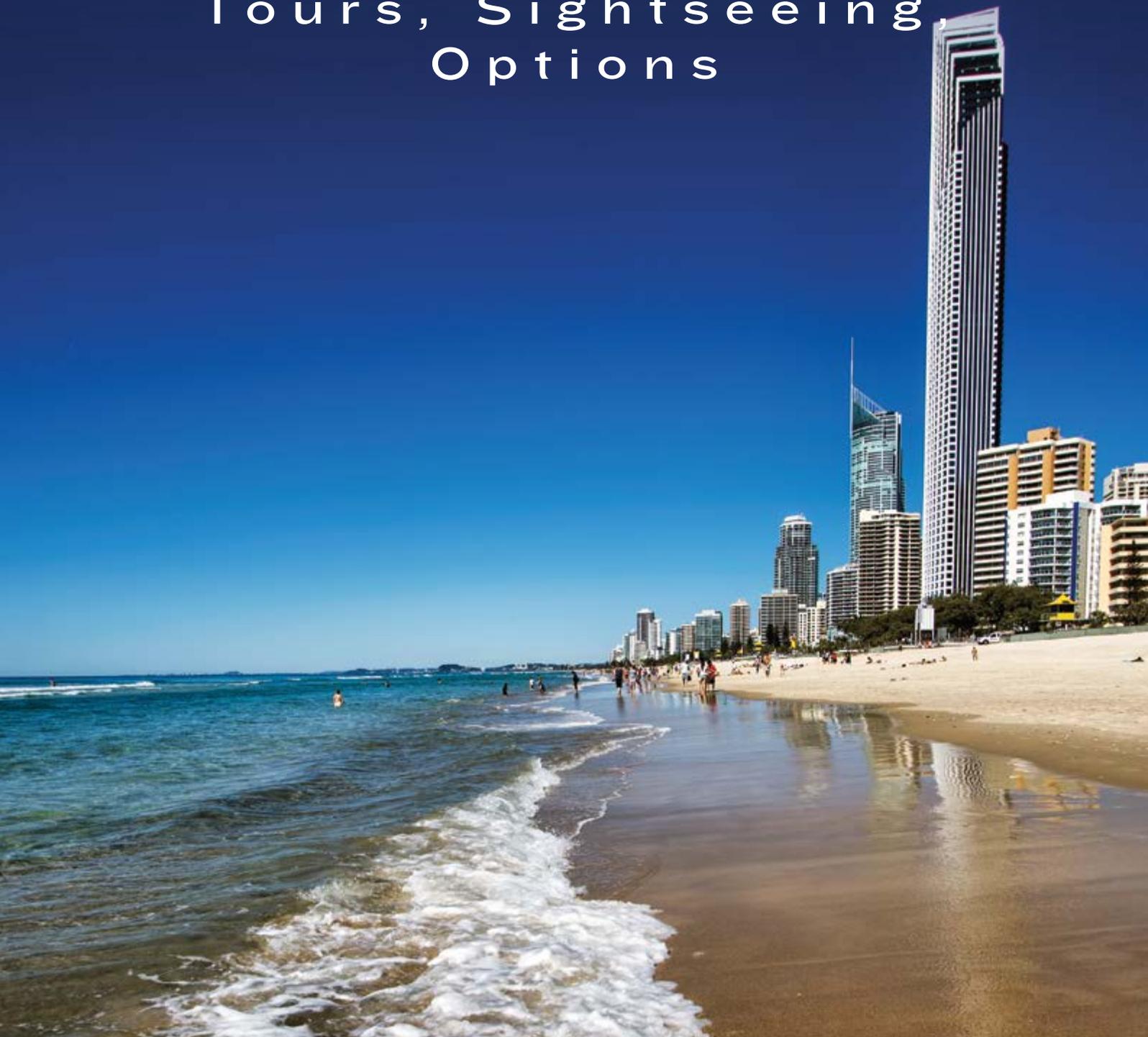


Australia's Gold Coast

4TH FORENSIC ACCOUNTING TEACHING AND RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM
13-14 OCTOBER 2016

Social Activities,
Tours, Sightseeing,
Options





Australia's Gold Coast

Learn more about our amazing city



SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND & THE GOLD COAST

Built to welcome visitors, Australia's Gold Coast is as much a place to bring work as it is to come to play. Each year over 11 million visitors flock to the city, eager to soak up the sun, feel the sand between their toes and take part in the near-limitless attractions and experiences on offer.

