



## AUSTRALIA: BEACHSIDE WILDLIFE ADVENTURE





### MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- Lend a hand caring for kangaroos, koalas and other Australian wildlife
- Snorkel over the colorful Great Barrier Reef alongside a Master Reef Guide
- Explore the oldest rainforest on the planet by boat spotting crocs along the way
- Visit a koala sanctuary and learn all about these iconic Australian critters
- Spot wildlife in the rainforest canopy on a skywalk

Explore the Beautiful
East Coast of Australia
and Care for Animals
on this Wildlife
Adventure

## TRIP AT A GLANCE 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

#### PHYSICAL DEMAND

Easy

#### **GROUP SIZE**

Average 6, Maximum 12

#### LODGING

Standard/Premier

#### **GOLD COAST**

**DAY 1** - Arrive and meet your Discover Corps group in the Gold Coast.

**DAY 2** - Visit Daisy Hill Koala Sanctuary then enjoy a Skywalk through the rainforest and visit to the town of Mt. Tamborine.

**DAY 3** - Meet wallabies, koalas and kangaroos at a wildlife conservation park. Visit the stunning beaches of Coolangatta.

**DAY 4** - Help feed the animals in the park followed by a visit to the top of the Q1 Tower & special evening dinner.

**DAY 5** - Continue lending a hand at the conservation center before an indiginous guided walk along the Burleigh headland.

**DAY 6** - Final day at the conservation center followed by a free afternoon & sunset BBQ together.

#### **Cairns & The Great Barrier Reef**

**DAY 7** - Fly to tropical Cairns in the morning. Settle into our hotel and enjoy an evening tour of Cairns with dinner.

**DAY 8** - Full day journey to the Great Barrier Reef. Snorkel, swim and explore the reef with a Master Reef Guide.

**DAY 9** - Venture to Daintree National Park, the oldest rainforest in the world.

**DAY 10** - Catch a flight home out of Cairns Airport.



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### **OUR PURPOSE**

Despite strict environmental regulations, the continued destruction of habitats, combined with climate change and the effect of invasive species, has wreaked havoc on Australia's extraordinary indigenous wildlife population. Provide hands-on assistance to rangers and staff at a local wildlife conservation park caring for such unique creatures as koalas and kangaroos. You'll also help with projects around the park, including tree planting and ensuring the animals' areas are kept clean and tidy.

Over the course of ten days, we'll experience the unique array of wildlife that Australia is famous for both on land and on sea. We'll learn from rangers and conservation experts about the prominent issues facing these animals and the measures being taken to protect them. Spend time shadowing the rangers at the area's leading wildlife conservation park in a variety of educational & hands-on projects with the park's native species.

Along the way, bask in the natural beauty of Australia's Gold Coast, an area blessed with miles of pristine beaches and crystal blue waters. Visit a world surfing reserve, head deep into the rainforest on the hunt for waterfalls, take a guided coastal walking tour with an indigenous guide and spend an afternoon at a koala conservation center. Head Cairns in the tropical North to experience the iconic Great Barrier Reef. Then head out to Daintree National Park to spot crocs and explore the rainforest by boat. An epic way to end this experience of a lifetime!



### **HIGHLIGHTS**



### THE GOLD COAST

Boasting over 30 miles of beaches and nearly 300 sunny days per year, and surrounded by the continent's oldest rainforests, the Gold Coast is a true paradise. It is also home to an array of Australian wildlife and leading organizations aiming to protect and conserve these animals. The area is also a center of Australian food and café culture, and is permeated with the 'no worries' attitude that dominates the Aussie way of life.



#### THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

The world's largest coral reef, the Great Barrier Reef stretches over 1,400 miles along Australia's Northeastern Coast. A true once-in-a-lifetime experience, we'll embark on a full day journey by boat to a section of the reef off of Cairns. A Master Reef Guide will accompany us introducing us to tolls used to monitor the reef. Spend the day snorkeling, swimming, and learning in one of the most remarkable places on the planet.



