



# GUIDED TOURS

With more than 100 years' experience, AAT Kings are highly regarded within the tourism industry, enjoying a reputation for customer service, professionalism, safety and of course, amazing holidays. In 2015 more people chose to travel with AAT Kings than any other guided holiday company in Australia and they are committed to maintaining this high standard and to creating memorable travel experiences for their guests.

## FULLY GUIDED TOURING EXPERIENCES

If you're ready to set off on an unmatched adventure, an AAT Kings Guided Holiday is the best way to discover Australia in all its glory. Their experienced and fun loving Tour Directors and Driver Guides will share their detailed knowledge and local insights to make sure you experience each destination to the fullest and have an incredible time along the way.

AAT offers Guided Holidays through Tasmania, Southern Australia, Queensland, Western Australia and the Kimberley, as well as the Red Centre and the Top End in the Northern Territory. Just a small collection of the many guided tours available are featured in this brochure so please ask us for details and prices for the many more touring options available.

An escorted tour with AAT Kings provides you with the perfect way to share new and fascinating experiences and make life-long friendships.

## TWO HOLIDAY STANDARDS TO CHOOSE FROM

AAT Kings offers two standards of Guided Holiday to suit your budget. Look for these symbols on our Guided Holiday itinerary pages:

### FIRST CHOICE

First Choice holidays offer premium accommodation in central locations, more meals and sightseeing inclusions, plus unique 'Be My Guest' dining experiences.

Best Buys holidays offer great value, comfortable accommodation with easy access to city centres and more free time.

### BEST BUYS

## TRAVEL IN COMFORT

AAT Kings boasts the newest coach fleet in Australia. The fully air-conditioned coaches are equipped with modern features like reclining seats with seat belts and footrests, panoramic windows, on-board restroom, two-door access and state of the art technology including DVD player, GPS & PA systems. Most of their vehicles are also equipped with phone chargers and free WiFi to keep you in touch with the outside world.

## GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

When arranging your holiday well in advance, there is nothing worse than having your plan turned upside down when something is cancelled. AAT have guaranteed many of the tour departures shown in this brochure so you can have confidence in booking your flights and other travel arrangements around your chosen tour. These dates are highlighted in bold but as tours fill, many new dates become guaranteed so have your travel agent check with ANZCRO for more information.

## SOLO TRAVELLERS

Some guests travelling alone do not wish to incur the additional expense of a single room supplement. On First Choice and Best Buys holidays, AAT Kings will accommodate you with a guest of the same gender (non-smoking rooms only), at no extra cost. If they fail to match you, you will be accommodated in a single room at no additional cost. Naturally, if you wish to be guaranteed your own room, then single room supplement costs are shown for each tour.

## SAVE MONEY WITH OUR EARLY BIRD OFFER

Many travellers plan their holiday well in advance and if you would like to book your tour early, then we can help you save money. Book and pay any AAT King Guided Tour up until 31st January 2020 and save 10%. Valid for any travel, 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. That's a great saving and means more spending money for you to take on holiday! (Note: discount not valid with any other offer).

## COMPLIMENTARY TRANSFERS

Complimentary arrival and departure transfers are provided between designated airports and AAT Kings hotels on scheduled start and end days of Guided Holidays and with pre or post tour accommodation booked through AAT Kings.

# 12 DAY EAST COAST ISLANDS & RAINFOREST

12 days Sydney to Cairns

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- » 11 nights' accommodation
- » Travel by luxury coach
- » 11 Breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners.
- » Experienced Travel Director and Driver Guide.
- » Airport transfers
- » Free time for you on the Gold Coast and Hamilton Island
- » Australia Zoo made famous by the Crocodile Hunter, the late Steve Irwin
- » Sneak peek at Australia Zoo's Wildlife Hospital and koala rehabilitation project
- » Two nights on incredible Fraser Island
- » Two nights on Hamilton Island
- » Visit Millaa Millaa Falls and Curtain Fig Tree
- » Kuranda Village and Skyrail Rainforest Cableway
- » Snorkelling out on the iconic Great Barrier Reef

## TOUR ITINERARY:

### Day 1: Sydney – Coffs Harbour (D)

Start discovering the landscapes of Australia's east coast as you travel northward to the coastal town of Coffs Harbour. From your accommodation nestled amongst sprawling tropical gardens, you'll have the opportunity to wander down to Little Diggers Beach and Diggers Head. Enjoy the early evening sea breeze just like the locals do. Tonight enjoy a Welcome Reception and dinner with your Travel Director.

