



Couran Cove Island Resort

Resort Environmental Activity List

ON FOOT BY DAY

Give Me a Home Among The Gum Trees – Koala Haven

Activity Description: Join the knowledgeable staff at Koala Haven for the ultimate experience with Australia's most famous marsupial. Your visit to Koala Haven will involve a relaxed interaction with one of our resident koalas at leisure, this being key to our very successful presentation program. Photo opportunities are abound throughout the presentation, as our Koala is placed onto a particular branch with a beautiful backdrop of natural lighting and native plants. Our Keepers will help you to get the perfect photo of you snuggled up close to one of our special Koalas. The presentation is not only a chance for you to get up close and personal with our Koalas, but is also a time for our Keepers to educate you about the plight of the wild koala, and to enlighten you of the amazing physical characteristics shared by all koalas.

Duration: 45 minutes to 1 hour
Location: We meet at the Environmental Centre, and take a short walk to the Koala Haven.
Numbers: Minimum 1 guest Maximum 15 guests
Pricing: \$22 per adult
\$12 Child (4-14yrs)
\$60 Family (2 Ad 3 Ch)

Bird Walk

Activity Description: South Stradbroke Island is home to over 200 bird species; during the bird walk, the environment guide introduces guests to this enjoyable field of study, providing binoculars and a guidebook to help find those birds. This walk covers a range of habitats providing the opportunity to encounter an amazing diversity of bird life, from birds of prey to migratory waders all the way from Alaska and Siberia.

Duration: 1 hour
Location: Start and finish at the Environment Centre
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 1 guest - Maximum 15 guests
Pricing: Per person charge: \$8.80



Foods of the Forest Walk

Activity Description: The local aboriginal tribes that inhabited South Stradbroke Island and adjacent coastal areas lived a rich life from the land. They utilised many of the plants and animals of the island, which provided a valuable source of food, medicine and the raw materials required for making tools, fire and shelter. The aim of this walk is to introduce people to some of the flora and fauna that played an important role in the survival and rich lifestyle of the local aboriginal tribes. The ways in which the early Europeans utilised a number of the local bush foods also makes for some interesting stories. Tasting of available bush foods is incorporated into the tour but varies seasonally.

Duration: 1 hour
Location: Start and finish at the Environment Centre
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 1 guest - Maximum 20 guests
Pricing: Per person charge: \$8.80

Rainforest Walk

Activity Description: Couran Cove Island Resort possesses part of the largest remaining patch of cabbage palm rainforest on the Gold Coast. This area and the adjacent melaleuca wetland were subjected to farming pressures that occurred on South Stradbroke Island during the mid 1900's. However, since construction of the resort began in 1996, these areas have undergone extensive weeding and revegetation work. The elevated timber boardwalk is built from recycled Australian hardwoods sourced from various places including an old woolshed in western QLD. The rainforest walk itself focuses on the plants and animals of this special area, with the environment guide possessing knowledge to tailor the activity to all age and interest groups.

Duration: 1 hour
Location: Start and finish at the Environment Centre
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 1 guest - Maximum 20 guests
Pricing: Free for in-house guests or per person charge: \$8.80

Dreamtime Trail

Activity Description: The Dreamtime was a legendary time referred to in many of the stories told by Aboriginal people. The stories were used as part of a life long learning process encompassing the tribal laws, methods of finding food, navigation skills for traversing long distances on foot and other skills necessary to survive in the harsh environments of Australia. The site now occupied by Couran Cove Island Resort was a likely meeting place for the Kombumerri people. During this time the indigenous people left the marks of their occupation on the landscape. Your guide will retell some of the local Dreamtime stories and guide you through these significant sites that date back thousands of years.

Duration: 1 hour
Location: Start and finish at the Environment Centre
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 1 guest - Maximum 20 guests
Pricing: Free for in-house guests or per person charge: \$8.80



Practical Nature Photography

Activity Description: Have you ever wanted to capture amazing images of the wildlife around you? Well you don't need the latest camera; many digital cameras will surprise you with what they can do. Join on staff local nature photographer and naturalist who will help you find interesting subjects and assist you to get the most out of your camera.

Duration: 1 hour
Location: Start and finish at the Environment Centre
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 1 guest - Maximum 10 guests
Pricing: Free for in-house guests or per person charge: \$8.80

Environmental Initiatives Tour

Activity Description: Couran Cove Island Resort has won numerous awards for the environmental engineering and minimal impact design features that help to reduce our carbon footprint and protect the island's biodiversity. This tour visits several key sites and the guide explains the function and the benefits associated with this technology. Areas visited include the fresh water treatment plant, gas-fired power station, sewerage treatment plant, waste management area and the worm farm. During the tour a brief presentation will be made reflecting on the historical activities of the island that influenced the development of the resort.