Renowned for its great lifestyle, friendly attitude and glorious weather, the Gold Coast is backed by a robust economy, knowledge-based industries, research and development facilities and creative outlets, drawing a considerable pool of world-class talent. The region is an academic hub of 7 major universities, 3 medical schools and world-renowned research facilities with an enviable record of strong collaboration on every level including major congresses and scientific meetings.

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WHY AUSTRALIA'S GOLD COAST

The Gold Coast:

- Is the fastest growing city in Australia
- Has more canals than Venice and Amsterdam combined
- Is the most biologically diverse environment in Australia
- Is home to the Gondwana Rainforest, including the world's largest subtropical rainforest
- Is the site of the highest residential building in the southern hemisphere
- Is the only place in the world where the light rail trams have surfboard racks
- The largest number of migrating whales viewed from shore in the world
- Will host the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games





CURRENCY & MONEY

- Travellers' cheques can be cashed at banks and major hotels
- ATMs are widely available 24 hours a day
- Major credit cards accepted at shops, hotels and restaurants. Common credit cards include American Express, Bankcard, MasterCard and Visa
- Bank hours: 9am to 4pm (Monday to Thursday), 9.30am to 5pm (Friday)
- Bureau de Change offer more flexible hours

Currency exchange facilities are located at airports, hotels and key tourist centres. Australia has a Federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) on all goods and services. Prices are quoted including the GST. Travellers may be eligible for a GST refund on departure through Customs. www.customs.gov.au

PASSPORTS & VISAS

All delegates will require a visa and valid passport to enter Australia for conferences. All visas must be obtained prior to arrival in Australia. The only exceptions are Australian and New Zealand citizens travelling on passports issued by these countries – these delegates do not require visas. Australia has a non-discriminatory visa policy and most delegates will be able to take advantage of the very quick and efficient Australian Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) system. The ETA system enables delegates to apply for visas electronically for a fee of AUD \$20 and their applications are processed instantly. The ETA system is available to citizens of many countries and more countries are being regularly added to the system. A list of countries and details on eligibility to use the system is available at www.eta.immi.gov.au

For delegates with passports issued by countries not yet approved for the ETA system, visa applications are handled by the international network of Australian Embassies and Consulates www.immi.gov.au.

To assist with the processing of visa applications, the Department of Immigration operates the International Event Coordinator Network (IECN).

Under the IECN system, professional conference management companies in Australia assist the department with processing visa applications for their delegates. The system is of particular assistance to delegates who are citizens of countries that are not yet eligible for the ETA system.

ELECTRICAL PLUG & VOLTAGE

The domestic mains power supply in Australia is 240V AC, 50Hz. Standard 3-pin earthed power outlets are rated at 10Amps and are usually switched. The 3-flat-pin plug is used in all States of Australia (including its external territories),





*Enjoy the Gold Coast...
Social Activities*



FAMOUS FOR FUN

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- **Amp up the Adrenaline** by as you get behind the wheel of a V8 Supercar, travel up to 80km p/hr in a jet boat, sail the high seas on a yacht, ride the waves like a pro surfer, or climb the Q1 tower.
- **Get back to nature** as you watch whales migrate through the Pacific Ocean from your balcony, feed kangaroos and cuddle koalas, or trek through 100,000 hectares of National Parks and World Heritage reserves, and miles of enchanting bush walking trails.
- **From beach burger shacks to five star waterfront restaurants**, the Gold Coast is a melting pot of diversity and flavours. Soak up that holiday feeling by sampling the extraordinary fresh seafood and a myriad of dining options from around the globe over a long lunch or enjoy an indulgent waterfront dinner as you breathe in the sea air and look out to the city lights.
- **Try a Family Friendly Activity** or visit one of our theme parks (Gold Coast boasts more theme parks than any other city in the Southern Hemisphere).

