers who require a wheelchair or walking frame for mobility along with accessible accommodation, facilities and transport

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# **RESPITE CARE**

At Leisure Options, we truly believe that an exceptional respite program should offer more than just rest or a shortterm housing option.

Respite supports people with disabilities and their families by giving carers short breaks from their caring responsibilities. It also offers participants an alternative to their daily routine or usual living situation.

Leisure Options Respite Care supports you in a relaxing, safe and nurturing environment, while your loved ones enjoy a break as well. We believe that respite should be a positive experience for both you and your carer, providing beneficial and meaningful experiences that leave you both refreshed and invigorated.

Programs take place at the company's Anglesea property and other select locations. In many cases we can provide Respite options at a destination or location of your choice.

Whether you come for a night or a week our team work to diligently prepare daily activity plans that meet your needs, interests, and desires. Activities are tailored to each individual and may include a mix of gardening, cooking, arts, and crafts, games, puzzles, nature walks, beach visits, attractions, and any other interests you may have. Respite programs can be as active or relaxed as you wish. Let us know what you love doing and the Leisure Options tour leaders will support you to achieve your goals. There are plenty of indoor and outdoor activities to keep you entertained whilst enjoying a Respite stay.

Our Respite Packages include: Full supports, private bedrooms, daily meals and snacks, a selection of activities, home pick up and drop off.

## **How is Respite Funded?**

Respite care can be included as part of your NDIS plan as time away is a powerful tool in strengthening your independence, life skills, and community access experiences.

Under the NDIS, Short Term Accommodation and Assistance replaces what used to be called respite for people with a disability. This is funded under Core Supports – Assistance with Daily Life in your NDIS plan.

For more detailed information or to book your Respite Care please contact the office on 1300 363 713 or mail@leisureoptions.com.au



# **INDIVIDUAL HOLIDAY PACKAGES**

Let us help you achieve your dream holiday. A holiday to the destination of your choice that you enjoy at your own pace following your own personalised itinerary.

Whether it's relaxing on a river cruise, living your Disney dream or simply enjoying breakfast in bed at your favourite local destination we can create a fully customised holiday itinerary that turns your ultimate holiday into a reality.

As a supported travel specialist Leisure Options is qualified to create your entire holiday experience, from start to finish, hassle free. We will tailor an itinerary to suit your specific requests, identify packages and products that suit your unique wants and needs and match you with one of our experienced tour leaders.

Our tour coordinators are trained destination and product experts and know how to sort through the myriad of travel information available. Our knowledge and networks mean we have access to the best travel deals. As a 'one-stop shop' we handle every aspect of your travel – from booking airline tickets, ground transfers, tours and activities to arranging your travel insurance. And, if you experience any concerns while travelling, Leisure Options offers full support from our tour and office-based team.

All you need to do is pack your bags and enjoy a fun-filled and memorable holiday experience.

### **Contact us**

Phone or email Leisure Options to discuss your holiday plans or desired destinations. We will send you all the relevant paperwork including an Individual Holiday Application Form and travel insurance information. Once we receive your completed forms we use this information to design your own personalised itinerary. We involve you in the process and are happy to modify your itinerary until it is perfect for you.

## Meet your tour leader

If requested, Leisure Options can arrange an introductory meeting for you and your tour leader prior to departing for your holiday. It doesn't matter where you live or your intended destination, our friendly tour leader will travel Australia wide to pick you up and support you to achieve your holiday dreams.

To book your tailor-made individual holiday simply call Leisure Options on **1300 363 713** and start planning your dream holiday today.

"I prefer to holiday by myself with a carer. It gives me independence and I enjoyed the later wake up times holidaying by myself." – Daniel (Traveller)



*"I love going on a cruise as I am able to do things at my own pace. Easy going and staff very helpful."* – Mark (Traveller)

# **CRUISE HOLIDAYS** 2022 – 2023

Cruise holidays offer travellers the unique opportunity to experience a myriad of different destinations and holiday experiences while staying under the one roof. Once onboard you just need to unpack once before departing on your journey as your "floating hotel" brings you to a different holiday location each day.

Cruising is ideal for many of our travellers as you can settle into familiar surrounds whilst still enjoying an everchanging and exciting holiday.

Our cruise holidays can include a combination of port or anchor stops where there are opportunities to join shore tours or to explore the ports with our group. (Travellers with limited mobility and wheelchair users may not be able to disembark the ship at tender stops)

Leisure Options allocate two travellers of the same gender to a cabin on a twin share basis. Single use cabins may be available subject to confirmation from the cruise line (surcharges will apply).

# **CRUISIN' COUNTRY SUPER CRUISE**

Wed 9 - Wed 16 Nov 2022

Cruisin' Country 2022 is set to raise the roof with an impressive line-up that showcases the best of Australian country music. Set on board Royal Caribbean's incredible mega ship Ovation of the Seas you can enjoy the best of cruise life whilst listening to many of your favourite artists.

STOPS: Departs Sydney – Port stop Noumea – Port stop Mystery Island – Tender stop

For more information See pg. 22



# ULTIMATE NEW ZEALAND CRUISE

Thu 23 Feb – Wed 8 March 2023

Visit the Land of the Long White Cloud in style when you step aboard The Sapphire Princess. New Zealand is famous for its spectacular Fiordland, magnificent buildings and geothermal areas; so many wonderful experiences in a very small area.

### STOPS:

Departs Melbourne – Port Stop Fiordland National Park – Scenic Cruising Dunedin – Port Stop Christchurch – Port Stop Wellington – Port Stop Napier – Port Stop Tauranga – Port Stop Auckland – Port Stop



# **AIRLIE BEACH FUN CRUISE**

Tues 23 - Sun 28 May 2023

This fun cruise is perfect for those wanting a short getaway or for someone who is new to cruising. Fly to Brisbane before boarding our "floating hotel" for a leisurely coastal cruise up to Airlie Beach in the heart of the stunning Whitsundays.

### STOPS:

Departs Sydney – Port stop Airlie Beach – Tender stop





### **BARRIER REEF DISCOVERY CRUISE** Fri 28 Jul - Sat 5 Aug 2023

Things will feel a little different once you board the exquisite Pacific Encounter, time slows down, the sun shines brighter, and you can't help but feel relaxed. Join us on our most popular cruise, to experience the bliss, the tranquillity and the indulgence that is cruising.

#### STOPS:

Departs Brisbane - Port stop Airlie Beach - Tender boat Cairns - Port stop Willis Island - Anchor Drop For more information See pg. 48



# **INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAYS**



It is with great excitement that we can commence our return to international holidays and travel. Fully vaccinated residents are now able to travel overseas without an exemption for the first time since March 2020. The Leisure Option's travel experts will check quarantine, testing, vaccination, and other travel requirements for all destination-countries ensuring you enjoy safe and stress-free travel. Call the office on 1300 363 713 and register your interest for one of our fantastic tours below. Dates will be confirmed once suitable travel conditions for each destination are announced.

## CALIFORNIA COASTAL CRUISE AND DISNEYLAND

An unforgettable West Coast experience combining visits to iconic destinations, exciting theme parks and a magical cruise along the stunning Californian coastline. A truly memorable holiday.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend four nights in Anaheim, home to the "Happiest Place on Earth"
- Seven further nights aboard the Discovery Princess, offering a magnificent cruising experience
- Immerse yourself in the movies at Universal Studios and experience all the magic of the Disneyland Resort
- Travel on a Trolley Car, view the Golden Gate Bridge and explore Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco
- Spend two fun filled days in the coastal cities of Santa Barbara and San Diego
- Explore the bustling markets of Ensenada in Mexico

# SIGHTS OF SINGAPORE

Stylish, vibrant and cosmopolitan, Singapore offers a wealth of culture and charm throughout it's tropical island location. This active holiday will appeal to animal lovers, foodies and thrill seekers.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore all of Singapore's highlights on board the double decker Hop on Hop off bus tour
- Marina Bay Sands observation deck boasts scenic views of Singapore Strait and the city skyline
- Gardens by the Bay is a showpiece of garden artistry with amazing exhibits and displays
- Visit Sentosa Island, a tropical resort island featuring Universal Studios theme park
- Enjoy breakfast with the orangutans then explore the world-renowned Singapore Zoo
- Explore the local shops, malls and Changi airport's breathtaking Jewel experience

**Note:** This a fast-paced holiday utilising public transport, with substantial walking

# **NEW ZEALAND – BAY OF ISLANDS**

The Bay of Islands is a stunning subtropical region located at the top of New Zealand's north island covering 144 islands and is renowned for its unmatched beauty, culture and history.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Our home for this holiday is the beautiful township of Paihia in the heart of the Bay of Islands
- Take a short ferry ride to Russell Island and explore the historic buildings, wharf and waterfront
- Enjoy an inspiring and interactive tour through Waitangi's two contemporary museums and watch a Māori cultural performance in an authentic Meeting House
- Discover spectacular scenery, captivating wildlife and rich history on a half day Bay of Islands cruise
- At The Parrot Place you can stroll through the walk-in aviaries, meet the friendly pet parrots, have your photo taken with them and feed them
- Ample time for some shopping, tasty food experiences and a visit to the local chocolate factory







# **GRAMPIANS EXPLORER**

Thu 2 - Mon 6 Jun 2022





Renowned for its rugged mountain ranges, wildflowers, native wildlife and Aboriginal rock art sites, the Grampians is one of the states most popular holiday destinations. Relax and unwind in the stunning picturesque surrounds.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- $\cdot\;$  We base ourselves in Halls Gap the main tourist hub of the region and the heart of the Grampians
- Discover grand and rugged mountain ranges, spectacular wildflower displays and a wealth of Aboriginal rock art sites in the Grampians National Park
- Visit Halls Gap's one and only Old-Fashioned Lolly and Chocolate Shop where you can even sample the products



- Spend a day at the Halls Gap Zoo which has over 120 species of native and exotic mammals, reptiles and birds, the highlight being a private meerkat encounter
- Wander through Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre and then explore the township of Ararat, you may even find some souvenirs to take home

# **CELTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Fri 10 - Tue 14 Jun 2022







Spend a weekend enjoying all things Celtic, from bagpipes and Highland dancers to Celtic games and Gaelic football demonstrations and delicious food to get you in the mood.



### HIGHLIGHTS

- $\cdot \;$  Spend the first evening enjoying some Celtic performances
- Wander around the many venues of the Festival and hear and see a vast variety of buskers, performers and talented dancers
- Thrill to the sound of pipes and drums and hear about how these marvellous instruments are made and played
- Enjoy a stroll around the many stall holders and be enticed with wonderful food and magnificent arts and crafts
- Witness the light footedness of the Highland dancers, as they perform to many enthusiastic Celtic jigs
- Wend your way home with the thrilling sound of pipes, drums and fiddles ringing in your head, and all the toe-tapping tunes that were heard over the weekend

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# **GOLD COAST LONG WINTER BREAK**

Tue 14 - Tue 21 Jun 2022







Enjoy a coastal winter escape to the Gold Coast, Australia's premier holiday destination. Our home for the 8 days is a luxury waterfront property with large entertainment areas, ensuited rooms and a large in ground pool and entertainment deck.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend time at the new accommodation and embrace the resort like facilities
- Meet your favourite superheroes and experience the thrill of adventure rides and movie attractions at Movie World
- Have your camera ready for an up-close whale watching experience just off the coast of Surfers Paradise
- Get up close and personal with sharks and marine life at Shark Bay and join Buddy and Claude, Sea World's cheeky sea lions, in the show that will have everyone in stitches



- Wander the malls and beachfront paths of Surfers Paradise, visit the markets and shops or have a dip in the surf
- Put on your nice clothes as we head out for dinner and a show. At Outback Spectacular the Australian outback comes alive with live horses and performers
- See, taste and learn about fruits from around the world on a farm tour at Tropical Fruit World
- Enjoy an opulent brunch looking over the Gold Coast and surrounds at Sky Point Observation deck

# **GOLD COAST FUN BREAK**

Wed 22 - Mon 27 Jun 2022



If you love the Gold Coast but want to take it all in at a slower pace then this is the holiday for you. We visit all the same sights and attractions but cater for those that like a more relaxed holiday. 

 PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,840
 1:2 ~ \$5,175

 CODE: GCF220622
 NO. OF DAYS: 6

 TRANSPORT: Flight/Bus

### HIGHLIGHTS

- · Relax at our luxurious resort style accommodation
- See the Gold Coast from land and sea when you hop aboard the Aquaduck
- Cuddle a koala or feed a lorikeet, it's all possible at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
- $\cdot \;$  Spend a day with the friendly marine life at Sea World
- Movie World is a magical place where all your favourite super heroes and movie stars are waiting to greet you
- $\cdot\;$  There is no better place for shopping than on the Gold Coast
- $\cdot\;$  Dine out in style in the many beachside restaurants
- Stroll the soft sands of iconic Surfers Paradise beach and find a souvenir at the markets

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"I love Maureen. She is a great tour leader. Anthony and Virginia were nice people that look after us very well. I love the staff and meeting new people. I enjoy the holidays. Leisure Options holidays are the best." – Rosemary (Traveller)

# **GOLD COAST EXPLORER**

Tue 28 Jun - Sun 3 Jul 2022







Enjoy a coastal winter escape to the sunny Gold Coast, Australia's favourite playground. From wildlife experiences to the tropical hinterland, we see it all on this fun-filled six day tour. 

 PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,840
 1:2 ~ \$5,175

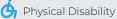
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 NO. OF DAYS: 6

 TRANSPORT: Flight/Bus

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Relax on the quick flight to the Gold Coast then settle into your luxury waterfront accommodation
- Play with dolphins, hit the ice with the penguins, and see it all at Sea World
- Visit your favourite characters at Movie World, catch a show, the grand parade or try a ride or two
- Feed the friendly lorikeets and learn about Australian animals at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
- Explore Mount Tamborine village and shops and learn about the life of glow worms
- There's plenty of time for making friends over coffee and cake in local cafes or exploring the beach and local markets

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# **GOLD COAST ANIMAL LOVERS**

Mon 4 - Sat 9 Jul 2022







Whether you're into the feathered, furred or the finned variety, join us for a week on the Gold Coast as we head to the finest wildlife parks and sanctuaries to celebrate all creatures great and small.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Settle into your luxury 5 star waterfront accommodation and explore all that this marvellous house has to offer
- Learn about some of Australia's most loved native animals at one of the many interactive presentations and displays at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
- Explore the different habitats at Sea World. From the frozen rock formations of the penguins and polar bears, to the coral filled reefs where we can find tropical fish and sea turtles



- $\cdot$   $\,$  Meet the bright and shiny glow worms at Mount Tamborine
- Made famous by "The Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin, Australia Zoo is one of the most enthralling wildlife parks you will ever experience. Check out the exotic African animals on a safari, or visit the Crocoseum for an action packed croc show
- Enjoy some free time to do exactly what you please, be it a laze by the pool, hit up the sands of Surfers Paradise, or shop up a storm along the beachfront markets

# **GOLD COAST WHALE WATCHING**

### Sun 10 - Fri 15 Jul 2022







The Gold Coast is the best location for Whale Watching in Australia. With a six month season and daily sightings this is a once in a lifetime opportunity not to be missed.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Relax on the short flight to the Gold Coast then transfer to your luxury accommodation for a swim or poolside BBQ
- Watch the whales off Point Danger, visit the lighthouse and enjoy the seaside town of Kingscliff
- Relax on your 2.5 hour ocean cruise marveling at the humpback whales as they frolic and breach in front of the boat

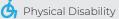
 PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,895
 1:2 ~ \$5,290

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 NO. OF DAYS: 6

 TRANSPORT: Flight/Bus

- Enjoy brunch with 360 degree views over the Gold Coast and hinterlands when we dine at Skypoint Observation Tower, the views and the food will be truly memorable
- Meet all creatures great and small including the friendly dolphins at Sea World
- Chill out and enjoy the relaxed vibe of the Gold Coast; wander the markets or shop for a souvenir

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# **BLUE MOUNTAINS YULE FEST**

Fri 22 - Tue 26 Jul 2022



It may be cold outside, but we will be toasty and warm as we don our festive spirit and celebrate Christmas in July with the stunning backdrop of the Blue Mountains. It would be hard to find a more spectacular setting for our week of celebration.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experience warm 'Mountains' hospitality, log fires, Christmas fare, singalongs and perhaps even a visit from Santa
- Enjoy a full festive meal with all the trimmings at one of Katoomba's oldest and most historic hotels
- Scenic World offers some spectacular viewing points with a hearty dose of wildlife thrown in along the way
- Take in some of Australia's best-loved landmarks, including the Three Sisters, Katoomba Falls, and Jamison Valley



- Explore Jenolan Caves the largest, most spectacular and most famous caves in Australia
- Pet a koala, hand feed a kangaroo and meet all your favourite Australian animals at Featherdale Wildlife Park
- Enjoy a Devonshire tea with fresh scones at Bygone Beauty's tearooms home to the largest collection of teapots

# **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

Fri 22 - Wed 27 Jul 2022



Come and join Leisure Options for a mid-year Christmas in July celebration and explore the wonders of the Great Ocean Road. With all the trimmings of a traditional Christmas, this holiday is packed with all things festive and the beauty of nature.

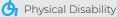
#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Get into the festive spirit and make your own Christmas cards and decorations, sing carols and decorate the Christmas tree
- Fill the house with the smell of baking with Christmas cookies to decorate and eat
- Enjoy a scrumptious 3 course Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, there may even be a visit from Santa and a present
- Visit the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie for morning tea and stock up on yummy souvenirs

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,490
   1:2 ~ \$4,655

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   NO. OF DAYS: 6

   TRANSPORT: Bus
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- Watch the stunning scenery and coastal landscapes on a drive to Lorne where you can explore the shops or stroll to the picturesque Erskine Falls
- Visit a winter wonderland at Sovereign Hill, see the lights and enjoy the festive atmosphere
- Spend time at the accommodation playing games, singing karaoke or dancing the night away



# WINTER BLUES FESTIVAL

Thu 28 Jul - Mon 1 Aug 2022



Soak up the blues and roots vibes from various venues, be it a street corner, cosy cafe or from the deck of a paddle steamer, as we head to Echuca for five days of fun and festivities at the Winter Blues Festival.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Dance the night away to the various blues bands
- Be entertained by the range of talented musicains at the festival including blues, funk, soul and even a one man band
- Enjoy a paddle steamer cruise on the mighty Murray River
- $\cdot \;$  Shop for one off souvenirs at the weekend local market

 PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,055
 1:2 ~ \$4,080

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 NO. OF DAYS: 5

 TRANSPORT: Bus
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- Dine out at one of the many local cafes and restaurants in the area
- $\cdot$   $\,$  Stroll along the historic Port of Echuca
- $\cdot$  See the vintage cars at the Holden Museum
- $\cdot$   $\,$  Relax and enjoy the fresh air and country hospitality of Echuca

# **RED CENTRE – ALICE SPRINGS**





Join us as we discover the heartland of Australia, Alice Springs, home of the Arrente people. Pleasant sunny days and cooler nights combined with the amazing scenery makes this the perfect winter getaway. This adventure is best suited to those who enjoy an active holiday experience. 

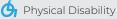
 PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$5,570

 CODE: ASP280722
 NO. OF DAYS: 6

 TRANSPORT: Flight/Bus

### HIGHLIGHTS

- $\cdot$  Stargaze into the night and witness the magic of the Milky Way
- Experience the magnificent grandeur of the West MacDonnell Ranges, stop at beautiful gorges and, if you're brave enough, take a dip in the many waterholes on offer
- At the Royal Flying Doctor Service you'll learn about the history and importance of the RFDS to outback Australians.
   Walk through the museum, step inside a replica RFDS aircraft and feel what it's like to be a patient
- Take a sunset guided tour through Kangaroo Sanctuary's 188-acre wildlife reserve
- Visit Alice Springs Desert Park, a dynamic and authentic showcase of the natural, cultural and biological features that make Australian deserts so special. Hear the stories and history of the Arrente people and observe some of the endangered animals in the Nocturnal House



# DISCOVER YARRAWONGA Mon 1 - Fri 5 Aug 2022







#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy our luxury holiday home with ensuited rooms, an enormous swim spa complete with hoist, alfresco and BBQ area
- Spend the evenings getting to know your fellow travellers, enjoy the open communal spaces of the home, play a game or watch a movie together
- Explore the township of Yarrawonga, enjoy coffee and cake at one of the local cafes, or shop for a bargain



- Spend the day learning about a bygone era of fossicking and prospecting as we visit Beechworth and Eldorado. Of course there will be a stop at the famous Beechworth Bakery for lunch
- Rutherglen is best known for its wineries but there is so much more to explore including castles and gardens
- · Smell the roses as we tour Benalla rose garden

# **SUNSHINE COAST RETREAT**

### Tue 2 - Sun 7 Aug 2022







Beautiful sunny beaches, up close animal experiences, interesting and informative tours, whizzing rides and a shopper's delight. There truly is something for every taste on the Sunshine Coast.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- See the huge crocs and be awed by the birds of flight show at Australia Zoo
- Enjoy the optical illusions, side show alley and fun rides at Aussie World
- Head to Sea Life to see their newest exhibits; the Seahorse Sanctuary and Jellyfish Kingdom
- Shop up a storm at the famous Eumundi Markets

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$4,080
   1:2 ~ \$5,590
   1:1 ~ \$9,985

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   NO. OF DAYS: 6

   TRANSPORT: Flight/Bus
- Take a walk along the esplanade or relax with a coffee in a beachfront cafe
- Board the Ginger Train for a tour around the lush subtropical gardens of the Ginger Factory
- Soak up some rays on one of the many gorgeous beaches of Caloundra



# **ANGLESEA ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS**

Mon 15 - Fri 19 Aug 2022







Who doesn't want to cuddle a koala, hand feed a friendly kangaroo or see wild animals in their natural environment? Experience an array of animals, great and small, native and exotic, while spending a week in the quaint seaside town of Anglesea.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Jirrahlinga Wildlife Sanctuary, where their hands on approach allows you to interact with a wide range of native Australian wildlife including koalas, kangaroos, emus, dingoes and birds
- Spend the day at Werribee Open Range Zoo and become immersed in the sights, sounds and smells of the Savannah while viewing lions, zebras, monkeys, giraffes and more



- Experience the unique chance to see the resident kangaroo population of around 300 Eastern Grey Kangaroos, who live in 'mobs' on Anglesea golf course. The kangaroos are most active from late afternoon until early morning, resting in the shade of trees and shrubs during the day
- Spend the morning at the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie, sample some products and purchase some delicious souvenirs

# **MARYSVILLE GETAWAY**

Mon 22 - Fri 26 Aug 2022







Marysville is only a 90 minute drive from Melbourne, and nestled in the picturesque Yarra Valley, it makes the ideal holiday destination for lovers of nature, food and the great outdoors.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend the day at Lake Mountain and marvel at the wildflowers, enjoy the valley vistas from the café, explore the trails or if you are lucky there will be plenty of snow to play in and build a snowman
- Wander the main streets of Marysville, scattered with shops and boutiques. Pick up some country wares, local produce, clothing, candles or other products to take home

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,370
   1:2 ~ \$4,485

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   NO. OF DAYS: 5

   TRANSPORT: Bus
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- Visit Steavenson's Falls, one of Victoria's highest waterfalls, where water plummets 84 metres to the cool pool below
- A day at Healesville Sanctuary feels like you are in the bushland surrounded by animals all around you as you stroll from enclosure to enclosure
- Enjoy a hot chocolate by the open fire as you relive your holiday experiences

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# **GYMPIE MUSIC MUSTER**



An annual tradition for many, the Gympie Music Muster in Southern Queensland is a real highlight for country music lovers. Located in a picturesque state forest, the weekend festival offers a real Aussie experience and is bound to be a fun adventure for all.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- $\cdot\;$  Escape the winter cold with six nights on the Sunshine Coast
- Enjoy three music filled days experiencing the Gympie Music Muster
- Sing along to your favourite bands, try some line dancing, listen to the Bush Ballads and soak up the amazing atmosphere
- Search for locally made treasures and souvenirs at the Eumundi Markets



