6 Days Turtle Hatching on Heron Island

Day-by-Day Itinerary

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DURATION	FROM PRICE	TOUR TYPE	TOUR CODE
6 Days	**$3,250**	**Coach Tours**	**FO50**

Overview

Heron Island is a National Marine Park situated in the southern end of the Great Barrier Reef. This area is a significant nesting location for two threatened sea turtle species, the Green Turtle and the Loggerhead Turtle. Our tour to Heron Island is in the height of baby Green and Loggerhead Turtle hatching season. During hatching season, turtle hatchlings will erupt from their nests between 25 to 50 metres from shore and make their way to the reef, just beyond the water's edge. Heron Island is a true coral cay and is ribboned by white sands, crystal clear waters and acres of coral with beautifully coloured marine life. The emphasis is on enjoying natural beauty. Stress is replaced by adventure, and your days are filled with discovery. Departing Brisbane Coach Terminal aboard our luxury 'Gold Class' coach, we head to the Southern Great Barrier Reef region and break for a cuppa at the Gympie Duck Ponds before continuing on to Childers. Enjoy lunch before making our way to our overnight accommodation in Gladstone.. 1 Night Stay: Mantra Gladstone

Itinerary

1 Brisbane - Gladstone

Stay: Mantra Gladstone • Meals: Morning Tea, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

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2 Heron Island

Stay: Heron Island Resort **Fast cat transfers take 2 hours and are in open waters • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Board the Heron Island fast cat to this nature lover's paradise in the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef. We join the awe-inspiring turtle season encounter, led by marine biologist guides. Enjoy a guided walk exploring the island's history, flora, and fauna, including the Pisonia Forest and North Beach. Learn about the island's coral cay formation and visit the University research station for insights into local research. Join an eco guide at low tide to explore the reef and its creatures. Snorkel from the beach into vibrant waters teeming with marine life. 2 Night Stay: Heron Island Resort **Fast cat transfers take 2 hours and are in open waters. Those who suffer motion sickness are advised to take the necessary precautions. Optionally, at additional expense you may like to organise return helicopter transfers from Gladstone. **Disclaimer: Please note that while we strive to provide a memorable wildlife experience, animals in their natural habitats are unpredictable and may not always be visible. Wild animals roam freely and their appearances are not guaranteed.

HIGHLIGHTS

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4 Town OF 1770, Agnes Waters

Stay: 1770 Lagoons Central Apartment Resort • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

We enjoy a leisurely morning on beautiful Heron Island, before an early afternoon departure on the fast cat. Back on the mainland, we take a short journey to the Town of Seventeen Seventy (1770). Surrounded on three sides by the Coral Sea and Bustard Bay, 1770 is a picturesque area rich in wildlife and scenery. 2 Night Stay: 1770 Lagoons Central Apartments, Agnes Waters

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Town OF 1770, Agnes Water

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

This morning, embark on the Pink Amphibious LARC for a land and sea adventure around Agnes Water. Explore the Town of 1770, Bustard Bay, cross tidal creeks, and take a 4WD tour to the Bustard Head Light Station for stunning views. Enjoy lunch on Middle Island and try optional sandboarding down its dunes.

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Return TO Brisbane

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Homeward bound this morning, we break at historic Childers for a cuppa and time to visit the Palace Backpackers Memorial. After lunch in Gympie, we arrive back to the Brisbane Coach Terminal late afternoon. B = Full Breakfast; MT = M/Tea; L = Lunch; AT = A/Tea; D = Two Course Dinner

Inclusions

• Journey in comfort aboard our luxury ‘Gold Class’ coach • Fully escorted tour with experienced Fun Over 50 Holidays Tour Host & Coach Captain • Gympie Duck Ponds • 1 night Gladstone • 2 nights Heron Island Resort to witness the lifecycle of the turtles and their hatchlings • Join naturalist guides on educational tours to observe the turtles and hatchlings • Join Marine Biologists on eco excursions to learn about the Great Barrier Reef ecosystem • Private guided island tour • Research station visit with University of Queensland discussing investigations & experiments in and around Heron Island • 2 nights Agnes Water • Full day LARC eco tour to Bustard Bay Light Station and Middle Island • Historic Childers; Palace Backpackers Memorial • 16 delicious meals included on your journey

Ready to Book?

Contact our travel experts to discuss this tour.

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