Duration: 1.5 – 2 hours
Location: Start and finish at the Environment Centre
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 1 guest - Maximum 20 guests
Pricing: Per person charge: \$15.00

Eco Discovery Tour

Activity Description: The Eco Discovery Walk starts at the environment centre where the environment guide will briefly explain how Couran Cove Island Resort has established itself as a leader in sustainable development and eco tourism. You will discover how the site was developed to achieve these goals and how we have set new standards in many areas including waste management, water purification, and the generation of electricity. As you set off on foot your guide will show you areas of Aboriginal cultural significance that include a bora ring and midden which date back thousands of years. These areas give a clear indication of how long the local aboriginal people have been extracting food sources from the surrounding area, using a minimal impact approach. You will then visit the Cabbage Palm Rainforest, and Paperbark wetlands an important area for the local tribe that supplied them with various materials.

Duration: 1 hour
Location: Start and finish at the Environment Centre
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 2 guests - Maximum 20 guests
Pricing: Per person charge: \$8.80



Trip to the Top

Activity Description: Stradbroke Island split into two separate islands in 1898. The location of this break is the Jumpinpin Bar and it is one of the most scenic places on the island. This extended hike takes approximately 3.5 hours of walking through the middle of the island following the tracks to the very top. It incorporates a morning or afternoon break that consists of fresh fruit, muesli bars, and water. Upon reaching the top of the island, a speedboat will be booked and waiting for the ride home. This trip is only recommended for fit walkers, as the soft-sand roads and tracks can be tiring, especially in summer. The tour information content is typically a mix of history along with the existing flora and fauna, but there is no reason that groups cannot specify a certain theme if required.

Duration: 4 hours
Location: Start at the Environment Centre, with the boat drop off back at the resort marina and main arrival area (unless otherwise required).
Note: therefore it is best not to bring bikes to the Environment Centre.
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 2 guests - Maximum 20 guests
Pricing: Per person charge: \$70.00

Life Amongst the Broadwater

Activity Description: The Broadwater was once one of the most productive oyster farming areas in Australia. This vast protected waterway has unique and interesting flora and fauna, and a strong history of aboriginal occupation. The aim of this walk is to introduce the participants to the mangrove and seagrass environment and the amazing wildlife who call this place home. The sand and mudflats are home to resident aquatic birds, and in the summer, rare international migratory wader bird species are often seen. The local aboriginal tribes used some of the plants and animals for food and medicine, and ancient shell-middens dating back hundreds of years record this lifestyle. As guests discover the marvels of this island ecosystem, they may be fortunate enough to view some of the most elusive, even endangered wildlife species – dugong, turtles, and dolphins - found throughout the Moreton Bay region.

Duration: 1 hour
Location: Start and finish at the Watersports Hut
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 2 guests - Maximum 20 guests
Pricing: Per person charge: \$15.00adult, \$10.00child (4-12 yrs), \$50.00 per family

ON FOOT BY NIGHT

Nocturnal Walk

Activity Description: At Couran Cove guests will have the opportunity to see various nocturnal animals in their natural habitat. Species that may be seen include the rare Golden Swamp Wallaby, Agile Wallabies, Echidnas, Bandicoots, Squirrel Gliders, Flying Foxes, Micro bats, Frogs and many more.

Our experienced guides will attempt to locate these nocturnal creatures on the property, whilst passing on their knowledge and stories about these amazing animals.

Duration: 1 hour
Location: Start and finish at the Environment Centre.
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 1 guest - Maximum 20 guests
Pricing: Per person charge: \$11.00adult, \$5.50child (4-12 yrs), \$33.00 per family



Cane Toad Busting

Activity Description: South Stradbroke Island has been separated from mainland Australia for thousands of years. While this geographical isolation has helped to preserve a wide diversity of native fauna and limited the impacts from many feral species, some of the more resilient of introduced pests have in one way or another arrived on this island. The infamous Cane Toad is one such pest.

This activity introduces guests to the troubles and impact that this pest species has had in Australia. Armed with torches, photographs for Cane Toad identification, gloves for handling and bags for collection, guests embark on a Cane Toad Hunting adventure throughout the Couran Cove Island Resort property.

This activity promotes teamwork in a fun and educational environment, while providing guests with an opportunity to 'do their bit' for the environment.