- Explore the lush rainforests and scenic townships along the Sunshine Coast hinterland
- Learn about and taste fresh ginger as we tour the Ginger Factory
- See the amazing underwater displays at Sea Life Aquarium. Experience being underwater without getting wet along the thrilling Ocean Tunnel

# **NEWCASTLE MUSIC FESTIVAL**

### Thu 25 - Tue 30 Aug 2022



Newcastle was once synonymous with industry, with its still working port, surrounded by rich mining country. The city comes to life during Newcastle Music Festival, where music lovers flock to immerse themselves in bopping jazz beats, a cool surfie vibe and the bohemian arts and café culture.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Regarded as one of the best jazz festivals in Australia, be entertained for hours by some of the country's best jazz, traditional, swing, blues, gospel and big bands
- We spend two full days enjoying the music across various venues and then dancing the night away
- Spend the morning at Irukandji, a unique and interactive aquarium where you can experience ocean life in a new and exciting way

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,980
   1:2 ~ \$5,385

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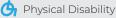
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- In the Hunter Valley wine region lose yourself in the stunning sights, colours and fragrances of the Hunter Valley Gardens. Stroll through the charming garden village before boarding the train for a tour of the grounds
- Explore the eclectic shops along Darby Street and treat yourself to coffee and cake in one of the hip cafés before checking out the break wall, lighthouse, wharf tower and of course some of Newcastle's famous surf beaches





# **KAKADU AND THE TOP END**

Thu 1 - Wed 7 Sep 2022







The magical Kakadu National Park is a must do for animal and nature lovers. This exciting holiday offers a chance to visit one of Australia's most dramatically beautiful and diverse regions with many unforgettable experiences.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy three nights in the heart of Kakadu National Park, home to countless wildlife species
- Spend a further three nights in tropical Darwin, a vibrant, colourful city
- See the elusive saltwater crocodile up close in its natural environment
- View ancient Aboriginal Rock Art at sacred sites

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$8,060

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- $\cdot\;$  Take a leisurely cruise on the Yellow Waters Billabong
- Enjoy the stunning sunset as we have a relaxed dinner on Stokes Wharf
- Explore the highlights of Darwin on a double decker Big Bus
- Learn about the Royal Flying Doctor Service at the fun and interactive Darwin Tourist Facility

# WOMEN'S PAMPERING

Mon 5 - Fri 9 Sep 2022







All ladies deserve to be pampered and this holiday will give you 5 days of rest, relaxation, indulgence and lots of pampering. Based in Anglesea, where beach, bush and river collide, you can expect to fall in love with the quirky little shops and the renowned hospitality of the locals.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay in luxurious accommodation and enjoy the many facilities available, such as karaoke machine, unlimited movies, games room, bocce, fishing rods and surfboards
- Treat your feet to a foot spa, have your nails painted and then sit back and enjoy a hand massage
- What better way to prepare for our High Tea than with a full body massage in the comfort of our accommodation



- Spend a day being truly pampered at Peninsula Hot Springs, relax and unwind in the geothermic pools
- Grab some popcorn or a choc top as we watch a block buster movie then shop for bargains along Geelong's waterfront
- Start the day with morning tea at the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie, you can sample some products and purchase souvenirs

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# MEN'S SPRING BREAK

Thu 15 - Mon 19 Sept 2022



This action-packed holiday has been designed specifically for the men. It combines the wonders of The Great Ocean Road with the exciting activities on offer in the beautiful Surf Coast area.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Start the holiday in true style with lunch and a tour of Little Creatures Brewery
- Settle into your accommodation and let the fun begin big screen TV, foosball, air hockey, space invaders, table tennis and more available at the house
- How about a game of "barefoot bowls" followed by a sumptuous lunch where bragging rights reign supreme

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<b>PRICE:</b> 1:4 ~ \$3,125	1:2 ~ \$4,180

- For an experience like no other join us for a tandem Harley Motorcycle ride. Feel the wind on your face as you view the majestic beaches and stunning scenery cruising along the Great Ocean Road
- Relax while enjoying a foot spa and massage to finish off the week

# **MILDURA COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Fri 23 - Wed 28 Sep 2022



Sitting underneath the shade of large trees soak up the sounds of the annual Mildura Country Music Festival. Enjoy the opportunity to meet artists, dance along to the music and enjoy the relaxation of being away on holiday.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Set on the banks of the mighty Murray River, the annual Festival features the performances of many talented musicians
- All music tastes are catered for with bluegrass, country rock, line dancing and much more. Purchase a CD and get it signed by the musicians
- Buy a festival souvenir including t-shirts, hats or a poster of your favourite artists

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- Experience life from a bygone era as you enjoy lunch on a paddle steamer. Relax on the 2 hour cruise whilst listening to the incredible history of the Murray River
- Savour some tangy juice or a homemade scone at Orange World. Take a ride on their train to see the orange orchards



# **SUNSHINE COAST ADVENTURES**

Tue 4 - Sun 9 Oct 2022



On the Sunshine Coast pristine beaches sit alongside subtropical rainforests and majestic mountains. On this fast paced and action-packed holiday you will discover an array of attractions and activities that the Sunshine Coast is famous for.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- After a quick flight to Maroochydore, we board our bus and settle into our accommodation
- With stunning ocean views, a heated pool, tennis court, BBQ and entertainment areas there is so much to enjoy onsite
- Step on board the historic steam train for a journey through the breath-taking scenery of Mary Valley
- Explore Mooloolaba by land and sea on the Aquaduck cruise



- Spend the day on Bribie Island, the only island in Queensland connected to the mainland by bridge. Set sail on the waters of Pumicestone Passage for a delightful lunch cruise
- Wildlife HQ Zoo is home to native and exotic animals from around the world
- No holiday to Queensland is complete without a visit to the Big Pineapple where the sweetest and tastiest fruit is grown

# **ADELAIDE AND VICTOR HARBOR**

Fri 7 - Wed 12 Oct 2022



This adventure commences on the Overlander train to Adelaide before heading down to the southern coast of the Fleurieu Peninsula to the lovely town of Victor Harbor.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by horse drawn tram to Granite Island, explore the penguin centre, the spectacular granite formations and local flora and fauna
- Take a ride on the Cockle Train for a fun filled day travelling on board the fully restored heritage train. The Cockle Train travels along the oldest steel-railed railway in Australia dating back to 1854 covering some of the most picturesque coastal scenery on the Fleurieu Peninsula

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$4,590
   1:2 ~ \$6,145

   CODE: RAF071022
   NO. OF DAYS: 6

   TRANSPORT: Train/Flight/Bus
- Visit one of South Australia's most exciting attractions Urimbirra Wildlife Park where you can hang with the kangaroos, pat a koala, feed an emu and watch a professional snake handler
- Relax with your friends in this picturesque seaside town, take a dip in the turquoise waters, sample some delicious local seafood and be sure to keep an eye out for the ocean's gentle giants with whales, dolphins and seals frequenting the bay

## YARRA RANGES RETREAT Mon 17 - Fri 21 Oct 2022



Escape the hustle and bustle of the city and immerse yourself in the wonderful sights and sounds of the Yarra Ranges. Relax and enjoy a myriad of different attractions the Yarra Ranges is famous for.

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Settle into your accommodation and relax by the wood fire while enjoying spectacular views over Warburton Valley
- Explore Australian wildlife in their natural habitat at Healesville Sanctuary
- Ride the heritage steam train Puffing Billy as it winds its way through the magnificent Dandenong Ranges
- See the lush fern gullies brush past towering mountain ash trees as you breathe in the fresh air
- Marvel at the wonderful sculptures at Bruno's Art and Sculpture Garden
- Watch the scenery as you relax on the drive to explore Marysville and Steavenson Falls

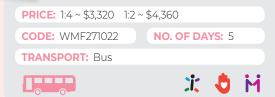
# WERRIBEE MUSIC FESTIVAL

### Thu 27 - Mon 31 Oct 2022





Music, circus and craft make for a marvelous experience at this local festival. Amidst the magnificent grounds of Werribee Mansion witness multiple performances to excite your senses.



### HIGHLIGHTS

- $\cdot\;$  Listen to an array of Australian and International music acts
- $\cdot\;$  Engage your imagination in one of the craft tents
- Peruse the market stalls and all the food on offer at the festival
  Be astonished by the impressive strength and agility of the circus performers
- Stop and smell the flowers at the State Rose Garden
- Explore the Savanah on a safari or play with the friendly meerkats at Werribee Zoo

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# **BENDIGO ESCAPE**

Thu 3 - Mon 7 Nov 2022



Visit Bendigo and experience a vibrant regional city jam-packed with creativity, great food, a history set around the gold rush and festivals to delight. Bendigo's rich heritage setting boasts some of the country's most impressive architecture, public sculptures, fountains and gardens.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Settle into our luxury accommodation, enjoy lunch in town and then explore the shops, parks and gardens
- At Bendigo's Central Deborah Gold Mine explore the hidden underground tunnels of a real gold mine from the 1900s
- A visit to Confectionery Capers stimulates creative and lateral thinking with hundreds of mechanical and language displays to challenge and educate

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$2,915
   1:2 ~ \$3,990

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   NO. OF DAYS: 5

   TRANSPORT: Bus
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- A Vintage Talking Tram Tour is the quickest way to learn about Bendigo's history and see the city's key landmarks and monuments
- Enjoy coffee and cake at Lake Weeroona, an ornamental lake and reserve
- Dine in some of Bendigo's most delicious restaurants and be served by the friendly locals

# **CRUISIN' COUNTRY SUPER CRUISE**

Wed 9 - Wed 16 Nov 2022



Cruisin' Country 2022 is set to raise the roof with an impressive line-up that showcases the best of Australian country music. Set on board Royal Caribbean's incredible mega ship Ovation of the Seas you can enjoy the best of cruise life whilst listening to many of your favourite artists. 

 PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$9,325
 1:2 ~ \$11,640

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 NO. OF DAYS: 8

 TRANSPORT: Flight/Cruise - Departs Sydney

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- $\cdot\;$  You are guaranteed a music festival at sea experience like no other
- Artists include Lee and Tania Kernaghan, Troy Cassar-Daley, Adam Harvey, Jonny Cash concert and so much more
- Treat your taste buds to a tour around the world with Italian dishes by Jamie Oliver, American steakhouse classics and over-the-top culinary creations
- With two relaxing ports of call, Noumea (New Caledonia) and Mystery Island (Vanuatu) you can enjoy some of the clearest waters the South Pacific has to offer
- Other on board activities include roller skating, bumper cars, skydive simulation, dancing and karaoke, swimming and so much more

We suggest booking 6 months in advance to ensure cabin availability. Price includes twin share cabins, airfares and transfers ex Melbourne. Some destinations and ports may not be accessible by wheelchair.



