



SPARK TRAVEL



| 6 Day

HERVEY BAY

'WHALE WATCHING CAPITAL OF AUSTRALIA'

| **Saturday 24 August 2024**

Optional Tour:
Full Day K'gari (Fraser Island)

Fully Escorted From Adelaide
Return Home Transfers
Return Brisbane Flights
Whale Watching Cruise

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HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Hughes home pick up service (zoned area).
- Fly Adelaide to Brisbane and return with Virgin Australia.
- 5 nights at the Ramada Hervey Bay.
- Explore the original Eumundi Markets.
- Step back into Hervey Bay's past at the Hervey Bay Historical Village and Museum.
- Whale watching cruise with morning tea on the 'Spirit of Hervey Bay'
- Full day tour to Bundaberg via Childers – visit the Hinkler Hall of Aviation, ride the delightful Australian Sugar Cane Railway, enjoy lunch at Café 1928 plus tour and tastings at the Bundaberg Distilling Co Bond Store – home of the famous Bundaberg Rum.
- Enjoy the many attractions of fascinating Australia Zoo.
- Visit the Bee Gee's Way at Redcliffe – a commemorative 70m walkway honouring Redcliffe's most famous young residents.
- Optional: Full day tour to K'gari (Fraser Island) including lunch.



NOTES:

****Health and Fitness:** To assist us when booking, please advise your Spark Travel consultant if you have any special needs such as mobility, dietary etc. A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. You will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided and you must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. If you are unable to manage on your own, it will be necessary to be accompanied by another person who is fit and able to assist you in day to day tasks and capable of providing the assistance required. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information in writing.

****Tour extensions subject to availability and extension booking criteria.**

****It should be noted that to be fair to all passengers, specific coach seats cannot be reserved. We work a rotating seat system on board the coach.**

****Please note that on tours where flights are involved, the seating within the confines of the group is computer allocated alphabetically by the airlines concerned and beyond the control of Spark Travel.**

HUGHES TRANSFERS TO AND FROM YOUR HOME:

Hughes transfers apply in the zoned area. These transfers may be available at additional cost to passengers who live outside the zoned area - please ask your Spark Travel consultant.

'HUGHES HOME PICK UP SERVICE' will call you **two (2) days** before the commencement of the tour to confirm the time they will be arriving at your home. **If you have missed the call, please contact Spark Travel (08) 8876 5121 a day prior to departure** for your pickup time. **If you reside at a retirement village, please ensure Hughes have clear instructions from you as to means of entry and directions to find your home. Also, if you are out of zone there will be an additional payment due and this should be made at the time of booking.** For safety reasons, suitcases should weigh no more than 20kgs. The Hughes home pick up service only applies to scheduled tour departure and return tour dates. Those passengers wishing to extend their tours will be responsible for their own transfers.

ITINERARY:

DAY 01 - SATURDAY, 24 AUGUST - ADELAIDE/BRISBANE/HERVEY BAY - EUMUNDI MARKETS, MARYBOROUGH

On arrival at the Airport, meet with your **Spark Travel Tour Manager** at **departure hall**. Please have **photo ID** ready to uplift your boarding pass.

Depart **Adelaide** at **06.10am** on **Virgin Australia** flight **VA1385** to **Brisbane**, arriving at **09.05am**. We then join our coach and head off to the **Eumundi Markets**. Renowned for its locally made artisan treasures, there is no other market quite like the original Eumundi Markets - the biggest and best artisan market in Australia. Enjoy the stellar line-up of musicians and street performers. Everything from arts and crafts, fashion and jewellery, house and garden, food and produce - there is something for everyone.

Our route then takes us onto Hervey bay via historic **Maryborough**, where we will stop to view the statue of **Mary Poppins** outside the former Australian Stock Bank, birthplace of Helen Lyndon Goff, better known as **PL Travers, author of 'Mary Poppins'**. Later, arriving at **Hervey Bay**, our home for the next 5 nights.

Dinner in the hotel tonight.