SOCIAL AND PARTNER ACTIVITIES



ABORIGINAL CULTURE

Connect with our indigenous past that has an intrinsic influence on the city's fabric and is evident in the many festivals and events that celebrate the culture of this country's origins. Perhaps visit:

- Corrigan Walk Art Tour at Bond University – Australia's largest private collection of modern Indigenous art on public display
- Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre:

www.jellurgal.com.au www.jellurgal.com.au/



WHALE WATCHING

Whale Watching (May through November) on the Gold Coast is an experience like no other, providing onlookers the chance to get up close and personal with the largest living mammals on Earth. You are given the rare opportunity to spot Humpback Whales, whale calves, dolphins, Killer Whales and 'Migaloo' the famous white Humpback, all in their natural habitat.

www.seaworldwhalewatch.com.au/



EXPLORE OUR HINTERLAND RAINFOREST

For example, try the Rainforest Skywalk. This Eco-Adventure offers guests a unique and thrilling way to explore the rainforest canopies. The walk totals 1.5 kms and is a combination of forest floor trails, 300 metres of high-tech steel bridges through the highest points of the upper canopy, and a 40 metre cantilever bridge that soars 30 metres above the creek and rainforest below.

www.rainforestskywalk.com.au



SKYPOINT CLIMB

SkyPoint Climb takes place on the top of the Q1 building in Surfers Paradise and at 270 metres in the air, it is one of Australia's highest external building walks.

<http://www.skypoint.com.au/SkyPoint-Climb/>



LEARN TO SURF

Home to many of the World's best surfers, the Gold Coast is the place to try surfing or perhaps stand-up paddling. There are several excellent schools who will provide safe and fun instruction.

<http://bradholmessurfcoaching.com/>
<http://getwetsurf.com/>

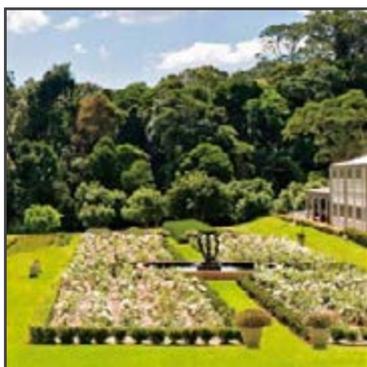
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CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Nestled within 65 acres of lush eucalypt and pristine coastal rainforest, discover the pure serenity of nature and encounter more than 1000 animals including Koalas, Kangaroos, reptiles and magnificent birds of prey.

www.cws.org.au



JASMIN ORGANICS FARM

Nestled deep in the heart of Mount Tamborine, Jasmin Organics established a home to bring their vision to life: to create the world's purest and highest-quality certified organic skincare range. We welcome visitors and guests to stroll through the gardens and fruit orchards, take in the aromas and experience the surrounding bushland. A highlight is sampling the perfumes.

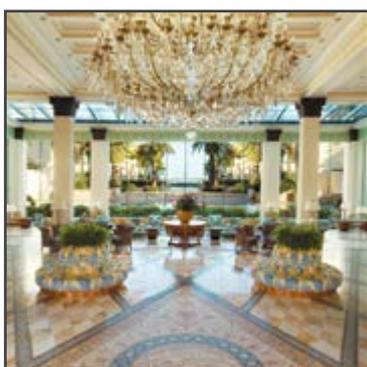
www.jasminorganics.com



CANUNGRA VALLEY VINEYARDS

Located in a picturesque valley in the Gold Coast Hinterland, the Canungra Valley Winery cellar door tastings showcase all of their wines, including the premium 'Generations range'. In the tastings you will be able to taste wine and learn why certain foods go with certain wines.

