

Heron Island's Coral Cay to Hervey Bay Explorer

Featuring
Gladstone, Heron Island, 1770, Bundaberg, Hervey Bay and
Maryborough

Thursday 27th March – 4th April 2025
9 Days & 8 Nights

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE: \$5,350

Room on your own extra \$845

Minimum numbers apply



DAY 1: (D) NEWCASTLE- GLADSTONE**Thursday 27th March 2025**

Welcome aboard for our 9 day tour to Heron Island's Coral Cay down to Hervey Bay. We are going to take in the beauty and marine life on Queensland's Coast and southernmost part of the Great Barrier reef. This morning, we will transfer you to Newcastle airport for our connecting flight to Gladstone. When we touch down in Gladstone this afternoon, our coach captain, Adam will be waiting to collect us and transfer us to our accommodation. Gladstone port is one of Australia's largest export ports of commodities such as coal, alumina, oil and gas that serves Bowen & Cooper basins. We will spend tomorrow familiarising ourselves with this special town and enjoy 2 nights at the beautiful Oaks Gladstone Grand Hotel.

Accommodation: Oaks Grand Hotel Gladstone 4 1/2 * / 2 course dinner / lunch own expense

**DAY 2: (B, L, D) GLADSTONE****Friday 28th March 2025**

This morning, wake to a beautiful al 'cart breakfast before we set off ready to explore and take in the sights of Gladstone. We will also visit **Gecko Winery** an award-winning tourist attraction set amongst woodlands and vineyards with Mt Larcom as our backdrop. The winery is also **adjoining Rose Garden Cafe and the lazy lizard gallery** where you can do a little retail shopping. Here we will sit back and relax over lunch before moseying on back to Gladstone. The afternoon is yours to enjoy some **free time** either back by the pool, spending time in town or visiting one of the local breweries?

Accommodation: Oaks Grand Hotel Gladstone / 2 course dinner

DAY 3: (B, L, D) HERON ISLAND**Saturday 29th March 2025**

Another delicious breakfast is on the days events before we head to the Gladstone Marina. Today we are heading over to **Heron Island on a fast cat**. The trip across is approx. 2hrs. *Note we recommend taking motion sickness medication, if you are susceptible to sickness.

Once we arrive on Heron Island we will store our luggage and meet at the resort restaurant for lunch. After you have checked in, relax and enjoy the islands facilities.

This afternoon, we have a **sunset cruise** for you to enjoy as we watch the sunset on the Cay. Dinner tonight, will be back at the resort. There are a number of experiences that you can choose to do while on the island. Your friendly receptionist will advise of times for different excursions while on the island. *Note while on the island, there is little to no phone or internet reception.

Accommodation- Heron Island Resort / 2 course dinner at resort / sunset cruise with nibbles

**DAY 4: (B, D) HERON ISLAND****Sunday 30th March 2025**

Today, you can enjoy the island at your leisure, We have an **I-spy semi submersible cruise included** in your day if you wish to join. You can also use the resort snorkel gear and explore some fantastic **snorkeling right off the shore of the island**. You may like to **join a marine research discovery session**, take a **guided reef walk or bird walk or join a turtle tour** and watch the hatchlings make their way over the sand to the seashore at either dusk or dawn. Their peak nesting seasons are between December through to April so fingers crossed, we will be in luck. Watching these loggerhead turtles either laying or hatching their eggs is truly a magical experience. Today your lunch is at your own leisure and expense on the Island. This evening, we meet again for dinner and share our days events.

Accommodation- Heron Island Resort / 2 course dinner at resort / lunch own expense



DAY 5: (B, D) HERON ISLAND TO 1770

Monday 31st March 2025

This morning, we get

ready to depart Heron Island but we have the morning to relax around the resort. We will be meeting at the Marina for our cruise at 12:00pm ready for our Cruise back at 12:45pm. You may like to catch up on any activities you missed yesterday and grab a bite to eat for lunch before we depart the island. Once we are back on the mainland, we will reload the coach and begin our travels south to 1770. Our accommodation for the next two nights is at 1770 Lagoons Resort, Agnes Waters.

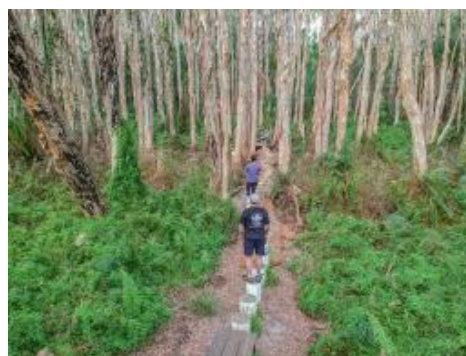
Accommodation- 1770 Lagoons Resort / 2 course dinner at resort/ lunch own expense

