SIGNATURE JOURNEY

Discover Corps

Unforgettable Vacations With Purpose

FAMILY TRAVEL ASSOCIATION MEMBER

AUSTRALIA: BEACHSIDE WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

Explore beautiful Australia and care for animals on this wildlife adventure

MOMENTS THAT MATTER:

- Lend a hand caring for kangaroos, koalas and other Australian wildlife
- Snorkel over the colorful Great Barrier Reef alongside a Master Reef Guide & assist with marine conservation tracking projects
- Explore the oldest rainforest on the planet by boat spotting crocs along the way
- Venture to the funky beach town of Byron Bay for a day on the coast
- Spot wildlife in the rainforest canopy on a skywalk

TRIP AT A GLANCE

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

Day 2 - Drive through the Gold Coast, visit the Q1 Skydeck and stroll through the rainforest 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 - Spend the morning at the conservation park and enjoy a beach day and sunset BBQ.

Day 5 - Final day at the conservation center before a free afternoon or guided walk along the Burleigh headland.

Day 6 - Travel south to Byron Bay for a day at the beach

Day 7 - Free morning & fly to tropical Cairns in the afternoon. Explore Cairns on your own for 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.

AUSTRALIA: BEACHSIDE WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

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.

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. 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 to 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

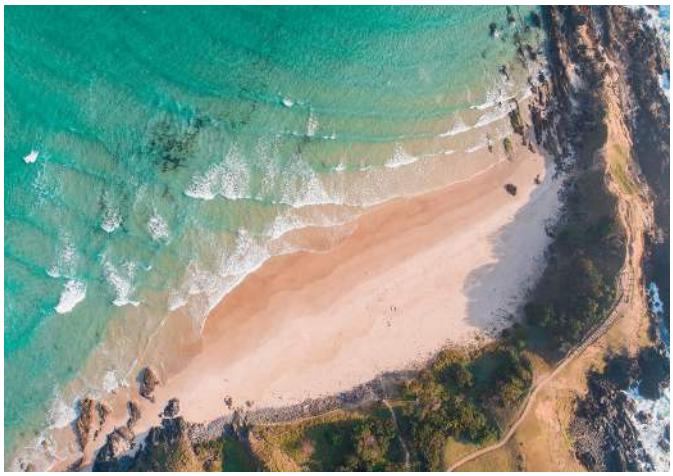
Boasting over 30 miles of beaches and nearly 300 sunny days per year, and surrounded by the continent's oldest rainforests, the Gold Coast is a true paradise. It is also home to an array of Australian wildlife and leading organizations aiming to protect and conserve these animals. The area is also a 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.



BEACH DAY AT BYRON BAY

Byron Bay is a coastal paradise perfect for a relaxing beach day, known for its stunning golden sands, crystal-clear waters, and laid-back, funky vibe. It's vibrant art scene makes it a favorite spot for visitors; the wildlife that call the bay home - whales, turtles, dolphins, rays - are also a treat! Swim, stroll to the famous lighthouse, enjoy the cute eateries and coffee shops or opt in to an adventure with surf lessons or sea kayaking. *(Note: Water activities are an additional cost and are weather dependent!)*

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 Surfer's Paradise & Skywalk Through the Rainforest

Drive through the heart of the Gold Coast, stopping along the way for panoramic views from the Q1 Tower. 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, stopping for lunch at a local coffee plantation. *(B,L)*

DAY 3: Meet the Residents at the Wildlife Conservation Center & Sugar Cane Farm

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 learning about Australia's diverse wildlife along the way. 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. We'll make a stop at a sugar cane farm and distillery: learn more about the craft and have the option to taste some locally-made spirits. *(B,L)*

DAY 4: Wildlife Conservation & Beach Time

We'll start the morning continuing to assist the park's rangers in gathering food, feeding animals and other tasks around the park.

The rest of the day is yours to explore! Take some down time, enjoy a beach day or take part in some optional activities in the area. We'll reconvene in the evening for a special Australian-style BBQ dinner. *(B,D)*

DAY 5: Final Day at Wildlife Park

Spend a final morning with the animals as the conservation park and say farewell to the staff we've come to know here. 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, take an optional walk along the Burleigh Headland with our guide or on your own, exploring town, trying out local eateries or resting at our oceanfront hotel. (B,L)

DAY 6: Byron Bay Day Trip

This morning we'll drive an hour south to one of Australia's funkiest towns: Byron Bay. Take a walk to the most easterly point of Australia's mainland, spot marine life along the walk including dolphins, rays, turtles and, when the season is right, migrating whales. Relax on the beach, swim, or stroll through town. If the weather cooperates, you'll have the option to book a surf lesson or kayak alongside the friendly dolphins that call the bay home *(optional at own cost)* while taking in a unique view of the Cape Byron Lighthouse.

