



Gold Coast, Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Northern New South Wales

LOCAL ACTIVITIES V.2



Aries Tours



Aries Tours offers a range of unique and interesting activity options for visitors, conference & meeting delegates, and accompanying spouses, partners and family members. We cover the Gold Coast, Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast & northern New South Wales, and can tailor make itineraries to suit your needs. So drop us a line and let us put together something truly unique.

Half Day Activities

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Departs morning or afternoon
approx 4 hours

Welcome to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, home to the world's largest collection of Australian native animals! With over 27 hectares of landscaped surroundings and bushland, which caters for over 1400 mammals, birds and reptiles, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary offers an untouched wildlife experience. Take in the sights of Australia first-hand by seeing native Australian animals in their natural confines. This Sanctuary is recognised worldwide as a quality research and conservation facility.



Golf

9 holes 4 hours, 18 holes 6 hours.

With more than 40 courses and weather suited for playing all year round, Gold Coast is also known as the Golf Cast. There are champion courses designed by Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Graham Marsh and Greg Norman, and we cater for all levels of players from beginners to experienced golfers. We book the course for you, and will pick you up at your accommodation and transfer you to the course in a luxury coach, and pick you up at the end of your game.



High Tea at Palazzo Versace

Approx 3 hrs from departure, times to suit

Enjoy high tea at the worlds first Palazzo Versace Hotel. Soak in the elegant surroundings as you enjoy the pure luxury of "High Tea". Spend some time shopping at the waterfront Marina Mirage shopping centre where designer boutiques stock the world's top fashion labels. For that added opulence we can organise a luxury cruiser for a half hour Gold Coast canal cruise before your high tea. Relax in the luxury that is not just for the rich and famous!



Gold Coast Half Day Sight Seeing

Departs morning or afternoon
approx 4 hours.

Depart Surfers Paradise accommodation to Main Beach and the Spit one of the Gold Coasts best surfing points, to Broadbeach, Mermaid Beach past multi-million dollar homes, Currumbin and Point Danger with a stop for morning tea at Burleigh heads, home of the Quick Silver Pro surfing tournament. Visit a Prize Home where you can see how the rich on the Gold Coast live and purchase a ticket to win the luxury home. Before returning to your accommodation there is free time in Surfers Paradise. We suggest you visit the observation deck of 'Q1' the world's tallest residential tower, or ride the Aqua Duck, the amphibious vehicle for a trip around the streets and canals of the city.



Harbour Town Outlet Shopping

Departs morning or afternoon
approx 4 hours.

Take time out for some well deserved shopping at Gold Coast's unique outlet shopping centre 'Harbour Town', where quality brands sell direct for up to 60% less every day. The shopping adventure begins in the Tourism Lounge where you can enjoy complimentary refreshments in air-conditioned comfort. Each person receives a Tourism Club Card that entitles the holder to discounts, gifts and other value-add incentives throughout the centre at participating retail stores and restaurants. Shop till you drop then transfer yourself and your goodies back to your accommodation in your comfortable luxury coach.



Fosters Brewery Tour & Carlton Brewhouse

Departs morning or afternoon
approx 4-5 hours

Discover how your favourite Fosters brand beer is brewed, bottled, canned or kegged. You will see first hand the state of the art brewing technology in action as the guided tour take in the full brewing process: from raw ingredients to brewing, bottling and then our amazing distribution centre. The friendly staff will test your brewing knowledge as you get behind the bar and pour, then sample the beers and enjoy a delicious lunch in the Brewhouse Bar and Beer Garden. Includes one hour of sampling of the different beers, or a red or white for the wine drinkers.

Mt Tamborine Half Day Tour

(art, crafts, antique shops & pottery)
Approx 4 hrs from departure, times to suit

Set in a tranquil mountaintop rainforest environment, Mt Tamborine is an eclectic mix of National Parks, boutique wineries, bed & breakfast's, antique shops and art and craft galleries. This quaint township is nestled in the hinterland only 25 minutes from Surfers Paradise and offers a diverse range of activities from bushwalking in a subtropical rainforest alive with birdcalls, to shopping, wine tasting or relaxing over great food at one of the many local wineries. You will enjoy a little of each of these on this tour. Visit Fudge Heaven and try over 40 varieties of mouth watering FUDGE made daily on the premises with real cream and butter.



Theme Park Admission & Transfers

Departure and return to suit

Choose from Dreamworld, Seaworld or Movieworld for a day of action and adventure. We will transport you there and back in a luxury vehicle and provide admission to the theme park of your choice. Spend a day at leisure in the park. If you like polar bears and dolphins as well as action rides then Seaworld is for you. If you want the ultimate in thrill rides and the new White Water World then you'll love Dreamworld, and for daily shows and great rides, choose Movieworld where Hollywood comes alive on the Gold Coast.