## BEHIND-THE-SCENES WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

This trip is centered on the opportunity to spend time lending a hand at a wildlife conservation park, giving you the chance to get involved directly with efforts to protect Australia's unique array of wildlife. You'll be part of the day-to-day life in the park, shadowing the rangers and helping them gather food and prepare meals for some of the most iconic Australian fauna including koalas, wallabies and kangaroos; you'll also have the chance to learn more about the issues facing these animals and what is being done to protect them.



### DAISY HILL KOALA SANCTUARY

Nestled amongst eucalyptus trees, the Daisy Hill Koala Sanctuary is one of the largest koala retreats in Australia. The sanctuary brings in many koalas who have been rescued due to injury or illness. We'll have the chance to meet some of these resident koalas on a guided tour as well as experience the interactive environmental education center. Natural walking trails surround the property giving you a chance to take a break and head into nature, even if it's just for a few hours.

## **ITINERARY**

## **DAY 1:** Arrive at the Gold Coast and Meet Your Group

Arrive to the Gold Coast Airport on the eastern tropical coast of Queensland. You'll be met at the airport by your Discover Corps guide, who will accompany you to our coastal hotel where we'll enjoy a delicious welcome dinner with the group. (D)

## **DAY 2:** Visit a Koala Sanctuary and Skywalk Through the Rainforest

Today you'll visit a Koala Sanctuary that cares for koalas who were suffering in the wild, primarily from various illnesses caused by bacteria found in the wild, as well as those orphaned or injured. In the afternoon, we'll journey into the rainforest and along a skywalk that meanders through the canopy. Afterwards, take a walk through the quaint galleries and wineries of Mt. Tamborine. (*B,L*)

## **DAY 3:** Meet the Residents at the Wildlife Conservation Center

This morning we'll have an introduction to the local wildlife conservation park, where we'll spend the next few days assisting rangers and staff on a variety of wildlife-related activities. Among the critters we'll help care for here are wallabies, koalas, and kangaroos. In the afternoon, visit Coolangatta, home to one of Australia's World Surfing Reserves as well as some of the most beautiful beaches in the region. (*B,L*)

## **DAY 4:** Continue Assisting at David Fleays & Visit Surfer's Paradise

We'll start the morning continuing to assist the park's rangers in gathering food, feeding animals and other jobs around the park. Spend the afternoon in Surfer's Paradise, the focal point of the Gold Coast, a take a ride to the top of the Q1 Tower for stunning views of the coast. In the evening, enjoy a special Australian-style BBQ dinner as a group. (B,L,D)

## **DAY 5:** Wildlife Conservation & Guided Indigenous Walk along the Coast

Continue assisting at the wildlife conservation park before emabarking on an indigenous guided walk along the Burleigh Headland. One of the most beautiful vistas on the coast, this also serves a sacred area for the aboriginal population. Enjoy the rest of the late afternoon and evening exploring town or relaxing at our oceanfront hotel. (B,L)





## **DAY 6:**Finish up at the Conservation Park & Free Afternoon on the Coast

Our final day at the park will be spent on a legacy project that includes seasonal planting and time with the animals. In the afternoon, we'll have a bit of free time to relax before our departure to Cairns the next day. (B,D)

### **DAY 7:** Fly to Cairns in the Tropical North

After breakfast, we'll head to the Gold Coast or Brisbane Airport for the 2.5 hour flight to Cairns in Australia's tropical Northern Coast. The Gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, Cairns is the perfect place to base ourselves for the next three days. Unwind in the comfort of our 5-star hotel followed by an evening walk along the majestic esplanade. (B)

## **DAY 8:** An Epic Day on the Great Barrier Reef

This morning, we'll embark on an epic, full-day journey to the Great Barrier Reef. Accompanied by a Master Reef Guide, we'll spend the day snorkeling, swimming and learning about this true wonder of the world. Our guide will introduce us to the tools being used to monitor the reef and you'll even have the opportunity to assist with these monitoring efforts while snorkeling. A bucket list experience for all! (*B,L*)

