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# DISCOVER A TROPICAL PARADISE WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

## Aircruising Southern Barrier Reef

11 Days | 24 May - 3 Jun 2022 | AUD\$12,995pp twin share | Single Supplement AUD\$1,900

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### EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

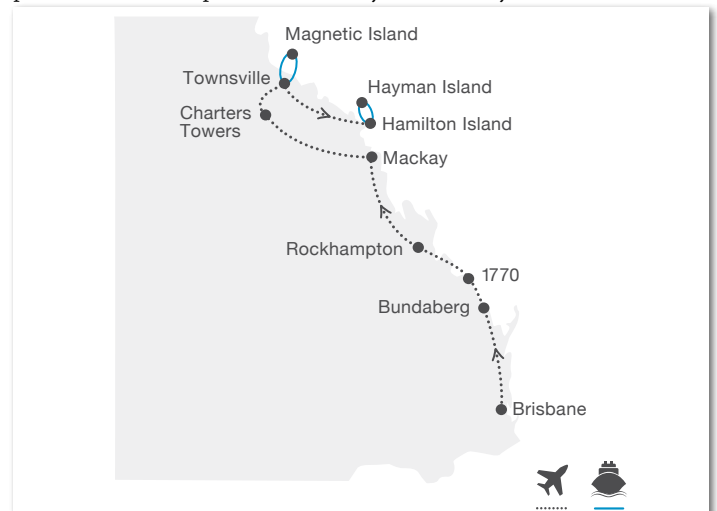
- ✦ Experience spectacular aerial sightseeing of the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef and Whitsundays including Lady Musgrave Island
- ✦ Luxury accommodation throughout including 2 nights at the exclusive InterContinental Hayman Island Resort located on its own private tropical island
- ✦ Explore ruggedly stunning Magnetic Island
- ✦ Rare platypus spotting at Broken River
- ✦ Discover the history and breathtaking beauty of 1770
- ✦ Visit the iconic Bundaberg Rum Distillery and the Bundaberg Barrel
- ✦ Touring of Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville, Charters Towers and Bundaberg
- ✦ Includes domestic economy flights to Brisbane and return from Hamilton Island\*
- ✦ All touring, transfers and meals included
- ✦ Escorted throughout by a dedicated Journey Director

*"Highlights were the luxury of accomplishing such a wide area in so brief a time span. The knowledge and friendliness of the staff at each location who guided us locally. A superb way to see Australia."*

*Ms Rosemary Baiocchi, New York, USA*

Join Bill Peach Journeys, the leader in private aircraft travel for over 38 years and discover Australia's most magnificent natural treasure, the Great Barrier Reef. One of the seven wonders of the natural world, it is the only living thing on earth visible from space. Viewing this World Heritage-listed natural region up close in person and from your private aircraft is the perfect way to grasp the sheer magnitude of the southern expanse of the Great Barrier Reef while marvelling at its exceptional beauty.

Explore the coastal towns that make up this region from Townsville in the north to Mackay, Rockhampton, 1770 and Bundaberg further south. No exploration of this stunning reef would be complete without visiting some of her 100 islands, including Magnetic Island and two nights at the luxurious and newly opened InterContinental Hayman Island Resort. Join us for a private aircraft odyssey of a tropical paradise and see a part of Australia you have only dreamt about.





## SOUTHERN BARRIER REEF BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT

### DAY 1 | ARRIVE BRISBANE

Arrive into Brisbane and transfer to the Sofitel Brisbane Hotel, an elegantly appointed luxury hotel in the heart of Brisbane looking over the iconic ANZAC Square. We enjoy a city tour and discover what makes Australia's third largest capital the welcoming, spirited and energised subtropical city that it is. Your Journey Director will host a welcome dinner this evening.

Overnight: Sofitel Brisbane or similar

### DAY 2 | BRISBANE - BUNDABERG

After breakfast, we board our private aircraft for our flight to Bundaberg. We will see, smell and taste our way through the process of making Australia's most famous spirit at the Bundaberg Rum Distillery. At the Bundaberg Barrel, discover another iconic local product, ginger beer and its other brewed drinks. Go behind-the-scenes and learn about the local food production industry in Bundaberg before visiting Macadamias Australia, the largest family-owned vertically integrated macadamia business in the world.

Overnight: Burnett Riverside Motel or similar

### DAY 3 | BUNDABERG - 1770

Today we begin with a visit to Amadine Lavender Farm where we learn the benefits of lavender essential oil before boarding the aircraft for our flight to Gladstone. On the way, we enjoy exceptional flightseeing of the stunning Lady Musgrave Island, set on 3,000 acres of living reef with an azure protected lagoon. On arrival, transfer across to 1770 where we enjoy lunch at the resort followed by a relaxing afternoon at leisure.

Overnight: 1770 Lagoons Resort or similar

### DAY 4 | 1770

This morning we tour the town of 1770 and learn its history. A coastal town in the Gladstone region, it was built on the site of the second landing in Australia by James Cook and the crew of HM Bark Endeavour in May 1770. We visit the Captain Cook Monument, the 1770 Marina and picturesque Agnes Waters Beach. Following lunch, we visit Paperbark Forest and Chinaman's Beach.

Overnight: 1770 Lagoons Resort or similar

### DAY 5 | 1770 - ROCKHAMPTON

Reboard our aircraft to fly to the central Queensland town of Rockhampton. A historically rich city, most famous for being the beef capital of Australia, Rockhampton is a modern throwback to the heydays of Queensland's colonial past boasting heritage-listed streets and colonial buildings. Tour the limestone Capricorn Caves, which originated in an ancient 380-million-year-old coral reef and today are a maze of small tunnels and larger chambers. Visit the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens and stand at the iconic Tropic of Capricorn.