Full Day Activities

Tall Ship Cruise & Island Adventure

Depart 8:30am ~ returns 4:30pm

Cruise the calm waters of the Gold Coast broadwater to South Stradbroke Island National Park on an old world sailing ship. Along the way you can partake in optional water sports such as parasailing, speedboat rides and seaplane rides. At the private 9 hectare MacLarens' Landing Island Homestead, you will be treated to a sumptuous Tropical Island BBQ lunch. After lunch enjoy free time for optional water activities or discover the local wildlife on an island bushwalk. On the leisurely return cruise back to Surfers Paradise you will feed the sea eagles from the deck of the tallship and enjoy afternoon tea.



Whale Watching

Departs 08:15am ~ returns 12:00 noon
(between June ~ November)

Join the only Whale Watching cruise that departs from Marina Mirage in Surfers Paradise! On this two and a half hour cruise you will have the chance to see the humpback whales frolicking in the warm waters of the Pacific Ocean. The luxury catamaran type fast cat allows 360 degree viewing and the twin hulls ensure a stable ride. Join us and see these playful and energetic giants of the sea, as they breach from the water only meters from the boat and slap their tails on the oceans surface in a friendly greeting.



Winery Visit, Wine Tasting & Picnic Lunch

4 hours from departure

Travel in luxury coach to Canungra Valley Vineyard, Canungra Valley Vineyards is nestled in the peaceful Canungra Valley in the Gold Coast Hinterland. Eight of the fifteen acres of land belonging to the Vineyard are 'under vine', consisting of 4,000 vines of primarily Chambourcin and Semillon grape. Here you will enjoy wine tasting and may purchase from a selection of local wines. Behind the homestead runs the peaceful Canungra Creek, the perfect place to relax and enjoy your gourmet picnic baskets and a bottle of wine for lunch. After lunch try your luck at spotting the resident family of platypus in the creek, before travelling back to your accommodation.



Byron Bay Day Tour

Depart 07:30am ~ returns 4pm

Experience a drive past cane fields and some of Australia's most spectacular National Parks and coastal regions from the Gold Coast and down into Northern New South Wales. In the morning we will visit Tropical Fruit World for a tour of their extensive fruit plantation. Try fruit straight from the trees and shop for natural products in their 'tropicology' shop. After this you will travel to Byron Bay, the most easterly point in Australia which is an art and craft Mecca that is home to local artists and hippies even today. You will enjoy lunch at the Hog's Breath Cafe before venturing up to the landmark lighthouse. Byron Bay lighthouse is situated at Australia's most easterly point, and on most days you will be able to watch groups of dolphins and the occasional giant sea turtle frolicking in the waters at below the cliffs.

O'Reilly's Lamington National Park

Departs 10am ~ returns 4pm

O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat is nestled in subtropical rainforest surrounded by World Heritage listed Lamington National Park. Travel via Canungra Valley Vineyard where you will experience wine tasting and a leisurely picnic basket lunch in the picturesque grounds. On arrival at O'Reilly's, feed the Crimson Lorikeets and King Parrots and experience the Tree Top Walk. The first of its kind in Australia, the tree top walk is 180 metres in length and is made up of 9 suspension bridges. With much of the walkway being 15 metres above the ground it allows visitors to walk through the rainforest canopy to see the plants, birds and animals that make their homes in the tree tops. On the way back to Surfers Paradise, we drop in to a local Alpaca farm and meet these gorgeous creatures face to face.



Mt Tamborine, Wineries, Gallery Walk, & Harbour Town Outlet Shopping Centre

Depart 9am ~ returns 4pm

In the morning you will enjoy shopping on 'Gallery Walk' Mt Tamborine, aptly named for its antique shops and art and craft galleries. This is followed wine tasting and lunch at a local winery with spectacular views of the Surfers Paradise skyline. After lunch you will visit Gold Coast's unique outlet shopping centre 'Harbour Town', where quality brands sell direct for up to 60% less every day. Participants receive a Tourism Club Card that entitles the holder to discounts, gifts and other value-add incentives throughout the centre. Shop till you drop before returning to your accommodation by luxury coach.

Adrenalin

Jet Boating

Approximately 2 hours from departure times to suit

Enjoy the thrills and excitement of an adrenaline pumping Jet Boat ride mixed with the incredible beauty and superb weather of the Gold Coast. Feel the adrenalin pumping action of 440hp blasting you across the water at up to 80km per hour. With high speed spins, turns, twists and slides! Embrace the speed and sensation that only the turbo charged jet boats can provide as the turbo-powered jet boats perform 360° spins, shallow water beach buzzing and incredible 'nose-offs' around the sand bars and mangrove fringed channels in the beautiful Broadwater.



Subaru WRX

Approximately 4 hours from departure times to suit

Feel the thrill and exhilaration of specially prepared rally spec Subaru Impreza WRX STi's as a passenger in the navigator's hot seat, or take the challenge and drive the car yourself on the purpose built off-road gravel circuit. One-on-one tuition is provided in the cars with professional instructors, and using the awesome power, speed and manoeuvrability of the incredible cars, drivers can be drifting and sliding like a true professional. Time trials and group competitions are available for team building.