### DAY 9: Venture to Daintree National Park

This morning, we'll make a visit to the oldest rainforest on the Earth, the Daintree National Park. Head out on a nature walk to learn about the park and spot native wildlife. After a relaxing lunch, we'll board a boat to take a river cruise while looking out for crocodiles. In the evening, return to Cairns for a Farewell Dinner together. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: Return Home

We'll say our goodbyes and transfer you to the Cairns Airport for your flight home. (B)



### **Standard / Premier Lodging**

During our time on the Gold Coast, we'll be based at the 4-star Surfer's Horizon Resort, a spacious set of beachside apartments surrounded by nature and right next to the beach.

We'll end the trip with three nights at the 5-star Crystalbrook Bailey in Cairns. This high-end, artinspired hotel puts us at the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, the bustling Cairns sea walk and the Daintree Rainforest.

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DATE	ADULT	CHILD
November 19-28, 2023	\$5,995	\$5,795
February 18-27, 2024	\$5,995	\$5,795
April 28-May 7, 2024	\$5,995	\$5,795
June 2-11, 2024	\$5,995	\$5,795
July 14-23, 2024	\$5,995	\$5,795
August 4-13, 2024	\$5,995	\$5,795
November 17-26, 2024	\$5,995	\$5,795

The above prices reflect the price of double occupancy. Single Room Supplements are \$1,295 per person. SRS is mandatory if we cannot find a suitable roommate. Price does not include \$200/person one-way domestic flight supplement.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 4 dinners.
- 6 nights lodging in a 4-star beachfront apartment-style hotel on the Gold Coast
- 3 nights lodging at a 5-star hotel in Cairns
- Transportation in private vehicles
- Volunteer project at David Fleay Wildlife Conservation park
- Discover Corps guide that is there to support, guide, and inform you throughout the trip
- All scheduled activities and excursions
- \$50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Trip literature and pre-departure support from Discover Corps
- 24-hour Discover Corps emergency hotline while traveling

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare
- Alcoholic beverages
- Tips for Discover Corps guide/driver
- Australia visa
- One-way domestic flight to Cairns (\$200 mandatory supplement)

#### **RESERVE YOUR TRIP TODAY**

Trips are limited to 12 travelers and do fill. Reserving a trip with Discover Corps is easy. Simply visit our website and fill out the online registration form and pay a \$365 deposit and \$30 non-refundable booking fee per person. If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Travel Specialist, call/text us at (619) 758-3030 or e-mail us at info@discovercorps.com

#### **RETURNING ALUMNI?**

We like to reward those who travel with us again and again. Enjoy a \$250 discount off our trip if you are a returning Discover Corps traveler.

#### **CUSTOM GROUPS?**

Have a group of 6 or more? We can operate a trip for your group. Whether it's a family reunion, corporate group, alumni association or a professional or student organization, we'll make it easy and turnkey for your group to have an incredible experience.

## MONTHLY PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE

Discover Corps offers monthly payment plan options for all of our trips. Contact us anytime, before or after booking, to sign up for a monthly payment plan or with any questions:

Call/Text: 619-758-3030 Email: info@discovercorps.com

#### THE FINE PRINT

Child prices apply to those 16 years younger sharing a room with an adult.

Although unlikely, prices, dates, and accommodations subject to change with a 60 day notice from Discover Corps.

(B, L, D): Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

Dates don't work? Contact us about adding a new date for the trip.

# Our Mission



The mission of Discover Corps is to inspire travelers to become advocates for our planet's natural wonders, cultural treasures, and local communities through immersive and sustainable travel experiences.

## **OUR DESTINATIONS**

ALASKA

**AUSTRALIA** 

BELIZE

**BHUTAN** 

**COSTA RICA** 

CUBA

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

**EGYPT** 

GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

**JAPAN** 

**KENYA** 

**MEXICO** 

**PERU** 

SOUTH AFRICA

**TANZANIA** 

THAILAND

**UGANDA** 



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