



# DISCOVER A TROPICAL PARADISE WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

## Aircruising Southern Barrier Reef

11 Days | 23 May - 2 Jun 2023 | AUD\$16,995pp twin share | Single Supplement AUD\$1,700

### EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

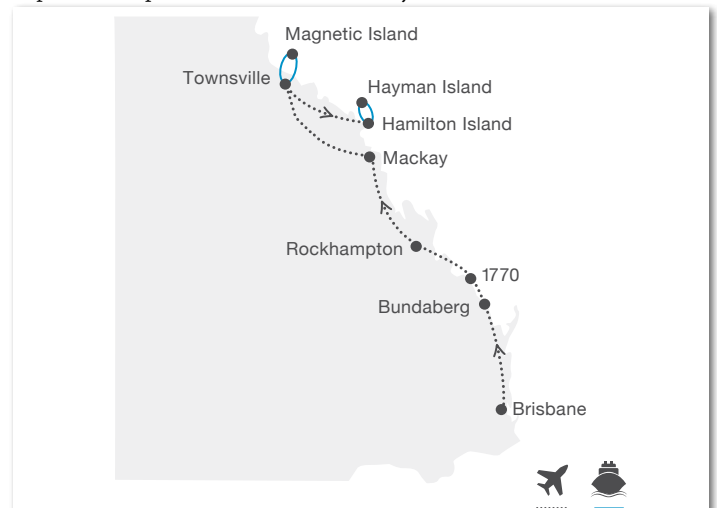
- ✦ Experience spectacular aerial sightseeing of the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef and Queensland's picturesque coast
- ✦ Marvel at nature's breathtaking azure and turquoise palette as we 'flightsee' over the sublimely beautiful Whitsundays, the stunning Lady Musgrave Island and pristine Fraser Island
- ✦ Luxury accommodation throughout including 2 nights at the exclusive InterContinental Hayman Island Resort located on its own private tropical island
- ✦ Explore the ruggedly magnificent Magnetic Island
- ✦ Discover the history and awe-inspiring beauty of 1770
- ✦ Visit the iconic Bundaberg Rum Distillery
- ✦ Touring of Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville, and Bundaberg
- ✦ 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 Baiocchi, New York, USA

Join Bill Peach Journeys as we proudly celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the leader in private aircraft travel 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 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 the 100 islands, including Magnetic Island and two nights at the luxuriously exclusive InterContinental Hayman Island Resort. Join us for a private aircraft odyssey of a tropical paradise and experience a part of Australia most only dream about.





## SOUTHERN BARRIER REEF BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT

### DAY 1 | ARRIVE BRISBANE

Arrive into Brisbane and transfer to the Sofitel Brisbane, an elegantly appointed luxury hotel in the heart of Brisbane overlooking the iconic ANZAC Square. This evening, your Journey Director will host a welcome dinner.

Overnight: Sofitel Brisbane or similar

### DAY 2 | BRISBANE - BUNDABERG

On the way to the airport, we enjoy a city tour and discover what makes Australia's third largest capital the welcoming, spirited and energised subtropical city that it is. During our flight north, marvel at the spectacular Fraser Island and appreciate the beauty of the world's largest sand island, its dense rainforest and coastline framing the aqua blue ocean. Upon arrival in 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.

Overnight: Burnett Riverside Motel or similar

### DAY 3 | BUNDABERG - 1770

Learn about the local food production industry in Bundaberg with a visit to Macadamias Australia, the largest family-owned, vertically integrated macadamia business in the world. Heading further north, we arrive at 1770 where we enjoy lunch at the resort followed by a relaxing afternoon at leisure.

Overnight: 1770 Lagoons Resort or similar

### DAY 4 | 1770

Tour the town of 1770 today and learn about 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. Visit the Captain Cook Monument, the 1770 Marina and view the picturesque Agnes Waters Lookout. See the Paperbark Forest Boardwalk, Agnes Waters Museum and the 1770 headland with stunning views of Bustard Bay and Chinaman's Beach. Dinner this evening is at the stylish 1770 Lagoons Resort.

Overnight: 1770 Lagoons Resort or similar

### DAY 5 | 1770 - ROCKHAMPTON

Transfer from 1770 to Gladstone where we re-board our aircraft and enjoy exceptional flightseeing of the stunning Lady Musgrave Island, set on 3,000 acres of living reef with an azure protected lagoon. Upon arrival in Rockhampton, we learn about this historically rich city, most famous for being the beef capital of Australia. A modern throwback to the heydays of Queensland's colonial past, Rockhampton boasts heritage-listed streets and colonial buildings. Tour the limestone Capricorn Caves including Cathedral Cave, which originated in an ancient 380-million-year-old coral reef and today are a maze of small tunnels and larger chambers.

Overnight: Empire Hotel or similar

### DAY 6 | ROCKHAMPTON - MACKAY

This morning we stand at the iconic Tropic of Capricorn before visiting the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens. We fly on to Mackay today, which is set in the Pioneer Valley, home to lush coastal ranges and fertile plains.

Overnight: Rydges Mackay or similar

### DAY 7 | MACKAY - TOWNSVILLE

Following breakfast, we tour the historic town of Mackay and see the city centre's heritage and art deco buildings which reflect Mackay's turbulent past. Visit the Mackay Marina and





Breakwater Wall where we will hear the story of the Pine Islet Lighthouse. 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, have your cameras nearby 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

Following a brief tour of Townsville, re-board 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, stunning views you will never forget. Cruise from Hamilton Island to our exceptional accommodation via luxury vessel for two blissful nights on Hayman Island.

Overnight: InterContinental Hayman Island Resort

#### DAY 10 | HAYMAN ISLAND

A day at leisure to enjoy this world-renowned tropical paradise, featuring spectacular swimming pools, panoramic seascapes and tropical rainforest gardens, it is an idyllic island unlike any other. The group gathers this evening for the farewell dinner.

Overnight: InterContinental Hayman Island Resort

#### DAY 11 | DEPART HAMILTON ISLAND

After breakfast this morning we take a launch transfer from Hayman Island back to Hamilton Island, where our tour concludes. Say a fond farewell to new friends and take away memories of an unforgettable Southern 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."*

Mrs 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

*"We can't praise you enough for the organisation, it was a trip to recommend to all our friends. Nothing was left to chance. When you say the trip is all inclusive you really meant it, such a change to a lot of tours."*

Mr & Mrs Piper, Gisborne, New Zealand

## WHY BILL PEACH JOURNEYS?

- ✦ A name to trust with 40 years of experience in the luxury travel industry, we are Australian owned and operated
- ✦ 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
- ✦ No credit card fees on direct bookings

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