Helicopter Scenic Flight

Approximately 1~2 hours from departure, times to suit

Take to the skies of the Gold Coast and fly above the beautiful coast line along the famous golden beaches passing Currumbin Point, Burleigh Head's National Park and foreshore escarpment. Enjoy picturesque views north to Surfers Paradise and as far as Byron Bay in the south. Flights are available from 12 to 45 minutes and can take in Tweed Heads, Mt Warning, the rainforests of the World Heritage listed National Park of the Gold Coast hinterland. Helicopters are also available for charter and also for transfers to wineries and other local activities.

Shooting

Approximately 2 hours from departure times to suit

Experience the excitement of shooting targets with real revolvers, semi-automatics, rifles or shotguns. Become 'James Bond' or 'Dirty Harry' in a fully supervised air-conditioned shooting range where all safety equipment including hearing & eye protection is provided. Fully trained range officers ensure that are on hand to give shooting tips and guidance. Participants are encouraged to take away their targets at the end of the shoot.

Night Time

Glow Worm Night Tour – including dinner

Departs 5:30pm ~ returns 10:30 pm

Join the only Advanced Ecotourism Accredited Glow Worm Tour for an evening adventure in the World heritage listed Springbrook National Park, the home of Australia's famous glow worms. An experienced eco-guide will take you on this magical nature walk to show you the wonders of the Australian rainforest at night. Plus, you'll enjoy star gazing whilst being treated to supper in the forest! Participants will receive a World Heritage visitation certificate featuring the UNESCO designated World Heritage logo.



Australian Outback Spectacular

Departs 6~6:30pm ~ returns 10pm

Enjoy a unique and exciting evening dinner show filled with outback music, drama and action with this major Aussie production incorporating up to 40 Australian stock horses, and an exciting array of skilled Australian stockmen and women. The show is set in an enclosed arena featuring a one and a half hour extravaganza with spectacular audio and visual effects as well as a three-course Australian BBQ dinner. Beer, wine and soft drink are served throughout the show.



Conrad Jupiter's Dinner & Show Package

Departs 5:30pm ~ returns 10:30 pm

Enjoy dinner at one of Conrad Jupiter's restaurants, before experiencing a live Las Vegas style stage spectacular. There is free time to try your luck at the casino before boarding the return coach, or if you are on a winning streak, you can chose to stay at the casino and make your own way back to your hotel.



Holden Performance Driving Centre

Approximately 4~5 hours from departure times to suit

Strap yourself in and experience Hot Laps in a V8 SS Commodore. You can ride as a passenger, or for the ultimate ride of your life, put on the racing team suit, strap on a helmet and drive the car yourself. Facilities at the centre include a 2km training circuit, skid pan, a full fleet of training vehicles consisting of a variety of the latest Holden models and an off road four wheel drive training course. Subject to the race schedule you may also be able to get a behind the scenes look at the Sirromet Holden V8 Supercar Race Team workshop. Programs can be tailor made to suit your requirements and are available for groups from 10 to 150 participants.



Aussie Night Safari® – including dinner

Departs 5:30pm ~ returns 10:30 pm

Visit the night time world of Australia's rare and endangered nocturnal animals. After an interactive Aboriginal dance performance, a National Parks ranger will guide you through the park at night. Here you have the opportunity to get up close with Australia's unique nocturnal animals in their natural night-time environment. Enjoy time with the Aussie koalas, followed by supper and star gazing. A portion of your tour fee goes towards the preservation and conservation of these rare and beautiful Australian animals, so come along and help us save Australia's nature for future generations to enjoy! As an advanced eco-certified tour, you can be assured of our commitment to best practice environmental management and the provision of top quality ecotourism experiences.



Champagne Sunset Cruise

Departs between 5~5:30pm ~ return by 7:30pm

Watch the sunset to the west from the deck of a luxury motor yacht as you cruise the calm waters of the Gold Coast Broadwater. Departing Marina Mirage, the Gold Coast's luxury yacht harbour, cruise along the canals past multi-million dollar super homes, mega yachts, private helicopters, Seaworld, Palazzo Versace & Marina Mirage. Champagne, wine, beer, finger food will be served by your own personal wait staff & commentary is provided by your own personal skipper.

Should you have a special itinerary in mind, our in house conference & incentive specialists can be contacted directly:

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Aries Tours has extensive experience in providing affordable luxury transport for the meetings, incentives, conference, and events industries; as well as associations, hotels, social and sporting clubs.

Based on the Gold Coast, we specialise in coach and limousine charter, and local tours, and maintain a fleet of first class, immaculately presented late model vehicles including small, medium and large coaches.

Operating primarily within south-east Queensland and northern New South Wales, Gold Coast and Brisbane airport meet and greet services are our speciality.

Aries Tours is renowned for its quality and service. A special feature of the fleet is its uniform standards and appearance, providing all passengers with consistent presentation and quality.

For airport arrivals we provide meeting boards featuring logo's, and delegate or company names. We are available to liaise with PCO's and events managers, to ensure that all details of your ground arrangements are handled promptly and professionally.

Our state of the art reservations system and communication links ensures optimal transport efficiency and reliability; we operate 24 hrs a day 7 days a week.

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