<http://www.oreillys.com.au/canungra-valley-vineyards/>



PALAZZO VERSACE SIGNATURE HIGH TEA

Enjoy a seductive Italian High Tea, selections of divine pasticceria and Featuring elegant finger sandwiches, savouries and a decadent selection of desserts, superbly matched with a choice of freshly brewed Coffee or selected teas served on elegant Versace China.

www.palazzoversace.com.au



LADY ELLIOT ISLAND

Take a day trip by air to Lady Elliot Island, a coral cay located at the southern tip of Australia's World Heritage Listed Great Barrier Reef, 80 kilometres north-east of Bundaberg (north of Fraser Island). Enjoy a glass bottom boat/guided snorkel tour, snorkel safari, a guided reef walk, snorkel with turtles, dive with manta rays, witness the magic of bird and turtle nesting and hatching season.

www.ladyelliot.com.au/

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PARADISE JET BOATING

Paradise Jet Boating rides are famous for their unique combination of Jet Boat Thrills & Excitement. Experience full 360° spins, high speed drifting, incredible beach buzzing and other exciting manoeuvres in as little as 10cms of water...while exploring the Gold Coast's unique waterways.

www.paradisejetboating.com.au



PACIFIC FAIR SHOPPING CENTRE

Pacific Fair's vibrant location is unique. On the Gold Coast Highway in Broadbeach, surrounded by sun, sand and sea, the Centre is undergoing a AUD670 Million redevelopment creating a world class shopping, entertainment and lifestyle precinct due for completion in mid-2016.

<http://www.pacificfair.com.au/>



AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK SPECTACULAR

Discover the Outback Spirit with Australian Outback Spectacular, an evening dinner show presented by R.M. Williams, filled with outback music, drama and action! The atmosphere is electric as every twist and turn of the show features a cast of larger than life characters, magnificent horses, stampeding cattle, camels and an array of rough and ready bush vehicles.

<http://outbackspectacular.com.au/>



GOLD COAST ISLAND ADVENTURES

Head out on the Broadwater for some of the best Gold Coast whale watching during the season, or visit McLaren's Landing on an island adventure that you'll never forget. With half day, full day and night cruising options to one of the world's most desirable destinations on beautiful South Stradbroke Island - Gold Coast Adventures offers an unforgettable getaway.

<http://goldcoastadventures.com.au/>



TANGALOOMA ISLAND RESORT

Tangalooma Island Resort offers a whole range of land and water activities, a wide choice of accommodation options, three superb conference centres and very good restaurant & bar facilities. Home to the famous wild dolphins of Moreton Bay, Tangalooma Island Resort is committed to the protection of both the marine and land environments of Moreton Bay and Islands.

<http://www.tangalooma.com/>

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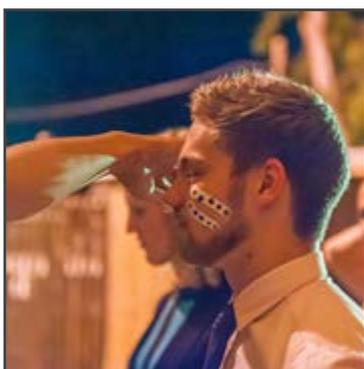


PARADISE COUNTRY

Paradise Country is a great destination for families to experience an authentic Aussie Farm that reflects the traditional Australian Bush Culture on the Gold Coast.

Adult group ticket price (minimum 20 people required) \$19.00pp

Child group ticket price (minimum 20 people required) \$13.00pp



DREAMWORLD CORROBOREE

An Australian theme park first, Dreamworld Corroboree is an interactive walk-through experience celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, wildlife and stories.

www.dreamworld.com.au/Corroboree/



DREAMWORLD

Regarded as Australia's favourite family theme park, Dreamworld spans 30 hectares and is filled with a variety of rides, shows and attractions.