OVERNIGHT: RAMADA HERVEY BAY, HERVEY BAY. (D)

DAY 02 - SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST - AT HERVEY BAY - EXPLORE THE FRASER COAST DISCOVERY SPHERE, VISIT HERVEY BAY HISTORICAL VILLAGE & BOTANIC GARDENS

Today after a leisurely breakfast, enjoy a free morning or take a visit to the new **Fraser Coast Discovery Sphere**. Dive deep into the world of the Humpback Whale. Watch inspiring footage and discover the evolution of the Fraser Coast's natural beauty and the history of their indigenous culture. Enjoy a **light lunch** at the **Hervey Bay RSL**, after which explore the **Hervey Bay Historical Village and Museum**. This award-winning tourist complex has 19 original buildings including a faithfully furnished slab hut from 1898, a complete railway station, an old

church, a fully equipped blacksmith shop and a dairy shed. Blacksmith, wood turning and rope-making demonstrations will be held today, should provide a lot of interest! We will also pay a visit to the lovely **Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens**.

Dinner in the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: RAMADA HERVEY BAY, HERVEY BAY. (B,L,D)

DAY 03 – MONDAY, 26 AUGUST - AT HERVEY BAY – ‘SPIRIT OF HERVEY BAY’ WHALE WATCHING CRUISE

Today, we join the ‘**Spirit of Hervey Bay**’ on a morning cruise for the **ultimate whale experience.****

From this modern vessel with 6 decks spread over 5 levels, enjoy an exhilarating interactive adventure with the mighty humpback whale. Watch in awe as the whales indulge in playful antics, see powerful breeches and friendly up close and personal activity in the whales’ aquatic playground. **Morning tea** will be served on the cruise.

The remainder of the day is free at leisure and tonight we enjoy dinner at the **Beach House Hotel**.

OVERNIGHT: RAMADA HERVEY BAY, HERVEY BAY. (B,M,D)

DAY 04 – TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST – AT HERVEY BAY – FREE DAY – *OPTIONAL* - FULL DAY 4WD COACH TOUR TO K’GARI (FRASER ISLAND)

Today is a leisure day to relax - maybe walk to the marina for lunch, visit the nearby Hervey Bay Boat Club with its bistro and pokies, or take the *optional* full day K’gari (Fraser Island Tour) – the choice is yours.

Own dinner arrangements this evening.

OVERNIGHT: RAMADA HERVEY BAY, HERVEY BAY. (B)

OPTIONAL: FULL DAY K’GARI (FRASER ISLAND)

Today enjoy a real adventure - you will be picked up from the hotel in a **4WD coach** for the morning ferry crossing to **K’gari (Fraser Island)** - from the ferry don’t forget to watch out for dolphins and dugongs. K’gari is the world’s largest sand island, a place of exceptional beauty with freshwater lakes, and tall rainforests – the only place in the world where rainforests are found growing on sand dunes at elevations of over 200m. You may spot some of Australia’s purest bred **dingoes**** or some of the **354 recorded bird species.**** Enjoy the delightful scenery at **Lake McKenzie**, explore **Central Station**, a former forestry camp with huge satinay, scribbly gum, brush box and kauri trees. Walk along the banks of **Wangoolba Creek** which flows gently and silently through lush rainforest. Travel up famous **Seventy-Five Mile Beach** to see the coloured sands of the **Pinnacles** and the ship wreck of **Maheno**. Relax and enjoy a **hot and cold lunch** at **Eurong Beach Resort**. The ferry departs K’gari at **5.00pm** and return to our hotel by approximately **6.00pm – 6.15pm. (L)**

What to bring today on your full day tour: Camera, walking shoes, swimwear and towel, sunscreen, hat and sunglasses, water bottle.

SAFETY: If taking a walk, please walk in groups and under no circumstances encourage or feed the wild dingoes.

MOBILITY: Due the 4WD nature of the tour and high steps to access the vehicle, this optional excursion is not suitable for those with impaired mobility.