# SPECTACULAR SNOWY MOUNTAINS

Thu 17 - Wed 23 Nov 2022



Once the snow melts the Snowy Mountains National Park transforms from a winter wonderland into a summer adventure playground. Home to Australia's highest peak, the "Snowies" offers an endless array of spectacular mountain scenery and natural bushland to explore.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Fly into Canberra Airport then travel by road to the scenic gateway township of Jindabyne
- Visit Thredbo Alpine Village. Take in the High Country views from the chairlift. Enjoy the twists and turns of the Alpine Bobsled
- · Charlotte Pass is Australia's highest resort. Stroll the Snow Gums Boardwalk with awe inspiring mountain views of Kosciuszko National Park

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- Spend the day in Cooma, the largest town in the Snowy Region. Visit the interactive Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre. Take in the town views from Nanny Goat Hill
- Relax and enjoy a picnic lunch in the parkland gardens of the Gaden Trout Hatchery, set on the banks of the Thredbo River
- · Enjoy a scenic drive along the shores of Lake Jindabyne. Stop for a photo opportunity at Jindabyne Dam

# **QUEENSCLIFF MUSIC FESTIVAL**

### Fri 25 - Mon 28 Nov 2022



After two years of restrictions this inclusive, community based, sold out music festival is back better than ever in 2022. It offers audiences unique experiences which are memorable, delivered in style and feature the depth and breadth of Australian contemporary artists whilst fostering emerging talent.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- · Start your holiday with lunch on the waterfront in Geelong followed by a scenic coastal drive on the way to your accommodation
- · Enjoy two full days and many evenings at the festival listening to music, watching live bands and dancing with your friends
- The line-up changes each year but always includes the best Australian and international artists

- **PRICE:** 1:4 ~ \$2,870 1:2 ~ \$3,715 1:1 ~ \$6,120 CODE: QMF251122 NO. OF DAYS: 4 **TRANSPORT:** Bus i M
- · Shop for souvenirs at the many market stalls or purchase a CD from your favourite artist
- Explore the shops of Queenscliff, sample some fresh local produce or relax over coffee and cake at one of the many bakeries

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"The staff were kind, good listeners, and patient. Great accommodation at a lovely location with a lovely group of people doing some fun and interesting activities. Perfect group number and certainly all the girls got along very well. The 3 staff members were fantastic. So nice, kind, helpful and fun." – Angela (Traveller)

## **PHILLIP ISLAND RETREAT**

Mon 5 - Fri 9 Dec 2022







Phillip Island is a tranquil haven of sheltered bays, pristine beaches and wildlife hotspots. It is a place where you will find pockets of calm amidst incredible wildlife, stunning views and activities aplenty.



- $\cdot$   $\,$  Spend five days enjoying all that this beautiful area has to offer
- Phillip Island Chocolate Factory Tour offers a celebration of all things chocolate, with fascinating facts and the ability to make your own chocolate on the spot
- Wander The Nobbies boardwalk and enjoy spectacular views of the blowhole, an enormous sea cave that thunders during big southerly swells

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,085
   1:2 ~ \$4,145
   1:1 ~ \$7,215

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   NO. OF DAYS: 5

   TRANSPORT: Bus
- As you look out over Bass Strait, you see the rocky outcrop known as Seal Rocks, home to Australia's largest colony of fur seals
- Churchill Island Heritage Farm offers a range of daily farming activities and a great place to enjoy a coffee overlooking the bay
- Meet the friendly pelicans and watch them being fed then explore the tree-top boardwalks at the Koala Conservation Centre and see koalas up close in their natural habitat

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# WARRNAMBOOL AND THE SHIPWRECK COAST

Sat 10 - Wed 14 Dec 2022







Nestled amongst the green rolling hills of Victoria's south-west dairy country, Warrnambool overlooks the deep blue of the Southern Ocean. Discover the turbulent history of the Shipwreck Coast as we explore the history and intrigue of this fascinating area.

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Relax and unwind on the scenic drive to Warrnambool. There will be plenty of stops for food and to visit the highlights along our route
- At Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village you can relive the lives of those claimed by the Shipwreck Coast in the 19th century
- At night the venue is transformed into a sound and light show offering dramatic stories of Australia's rich maritime history
- Visit Port Campbell and marvel at the iconic 12 apostles
- Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve sits in a large volcanic crater where you can see some of Australia's best loved wildlife including emus, kangaroos, koalas and birdlife
- Stroll along the promenade, explore the shops, soak in the Christmas atmosphere, relax over coffee and cake or head to the beach for a dip or a paddle

# **BLUE MOUNTAINS SUMMER ESCAPE**

Mon 12 - Sat 17 Dec 2022



Come and enjoy an adventurous week in the spectacular Blue Mountains. This is a haven for all you outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers, enjoy the natural beauty of the region or release your wild side exploring some of the activities on offer.

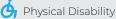
### HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Scenic World for the ultimate Blue Mountains adventure
- With your Unlimited Discovery Pass hop aboard the world's steepest railway into the valley, explore the numerous boardwalks through the rainforest, ride the Cableway and glide past Katoomba Falls and The Three Sisters on the iconic Skyway
- Cruise along the Nepean River on the romantic Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler. Experience the incredible scenery of the Nepean Gorge while enjoying a delicious and hearty lunch

- Visit the spectacular cool climate Mount Tomah botanical gardens. Learn about this stunning world heritage listed region as you meander through the exhibition centre
- Take in the iconic Blue Mountain views from Govetts Leap Lookout. Considered one of the most famous lookouts in Australia; observe the sandstone escarpments, sheer cliff walls, the deep canyons and tall waterfall



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# **CHRISTMAS ON THE COAST**

Wed 21 - Mon 26 Dec 2022







Christmas is everyone's favourite time of the year and at Leisure Options we know how to do Christmas. This holiday is six days of festive fun where you will experience Christmas every single day.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Get into the festive spirit by decorating the Christmas tree while singing your favourite carols
- Help to bake some Christmas favourites including a pudding and white Christmas
- Soak up the sun and fresh air with a ride on the aqua bikes or paddle boat
- Wander through the strawberry patch picking fresh berries then head home to cook up a storm

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$4,310

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- · Create some Christmas crafts to take home and keep
- Wake up on Christmas morning to presents under the tree and a visit from Santa
- Enjoy a sumptuous three course Christmas lunch with all the trimmings
- There's time to shop for souvenirs, swim at the beach or just relax and enjoy the beachside lifestyle

# TASMANIA NEW YEAR'S EVE

Wed 28 Dec 2022 - Tue 3 Jan 2023







What better place to welcome in the New Year than Hobart, Tasmania's harbour capital at the foot of majestic Mount Wellington. It is a city of yachts on the water, fishing boats at the docks and coffee under the sun umbrellas of Salamanca. Spend New Year exploring the very best of Hobart.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- A visit to Coal River Farm will certainly not disappoint
   they specialise in homemade cheese and chocolates
- Wander through Old Hobart Town and learn about life in the 1800s
- Relax onboard an Iron Pot Cruise down the Derwent River to Iron Pot Lighthouse
- · Toast in the New Year with a dinner, dancing and fireworks

- Join the safari tour at Zoodoo Zoo and meet camels, emus, zebras and other wildlife
- $\cdot$   $\,$  Enjoy the stunning views from the top of Mt Wellington  $\,$
- Wander through town shopping for souvenirs or stop for coffee and cake and watch the world go by

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DECEMBER 2022

"Janet, the entire family and I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff who took Janet on her holiday. She had the best time and can't wait to do it again. She felt safe and was able to enjoy all that was on offer." – Chelsea (Family Member)

# **SURF COAST NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Thu 29 Dec 2022 - Tue 3 Jan 2023







Summer is a time for fun and holidays; what better way to kick off the New Year than by spending a week in the sunshine and fresh air by the sea and celebrating with friends. 
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 1:4 ~ \$4,215
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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Start the week getting to know your travel companions over lunch on the waterfront
- There is no better place for morning tea than the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie
- Enjoy a fun filled day in Aireys Inlet with a trip up the light house, fish and chips for lunch, a game of mini golf and a wander through the shops
- Wander through the fields picking strawberries and then head home to create some delicious treats
- A day in Geelong will be full of fun with a ferris wheel, carousel, mini train and many other activities to enjoy
- New Year's Eve will be the highlight of this trip with a sumptuous dinner, dancing, celebrating and hours of fun

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# **HOBART EXPLORER**

Tue 3 - Sun 8 Jan 2023







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There is something for all tastes on a holiday in Hobart. The options are limitless; you can climb a mountain, eat fish and chips from a floating fish punt, visit thriving markets, enjoy the magnificent view of Mount Wellington or stroll along the banks of the Derwent River.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy the antics of the meerkats and hand feed the various animals as you travel around the Zoodoo Zoo
- Enjoy a picnic lunch and take in the wonderful scenery and history of Richmond
- Explore the historic township and pick up some souvenirs
- Berries, cheese and chocolate, something for everyone's taste
   can be found at the Coal River Farm
- Wander around a model of Hobart in the 1820s

**CODE:** THE030123

TRANSPORT: Flight/Bus

• Visit Port Arthur and learn of the harsh conditions encountered by the convicts who resided there

PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$4,560 1:2 ~ \$6,280

- Drive up to the top of Mount Wellington and be amazed at the beauty of Hobart spread out before you
- Enjoy a cruise on the Derwent River with Iron Pot Cruises check out the bird life and witness Tasmania's oldest lighthouse

# **GOLD COAST LONG BREAK**

### Fri 6 - Sat 14 Jan 2023







With a perfect climate, tropical beaches, endless shopping strips and attractions aplenty there is no better holiday destination than the Gold Coast.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- After your short flight there is time to settle into our luxury accommodation and get ready for 9 days of fun
- What could be more exciting than exploring the Gold Coast by land and sea on an Aquaduck tour
- Visit an exotic commercial fruit farm and learn about how fruit can be used for health and wellbeing. There are tours, a café and shops to explore
- · Experience the dolphin and cheeky seal shows at Sea World



- Meet your favourite movie characters, cheer the grand parade, brave the rides or just spend the day wandering around Movie World
- Enjoy dinner and a live show at Outback Spectacular featuring songs, animals and performers
- Wander through the picturesque village of Mt Tambourine before you head underground to tour the glow worm caves

M Extra Assistance Mobility

"It was really good. I enjoyed the swing, it was the first time I had done that. I like Leisure Options because they are really good with really nice staff." – Margaret (Traveller)

# **HIGH COUNTRY ADVENTURE**

Sun 8 - Fri 13 Jan 2023







Surrounded by mountain ash bushland, Howmans Gap is the perfect location for our summer adventure holiday. You get to choose on this holiday – try it all or sit and relax with your new friends. Everyone has the opportunity to explore and discover new skills and experiences. With endless activities and entertainment, it will definitely be a fun filled week. 

 PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$4,620
 1:2 ~ \$6,170

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 NO. OF DAYS: 6

 TRANSPORT: Bus
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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- $\cdot\;\;$  Try abseiling or the giant swing for a taste of adventure
- $\cdot \;\;$  Swim in the cool waterhole or paddle a canoe down stream
- Explore local trails and learn about the wildlife and nature on a stroll at Falls Creek
- $\cdot$  Enjoy delicious home cooked meals and snacks
- $\cdot$   $\,$  Express your creativity with painting and art classes
- $\cdot\;$  Toast marshmallows by the campfire with your new friends
- $\cdot\;$  Dance at the disco or test your knowledge at trivia nights

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# **GOLD COAST EXPLORER**

Sat 14 - Thu 19 Jan 2023



The Gold Coast boasts many of Australia's most stunning beaches with crystal-clear, warm water and a breathtaking high-rise background. It's simply an irresistible holiday destination to visit.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- After a quick flight settle into the accommodation and then head off to the Twilight Markets for some food and shopping
- Movie World is home to your favourite characters along with world class rides and attractions to ensure an entertaining and fun filled day
- Learn about glow worms during the day on a cave tour then enjoy coffee and cake in the picturesque village of Mt Tambourine



- Delve below the surface and discover a whole new word of fun and adventure with a day at Sea World
- Enjoy up close and personal animal encounters at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. Whether it is viewing the koalas, exploring behind the scenes at the wildlife hospital or the world-famous lorikeet feeding

# TAMWORTH COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sun 15 - Sun 22 Jan 2023



Tamworth Country Music Festival puts on a show to suit every taste. From buskers, family friendly performers and internationally acclaimed artists you are sure to find your favourite performer somewhere.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Start your holiday in style with a flight from Melbourne to Tamworth
- Settle into our beautiful accommodation on the banks of the picturesque Lake Keepit
- This rural retreat is full of games and activities including archery, canoeing, rock climbing, tennis and an outdoor swimming pool

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$5,455 1:2 ~ \$8,010 CODE: TMF150123 NO. OF DAYS: 8 TRANSPORT: Flight/Bus
- Spend your days at the festival listening to live music, the local buskers or shopping for souvenirs in the markets and stalls
- We attend 3 live concerts showcasing some of Australia's greatest country music stars
- Evenings are spent either in town listening to music or relaxing at the accommodation with games, activities and a final night disco

Price includes return airfares ex Melbourne

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# **ANGLESEA ADVENTURES**

Mon 16 - Sat 21 Jan 2023





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Kick back and enjoy the natural beauty of the Victorian coast as we see everything this spectacular region has to offer. From the magnificent beaches to the laid-back summer vibes at the markets, the local food and the warm hospitality that this region loves to provide.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Start your holiday with lunch out on the waterfront and plan out your next six days
- Spend the day having fun as you paddle your way around Shipwreck Harbour or float down the rapids on the River Torrent Lazy Ride at Bellarine's Adventure Park
- Pick your own fresh strawberries then sample the fresh strawberry ice cream

 PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,740

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 NO. OF DAYS: 6

 TRANSPORT: Bus

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- After a morning in Torquay, you can hit the sand for a game of beach cricket, take a board out for a surf or simply go for a stroll and take in the scenery along the pristine beaches
- Captain a boat or ride an aqua bike in the safety of Anglesea River
- Spend the morning at the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie, sample some products and purchase some delicious souvenirs

# THE BEST OF TASMANIA

Fri 27 Jan - Wed 1 Feb 2023



Tasmania, with its great peaks, pristine coastline and rugged wilderness, is a haven for travellers wanting to experience amazing food, animal encounters and some history and culture thrown in as well.

# PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$4,315 1:2 ~ \$5,965 CODE: BOT270123 NO. OF DAYS: 6 TRANSPORT: Flight/Bus Image: Comparison of the second second

- HIGHLIGHTS
- After a short flight to Launceston, we settle into our accommodation and explore the picturesque riverside city
- Spend the day at Tasmania Zoo, featuring the largest collection of native and exotic wildlife in Tasmania. They promise all visitors an up-close and hands-on wildlife experience
- Platypus House offers a once in a lifetime opportunity to watch live Tasmanian platypuses and echidnas in daylight conditions
- At Beaconsfield Mine you can lose yourself in history and explores treasures from past and present
- Explore Cataract Gorge on the banks of the Tamar River by both boat and air as you soar over the landscape on a chairlift and then sit back and cruise the gorge
- Taste the local produce from farm gates and markets and enjoy special meals with your travel companions

# SUMMER ROAD AND RAIL

Sat 28 Jan - Thu 2 Feb 2023







This holiday offers multiple travels experiences commencing with a drive along the spectacular Great Ocean Road and concluding with a relaxing train journey. Stays at two separate resort towns enhances the experience of this classic, coastal getaway.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- We travel by bus to Geelong before arriving at Anglesea. Spend a relaxing afternoon settling into our accomodation for three nights
- There's plenty of time to unwind and explore
- A visit to Jirrahlingah Wildlife Park never disappoints
- At Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie enjoy a hot chocolate or perhaps purchase some treats to take home
- Spend a day at the beach learning to surf or boogie board or skipper your own paddleboat on Anglesea River

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,995
   1:2 ~ \$5,320

   CODE: SRR280123
   NO. OF DAYS: 6

   TRANSPORT: Train/Bus
- Departing Anglesea, we travel by bus along the spectacular and world-famous Great Ocean Road to Warrnambool
- There will be stops at Port Campbell and the opportunity to appreciate and take photos of the Twelve Apostles
- Travel back in time as we visit Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village, returning at night for the engaging Sound and Light show
- We conclude our adventure with a relaxing 3 hour train journey to Southern Cross Station in Melbourne



"I hadn't had a proper holiday for about 30 years due to personal and health issues and with no one to go with. Leisure Options fulfilled the opportunity to go away with support. I had a great time and came home with refreshment and a sense of achievement."

– Jenny (Traveller)

# **MORNINGTON PENINSULA RETREAT**

Mon 6 - Fri 10 Feb 2023







The Mornington Peninsula is a great destination to explore at a leisurely pace. From the seaside villages, the colourful bathing boxes, the quirky boutiques and glorious views, it has something to offer for every traveller.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Start your five-day adventure with a relaxing lunch out getting to know your fellow travellers
- At Moonlit Sanctuary you can feed kangaroos and wallabies, pat friendly koalas and enjoy encounters with colourful birds, reptiles, dingoes and many other animals
- There is nature play, garden games and mini golf to enjoy at Borneo Discovery Park followed by a snack at the local chocolaterie

 PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,080
 1:2 ~ \$4,135
 1:1 ~ \$6,935

 CODE: VMP060223
 NO. OF DAYS: 5

 TRANSPORT: Bus

- Ride the gondola from the base at Dromana to the summit of Arthurs Seat; the views will be amazing
- Wander your way through the maze at Ashcombe Lavender Gardens and enjoy the wonderful smells
- There's plenty of time to relax over coffee and cake and fun in the evenings with your new friends

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# **COFFS HARBOUR ESCAPE**

Sat 11 - Thu 16 Feb 2023





Let warm sub-tropical waters revitalise you; fresh mountain air invigorate you; fun-filled adventures engage you and spectacular natural beauty inspire you. Welcome to Australia's own paradise; Coffs Harbour.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- After settling into our luxurious accommodation, we head to Harbourside Markets, a local makers and growers market
- At Dolphin Marine Conservation Park, you can have up close and personal experiences with marine creatures including dolphins and seals
- The Butterfly House offers you the opportunity to stroll amongst hundreds of live butterflies in an indoor subtropical rainforest setting



- A short drive through banana plantations and you will reach Forest Sky Pier and lookout, it's a pier in the sky that offers breathtaking coastal views
- Spend some time relaxing at the beach, wandering through the shops and searching for the perfect souvenirs

# ECHUCA RIVERBOATS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thu 16 - Mon 20 Feb 2023



The Riverboats Music Festival takes place under towering river red gums in a natural amphitheatre next to the mighty Murray River. Historic paddle steamers meander past all weekend, and occasionally the corellas get a bit raucous at sunset. There is one stage and plenty of room for dancing, brilliant artists and some of the best food trucks going 'round.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Relax on the sun-drenched banks of the Murray River as you spend 3 days listening to live tunes from local artists such as Weddings Parties Anything, Neil Finn, Vika and Linda and many more
- Cruise the tranquil waters of the Murray River on an authentic paddle steamer cruise

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,545
   1:2 ~ \$4,480

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   NO. OF DAYS: 5

   TRANSPORT: Bus
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- We also make time to explore Sharps Magic Movie House, Penny Arcade and the Echuca Chocolate Factory
- Kyabram Fauna Park is home to over 600 native Australian animals including koalas, dingoes, kangaroos, wombats, wallabies, echidnas, emus, flying-foxes and quolls
- · Shop for souvenirs or purchase a CD from your favourite artist

### **BEAUTIFUL BRIGHT** Tue 21 - Sun 26 Feb 2023







Visit Bright, a picturesque sub alpine village nestled in the heart of the Victorian High Country. Enjoy spectacular mountain views, leisurely scenic drives and explore historic Gold Rush era townships.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at the sheer granite cliffs and stunning valley vistas from the Gorge lookout at Mount Buffalo National Park
- Travel back in time to the Gold Rush era with a visit to the historic township of Beechworth
- Taste some honey and see how it's made at Beechworth Honey
  then stroll the historic streets looking for the perfect souvenir



- Enjoy lunch at the Beechworth Bakery
- Feed the majestic deer and cute baby goats at the Red Stag Farm
- Stroll along the banks of the Ovens River at scenic Centenary Park
- Cross the quaint bridge and view the water wheel at Pioneer Park at Harrietville

### **ULTIMATE NEW ZEALAND CRUISE**

Thu 23 Feb - Wed 8 Mar 2023



Visit the Land of the Long White Cloud in style when you step aboard The Sapphire Princess. New Zealand is famous for its spectacular Fiordland, magnificent buildings and geothermal areas; so many wonderful experiences in a very small area.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- On this cruise to New Zealand there is ample time to both enjoy life on the seas but also see most of New Zealand's highlights
- Enjoy the pools and spas, catch a show or a movie, try your singing skills at Karaoke or dance the night away
- Cruising the magnificent Fiordland National Park is a breathtaking and memorable experience
- Dunedin, being built on an extinct volcano, is famous for its magnificent architecture

 PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$10,070
 1:2 ~ \$12,395
 1:1 ~ \$17,980

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 NO. OF DAYS: 14

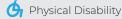
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- We spend a day in Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, where you can learn all about Māori culture
- Spend a day in Napier exploring this quaint town known for its Art Deco buildings
- Tauranga is famous for its wonderful sandy beaches
- Beautiful Auckland based around 2 harbours is a vibrant city full of attractions to explore

We suggest booking six months in advance to ensure cabin availability. Price includes twin share cabins. Some destinations and ports may not be accessible by wheelchair.





### **BLUE MOUNTAINS ELVIS FESTIVAL**

Thu 2 - Mon 6 Mar 2023







NO. OF DAYS: 5

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Featuring some of the finest Elvis Tribute Artists in Australia, together with many other talented performers, attractions and activities, this festival is held annually in the stunning Blue Mountains.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy three music filled days experiencing the best of Elvis
- Bring your dancing shoes and be ready to bop the day and night away
- Sing along to your favourite tunes such as Jailhouse Rock, Love Me Tender, and Suspicious Minds
- Swing your hips as you "Twist and Shout" and soak up the amazing festival atmosphere
- Search for locally made treasures as you stroll through the streets of Katoomba

**CODE:** BME020323

TRANSPORT: Flight/Bus

**PRICE:** 1:4 ~ \$4,020 1:2 ~ \$5,515

• Soar over valleys as you take in the beauty of the Blue Mountains in a cable car ride

### **JAILHOUSE ROCK AND THE GRAMPIANS**

Thu 9 - Mon 13 Mar 2023



Take a step back in time to the 1950s and 60s where rock'n'roll was a way of life. Enjoy the combination of rock'n'roll music, dancing, fabulous fashion, hot rods, motorbikes and classic cars. All this set to the backdrop of the majestic Grampians National Park.

### HIGHLIGHTS

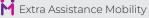
- Get to know your travel companions over lunch out on the picturesque drive to Halls Gap
- Settle into your accommodation there is heated pools, campfires and so much more to enjoy
- Spend the day dancing to your favourite tunes at the Jailhouse Rock Festival

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,180
   1:2 ~ \$4,310
   1:1 ~ \$7,855

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   NO. OF DAYS: 5

   TRANSPORT: Bus
- Marvel at the skills of the dogs as you watch Australia's oldest sheepdog trials
- A highlight of the trip will be a day spent at Halls Gap Zoo where we have arranged a private meercat encounter especially for you
- Explore the Grampians National Park with a drive to some of the many lookouts, waterfalls and wildflower displays

🖈 Active



### **ULTIMATE MEN'S BREAK**

Tue 14 - Sat 18 Mar 2023



Phillip Island is a picturesque beach retreat where you can enjoy the perfect holiday. On the island you'll find breathtaking outdoor attractions, natural beauty, stunning beaches, multitudes of wildlife, motor sports and more.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Settle into your accommodation, set on 15 acres, with lots of friendly farm animals and activities to enjoy
- Get to know your travel companions over lunch and a game of ten pin bowls
- $\cdot\;$  Visit the resident fur seals and stroll the boardwalk at The Nobbies
- $\cdot~$  See and hear the cars race by as you tour the Grand Prix Circuit



- Panny's is a celebration of all things chocolate with amazing attractions, interactive machines and delicious chocolate to try
- Enjoy some free time at the accommodation feeding the animals and helping with farm life
- Experience the magic of watching the little penguins return up the beach after a day of feeding. Wander the boardwalk for a really close encounter

### WOMEN'S PAMPERING

Mon 20 - Fri 24 Mar 2023







Take a break from the fast-paced life that we inhabit each day. Stop, breath, reconnect and relax as we spend the week pampering your body and mind. 

 PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,180
 1:2 ~ \$4,135

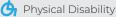
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 NO. OF DAYS: 5

 TRANSPORT: Bus

- Pampering couldn't be easier than when it happens at home there's a full body massage, foot spa, hand and foot massage and nail painting
- Look for dolphins following the ferry as we relax on our way to the Peninsula Hot Springs where you can soak in the warm pools full of reinvigorating minerals
- Get some fresh air as we spend the morning picking fresh strawberries ready for our elaborate high tea
- Spend the morning wandering the Geelong foreshore, stop for a bite of lunch followed by some popcorn and a movie
- Enjoy a visit to the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie for morning tea, some chocolate sampling and souvenir shopping
- In the evenings there will be games, entertainment, karaoke and amazing meals shared with your new friends









### **MURRAY RIVER HOUSEBOAT**

Mon 27 - Fri 31 Mar 2023







Explore the confluence of Australia's two greatest rivers, the mighty Murray and the Darling Rivers on this luxury houseboat adventure. Soak up the outback atmosphere as you watch the rural landscapes pass by from the deck of your floating home.

- Jump on board a quick flight to Mildura where you pick up your luxury home
- Settle into your accommodation, maybe jump in the spa or have a turn at driving the boat
- Days are spent cruising the river and spotting the local wildlife.
   Maybe throw a rod out the back and see if you can catch dinner
- Evenings are spent with games and activities around the campfire

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$4,760 1:2 ~ \$5,735 CODE: MRH270323 NO. OF DAYS: 5 TRANSPORT: Flight/Boat
- The stunning sunrises and sunsets, the ochre cliffs and towering gums all provide a spectacular backdrop as you slowly cruise up the mighty Murray River
- With great meals and plenty of time to relax you will return home rested and full of travel stories





### **EASTER IN ANGLESEA**

Thu 6 - Tue 11 Apr 2023







Spend your Easter Break on this fun filled six day adventure where we will celebrate all the best things about this holiday period. There will be arts and crafts, cooking, outings to attractions and plenty of time to enjoy the outdoors and fresh air.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- There's no better way to kick off this holiday than with a visit to the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie where there is a giant Easter Egg hunt and plenty of chocolate to try
- $\cdot\;$  Test your balance as you ride a wave at the Surf Museum
- Try your hand at some Easter crafts
- On Easter Sunday you can expect a visit from the bunny along with another Easter Egg hunt



- Spend the day wandering Geelong waterfront. There's a carousel, a ferris wheel, a train ride and plenty of shops to explore
- Sit back and marvel at the spectacular views along the Great Ocean Road as we head to Lorne for the day
- The evenings will be filled with activities, games, karaoke and even a chocolate fondu

### **MELBOURNE FOOTY WEEKEND**

Fri 13 - Mon 17 April 2023 / Fri 21 - Mon 24 April 2023







Footy is a way of life in Melbourne – join us for this fantastic holiday and be part of the excitement. Whether it's the culture, the sport, the food or the atmosphere, Melbourne is a city that needs to be enjoyed by everyone.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Nothing beats seeing a footy game under the lights of the MCG, and on this tour you will attend two blockbuster football matches
- Don your scarves and beanies and cheer on your favourite teams
- Explore Federation Square on your way to the game

**PRICE:** 1:4 ~ \$3,165 1:2 ~ \$3,820 1:1 ~ \$5,530 **CODE:** VFW130423 / VFW210423

NO. OF DAYS: 4

TRANSPORT: Public Transport



- A tour of the MCG gives an insight into Melbourne's sporting culture and we will go behind the scenes at the National Sports Museum
- · Journey through a world of wildlife at Melbourne Zoo
- Savour the smells and atmosphere of Queen Victoria Market and try one of their world famous hot jam donuts

🖈 Active

### **OUTBACK KIMBERLEY EXPERIENCE**

Mon 17 - Sun 23 April 2023







A real bucket list adventure, this holiday travels to Kununurra on the eastern edge of Western Australia's Kimberley region and gateway to some truly remarkable natural attractions. Best suited to those who enjoy an active holiday experience.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- · Overnight stays in Perth on our way to and from Kununurra
- Spend four nights in Kununurra, a remote township set in the scenic ranges of the East Kimberley region
- Purnululu National Park, otherwise known as Bungle Bungle, is a true highlight. The striking beehive striped sandstone domes are an incredible sight, especially from the air. We take a two hour scenic flight to fully experience this magical, natural attraction



- Cruise 55km along the Ord River from Lake Argyle to Kununurra. Before departure we take in the views from the scenic lookout. Enjoy spectacular scenery as we journey back to Kununurra keeping an eye out for freshwater crocodiles along the way
- Tour the Ord River Irrigation Area on a guided tour that visits Diversion Dam, Ivanhoe Crossing and the Sandalwood Shop
- Relax by the pool or explore Kununurra and window shop for Argyle Diamonds

### A TOUCH OF TASMANIA

Wed 26 Apr - Tue 2 May 2023



Tasmania, with its great peaks, pristine coastline and rugged wilderness, is a haven for travellers wanting to experience amazing food, animal encounters and some history and culture thrown in as well.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Start your holiday in style as we board the Spirit of Tasmania for our overnight journey to Devonport
- $\cdot \,$  Once onboard there are activities and food aplenty to amuse you
- Spend the day at Tasmania Zoo, featuring the largest collection of native and exotic wildlife in Tasmania. They promise all visitors an up-close and hands-on wildlife experience
- Platypus House offers a once in a lifetime opportunity to watch live Tasmanian Platypuses and Echidnas in daylight conditions

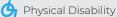
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 TRANSPORT:
 Spirit of Tasmania/Bus

- At Beaconsfield Mine you can lose yourself in history and explore treasures from past and present
- Explore Cataract Gorge on the banks of the Tamar River by both boat and air as you soar over the landscape on a chairlift and then sit back and cruise the gorge
- Taste the local produce from farm gates and markets and enjoy special meals with your travel companions

M Extra Assistance Mobility



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### **MELBOURNE FOOTY WEEKEND**

Fri 5 - Mon 8 May 2023



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### HIGHLIGHTS

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· Journey through a world of wildlife at Melbourne Zoo

• Savour the smells and atmosphere of Queen Victoria Market and try one of their world famous hot jam donuts

### HOME AND AWAY - SYDNEY

### Mon 8 - Fri 12 May 2023



If you love the TV show Home and Away as much as we do then jump on board for the trip of a life time. We take you on a journey to the mythical town of Summer Bay which is located at Palm Beach, one of Sydney's famous Northern Beaches. We will also explore all the best that Sydney has to offer.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Here's your chance to watch filming take place, and maybe meet some of the Home and Away cast, as well as getting some awesome pictures and visiting some of the filming locations
- During your tour expert guides will share their extensive Home and Away knowledge, you can re-live some of your favourite scenes from the series, whilst soaking up the Summer Bay lifestyle and enjoying the magnificent scenery along the way

PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$4,290 CODE: HAA080523 NO. OF DAYS: 5 TRANSPORT: Flight/Public Transport 

- To keep that Summer Bay feeling alive we travel around the city by ferry ensuring you see all of the icons including the Rocks, Opera House, Harbour Bridge and Circular Quay
- Spend the afternoon exploring Darling Harbour and pay a visit to the National Maritime Museum
- Enjoy coffee and cake in a café on Sydney's waterfront

### **WONDERS OF BROOME**

Sun 14 - Sun 21 May 2023







### HIGHLIGHTS

- Start your holiday with a movie and a meal on our flight to Broome
- Settle into our luxury accommodation surrounded by tropical gardens and a choice of two swimming pools
- Enjoy an exhilarating camel ride along Cable Beach, famous for its magnificent sunsets
- Tour Willie Creek Pearl Farm then take a scenic cruise across the stunning blue coastal waters

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	<b>PRICE:</b> 1:4 ~ \$6,880	
	<b>CODE:</b> BR0140523	NO. OF DAYS: 8
	TRANSPORT: Flight/Bus	

- Enter another world through the jaws of a giant saltwater crocodile, see the daily feeding of the crocodiles and marvel at their power and grace
- At the Mango Place you learn all about mangoes, taste these delightful fruits and enjoy the many activities on offer
- Enjoy a movie under the stars at the world's oldest outdoor movie centre
- $\cdot~$  There's plenty of time to relax, shop and stroll the beaches

### **AIRLIE BEACH FUN CRUISE**

### Tue 23 - Sun 28 May 2023







This fun cruise is perfect for those wanting a short getaway or for someone who is new to cruising. Fly to Brisbane before boarding our "floating hotel" for a leisurely coastal cruise up to Airlie Beach in the heart of the stunning Whitsundays.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Fly to or meet our group in Brisbane. Enjoy a leisure afternoon at our hotel with time to relax, have a swim and get to know your fellow travellers
- Transfer to Hamilton Wharf where we board the Carnival Spirit, a mid-size cruise ship with an amazing array of facilities
- Join in the fun of the sail away party on the Lido deck as we celebrate our departure with live music and dancing

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$4,895
   1:2 ~ \$6,185
   1:1 ~ \$9,415

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   NO. OF DAYS: 6

   TRANSPORT: Flight/Cruise Departs Brisbane

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- Spend two relaxing days at sea with ample time to explore the amazing cruise ship and participate in some of the many organised group activities. Enjoy a swim or spa, watch a movie or live show, play some bingo or just sit back and relax
- Travel by tender boat to Airlie Beach and spend the day exploring this vibrant beachside township. Stroll along the boardwalk, shop for souvenirs or splash about in the lagoon pool

We suggest booking six months in advance to ensure cabin availability. Price includes overnight stay in Brisbane, twin share cabins, airfares and transfers ex Melbourne. Some destinations may not be accessible by wheelchair.



### PHILLIP ISLAND RETREAT



Just a quick 90-minute bus ride from Melbourne is this idyllic coastal island rich with wildlife experiences, cultural events and a multitude of activities to suit each and every traveller.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Settle into your farm stay accommodation and meet the friendly animals
- Phillip Island Chocolate Factory offers a celebration of all things chocolate, with fascinating facts and the ability to make your own chocolate on the spot
- Churchill Island Heritage Farm offers a range of daily farming activities and a great place to enjoy a coffee overlooking the bay
- The Koala Conservation Centre offers a close look at these
  gorgeous Australian marsupials

### **CELTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL**



- The Nobbies Boardwalk provides spectacular views of the awesome blowhole, a sea cave that thunders during big southern swells. As you look out over Bass Strait, you see the rocky outcrop known as Seal Rocks. It is a special place where Australia's largest colony of fur seals frolic, live and breed
- Rug up warm as we spend the evening on the beach watching the tiny fairy penguins head to shore after a day of feeding
- Watch the pelicans being fed on the historic San Remo foreshore



Enjoy a winter coastal escape on Victoria's Bellarine Peninsula and celebrate the fascinating culture, music and dance at the annual Celtic Music Festival. 

 PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,420
 1:2 ~ \$4,580
 1:1 ~ \$7,425

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 NO. OF DAYS: 5

 TRANSPORT: Bus

- Enjoy a program of world-class musical acts from Friday night through to Monday afternoon
- Marvel at the lightning-fast fingers of entrants in the National Golden Fiddle Awards, and let your spirits soar with the pure voices of the Gaelic choir
- Witness the light-footedness of the Highland Dancers as they perform many enthusiastic Celtic jigs
- Wander through the many stalls looking for Celtic treasures, the perfect souvenir or sample some of the wonderful food and drinks available
- Visit the many buskers and performers that make up this vibrant festival
- Spend the evenings listening to music, practicing your Celtic jig and reliving your experiences with you new friends





### **GOLD COAST FUN BREAK**

Wed 14 - Mon 19 Jun 2023







An easy paced Gold Coast getaway with visits to all of the popular sights and attractions but catering to those that are suited to a more relaxed holiday. Our week away focuses on fun while offering an equal amount of time to rest and unwind.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Relax at our luxurious resort style accommodation. Laze on the patio, enjoy a splash in the pool or a soak in the spa
- Enjoy a cruise with a difference as we board the Aquaduck, an amphibious vehicle that transforms from bus to boat
- Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is home to an iconic Gold Coast attraction, the daily lorikeet feeding, as well as a host of native Australian animals



- Spend a day at Sea World where we have the opportunity to get up close to some incredible marine life and are entertained by the unique shows and attractions
- Movie World is always a highlight as you encounter your favorite superheroes and movie stars. Thrill seekers will love the amazing rollercoasters and rides
- Stroll the soft sands of iconic Surfers Paradise beach and find a
   souvenir at the markets

### **GOLD COAST EXPLORER**

Mon 19 - Sat 24 Jun 2023







The sunny Gold Coast is the perfect destination for a coastal winter escape. Our exploration of the coast features something for everyone from wildlife experiences to theme park thrills to the tropical hinterland.

