

BUNDABERG, SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF TRADE MARKETING PLAN

FY 2024 & 2025

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Plan Overview

The Southern Great Barrier Reef (SGBR) is a cooperative destination partnership between the Regional Tourism Organisations of Bundaberg Tourism, Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Ltd and Capricorn Enterprise, encapsulating the southern gateway of the world heritage listed Great Barrier Reef.

The SGBR partnership aims to grow the regions' domestic and international market visitation, length of stay and expenditure, and our region's reputation as the start of the Great Barrier Reef. The United Kingdom, Germany, and New Zealand, make up the SGBR region's top 3 international source markets, with these being our priority for in-market representation and activity.

Recent trade product development and the continued success of the SGBR brand indicates the need for an additional, more focused plan on distributing Southern Great Barrier Reef as a defined leisure destination for domestic and international travellers.

Financial contribution and human resources from CE, GAPDL and BT and from the destination's leading tourism trade operators, supported by funding from Austrade's Export Market Development Grants (EMDG) program will continue to be used for international marketing for the destination in FY23/24, with a focus on trade distribution and in-market activity in Germany and United Kingdom.

Key to the long-term sustainability of tourism across the Southern Great Barrier Reef is increasing contribution and involvement of the destination's operators already working in the trade space as well as the development and training of operators new to the space.

Key Markets YE June

| MARKET | SGBR VISITORS 2023 | | SGBR VISITORS 2022 | | SGBR VISITORS 2019 | | Comparison 23 to 22 | | Comparison 23 to 19 | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------|
| Primary Markets | No | % of Tot Vis | No | % of Tot Vis | No | % of Tot Vis | No | % | No | % |
| Total Dom Overnight | 8,600,000 | 100% | 7,394,000 | 100% | 8,835,000 | 81.3% | ↑ 1,206,000 | ↑ 16.3% | ↓ 235,000 | 1 2.7% |
| Intrastate Overnight | 6,602,000 | 76.8% | 6,154,000 | 83,2% | 6,648,000 | 61.2% | ↑ 448,000 | ↑ 7.3% | ↓ 46,000 | ↓ 0.7% |
| Interstate Overnight | 1,998,000 | 23.2% | 1,240,000 | 16.8% | 2,187,000 | 20.1% | ↑ 758,000 | ↑ 61.1% | ↓ 189,000 | ↓ 8.7% |
| Total Dom Visitors | 2,314,000 | 100% | 2,066,000 | 100% | 2,342,000 | 94.3% | ↑ 248,000 | ↑ 12.0% | ↓ 28,000 | ↓ 1.2% |
| Intrastate Visitors | 2,023,000 | 87.4% | 1,878,000 | 90.9% | 2,050,000 | 82.6% | ↑ 145,000 | ↑ 7.7% | 1 27,000 | ↓ 1.3% |
| Interstate Visitors | 291,000 | 12.6% | 188,000 | 9.1% | 292,000 | 11.8% | ↑ 103,000 | ↑ 54.8% | 1,000 | ↓ 0.3% |
| Total Internat. Overnight | No TRA Data | | No TRA Data | | 2,031,000 | 18.7% | - | - | 1 2,031,000 | ↓100% |
| Total Internat. Visitors | No TR | A Data | No TR | A Data | 141,000 | 5.7% | - | - | 1 41,000 | 100% |
| Total Overnight | 8,600 |),000 | 7,394,000 | | 10,866,000 | | ↑ 1,206,000 | ↑ 16.3% | ↓ 2,266,000 | ↓ 20.9% |
| Total Visitors | 2,314 | ,000 | 2,06 | 2,066,000 | | 2,843,000 | | ↑.12.0% | ↓ 169,000 | ↓ 6.8% |
| Total Day Trips | 2,425 | ,000 | 2,44 | 4,000 | 2,342,000 | | ↑ 181,000 | ↑ 807% | ↑ 83,000 | ↑ 3.5% |
| Germany Overnight | No TR | A Data | No TR | A Data | 127,000 | 5.1% | - | - | ↓ 127,000 | ↓100% |
| Germany Visitors | No TR | A Data | No TR | A Data | 22,000 | 0.8% | - | - | 1 22,000 | ↓ 100% |
| UK Overnight | No TRA Data | | No TRA Data | | 206,000 | 10.1%% | - | - | ↓ 206,000 | ↓ 100% |
| UK Visitors | No TR | A Data | No TR | A Data | 23,000 | 0.9% | - | - | J 23,000 | ↓ 100% |
| Secondary Markets | No | % | No | % of Tot Vis | No | % of Tot Vis | No | % | No | % |
| New Zealand Overnight | No TR | A Data | No TR | A Data | 117,000 | 4.7% | - | - | 117,000 | ↓ 100% |
| France Overnight | No TRA Data | | No TRA Data | | 62,000 | 2.5%% | - | - | ↓ 62,000 | ↓ 100% |
| Oth EU Overnight | No TR | A Data | No TR | A Data | 107,000 | 4.3% | - | - | ↓ 107,000 | 1 00% |
| Emerging Markets | No | % | No | % of Tot Vis | No | % of Tot Vis | No | % | No | % |
| North America | No TR | A Data | No TR | A Data | 59,000 | 2.4% | - | - | \$ 59,000 | 1 00% |

Note: Data based on YEJune sourced from Tourism Events Queensland using Tourism Research Australia Data

Key Activities

| TASK | ACTIONS | TIMEFRAME | Industry Contribution | MEASURES OF SUCCESS |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| Trade communication with global agent community | Quarterly SGBR EDM content Maintain SGBR website Maintain communication | Quarterly Bi-annual | Content Only | Number of subscribers and click through to trade resources |
| Trade marketing material | Maintain current itineraries. Develop new itineraries. New video content Trade Manual | Yearly Pre-ATE | Content Only | Current and relevant information on SGBR offering |
| Australian sales missions, national trade missions and networking events | G'day Australia SGBR Trade Mission Bris Only or Bris and GC Queensland Showcase ATEC Meeting Place 24 Follow up & Reporting | October 23 February 24 March 24 November 24 | Attendance Total \$4.5k-\$10k Attendance Attendance | Increased no of itineraries in region. No of operators contracted. Destination exposure with buyers Market share increase |
| Destination attendance at ATE | Preparation SGBR Booth and destination representation Follow Up & Reporting | April-May | Attendance | Increased no of itineraries in region. No of operators contracted. Destination exposure with buyers Market share increase |
| Participation in ATE IMM | Preparation SGBR representation Follow up | April-May | NO | Destination exposure with media outlets Famils in destination |
| SGBR In Market Activity/ Collateral | Negotiate with KDPs Involvement in TEQs In-Market Campaigns | Oct/Nov 2023 | NO | SGBR Destination and trade product represented in key marketing activity in UK or Germany |
| Attendance QIC UK/EU | Preparation & Research SGBR representation Follow up Reporting | December | NO | Increased no of itineraries of region in market. Destination exposure with in-market buyers Market visitation growth |
| Attendance QIC New Zealand | Preparation & Research SGBR representation Follow up Reporting | March | NO | Increased no of itineraries of region in market. Destination exposure with in-market buyers Market visitation growth |
| Trade mentoring (Funding Dependant) | Identify potential operators. Support consultant Support operators | Pre & Post ATE | Participation | 3-4 New Trade ready products in SGBR region |
| Agent Famils | When opportunities present, hosting agents collectively across the SGBR region | Pre & Post ATE and when required | Participation & Costs | Agent understanding of destination. Get destination exposed to consumers in key markets. Destination exposure |