DAY 6: (B, L, D) 1770

Tuesday 1st April 2025

Today we will climb aboard the **Pink amphibious LARC adventure tour** for a LARC and morning tea adventure. This tour will explore the history of 1770 and Agnes Waters. We will include a short stop in at the 1770 museum to tie the history of the area all together. The museum is also connected to a Paperbark trail. The clicking and humming of distinctive frog calls will provide nature's soundtrack as you weave your way around the circular Paperbark trail in Reedy Creek Reserve. This short 400mtr whimsical walk will take you into the heart of a very special type of forest, rarely seen in such pristine condition. Here you'll encounter stepping stones, boardwalk sections and water crossings. We will enjoy lunch together before spending the afternoon relaxing at your leisure. Be sure to visit the foreshore for more beautiful views. Start at the boardwalk and continue into the parkland, taking in the magical views overlooking Bustard Bay. As you walk further around the foreshore, follow the steps on the right that will lead you to the Captain Cook Monument. Easy 30min walk.

Accommodation: 1770 Lagoons Resort Agnes Waters / 2 course dinner at resort.



DAY 7: (B, D) BUNDABERG

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

Next stop, Bundaberg! This morning we will continue our travels as we explore the **Hinkler Hall of Aviation, Fairy mead house and the Bundaberg historical museum**. Jump on board the train as it takes you through the **Botanical gardens** and enjoy lunch at the café onsite (own expense).

Mid afternoon, we will make our way to the famous **Bundaberg Rum distillery for a tour of their museum and a tasting**. Late afternoon we will check in at Hervey Bay for the next 2 nights.

Accommodation: Ramada Hervey Bay / 2 course dinner at resort/ lunch own expense



DAY 8: (B) MARYBOROUGH & HERVEY BAY

Thursday 3rd April 2025

Welcome to **Hervey Bay**. This morning we are going to join a local guide from Maryborough who is going to deliver a fantastic tour on board the coach about this historic town. Making our way back into Hervey Bay, you will have the opportunity to enjoy this laid back seaside town at your leisure. You may like to wander down to the famous **Urangan Peir, grab some fish and chips and browse through the local boutique shops**. We are located very central to everything so that you can head back to the accommodation as you please. This afternoon we will meet at the marina for a beautiful sunset cruise with a glass of bubbles and nibbles as we enjoy the view of the Bay and learn a bit about the history of this area. What a way to end a fantastic trip. Disembarking our cruise, you may like to make your way to the Marina Boat Club for dinner (own expense) or dine at one of the many restaurants by the water. At your leisure make your way back to your resort.

Accommodation: Ramada Hervey Bay / lunch & dinner own expense



DAY 9: (B) HERVEY BAY TO NEWCASTLE

Friday 4th April 2025

Our 9 day tour is wrapping up, as we farewell Hervey Bay and say good bye to Adam after he transfers us to the airport for our flight back to Newcastle. Once we have collected our luggage, our transfer will get us back home arriving close to 6:00pm at Nabic. Thankyou for sharing Heron Islands Coral Cay, 1770, Bundaberg and Hervey Bay tour with Tuncurry Coach Tours.

Pick up time to be advised

Tour Inclusions:

Tour price Includes:

Eight (8) Nights Quality Accommodation

Eight (8) Breakfasts

Three (3) Lunches

Seven (7) Dinners

Entry fees to attractions, Marine Park fees & sightseeing as per itinerary

Luggage: Is limited to one bag not more than **23KGS**

And one **7kg carry on bag** to go in coach overheads

All passengers must be able to manage their own luggage & not rely on the driver/guide or other passengers to carry their bags.

NOTE: If you require a walker as an aid, you must book a travel companion to assist you with your overnight travel as well as meet our fitness to travel guidelines. Staff and fellow passengers will not carry bags to rooms and are not trained to assist with personal/ physical needs.

Tour Participation:

It is each passengers responsibility to ensure that they are fit, well and independent to travel at the time of booking and the time of travel.

Tuncurry Coach Tours always request rooms with walk in showers and on the lower level of hotels as our priority, however this is not guaranteed and always available. This may mean that your room may have a bath/shower & you may need to walk upstairs.

If you require a disabled room, this will need to be advised at the time of booking and is subject to availability.

Please be advised that this tour requires you to board on and off boats, use stairs, walk on sand and participate in tours for up to 20min without sitting down.

Tour payment:

Non Refundable Deposit of \$300.00 per person at time of booking.

Balance due by 27th January 2024

Cancellation Charges:

60 days or more \$300.00 per person

59-0 days 100% of fare

Note: Cancellation of this trip less than 60 days out there is no refund

Please read full Terms and Conditions before booking.

NB: Tickets costs for shows, entries, fares & accommodation that are pre paid will not be refunded.

Travel Insurance is highly recommended by Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, we advise passengers to consider taking out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise.

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions and opening times/days of some attractions, e.g.

Accommodation, churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any date or time changes due to pandemics, closures, inclement weather etc. Withdrawing from trips due to the above may see passengers liable to cancellation charges.