Relax in the afternoon before our departure to Cairns the following day. *(B,D)*

DAY 7: Fly to Cairns in the Tropical North

Enjoy a final morning on the Gold Coast before our 2.5-hour flight to Cairns on 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 4-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 LODGING

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

We'll end the trip with three nights in Cairns. Our high-end oasis hotel puts us at the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, the bustling Cairns sea walk and the Daintree Rainforest.

Please note that the exact properties are subject to change.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION: SYDNEY

DAY 1: Sydney City Tour & Bondi Beach

Take a short flight from Cairns to Sydney, where we'll hit the ground running with a half-day guided tour of some of the city's most iconic sites. See Darling Harbor, the Sydney Opera House, the Botanic Gardens and Circular Quay. Wrap up the day in world-renowned Bondi Beach, where you can enjoy the sun and sand or head back into the city for free exploration. *(B)*

DAY 2: Venture to the Blue Mountains & Visit a Wildlife Refuge

Rise early and venture out of the city to the Blue Mountains on a full-day tour. This national park is accented with dramatic sandstone cliffs, lush eucalyptus forests, towering waterfalls and lush gorges. Pay a visit to the the Featherdale Wildlife Refuge before heading back to Sydney later in the afternoon for a free evening in the city. *(B)*

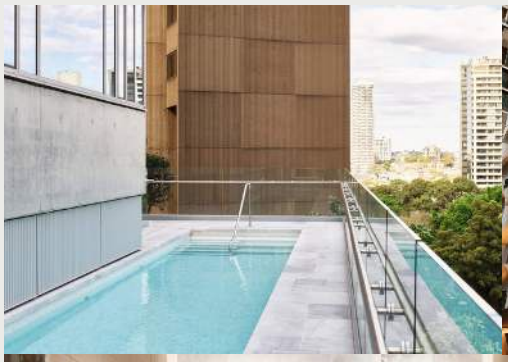
DAY 3: Free Time & Departure

Spend some free time in the city before your flight home. Shopping, cuisine and the arts are all at your fingertips! *(B)*

STANDARD LODGING

Our home-away-from-home is the 5-star Porter House Hotel in the heart of Sydney. A beautifully preserved 1876 heritage building, this property us seamlessly integrated into the city, offering stylish rooms with city views. The hotel is just steps from Hyde Park, Pitt Street Mall, the Australian Museum, and Capitol Theatre—making it ideal for exploring Sydney in your free time.

Please note that the exact properties are subject to change.



AUSTRALIA: BEACHSIDE WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

SIGNATURE JOURNEY

PRICING

ADULT: $5,995 **CHILD: $5,795**

OPTIONAL EXTENSION	ADULT: $1,995	CHILD: $1,895

The above prices reflect the price of double occupancy. Single Room Supplements (SRS) are $1,195 per person, and $295 per person for the extension This will guarantee you your own, single occupancy room for the entirety of the trip. If you are a solo traveler and would like us to match you with a roommate of the same gender, please book as double occupancy. Child prices apply to those 16 years younger sharing a room with an adult.

SEE WEBSITE FOR CURRENT LIST OF DEPARTURE DATES

RECOMMENDED FOR

- Adults & children ages 8+
- Travelers who are comfortable with MODERATE physical activity

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 4 dinners
- 6 nights lodging in a 4-star beachfront apartment-style hotel on the Gold Coast
- 3 nights lodging at a 4-star hotel in Cairns
- Transportation in private vehicles
- Discover Corps Guide 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

- Tips for the Discover Corps Guide and Driver
- Australia visa
- One-way domestic flight to Cairns ($250 mandatory supplement) / $200 flight supplement for extension
- International airfare
- Alcoholic beverages
- Optional Byron Bay adventure activities: surf lesson or sea kayaking (approx. AU$89, pricing subject to change). Your guide will book these activities as desired during your trip and are weather dependent.

RESERVE YOUR TRIP TODAY

Trips are limited to 16 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

CUSTOM / PRIVATE 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.

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.

PAYMENT PLANS

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:

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

Our Mission

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

Certified B Corporation

OUR DESTINATIONS

- ALASKA
- AUSTRALIA
- BALI
- BAJA
- BHUTAN
- CHILE
- COSTA RICA
- CUBA
- EGYPT
- GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS
- GREECE
- GUATEMALA
- JAMAICA
- JAPAN
- KENYA
- MOROCCO
- OAXACA
- PERU
- SOUTH AFRICA
- TANZANIA
- THAILAND
- UGANDA
- VIETNAM

FAMILY FRIENDLY ~ SMALL GROUPS ~ POSITIVE LOCAL IMPACT ~ DISTINCTIVE LODGING ~ HANDPICKED GUIDES

Discover Corps
Unforgettable Vacations With Purpose

Visit discovercorps.com/register to place a $395 deposit to hold your space, or reach out to us at the contact information below with questions.

info@discovercorps.com @discovercorps 619.758.3030