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Gourmet Safari to Byron Bay – 21 – 26 October 2018

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Byron Bay and its lush hinterland is literally heaven on earth; the beaches are long and pristine, the rainforest and farmland is magnificent - the rich volcanic soil perfect for growing a huge range of fruit and vegetables...which makes it a perfect place to explore, meet some inspiring locals and taste some of the best the region has to offer.

We stay in luxurious accommodation at the new resort right on Belongil Beach - Elements of Byron - where you can start the day with a long beach walk, a swim or yoga on the headland overlooking the stretch of sand. Each day is filled with simply perfect moments... you'll meet people who have created lush gardens and farms from nothing, people who grow exceptional produce including a visit to a true Garden of Eden, a couple who created their own rainforest and make some very cool gin from the berries they grow; talented chefs and visits to some of the top restaurants and a great local produce market... plus some time for you to unwind, enjoy a spa treatment or laze by the pool. We want to give you a real taste of one of our favourite places.

Host: Maeve O'Meara

Day 1 – Sunday 21 October (L)

We will pick you up in a luxurious coach at Coolangatta Airport at 11.30 am. This gives enough time for flights from major capitals. Please advise Suzy of which flight you're due in on.

We drive to our dear friends Amy Chanta and Palisa Anderson at their beautiful Boon Luck Farm where they grow many vegetables and herbs used in their Chat Thai restaurants and Boon Luck Cafe. We'll explore the farm and then sit down for a lunch with the lowest food miles on the planet - all fresh from the earth.

Dessert is literally over the fence with neighbour John Piccone who has created a magical Garden of Eden with a huge orchard full of tropical fruit - you'll see and try varieties that have yet to be seen commercially... truly a dream to walk and taste and enjoy.

Late afternoon we drive to our beautiful accommodation at Elements of Byron, with its huge swimming pool, cafe and restaurant, set right on Belongil Beach.

Day 2 – Monday 22 October (BLD)

Optional Yoga to start the day as the sun rises over the perfect beach.

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast before heading out for the day.

We'll drive to the famous lighthouse, the most easterly point of Australia and have a good walk to get up an appetite for later.

The Farm at Byron Bay is well known for its exceptional produce and will be the subject of an upcoming book. Founders Emma and Tim Lane will give us a tour followed by lunch at Three Blue Ducks.

Mid afternoon we'll introduce you to the wonderful Sam Gowing - an inspiring chef who created the Byron Bay Cooking School and who is at the cutting edge of healthy food trends. She'll deliver a healthy food as medicine cooking demonstration inspiring guests to be motivated to stay the path to wellness and maximum good health.

Dinner is a specially prepared feast in the cool arts precinct of Byron with the very talented dynamo Sarah Swan (co author of the Seafood Handbook and brilliant local chef)

Day 3 - Tuesday 23 October (BL)

Yoga - if you like

Another relaxed breakfast

We walk amongst the area's lovely coffee plantation Zentveld's coffee at Newrybar before enjoying a great cup of coffee then head to the beach at Lennox head for lunch at Shelter Restaurant and then spend the afternoon with a charming family who created their own rainforest and have a very cool gin distillery. Free evening. You may choose to book a massage or treatment (the luxe Osprey Spa at the resort is offering Gourmet Safaris 15% off) or pop on the shuttle into Byron.

Day 4 – Wednesday 24 October (BL)

Yoga and breakfast then we have a ranger take us through the area around our resort for a special rainforest walk and bush food tour.

Lunch today with acclaimed chef Ben Devlin at the very glamorous Paper Daisy in Halcyon House Cabarita Beach.

Private tour of sugarcane farm and the enterprising Husk Distillery (rum makers)
The evening is yours...massage, poolside champagne, a moonlit beach walk.

Day 5 - Thursday 25 October (BD)

Yoga and breakfast and off to the produce markets at Byron which are full of the best produce of the area and really give you a feel for the rich vibrancy of the place.

Mid afternoon we'll go and explore the pretty village of Bangalow and its shops and cafes (optional - you may prefer a massage or a siesta)

Dinner at the acclaimed Fleet in Brunswick- small and perfect!

Day 6 – Friday 26 October (B)

Yoga and Breakfast – check out

Bus to airport - depart mid-morning to arrive 12 noon for afternoon flights.

Please note: Accommodation is in stylish villas – doubles and singles will have their own villa and twin share will be in 2 bedroom villa (each bedroom with its own bathroom)

Cost: \$3850.00 per person twin share land content only. Single supplement + \$900

Includes: 5 nights luxury accommodation in Byron Bay, return coach transport from Coolangatta Airport and transport throughout the tour, meals as specified - 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners, many with wine included, tours, tastings and tips.

Not included: Airfares, taxes, and items of a personal nature.

Terms and conditions:

Deposit and Payment: A **non-refundable deposit** of \$500 per person is required on confirmation in order to secure your reservation. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure date.

Special Requirements: Please advise Gourmet Safaris of any special requirements such as Special Meals, Medical Requirements etc., as soon as possible. If you get motion sickness it is imperative that you bring with you motion sickness pills as we travel by boat and coach through sometimes winding and bumpy roads.

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy of your choice at the time of booking. Insurance covers cancellation fees payable for airline tickets, accommodation, loss of deposit, luggage etc. Normal travel insurance conditions apply. (Insurance may not cover trip cancellation due to pre-existing medical conditions). Please read your policy carefully.

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