

Surf, Sun & Sand Plus

DAY 1 Sydney to Central Coast

We commence proceedings in Sydney, heading northwards. We'll make a quick stopover in Kempsey (birthplace of the "Akubra" hat), before arriving at the stunning beaches of the Central Coast. Take in the sparkling Pacific Ocean with a surfing lesson, or just kick back and enjoy the natural scenery. (D)

DAY 2 Central Coast to Byron Bay

We hit the beach early for another surf lesson, before heading up the coast. We'll check out Coffs Harbour, the Banana Capital of Australia, before reaching Byron Bay, the easternmost point on the mainland. World renowned for its shimmering beaches and eclectic lifestyle, it's a fashionable resort destination. (B)

DAY 3 Byron Bay

A full day in Bryon leaves you with a veritable cavalcade of options: try out diving, sea kayaking or even fishing, perhaps? Maybe you'd prefer to experience the arts and crafts of the local area, or take a walk to Cape Byron. Then again, the beach could be calling your name... (B)

DAY 4 Byron Bay to Gold Coast

We start the day with a gourmet brunch – "Topdeck Style", before we make the short trip to the Gold Coast, one of Australia's most popular destinations. On the way we stop at the "Natural Arch", a spectacular waterfall and an extraordinarily beautiful site. Then get a taste of the best nightlife this side of the equator, as we hit the Gold Coast. (B, D)

DAY 5 Gold Coast

We've got a free day – give the credit card a workout at the endless shopping centres, thrill your inner adrenalin junkie with a visit to the theme parks, or make some new friends with a visit to Australia Zoo. Whatever you choose, you're bound to enjoy a slice of true Australian hospitality. (B)

DAY 6 Gold Coast

One more day to experience all that the Gold Coast has to offer. Perhaps go skydiving, visit the lush hinterland of Tambourine Mountain, maybe enjoy the shopping at Pacific Fair? It's here that we wave our goodbyes, and go our separate ways. (B)