



ECOTOURISM AT ITS BEST

Couran Cove Island Resort is a tranquil paradise which has embraced world-class environmental preservation practices and earned its reputation as Queensland's premier eco-sensitive and environmentally aware resort in the process.

After 10 years of dedicated commitment to the preservation of our fragile eco-system and the development of a resort founded on principles of sustainable tourism, Couran Cove Island Resort is now coming of age.

With a range of bushland represented within its boundaries from rainforests and swamps to natural bush and sand dunes, the resort offers guests the chance to get up close and personal with the island's amazing wildlife, fauna and flora.

The natural and tranquil setting provided by an extensive rainforest and 22km of pristine surf beach means Couran Cove is a resort for the new century, combining a laid-back, unspoiled charm with a unique Australian character.

From water-efficient devices and solar water heaters to the use of LPG generators which saves greenhouse gas emissions, the rooms uses just 25 per cent of the energy of a standard hotel room and as a result its power demand is significantly less than that of a similar sized resort.

On face value, guests will also marvel at the resort's environmental focused buildings and resort infrastructure. Wooden walkways wind through the complex to ensure minimum impact on the natural bush surrounds leading to buildings that have been built into their natural homes and take advantage of open spaces and natural light.

Since 1998, Couran Cove resort staff has worked in support of scientific work and research programs in partnership with the University of Queensland, Griffith University, and Gold Coast City Council to catalogue and better understand its flora, fauna and wildlife species.

Guests staying at the resort can learn more about the islands current study on loggerhead turtles. The research provides scientific information to better manage the future turtle population in the region and increase the likelihood of hatchling survival by taking preventative measures against nest destruction.

And in particular the Resort has worked very closely with Queensland University in assisting in its monthly research programme designed to long-term protect our native Sugar Gliders.

Numerous ecotourism awards won in recent years is testament to Couran Cove's commitment to a sustainable environment. Adding to the resort's award list it most recently won the "Best Corporate Caterer 2007" awarded by Restaurant and Catering Queensland.

Couran Cove General Manager Aine McCarthy is proud of the resort's reputation as a leader not only in ecotourism but also in fine dining. She said the resort was made up of many unique elements which make it a memorable stay for any couple or family visiting.

"Many guests come to the resort to get away from it all in a natural setting and leave the resort with a deeper understanding of the world around them – it really is ecotourism at its best," Aine said.

"Natural beauty, iconic architectural features, a strong commitment to the environment, luxury accommodation and state-of-the-art technology combine to make this a memorable destination."

Guests also have access to conference facilities, a wedding chapel and different styles of accommodation from waterfront rooms and suites to two bedroom lodges and four bedroom villas.

Couran Cove Island resort on South Stradbroke Island is just a short ferry ride from the Gold Coast's Hope Harbour Marina. Autumn Warmer packages start at \$99 per person per night. For full information on the resort and the latest offers visit our new look website www.couran.com or call +61(0) 7 5509 3000 or 1800 268 726 within Australia.

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