DAY 05 – WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST - AT HERVEY BAY – FULL DAY TOUR - CHILDERS & BUNDABERG, HINKLER HALL OF AVIATION, RIDE THE AUSTRALIAN SUGAR CANE RAILWAY, BUNDABERG DISTILLING CO BOND STORE

Today we head off on a full day tour via **Childers** to **Bundaberg**. **Childers**, our first stop, is a charming National Trust town surrounded by lush green fields and rich red soil. Then onto the **City of Bundaberg**, on the **Coral Coast** at the southern tip of the Great Barrier Reef, home to over 85,000 people and located in the heart of a rich sugar and horticultural belt.

In the lush **Bundaberg Botanic Gardens**, we visit the **Hinkler Hall of Aviation**, a unique structure of soaring glass constructed in the shape of an aircraft wing, which brings to life the adventures and achievements of Australia’s famous pioneer solo aviator **Bert Hinkler**. Take a ride on the delightful **Australian Sugar Cane Railway** around the Botanic Gardens and enjoy a

light lunch in **Café 1928**, after which we then head off to one of Australia's oldest and most iconic companies – **Bundaberg Rum**. Visit the **Bundaberg Distilling Co Bond Store for a tour and tasting**. Learn all about the making of the famous Aussie spirit and at the end of the tour, head to the bar for a refreshing sample of the variety of Bundy mixes and Rum Liqueur based drinks. You may also wish to visit the retail store to purchase some souvenirs to take home. From Bundaberg we then return to Hervey Bay.

Note: Closed toe shoes required today.

Tonight dinner in the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: RAMADA HERVEY BAY, HERVEY BAY. (B,L,D)

DAY 06 – THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST – HERVEY BAY/ADELAIDE – AUSTRALIA ZOO, BEE GEE'S WAY

This morning we load the coach and head off back to Brisbane for our return flight to Adelaide, but first, we have some action and adventure at the late Steve Irwin's **Australia Zoo**. Watch crocodiles launch a strike from the water's edge, get up close and personal with a giant python, see Bengal tigers and you can even hand feed beautiful Asian elephants. After departing Australia Zoo, we then head for the Brisbane suburb of Redcliffe to visit **Bee Gees Way** – a 70m walkway which honours Redcliffe's most famous young residents, who went on to be one of the top-selling bands of all time. The walkway was opened in 2 stages, 2013 and 2015 by **Barry Gibb** and is like a multi-media mini outdoor museum.

A refreshment stop will be made (own cost), before we arrive at **Brisbane Airport** for our flight home. Please have your **photo ID** ready to uplift your boarding pass. Depart **Brisbane Airport at 7.40pm** on board **Virgin Australia flight VA1404**, arriving **Adelaide Airport Main Terminal at 10.05pm. (B)**

AT THE END OF YOUR TOUR A HUGHES CAR WILL DRIVE YOU HOME

*****It should be noted wildlife is nature and as such, wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed.*****

TOUR COST:

Sharing twin/double:	\$2949.00 per person
Single supplement:	\$598.00 per person
<i>Optional: Full Day Fraser Island:</i>	<i>\$299.00 per person</i>

MEAL CODINGS: (B) – Breakfast (M) – Morning tea (L) – Lunch (D) – Dinner

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Hughes home pick up service from/to your home (zoned area).
- Economy Class air travel with Virgin Australia.
- Services of an experienced Spark Travel Tour Manager.
- Airconditioned restroom and seat-belt equipped coach travel. Note: Some coach movements may be in a vehicle without restroom.
- Quality hotel accommodation with private facilities.
- 5 full breakfasts, 4 dinners, 2 lunches, 1 morning tea.
- Entries include: Fraser Coast Discovery Sphere, the Hervey Bay Historical Village and Museum, Whale Watching cruise on board the 'Spirit of Hervey Bay,' Hinkler Hall of Aviation, ride on the Australian Sugar Cane Railway, (subject to availability), tour and tastings at Bundaberg Rum Co Bond Store, Australia Zoo.
- Goods and Services Tax.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals, morning and afternoon teas, drinks other than indicated in the itinerary.
- Porterage. A suitcase with wheels is recommended - max weight 20kgs plus a small cabin bag maximum weight 7kgs.
- Items of a personal nature.
- *Optional* – Full Day K'gari Tour (Fraser Island) including lunch.