Please note: Sydney Central, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

Hotel: BreakFree Aanuka Beach Resort

### Day 2: Coffs Harbour – Gold Coast (B)

Journey to Cape Byron Lighthouse for superb views from Australia's eastern-most point over the Pacific Ocean. Afterwards spend time discovering the relaxed bohemian vibe of Byron Bay. For lunch we recommend fresh fish and chips on the beach, there's nothing more Australian. Continue to the famous holiday destination, the Gold Coast.

Hotel: Novotel Surfers Paradise, 2 nights

### Day 3: Gold Coast Free Time (B)

Today you have the freedom to enjoy the Gold Coast in your own style. Nature lovers may head to Mt. Tamborine, foodies explore the growing culinary culture or those needing relaxation just stroll down to the sand and salt of Surfers Paradise Beach.

### Day 4: Gold Coast – K'gari (Fraser Island) (B)

This morning visit Australia Zoo made famous by the Crocodile Hunter, the late Steve Irwin and his family. Enjoy a sneak peek into the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital and see how AAT Kings works with the Wildlife Warriors to support the koala rehabilitation project at the hospital, the country's largest and busiest wildlife facility. This afternoon the ferry will take you across to the World Heritage listed K'gari, also known as Fraser Island.

Hotel: Kingfisher Bay Resort, 2 nights

### Day 5: K'gari (Fraser Island) (B,L)

A day of discovery lies ahead as your 4WD tour takes you for a ride around the island's must-see sites. Visit Lake McKenzie, ringed with magnificent white sandy beaches. Walk through the ancient rainforest at Central Station and Wanggoolba Creek with its huge satiny, scribbly gum and kauri trees. Across the island to 75 Mile Beach, the sand highway will take you up the eastern coast to the Pinnacles Coloured Sands; cooling, calm waters of Eli Creek and the famous sinking Maheno Shipwreck.

### Day 6: K'gari (Fraser Island) – Rockhampton (B)

Visit Langmorn Station, a fully operational family run cattle station. Meet the Creed family and take a guided tour of the property including the original family homestead, built in 1873. Enjoy afternoon tea in the garden in the company of the pet kangaroo! Cross the Tropic of Capricorn as you arrive in Rockhampton, the beef capital of Australia. Your night is free so why not try some local beef at one of the town's steakhouses.

Hotel: Quality Hotel Regent, Rockhampton

### Day 7: Rockhampton – Hamilton Island (B,L)

Travel north to Sarina today for a guided tour of its unique miniature sugar mill and distillery. At Airlie Beach you'll catch the ferry to Hamilton Island, one of 74 tropical islands that make up the Whitsunday group in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef. The spectacular island boasts pristine beaches and a kaleidoscope of coral and marine life.

Hotel: Reef View Hotel, 2 nights

### Day 8: Hamilton Island Free Time (B)

Today is yours to indulge in your own pleasures – consider an optional experience. Perhaps cruise to famous Whitehaven Beach, take a scenic flight over the iconic Heart Reef or sit back with a good book by one of the resort's stunning pools.

### Day 9: Hamilton Island – Mission Beach (B,D)

Take the ferry back to the mainland this morning, from where you'll head north to the seaside town of Mission Beach. Nestled between World Heritage rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef, your accommodation offers superb views over the Coral Sea.

Hotel: Castaways Resort & Spa

### Day 10: Mission Beach – Cairns (B)

Today's journey takes you to the Atherton Tablelands, with its lush rainforests, spectacular waterfalls and peaceful lakes. Visit Millaa Millaa Falls and the heritage listed 500-year-old Curtain Fig Tree, and keep an eye out for the magnificent Ulysses butterfly. Spend some free time in Kuranda, the 'village in the rainforest', before travelling on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway. Your six-person gondola will provide spectacular views of the rainforest and the Coral Sea.

Hotel: Pacific Hotel Cairns, 2 nights

### Day 11: Great Barrier Reef (B,L,D)

Board a high-speed catamaran today and cruise out to the iconic Great Barrier Reef, the only living organism that can be seen from the moon. You'll have the opportunity to go snorkelling (equipment provided) or view the spectacular coral and tropical fish from the underwater observatory and glass bottom boat. Enjoy a tropical buffet lunch on board, before you return in the late afternoon for a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director and new-found friends.

### Day 12: Farewell from Cairns

Say farewell to your fellow travellers when your holiday comes to an end this morning after breakfast.



### 2020 - 21 Departure Dates

2020: 27 Jul, 21 Sept, 19 Oct, 16 Nov & 14 Dec

2021: 11 Jan, 08 Feb & 08 Mar

Per Person From   QSC*	Apr 20 – Mar 21
Twin share	\$4,796
Single room traveller	\$6,068

\*Flights are not incl