- After flying into Coolangatta we transfer to our resort style accommodation for our five night stay. Pack your bathers as there's plenty of time to enjoy a swim or splash in the pool
- Part theme park, part oceanarium, Sea World remains a popular attraction for our travellers
- Movie World is a truly world class theme park featuring amazing rides, character meets and all the fun of the Main Street Parade. Keep a lookout for your favourite superhero, villain or Looney Tunes character

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,960
   1:2 ~ \$5,490

   CODE: CCE190623
   NO. OF DAYS: 6

   TRANSPORT: Flight/Bus
- Travel from the coast into the heart of the Hinterland at Mount Tamborine. Stroll Gallery Walk, the perfect opportunity to purchase a souvenir or two and marvel at the fascinating "glow worm alley" with thousands of glow worms
- David Fleay's Wildlife Park features native Queensland wildlife in natural habitats. As you stroll through the tranquil surrounds you never know what quirky animal you might meet
- There's plenty of time for making friends over coffee and cake in local cafes or exploring the beach and local markets



## GOLD COAST ANIMAL LOVERS

Sat 24 - Thu 29 Jun 2023



For the ultimate in animal experiences join us for a week on the Gold Coast. From native Australian species to exotic animals from around the world, see them all in the stunning surrounds of the Gold Coast.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- After a short flight to the Gold Coast spend the afternoon exploring your accommodation or head to the beach for a walk, paddle or swim
- See the quokkas, Tassie devils, cassowaries and other Australian native animals Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. Try your hand at the world-famous rosella feeding
- · Spend a day at Australia Zoo, home of the Crocodile Hunter



- $\cdot\,\,$  Be entertained by the dolphin and seal shows at Sea World and then meet the local marine creatures up close and personal
- Learn about the life cycle of a glow worm, explore their caves . then head to Mount Tambourine for lunch and some shopping
- . Take a walk along the famous Surfers Paradise beach and browse the evening markets

### **GOLD COAST WHALE WATCHING**

Thu 29 Jun - Tue 4 Jul 2023







It is a once in a lifetime experience to witness the humpback whales on their annual migration up the Australian coastline. Watch for tail slapping, pectoral fin slaps or the ultimate full whale breach as we spend 6 days on this fun-filled tour.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Relax on the short flight to the Gold Coast then transfer to your luxury accommodation for a swim or poolside BBQ
- Spend 2.5 hours on the ocean marvelling at the humpback whales as they frolic and breach in front of the boat
- For more whale watching we head to Point Danger, a lighthouse located on the headland between Coolangatta and Tweed heads

**PRICE:** 1:4 ~ \$3,985 1:2 ~ \$5,580 **CODE:** GCW290623 NO. OF DAYS: 6 TRANSPORT: Flight/Bus İ

- Discover Gold Coast's best views at Sky Point Observation Tower. Enjoy a delicious lunch as you take in the panoramic views
- · Take a scenic drive to Kingscliff, explore the shops, grab a coffee then paddle in the crystal waters of the Pacific Ocean
- · Spot the various art pieces on a stroll through **Evandale Parklands**





### **GOLD COAST LONG WINTER BREAK**

Tue 4 - Wed 12 Jul 2023







We have made this popular holiday one day longer to give you even more time to experience all the best things the Gold Coast has to offer. From its star attraction Surfers Paradise Beach to the thrilling theme parks, towering skyscrapers, booming culinary scene and subtropical rainforests there is always so much to do.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- With luxury resort style accommodation, a heated pool, activities galore and the beach on our doorstep we start the holiday in style
- · Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife on a whale watching cruise
- Spend the day meeting your favourite characters and experiencing the rides at Movie World
- At Sea World we have the entire day to marvel at the range of majestic sea creatures



- $\cdot~$  Enjoy lunch with a view at SkyPoint Observation Deck
- At Australian Outback Spectacular you get dinner and a live show all in one
- Meet the glow worms and explore their underground habitat at Mt Tambourine
- At Tropical Fruit World you see, taste and learn about fruits from around the world

### **BALLARAT WINTER WONDERLAND**

### Sun 9 - Thu 13 July 2023



Ballarat is world famous as the site of Victoria's Gold Rush in the 1850s. This holiday offers many exciting experiences with a highlight being the night-time Wonderlights, a colourful festive winter experience.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Sovereign Hill offers a fascinating experience as we step back in time to the gold rush era of the 1850s. We spend the day exploring the historically recreated township and engaging in some of the many activities available. Cold panning, coach rides and demonstrations of daily life from the era will keep us entertained for hours
- As the sun sets the park transforms into a wonderland of winter lights as the main street comes alive in a burst of colour, music and fluttering snow

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$2,995
   1:2 ~ \$4,070

   CODE: BAL090723
   NO. OF DAYS: 5

   TRANSPORT: Bus
- At the interactive Ballarat Wildlife Park we take the opportunity to get up close to some fascinating animals such as dingoes, penguins and meerkats
- Take a leisurely drive to Redbank Alpacas where we observe, pat and feed the alpacas
- Enjoy a relaxing stroll along the shores of Lake Wendouree and wander through the Ballarat Botanic Gardens. Visit the Conservatory and view the marble statues located throughout the gardens



### **MARYSVILLE GETAWAY**

Sun 16 - Thu 20 Jul 2023



Nestled in the foothills of Lake Mountain, Marysville is a short 90 minute drive through picturesque landscapes and countryside. Located in the charming Yarra Valley, Marysville and surrounds is an ideal destination for lovers of nature and the outdoors.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Healesville Sanctuary, where their hands on approach allows you to interact with a wide range of native Australian wildlife including koalas, kangaroos, emus, dingoes and birds
- Experience an action-packed day at Lake Mountain. Whether you try tobogganing, enjoy a hot chocolate in the café or explore the snow-capped mountain, it will be a day you will never forget



- Wander through the quaint township of Marysville, sample some local produce or purchase a souvenir
- Marvel at the power of Steavenson Falls, plummeting more than 84 metres it is one of Victoria's highest waterfalls
- Enjoy dinner at local restaurants and share stories with your fellow travellers at our luxury accommodation

### **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

Fri 21 - Wed 26 Jul 2023

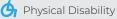


Christmas deserves to be celebrated more than once a year. Join in the fun and festivities as we celebrate Christmas in July. With all the trimmings of a traditional Christmas, this holiday is packed with all things festive and the beauty of nature.



- Embrace the festive spirit by decorating the tree, listening to carols and creating your very own Christmas craft masterpieces
- Wake to presents on our July Christmas morning, there may even be a visit from Santa
- Spend the morning with Christmas baking then sample your treats for morning tea
- Enjoy a sumptuous three course Christmas lunch with all the trimmings
- Step back in time with a day at Sovereign Hill, learn about the lives of the early pioneers and try your hand at panning for gold
- Spend the evenings with movies, games, karaoke and dancing the night away





### WINTER BLUES FESTIVAL

Thu 27 - Mon 31 Jul 2023







The perfect short-break getaway for music lovers; the Echuca Winter Blues Festival is always a popular holiday. Based around the historic Port Precinct the weekend festival allows us to explore whilst enjoying some great blues music.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend several afternoons at the Winter Blues Festival with ample opportunity to enjoy performances from a variety of musicians. We set up our camp chairs at the main stage overlooking the Murray River taking advantage of the vibrant atmosphere
- Home to many iconic Aussie animals, the Kyabram Fauna Park is always a popular attraction, especially the free animal interactions and photo opportunities



- No visit to Echuca is complete without a ride along the Murray River onboard a historic paddle steamer. We relive bygone days of travel as we enjoy a scenic cruise
- Visit the Historic River Port Precinct, once the third largest port in Australia. There is plenty to see and do along the riverfront as we explore the wharf, steam display and sawmill. Later in the day we spend some time browsing the shops along Murray Esplanade

### **BARRIER REEF DISCOVERY CRUISE**

Fri 28 Jul - Sat 5 Aug 2023



Step aboard P&O's Pacific Encounter, an amazing "floating resort" that features a vast array of relaxation, entertainment and dining experiences. Our cruise itinerary takes us from Brisbane through the Whitsundays to Cairns.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive in Brisbane for a pre-cruise night with time to relax and get to know your fellow travellers
- Transfer to Pacific Encounter, our home for seven nights. Enjoy a leisurely lunch and time to wander and explore the ship before joining in the fun of the sail away party as we depart
- Experience the breathtaking beauty of the world's largest coral reef as we cruise by picturesque tropical islands

 PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$8,315
 1:2 ~ \$10,175
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 CODE: POC280723
 NO. OF DAYS: 9

 TRANSPORT: Flight/Cruise – Departs Brisbane

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- The wide variety of shipboard activities will keep you
   entertained for hours as we settle into our time at sea
- Take part on a shore tour or enjoy some free time exploring the tropical locations of Airlie beach and Cairns
- Sit back, relax and enjoy some scenic cruising around Willis Island. Gaze at the gorgeous colours around the coral cays from deep blues to aqua greens and the pristine white sands

We suggest booking six months in advance to ensure cabin availability. Price includes overnight stay in Brisbane, twin share cabins, airfares and transfers ex Melbourne. Some destinations may not be accessible by wheelchair.



### SUNSHINE COAST RETREAT

Tue 1 - Sun 6 Aug 2023



The Sunshine Coast offers beautiful sandy beaches, picturesque rainforests, world renowned animal experiences and quirky markets and shopping opportunities all complemented by the region's subtropical climate

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Overseen by the Irwin Family, with a strong focus on conservation, Australia Zoo is a must see for animal lovers. The Birds of Prey show is a real highlight
- Maleny Botanic Gardens and Bird World offers a perfect day out. Stroll the beautiful gardens and meet some of the 700 native and exotic birds in the walk-through aviary
- Browse the local arts, crafts and produce at the famous and lively Eumundi Markets



- Sea Life Aquarium offers an immersive and interactive look into Australia's marine life. The many exhibits provide up-close encounters with turtles, seals, penguins and many other animals
- Board the Ginger Train for a tour around the lush subtropical gardens of the Ginger Factory
- Enjoy a stroll along the esplanade or relax with a coffee in a beachfront café

### **ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS**

### Mon 7 - Fri 11 Aug 2023







It is a well-known fact that contact with animals can improve our health and well-being by lowering blood pressure, regulating heart rate and reducing stress. There are so many animal encounters on this 5 day tour that will leave you feeling refreshed and relaxed. 

 PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$2,955
 1:2 ~ \$3,890

 CODE: VAE070823
 NO. OF DAYS: 5

 TRANSPORT: Bus

- Jirrahlinga Wildlife Sanctuary is a haven for injured wildlife where guests are invited to interact with their animals in a safe and supportive environment. There are opportunities to get up close with koalas, reptiles and a dingo pup
- Travel to the African Savannah at Werribee Open Range Zoo. Jump on the Safari Bus and spot lions, zebras, giraffes, camels, rhinos and more
- Visit the local population of eastern grey kangaroos, who live in 'mobs' on Anglesea golf course. Jump on a golf buggy for up close encounters with these friendly animals
- Meet the friendly emus and wallabies at Narana Cultural Centre where indigenous history and culture comes alive
- Spend the morning at the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie, sample some products and purchase some delicious souvenirs



### **TOWNSVILLE AND MAGNETIC ISLAND**

Sat 12 - Fri 18 Aug 2023





From the Great Barrier Reef and its tropical islands to the lush rainforests and World Heritage listed national parks you are about to visit a unique natural environment. Palm-fringed beaches, large granite boulders, hoop pines, sandy beaches, fringing coral reefs, snorkelling adventures and more!