Overnight: Empire Hotel or similar

### DAY 6 | ROCKHAMPTON - MACKAY

We fly on to Mackay today and tour this historic town that is set in the Pioneer Valley, home to lush coastal ranges and fertile plains. Tour the city centre's heritage and art deco buildings which reflect Mackay's turbulent past. We visit the Sky Window Lookout for views across Pioneer Valley, then transfer to the cool tranquillity of Broken River in Eungella National Park, one of the best locations in the world to see the platypus in the wild.

Overnight: Rydges Mackay or similar





### DAY 7 | MACKAY - CHARTERS TOWERS - TOWNSVILLE

We travel to the outback town of Charters Towers where the heritage streetscapes hark back to the gold rush days of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. We tour this historical town learning about life in the late 1800s which is reflected in its colonial architecture, including the world's first stock exchange. Fly on to Townsville, gateway to Queensland's far north. A coastal city, Townsville is a vibrant mix of modern architecture and Federation-style buildings, bustling outdoor cafés, restaurants, boutiques and quirky galleries, all linked by a shady park-lined beach promenade.

Overnight: The Ville Resort & Casino or similar

### DAY 8 | MAGNETIC ISLAND

Today we take a day trip to the ruggedly stunning Magnetic Island. Although Magnetic Island sits within the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, the landscape here is different from the usual tropical rainforest found on many nearby islands. About 275 million years ago, nature's forces created an extraordinary landscape of rocky terrain and giant boulders. Magnetic Island has less rainfall than other Queensland islands so it has a dry tropical climate and is covered with eucalypt woodlands. Possessing the natural beauty and serenity of an untouched paradise, cameras at the ready as we tour today. Keep an eye out for koalas and rock wallabies, WWII military base ruins, secluded bays and magnificent national park beaches including Arthur, Radical and Florence Bay.

Overnight: The Ville Resort & Casino or similar

### DAY 9 | TOWNSVILLE - HAYMAN ISLAND

Reboard our private aircraft this morning for another scenically breathtaking flight over the Whitsundays, an archipelago of 74 tropical islands famed for idyllic white beaches and crystal clear teal and azure waters. We cruise from Hamilton Island to our exceptional accommodation for two nights on Hayman Island.

Overnight: InterContinental Hayman Island Resort

### DAY 10 | HAYMAN ISLAND

A day at leisure to enjoy this world-renowned island paradise. The group gathers this evening for the Farewell Dinner.

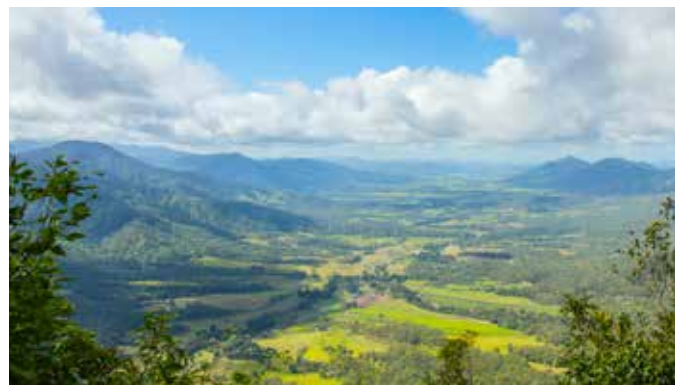
Overnight: InterContinental Hayman Island Resort

### DAY 11 | DEPART HAMILTON ISLAND

After breakfast this morning we enjoy a launch transfer from Hayman Island back to Hamilton Island, where we will board our flight home. Say a fond farewell to new friends and take away memories of an unforgettable Barrier Reef adventure.

*"I think the whole tour was fantastic. Everything was excellent and the crew were so pleasant, helpful and obliging. In all a wonderful holiday. I am sure I will only travel in future on a Bill Peach holiday. As I am on my own I feel well looked after, fellow companions are very pleasant and easy to get on with."*

*Patricia Barton, Vermont, VIC*





## ABOUT AIRCRUISING

An Air Tour with Bill Peach Journeys is the perfect way to explore these hard to reach destinations in the style, speed and comfort of your own private aircraft. Travelling by private aircraft means that we can land directly in each location ensuring time on the ground is spent discovering each region. The style of aircraft is chosen to provide the best possible access into remote locations.

When you travel on an Air Tour everything is included. This means not only does your holiday include accommodation, dining and all excursions but every one of these elements is the finest in its class. Throughout the journey you will have a Journey Director on hand to look after each detail.

### FITNESS LEVEL - EASY GOING

*“The tour deserves special applause, it was a piece of art, flawless and exquisitely executed with first class care for the travellers... The Journey directors were superb, calm, totally in control, cheerful and knowledgeable.”*

Kai Woehler, California, USA

## WHY BILL PEACH JOURNEYS?

- ✦ A name you can trust with over 38 years of experience in the luxury travel industry
- ✦ Fully inclusive journeys, all meals, accommodation, touring, entrance fees, portage taxes and luggage
- ✦ Travel throughout the outback requires expert planning and organisation. Our Journey Planners ensure you enjoy an intimate exploration of the places visited in comfort and style
- ✦ A dedicated Journey Director that ensures you are looked after every step of the way
- ✦ Local professional guides at every location
- ✦ 70% of our travellers return to travel with us again within the first year of their initial journey

\*Conditions Apply: Domestic economy flights are from Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Adelaide only.



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