

Where Great Care Begins Itinerary

Welcome to Bundaberg, Southern Great Barrier Reef, where Great Care begins. Care for our curious sea turtles, magnificent manta rays, intricate corals and giant marine life that call the Southern Great Barrier Reef home. Care for our incredible mumma turtles and adorable hatchlings who visit our shoreline every Summer. And Care for our vast farmland, rich red soil and hardworking locals who provide fresh produce for the nation 365 days a year.

Immerse yourself in some of Australia's most untouched nature-based experiences all while you ensure your travel supports the environmental, social, and economic sustainability of the planet with this itinerary including our leading sustainable operators and experiences.

Day 1

BUNDABERG, TURTLES & TASTE

On arrival into Bundaberg visit **Macadamias Australia**, industry leaders when it comes to eco management, sustainable farming, and efficient production. Wander their interpretive centre and learn about the multi-generational Steinhart farming family and their sustainable macadamia production practices.



Bundaberg Rum Distillery are regional sustainability leaders, with ISO 14001 certification in Environmental Management. The team exceeded their 2020 global target of 50% reduction in carbon emissions and 100% of wastewater from the manufacture of Bundaberg Rum is treated and returned via irrigation to the region's sugar crops. Take the 1.5-hour distillery tour to learn how Bundaberg Rum is a valued member of the Bundaberg community.

The **Mon Repos Turtle Centre** is dedicated to marine turtle research, protection, and education. Here you can learn about the special journey turtles and people have taken at Mon Repos, immerse in Turtle Tales, browse the Gift shop, enjoy a snack in the **Mon Repos Gidji Cafe** and, in turtle tour season, **take a Nightly Turtle Encounters Tour**. The centre has achieved all levels of **ECO Certification**

Check in to **Kellys Beach Resort**, an **ECO Certified** resort located on 5.5-acres of gardens just a block

back from the beach bordering a nature reserve you will have the opportunity to see native wildlife in its natural environment. You are encouraged to Think Green at Kellys with initiatives like purchasing a tree with Greenfleet and recycling your containers at the resort with all proceeds going towards the local Sea Turtle Alliance organisation.



Day 2

OVERNIGHT AT LADY ELLIOT ISLAND

Breakfast is at the award-winning **Windmill Cafe Bargara** where 85% of the entire menu is food from the Bundaberg region. They are proud to champion initiatives, like having native beehives in the cafe gardens, offering free gelato to anyone who fills one of their rubbish collection buckets and giving all their compostable coffee cups to the local sweet potato farmer to make compost.

An absolute must as part of your Southern Great Barrier Reef Green Itinerary is an overnight stay at **Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort**, a **Green Travel** and **Climate Action Leader** with **Advanced ECO Tourism Certification**. With many initiatives including plans to become 100% powered by solar energy by 2020, its island revegetation program and carbon neutral flights it is easy to see why this operator has won state and national awards for ECO Tourism.

You will enjoy a scenic flight over the pristine playgrounds around the coral cay, glass bottom boat and guided snorkel tour in safe waters with turtles, manta rays and the abundance of marine animals, as well as guided island tours and activities before heading to your **Reef Unit** with uninterrupted views of the reef. Breakfast, lunch and dinner is included.

Day 3

DAY TRIP TO LADY MUSGRAVE ISLAND

Located 51 nautical miles from Bundaberg and the second island on the Southern Great Barrier Reef, Lady Musgrave Island and lagoon is a pristine coral cay with 1,192 hectares of spectacular fringing reef ready to be explored. The lagoon is home to a myriad of tropical reef fish, turtles, dolphins, and manta rays, amidst spectacular coral reef gardens. Guests can immerse themselves in this spectacular underwater world, snorkelling, diving, and glass bottom boat coral viewing. Reef Empress is the epitome of ocean travel has been designed for optimum guest comfort to enjoy the ultimate Lady Musgrave day tour Experience.

Lady Musgrave Experience is an **Advanced ECO Certified** company, they operate with minimal impact on the environment and are committed to protecting the coral reef and marine environment while ensuring you have an unforgettable once-in-a-lifetime experience.



Tourism in natural areas that leaves minimal impact on the environment.



Australia's leading and most innovative ecotourism products that operate with minimal impact on the environment and provide opportunities to learn about the environment with operators who are committed to achieving best practice



Businesses that have undertaken a set of adaptation and emissions reduction actions and are measuring and tracking their carbon footprint.



Tourism operators that are committed to protecting cultural authenticity and integrity, developing sound business practices, environmental protection and acknowledging Indigenous peoples spiritual connection to the land and water.