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Depart Melbourne and land directly in Townsville, a large coastal city in north-eastern Queensland
- Explore The Strand Esplanade, with its pier, water park and many popular restaurants
- $\cdot$  Relax on the short ferry ride to Magnetic Island; an island
- paradise of endless sunshine, koalas, hiking trails and topless carsExplore the pristine beaches, paddle a kayak or just relax



- Experience the unique wildlife on Magnetic Island when you join an eco-accredited Bungalow Bay Tour. You get the chance to interact and learn about turtles, pythons, wombats, lizards, crocodiles and importantly Magnetic Island's icon – the koalas
- Once back on the mainland we spend a day exploring Paluma Range National Park, the southern gateway for the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area

### **GRAMPIANS TRAIN AND ANIMAL ADVENTURE**

Mon 14 - Fri 18 Aug 2023







Escape to the Grampians and spend time exploring the natural beauty of the National Park as well as enjoying some unique animal encounters. This holiday combines both train and bus travel creating a varied and fun holiday experience.

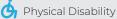
- Departing Melbourne Southern Cross Station, we travel by train to Ararat. Enjoy the passing scenery and get to know your fellow holiday makers as we travel. On arrival we transfer to Halls Gap, our home for four nights
- Explore the Grampians National Park with a drive to some of the many lookouts and waterfalls. Keep an eye out for some of the abundant wildlife such as kangaroos and wallabies

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$3,480
   1:2 ~ \$4,690

   CODE: GTA140823
   NO. OF DAYS: 5

   TRANSPORT: Train/Bus

   Image: - A highlight of the trip will be a day spent at Halls Gap Zoo where we have arranged a private meercat encounter especially for you
- Take a scenic drive to Rosehaven Farm where we experience farm life firsthand. If you wish, cuddle, pat and brush the donkeys and feed the alpacas and sheep
- We conclude our adventure with a return train journey to Southern Cross Station in Melbourne



### 2025

# **GYMPIE MUSIC MUSTER**









Set within the natural surrounds of the Amamoor State Forest, the Gympie Music Muster in Southern Queensland is a real highlight for music lovers. The weekend festival offers a real Aussie experience and showcases a mix of country, rock, folk and blues artists.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- $\cdot~$  Escape the winter cold with six nights on the Sunshine Coast
- Spend three music filled days deep within a beautiful state forest experiencing the Gympie Music Muster
- Sing along to your favourite bands, try some line dancing, listen to the Bush Ballads and soak up the amazing atmosphere
- Search for locally made treasures and souvenirs at the Eumundi Markets

<b>PRICE:</b> 1:4 ~ \$5,160 1:2 ~ \$6,790		
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- At the Ginger Factory experience "Overboard" a fun boat ride featuring more than 200 animated puppets
- Travel underwater without getting wet along the thrilling Ocean Tunnel at the Sea Life Aquarium. Feel sea stars and urchins at the Tidal Touchpool. Meet some friendly penguins and seals and help Crush find Dory at Dory's Reef

### **PORT STEPHENS BEACH BREAK**

Thu 24 - Tue 29 Aug 2023



New South Wales Mid Coast is home to picture perfect beaches, scenic National Parks and a host of quaint townships and villages overlooking the sea. With milder winter weather it is a perfect location for a beachside getaway.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Fly to Newcastle before making the short drive to the beautiful coastal township of Port Stephens
- Spend the morning at Irukandji, a unique and interactive aquarium where you can experience ocean life in a new and exciting way. You can choose to enter the water or watch on from the edges
- Explore vibrant Newcastle, a harbour city also home to stretches of breathtaking coastline and sandy beaches

- PRICE: 1:4 ~ \$4,035
   1:2 ~ \$5,455

   CODE: PSA240823
   NO. OF DAYS: 6

   TRANSPORT: Flight/Bus
- Our animal adventures continue with a visit to the Port Stephens Koala Sanctuary. Set in a natural setting of idyllic bushland the park incorporates the Koala Centre, Koala Hospital and the immersive Sanctuary Walk
- At Oakvale Wildlife Park we spend the day viewing the many animals, take a fun tractor trailer ride around the park and try bottle feeding the baby farm animals

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### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### HOW TO BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY

Contact Leisure Options for holiday and/or respite availability, then complete or update a Holiday Application Form. Upon receipt, we will contact you. You will then be asked to pay a deposit of \$300 per person if a Victorian holiday, \$800 per person if an interstate holiday and \$1000 per person if an international holiday. Upon receipt of your deposit, Leisure Options will immediately reserve a place on your selected holiday.

#### PAYING THE BALANCE

The balance of the holiday price must be paid not later than 60 days prior to the departure date of the holiday. Some holidays may require an earlier full payment. You will be notified of this when you book. If payment is not made by the due date, Leisure Options may treat you as if you have cancelled.

#### HOLIDAY GUARANTEE

Leisure Options guarantees to operate every advertised holiday for which it has at least one fully paid traveller, or your next equivalent holiday is FREE. This guarantee covers all Leisure Options holidays. Leisure Options will not cancel a holiday merely because minimum numbers are not met.

#### HOLIDAY CHANGE OR CANCELLATION

Leisure Options will endeavour to run all tours as published in the brochure. Despite the Holiday Guarantee occasions may arise, such as force majeure, which impose a change or cancellation beyond Leisure Option's control.

#### Leisure Options reserves the right to:

Alter or modify itineraries as appropriate, and
Alter tour costs as necessary

Should change or cancellation of a tour occur, Leisure Options will give you reasonable notice of the change or cancellation, and if possible, offer a comparable alternative. If an alternative is not available or not acceptable to you, you will be entitled to either a full refund of monies actually paid to Leisure Options or transfer to another holiday without a transfer fee.

#### **PRIVACY POLICY**

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#### COMPLAINTS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Complainants may be made at any time in writing or verbally by travellers, their family members or carers, service providers, community organisations or anyone who is unhappy about any service provided. All complaints will be dealt with in a timely and fair manner

#### INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

Leisure Options has a comprehensive Incident Management System where incidents are acknowledged, responded to and well managed along with reporting requirements to NDIS Commission

#### **BAGGAGE LIMITS**

You are entitled to bring two pieces of luggage, one which does not exceed 20kg and the other, which is hand held, that does not exceed 7kg and its size accords with airline policy. Luggage limits may vary for international travel.

#### **IF YOU CANCEL**

Subject to the Australian Consumer Law, cancellation charges for both you and your representative apply where a holiday or booking is cancelled. Written notice of the cancellation must be given to Leisure Options. The cancellation charges below are in addition to any payment made or owed to a third party provider (eg airline, hotel, tour operator):

#### **Domestic Holidays**

- · 60 days or more prior to travel loss of deposit
- · 31-59 days prior to travel 50% of total cost
- 30 days or less prior to travel 100% of total cost

#### **International Holidays**

- · 120 days or more prior to travel Loss of deposit
- $\cdot~$  91-119 days prior to travel 50% of total cost
- · 0-90 days prior to travel 100% of total cost

#### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Leisure Options strongly recommends that you take out appropriate travel insurance to cover your travel arrangements. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade strongly recommends travel insurance for all foreign travel. Travel insurance should be taken out when paying the deposit for your holiday. Leisure Options is an authorised agent for Cover-More and can arrange your travel insurance, if you so elect.

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You are responsible for your own visa, passport with at least six months' validity, immigration, quarantine, customs, health and other requirements of the countries to be visited or transited. Leisure Options makes no representation as to the safety, condition or other issues that may arise at any destination. Travel advice is available from the Australian government at www.smartraveller.gov.au

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#### AGENCY

Leisure Options put together holidays, but third parties may provide transport, tour, events or accommodation. Leisure Options acts as an agent for those travel service providers. It is therefore important that you obtain and read the travel service providers terms and conditions applicable to your package. Also, make sure that you are aware of any exclusions or limitations of liability imposed by the travel service providers. Leisure Options has no liability for the products or services provided by these travel service providers, nor does Leisure Options make or give any warranty in respect of the standard of those products or services. All bookings of holiday packages are made subject to the terms and conditions, including conditions of carriage and limitations of liability imposed by those travel service providers. Your legal rights in connection with the provision of travel services are against the specific travel service provider and, except to the extent a problem is caused by fault on the part of Leisure Options, are not against Leisure Options. If for any reason any travel service provider is unable to provide the services for which you have contracted, your remedy lies against the travel service provider, not Leisure Options

#### DISCLOSURE

You have disclosed to Leisure Options every matter that is relevant to your condition which might impact upon our ability to provide you with the appropriate level of care while on the holiday. Leisure Options cannot provide and cannot be held responsible for not providing the appropriate level of care where you fail to disclose every matter relevant to your condition.

#### HOLIDAY AND RESPITE CONDITIONS

Leisure Options reserves the right to withdraw participation from anyone whose behaviour is likely to affect the smooth operation of the holiday or adversely affects the enjoyment or the safety of other travellers. Leisure Options shall be under no liability to such a person. If you need to be sent home early, you or your guardian will bear the full cost of your return, including staff costs. You are liable for any damage to property or persons which you may have caused. No part of the holiday costs is refundable.

All holiday departure points are in Melbourne unless notified in writing to the contrary Leisure Options' tour leaders do not share rooms with you. If you require checking or intervention overnight, then you will require an active night staff member. This will involve an additional cost

#### The following are included in the holiday price:

- All meals breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Accommodation
- Entry fees to tourist venues · Transport throughout the duration of the holiday as per itinerary
- Staff support as specified, and
- · A souvenir photo album

Respite Care includes local pick up and drop off along with single room use (unless otherwise specified)

#### None of the following is included in the holiday price:

- Spending money
  - Transfers to and from departure and drop off points (unless specified)
  - · Passport, visa fees and any vaccinations as required
  - · Airfares (unless specified)
  - Accommodation does not include single room use
  - · Items of personal nature such as laundry, toiletries, postage, telephone calls, excess baggage charges, wheelchair or equipment rentals, personal and travel insurance

#### HEALTH

You must ensure that you are aware of any health requirements and recommended precautions relevant to the travel and ensure that you carry all necessary vaccination documentation. Failure to present vaccination documentation may lead to a denial of entry into a country. You should consult with your doctor before commencing any travel. Leisure Options follows strict COVID protocols and government guidelines on all tours. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination or medical exemption is required prior to travel.

#### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Travel documents (whether paper or electronic) include:

- Airline tickets
- Accommodation vouchers Tour vouchers, and
- · Any other document used to confirm an arrangement with a service provider
- Travel documents may be subject to conditions or restrictions including being:
- Non-refundable
- · Non-transferable Non date changeable, or
- Subject to cancellation or amendment fees

Please review all travel documents carefully to ensure that all are issued in the correct name and in a name which corresponds with the name on identity papers (such as companion card, pension card or passport). Please contact us immediately where there are any discrepancies. It is your responsibility to ensure that the names on all travel documents are correct. An incorrect name on a travel document may lead to a denial of travel or other service

### **HOLIDAY CALENDAR**

June 2022 – August 2023

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Fri 7 - Wed 12	Adelaide and Victor Harbor	RAF071022	MAY 2023	
4on 17 - Fri 21	Yarra Ranges Retreat	VYR171022	Fri 5 - Mon 8	Melbo
Thu 27 - Mon 31	Werribee Music Festival	WMF271022	Mon 8 - Fri 12	Home
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NOVEMBER 2022			Tue 23 - Sun 28	
Thu 3 - Mon 7	Bendigo Escape	VBB031122	JUNE 2023	
Wed 9 - Wed 16	Cruisin' Country Super Cruise	POC091122		
Thu 17 - Wed 23	Spectacular Snowy Mountains Oueenscliff Music Festival	SNM171122	Fri 2 - Tue 6 Fri 9 - Tue 13	Phillip
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DECEMBER 2022			Mon 19 - Sat 24	Gold
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Mon 5 - Fri 9	Phillip Island Retreat	VPI051222	Thu 29 - Tue 4 Jul	Gold
Sat 10 - Wed 14	Warrnambool and the Shipwreck Coast	VWS101222		
Mon 12 - Sat 17 Wed 21 - Mon 26	Blue Mountains Summer Escape Christmas On The Coast	BSE121222	JULY 2023	
Wed 21 - Mon 26 Wed 28 - Tue 3 Jan	Tasmania New Year's Eve	VCC211222 TNY281222	Tue 4 - Wed 12	Gold
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