Duration: 1 hour
Location: Start and finish at the Environment Centre
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 2 guests - Maximum 20 guests
Pricing: Per person charge: \$5.50 per person

Astronomy Tour

Activity Description: Depending on the season of viewing, many fantastic sights can be viewed during the Astronomy Tour. The tour starts at the Environment Centre and includes a half-hour Power Point presentation to introduce the field of Astronomy. Telescopes are set up at a suitable location, and guests have the opportunity to view the stunning features of the night sky.

The Gas Giants, Jupiter and Saturn can be seen for a number of months, with the telescopes picking up extraordinary detail such as their moons and rings. There is always something of interest for viewing including the Southern Cross and various celestial objects within the Milky Way such as clusters and nebulas. An important point to note is that this activity is completely reliant on clear sky. The tour will be cancelled on cloudy nights.

Duration: 1.5 hours
Location: Start and finish at the Environment Centre
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 1 guest - Maximum 15 guests
Pricing: Per person charge: \$15.00adult, \$10.00child (4-12 yrs), \$50.00 per family



KAYAK ADVENTURES

Breakfast with the Birds Kayak

Activity Description: A fantastic alternative to walking in the morning, this early kayak tour is based around bird watching on the Broadwater. Although high tides are preferential for access to certain areas, there are more wading birds and international migratory birds to be seen when the mud flats are exposed. The guide will point out various flora and fauna species of interest that are seen along the way. Included in the price is a breakfast on a secluded sandy beach, consisting of fruit juice, water, tea or coffee, muesli bars and fruit.

Duration: 2 hours
Location: Start and finish at the Water Sports Beach on the western foreshore
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 2 guests - Maximum 8 guests
Pricing: Per person charge: \$27.50adult, \$22.00child (4-12 yrs),

Other Important Information:

- All participants must be able to swim
- Tour is not open to children under 8 years old. Under 14 years must be accompanied by an adult.
- Guests will get wet during activity so wear appropriate clothing

Mangrove Kayak Adventure

Activity Description: The paddle to Crocodile Creek is a fantastic option for groups to escape the run of the resort and enjoy some water-sports while learning. Crocodile Creek is an inlet into the mangroves on the western side of the island, about 1km south of the resort marina entrance. This tour is both fun and educational, with the guide explaining marine ecosystems of the Broadwater and the flora and fauna of the protected mangrove areas. A basic morning or afternoon tea, which consists of fruit juice and muesli bars is included in the price.

Duration: 1.5 hours
Location: Start and finish at the Water Sports beach on the western foreshore
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 2 guests - Maximum 8 guests
Pricing: Per person charge: \$22.00adult,

Other Important Information:

- All participants must be able to swim
- Tour is not open to children under 8 years old. Under 14 years must be accompanied by an adult.
- Guests will get wet during activity so wear appropriate clothing
- Please note that the time of the activity will be dictated by high tide on that particular day, as this is the only way to access the creek across the sand banks.



PRESENTATIONS

Meet the Reptiles

Activity Description: The Environment Department staff will introduce guests to various animals from our own collection of native Australian reptiles. Meet our beautiful Water Python, or take the rare opportunity of hands on experience with a Blue Tongue Lizard or Eastern Long-necked Turtle. There may be opportunities for guests to have a photograph taken holding or touching one of these beautiful reptiles.

Duration: Generally 10-15 minutes, although timing may vary upon request from each group
Location: Meet the Reptiles at the Environment Centre
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 1 guest - Maximum 40 guests
Pricing: Free for in-house guests

Wildlife of South Stradbroke Island Presentation

Activity Description: Using the photography of our on staff nature photographer and naturalist, this Power Point presentation highlights the animals found on South Stradbroke Island. Our environment guide will give you some interesting information on each creature, while you sit in comfort.

Duration: 1 hour
Location: Environment Centre, or any conference room
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 1 guest - Maximum 40 guests
Pricing: Free for in-house guests

History of South Stradbroke and Couran Cove Island Resort Presentation

Activity Description: One of our experienced guides will present the history of South Stradbroke Island, focusing on the past 130 years. Since the days of aboriginal occupation this site has been the focus of several different commercial activities such as cattle farming, agriculture, oystering and sand mining. They will also focus on the development of Couran Cove Island Resort. Given the proposed scale of the Couran Cove development, and location of the site many issues had to be addressed prior to the commencement of works, these include cultural history, flora and fauna, acid sulphate soils. Finally learn how Couran Cove Island Resort established itself as a leader in sustainable development and eco tourism.

Duration: 1 hour
Location: Environment Centre, or any conference room
Availability: See weekly guide
Numbers: Minimum 1 guest - Maximum 20 guests
Pricing: Free for in-house guests