Adult Group ticket price (20 people min) \$49

Child Group ticket price (20 people min) \$32

Normal Rates from: \$89.99

www.dreamworld.com.au



SEA WORLD

Sea World is the premier marine animal park in Australia offering amazing attractions and rides for all ages.

Group ticket price (minimum 20 people required) \$43.00pp

Normal adult rate \$89.99pp

Normal child rate \$59.99pp



WARNER BROS MOVIE WORLD

Become lost in a world of fantasy and fun at Warner Bros. Movie World. Meet your favourite stars and super-heroes and experience the exhilaration of world-class adventure rides and movie attractions.

Group ticket price (minimum 20 people required) \$42.00pp

Normal adult rate \$89.99pp

Normal child rate \$69.99pp

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Pre and Post Touring

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If time is of essence, enjoy fresh mouth watering snacks and the finest coffee from a multitude of eclectic cafes and eateries distributed right from the city hub and throughout our urban beach villages.



AMP UP THE ADRENALINE

Get your heart racing and pulse pumping as the Gold Coast makes you feel alive with an abundance of adrenaline based activities. Get behind the wheel of a V8 Supercar, feel the wind in your hair as you travel up to 80km plus in a jet boat, explore treetop canopies as you balance on a high rope, sail the high seas on a yacht, and ride the waves like a pro surfer.



FAMILY FAVOURITES

Families from all over the world fall in love with the Gold Coast and it's easy to understand why. Days spent (sometimes upside down) on rollercoasters, waterslides, getting up and close and personal with dolphins and tigers. The warm climate invites families to 'live' outside. Cycling along the foreshore of the beautiful beaches, kayaking together in the crystal blue waters and seeing who can 'get up first' as you experience the surfing culture.

At night continue the fun with family bowling, explore night time markets and watch street entertainers whilst eating at family friendly restaurants. Don't forget to finish with an ice cream on the beach.



DISCOVER GOLD COAST CULTURE

A thriving culture can be found in places unusual to a city, here on the Gold Coast. Sculpture Walkways adorn our Coastal streets and the annual Currumbin Sculpture Festival, Swell, attracts 50 renowned outdoor sculpture artists every year.

A diverse music scene is celebrated on the Gold Coast with Opera and Jazz in the vineyards, the annual Blues on Broadbeach, Sun, Surf and Symphony on Surfers Paradise Beach and Opera on the Beach at Coolangatta.

Our multicultural offerings in cuisine provide fresh flavours and journeys into global cultures that have made their way home on the Gold Coast.

On a daily basis immerse yourself in the arts at one of the Gold Coast's well-known galleries, explore our thriving 'market' culture on our beach side streets and check out local and international performances taking place at the local Arts Centre or Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The Gold Coast is dotted with artesian cafes and fresh juice bars accompanying the perfect blend of coastal and urban life.



GET BACK TO NATURE

Nature is alive everywhere you turn on the Gold Coast. Watch whales migrate through the Pacific Ocean from your balcony, feed kangaroos and cuddle koalas at Currumbin Wild Life Sanctuary and feel the thunder of brumbies at the Outback Spectacular. Just half an hour away from the Gold Coast beaches journey through a patchwork of rural plantations, vineyards, farmland and livestock estates on the way to the Gold Coast's Hinterland with more than 100,000 hectares of National Parks and reserves, and miles of enchanting bushwalking trails.

Speckled with wineries, local food producers and health retreats there is so much to do to feel 'at one' with nature. Bush walk, swim in natural rock pools, enjoy bird watching, experience 4WD day tours and enjoy picnic spots with the most spectacular views back to the ocean.

Natural Arch, a spectacular waterfall that cascades through the roof of a cave into an icy pool is a highlight of the hinterland. The cave is home to Australia's largest glowworm colony.

Lady Elliot Island, the southernmost coral cay of the Great Barrier Reef, Australia can be reached in a day trip from the Gold Coast. The Island lies 46 nautical miles north-east of Bundaberg and covers an area of approximately 45 hectares. Lady Elliot is one of the most pristine parts of The Great Barrier Reef.