COVID-19:

No responsibility is taken by Spark Travel or the Event Organisers in regard to Covid-19. It is highly recommended that visitors wear a mask on board flights and whilst in enclosed spaces and we also recommend full vaccination against Covid-19.

IMPORTANT:

Due to OSH requirements, baggage weighing more than 20kgs will not be carried by Hughes, airlines or our coach company.

Conditions Apply

DOMESTIC TOUR BOOKING CONDITIONS

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Please ask your consultant for details. Please note that the majority of insurance policies do not cover Pandemics such as Covid-19.

EVENTS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF SPARK TRAVEL:

Should an event occur which is beyond the control of Spark Travel, ie: delays to ship, aircraft, train, coach thereby incurring extra expenses, these additional costs are borne by the passenger at the time of the event. A travel insurance claim for reimbursement should be submitted to the insurance company upon return home. Please keep any receipts. It should be understood that neither Spark Travel nor any subsidiary company or representative shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage arising from our services.

ITINERARIES:

Itineraries are subject to change and no responsibility can be accepted. Coach operator and size of coach may be changed at the discretion of Spark Travel without notice. Where a tour does not meet minimum numbers travelling together on the outward journey a cost surcharge will apply. If group numbers fall below 15 adult paying passengers no tour leader will be provided. No itemisation of tour arrangements can be given and no refund for any portion of a tour not taken. Flora and fauna as described in an itinerary is nature and as such cannot be guaranteed.

ACCOMMODATION:

Spark Travel reserves the right to alter hotel/motel accommodation and to substitute a suitable alternative. Where accommodation is booked on a 'will share basis,' at the time of finalisation if there is nobody suitable to share with, it may be necessary to pay the appropriate single supplement. Spark Travel does not accept any responsibility for the non-compatibility of 'sharing' clients. If by choice a single room is requested and booked a single room surcharge will apply.

HEALTH AND FITNESS:

A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. As a minimum you will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided. You must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information. It is recommended masks be worn on flights and in crowded or inside spaces. To protect yourself and fellow travellers, vaccination against Covid-19 is recommended.

FUEL SURCHARGES AND TAXES:

All bookings may attract additional fuel surcharges and taxes which can be levied up to and including the date of departure even if final payment has been made. Booking is subject to final audit.

SECURITY DEPOSIT:

A non-refundable security deposit of **\$675.00 per person (inc GST)** is required within five (5 days) of booking.

FINAL PAYMENTS:

The security deposit forms part of the total price, the balance of which is due 60 days prior to departure, or in the case of bookings made within that 60 day period, the final payment is due as soon as the booking is confirmed.

LATE BOOKINGS AND AMENDMENTS:

Bookings made within 7 days inclusive of departure will incur a **late booking fee of \$75.00 per person**. Late bookings subject to availability. Once a booking has been made a **\$75.00 per person amendment fee** will apply for any alterations on selected departures only, and if applicable, one (1) change only to that booking. Transfers to other tours not permitted.

CREDIT CARDS:

If paying by credit card, a surcharge applies of 2% for Visa and Mastercard and 3.5% for Amex and Diners cards.

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:

- i) We act as an Agent; and
- ii) That our Terms and Conditions are in addition to the Terms and Conditions of each Travel supplier listed on the quote itinerary; and
- iii) That it is the Terms and Conditions of the Travel supplier that determine the terms of cancellation and refunds, if any.

BOOKINGS CANCELLED AFTER THE FINAL PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE:

- (a) Bookings cancelled 61 days or earlier, full refund less deposit and booking fee and any other non-refundable services or products.
- (b) Bookings cancelled 60 days or less prior to departure will incur a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost.
- (c) No refund can be given for any portion of the tour not taken and no refund after the tour has commenced.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is strongly recommended for all travel including domestic.

Travel insurance is available to cover you for cancellation including COVID-19.

Please ask your consultant for a quote.

Accreditation

