

VISIT TO RAINBOW BEACH AND FRASER ISLAND

10 – 14 APRIL 2007

During the Easter break, I am arranging an excursion to Fraser Island and Rainbow Beach. Known for its spectacular scenery and exciting activities, this trip will be an adventure for us all! Your escort during this time will be Nivi Das and Wayne Sly and they both have current valid Blue cards.

Please appreciate that the trip will be in peak holiday time, therefore it will not be cheap. However, if we book as early as possible, we can get a rate of **\$800 per person including transport, accommodation, guided tours and most meals.**

You will only need extra money for 3 lunches, snacks, drinks, souvenirs or any special needs you may have.

RAINBOW BEACH is 265 km north of Brisbane. It is famous for spectacular views of the coloured sands and Cooloola National Park. We will also enjoy a bush walk to the Carlo Sand Blow and a relaxing swim.

Accommodation: Rainbow Getaway apartments, Phone: 54863500, 4 Double Island Drive, Rainbow Beach.

FRASER ISLAND - listed as a world heritage site it is known for being the largest sand island in the world, its long surf beaches, dense rainforests, desert-like sandblows and freshwater lakes. One night at Eurong Beach Resort - two day 4WD tour, including all meals and accommodation.

Accommodation: Eurong Resort,

Two full days of fun and adventure on Fraser Island, led by an experienced local guide who'll take you to see the very best the island has to offer.

Tour details:

- Swim in Lake McKenzie, the island's most beautiful lake with its clear blue water ringed by white sandy beaches.
- Explore Pile Valley and Central Station, a former forestry camp with huge satinay, scribbly gum, brush box and kauri trees.
- Walk along the banks of Wanggoolba Creek which flows gently and silently through lush rainforest.
- Trek over Hammerstone Sand Blow and swim in emerald-green Lake Wabby.
- Travel up famous Seventy-Five Mile Beach to see the coloured sands of the Pinnacles.
- Stop for a swim in Eli Creek as it flows swiftly through the dunes out to sea.
- Take in the stunning views of the island beaches and sand blows from Indian Head, spot dolphins, rays, sharks, turtles or even whales swimming in the sea below.

Itinerary can change due to tides and weather conditions.

Departure details:

- On the first day the tour departs Rainbow Beach at approximately 9.00am and travels to Inskip Point for the barge crossing to Hook Point on Fraser Island.
- On the next day the tour departs Fraser Island at approx 4.00pm on the barge, arriving back in Rainbow Beach between 4.30 - 5.00pm to drop you off to your accommodation.

The itinerary is as follows:

Day 1: Tuesday 10 April 2007 – Brisbane to Rainbow Beach

Depart Bus stop outside Roma St Transit Centre at 09:00 am

Arrive Accommodation Rainbow Beach in time for dinner.

Accommodation: Rainbow Getaway apartments, Phone: 54863500, 4 Double Island Drive, Rainbow Beach.

We will provide travel by private car to Rainbow Beach. You may bring a packed lunch with you today or there will be an opportunity to purchase it if you prefer.

Days 2 : Wednesday 10 April 2007 – Sightseeing in Rainbow Beach

We will be providing breakfast today but you will need to purchase your own lunch.

Accommodation: Rainbow Getaway apartments, Phone: 54863500, 4 Double Island Drive, Rainbow Beach.

Day 3: Thursday 12 April 2007 – Rainbow Beach to Fraser Island

After breakfast at Rainbow Beach this morning we will depart for Fraser Island by barge.

Whilst on the island, travel will be by Guided 4WD vehicle. All meals will be provided today.

Accommodation: Eurong Resort, Eurong Beach, Fraser Island

Day 4: Friday 13 April 2007 – 4WD tour Fraser Island and return to Mainland

Breakfast and lunch will be provided on our 4WD tour of Fraser. Dinner and accommodation will be provided at Rainbow Beach

Accommodation: Rainbow Getaway apartments, Phone: 54863500, 4 Double Island Drive, Rainbow Beach.

Day 5: Saturday 14 April 2007 – Return to Brisbane via Eumundi Markets/ Australia Zoo

After breakfast (provided for you) we will depart for our return journey. We will tour the famous Eumundi Markets where you can buy your own lunch and souvenirs before returning to Brisbane around 4:00pm

WHAT TO BRING:

MOST IMPORTANT: Packed lunch /snacks, swimmers, towel, water bottle (essential for long walks), torch, toiletries, hat (also essential for long walks), sturdy walking shoes, sun screen, personal insect repellent, small backpack for walks, camera and film, warm clothing/wet weather gear (we hope we don't have to use it!!). Our tour vehicle will have limited space therefore keep luggage to a minimum. Please bring only one small bag.

We will have a lot of fun! Hope you can come.

Contact details while we are away: Mobile phones work on Rainbow Beach and some parts of Fraser Island, particularly in Eurong resort. Nivi's phone has a Next G card and I am hoping this would give greater coverage in remote areas than the normal network. Please ring Nivi on 0413229960 if you need to contact your student while he/she is away.