PRE AND POST TOURING

The Gold Coast affords delegates the perfect opportunity to extend their trip and explore the diverse beauty that is Australia.



THE SUNSHINE COAST

Home of Australia Zoo (of Steve Irwin fame), the Sunshine Coast is just a two-hour drive north of the Gold Coast. As well as enjoying a world-class gourmet scene, this stunning natural region has earned recognition by the UNESCO as an official Biosphere Reserve. The Sunshine Coast is also home to the heritage listed, largest sand island in the world, Fraser Island



FRASER ISLAND

Also based on the Sunshine Coast, Fraser Island is the world's largest sand island. Famous for its dingoes, wildlife, native birds, rainforests, creeks, lakes, fishing and breath-taking scenery. The Island's World Heritage Listing protects a place of extraordinary beauty including white sand beaches, over 100 freshwater lakes, rainforest and striking coloured sand cliffs.



THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Australia's Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef and one of the seven wonders of the natural world. From Cairns up North down to Lady Elliott Island at the Southern most tip, the reef contains an abundance of marine life and comprises of over 3000 individual reef systems and coral cays and literally hundreds of picturesque tropical islands with some of the worlds most beautiful sun-soaked, golden beaches.



Delegates to the Great Barrier Reef can enjoy many experiences including snorkeling, scuba diving, aircraft or helicopter tours, bare boats (self-sail), glass-bottomed boat viewing, semi-submersibles and educational trips, cruise ship tours, whale watching and swimming with dolphins.

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THE OUTBACK

Australia's outback is the cultural and spiritual home of our stunning country. From the amazing Kakadu National Park to the Red Centre's Uluru (Ayers Rock) you'll experience some of our most recognised natural wonders.



SYDNEY

The Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge, Bondi Beach or the World Heritage Blue Mountains, Sydney is simply spectacular and home to some of Australia's most talked about icons.



BYRON BAY

Cosmopolitan, alternative and charming, the culture and offbeat lifestyle offered by Byron Bay is a favourite with locals. From crystal clear Pacific Ocean beaches to sub-tropical hinterland there is a tonne to explore in this coastal paradise that is only a one-hour drive south of the Gold Coast.

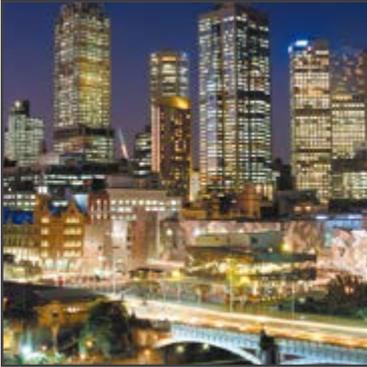


PERTH

From the laidback vibe of seaside Fremantle to the stunning natural (and gourmet) wonders of Margaret River wine country, you will be spoilt for choice in Western Australia's capital.

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MELBOURNE

Melbourne boasts great events, a passion for food and wine and a fabulous art scene. Home to a non-stop program of festivals, dining, major art exhibitions and musical extravaganzas, Melbourne has been named the world's 'most liveable city'.



TASMANIA

Tasmania is Australia's only island state - a heart-shaped island of lush green valleys, uncrowded towns and villages and spectacular undeveloped coastlines. Engage with wildlife, cruise majestic rivers, climb Cradle Mountain and at night indulge over red wine and the delicious cuisine that Tasmania is renowned for.



ADELAIDE

Referred to as the wine and festival capital of Australia, beautiful Adelaide is surrounded by parklands and historic buildings and is home to award-winning wineries and restaurants.

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— BUSINESS EVENTS —

NOTHING LIKE YOU EXPECT
EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR

Book specials on the Gold Coast
Tourism App to receive a
5% discount
Your special coupon code GCONV



For more information
<http://www.visitgoldcoast.com/>