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Dear Industry friends,

The year end holidays are here and there's no better time to celebrate family time together. In this issue of Q News, we bring you ideas for having the 'Best Family Holiday in the World' in Queensland!

Meanwhile, please download the new edition of the Southern Queensland Trade Manual [here](#). It contains destination information, transfer options, time and distance charts and more, and is available in English, Chinese and Korean.

Warm regards
Tourism Queensland team

The Best Family Holiday in the World

- Spend a lazy afternoon at the charming South Bank, in the heart of Brisbane, and swim in the swimming lagoon with manmade beach.
- Visit the nearby Queensland Art Gallery, where the Children's Art Centre offers interactive activities and organises artist-run workshops. qag.qld.gov.au
- For fresh produce and other treats, visit the delightful Farmers Market at New Farm on every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, where the whole family will enjoy the community spirit of the markets.
- At the Sunshine Coast, you can visit the world's largest ginger factory and try a whopping 65 flavours of ginger ice cream. Or catch the exciting Superbee Live Bee Show and have a taste of delicious pure, natural honey! www.buderimginger.com/gingerfactory/
 - Experience a rustic farmstay, such as at Lillydale, a picturesque property surrounded by mountains, where you can ride horses and feed farm animals!
- For a taste of the rugged outback, catch the Australian Outback Spectacular's new Light Horse show, complete with daring stunts. www.outbackspectacular.com.au
- Learn to surf on the glorious sun-kissed beaches of the Gold Coast with the whole family!
- Enjoy the multi award-winning catch-a-Crab experience on the Tweed River where you can trap live mud crabs for lunch, try yabbie pumping and feed wild pelicans! www.catchacrab.com.au
- Take the family to Tropical Fruit World, Australia's largest fruit plantation for a wonderful sensory experience. Taste unusual fruit such as chocolate pudding fruit and champagne fruit. www.tropicalfruitworld.com.au
- A visit to Queensland is not complete without a visit to the renowned theme parks – Dreamworld, Warner Bros Movie World and Sea World, among others! www.dreamworld.com.au, myfun.com.au



What's New



Need for Speed

The Gold Coast is the world's only place where you can ride a three-wheeled Can-Am Spyder Roadster motorbike that offers the speed and thrills of a motorbike with the safety and stability of a car. It even accelerates faster than a Porsche 911!

The half day tours visit places like Springbrook, Mount Tamborine and Surfers Paradise. From A\$250 for four hours.

www.spyderryder.com.au

Twilight Markets at The Wharf Mooloolaba

Every Friday, indulge in some fun and entertainment at the Twilight Markets at The Wharf Mooloolaba where you can enjoy live entertainment and stalls selling food, clothing, crafts, jewellery and toys.



New Progressive Dining Tour at Port Douglas

The new 'Taste Port Douglas' tours begin at the iconic Courthouse Hotel where guests will receive a welcome drink. Then embark on a guided walking tour to three of Port Douglas' award-winning restaurants. Tours start at A\$149 per person and are available Wednesday through Sunday. Lunch tours are on offer from Wednesday to Friday, from A\$89.

www.tasteofaustralia.com.au

New Opening: Novotel Brisbane Airport

Opening in December 2009 is the new 157-room Novotel Brisbane Airport, the first dedicated airport hotel. It is located approximately 2km from Brisbane International Airport, in the Airport Village precinct which also houses the DFO shopping complex, restaurants, supermarket and other retail outlets. www.novotel.com



Enjoy luxury at Peppers Spicers Peak

Peppers Spicers Peak unveils two new luxurious private lodges at their property 90 minutes' from Brisbane. Among the features are private outdoor heated spas, wood fuelled fires, plasma TVs, rainwater showers with full-height views and iPod docking stations. Exclusive Private Lodge packages start from A\$1590 per night for two.

www.spicerspeaklodge.com.au



2009 Tropical North Queensland Tourism Awards

Among the winners for the recent Tourism Awards were Hartley's Crocodile Adventures, Daintree Discovery Centre, Jungle Surfing Canopy Tours, Paronella Park and Spirit of the Rainforest Tour. For accommodation, Peppers Balé, Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort and Eden House Retreat and Mountain Spa were among those recognized for excellence.

http://www.tropicalaustralia.com.au/corporate/tourism_awards

EVENTS

6th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art (APT6)



5 December 2009 to 5 April 2010

Considered to be one of the most influential contemporary art exhibitions for the Asia Pacific region, the APT6 at the Queensland Art Gallery in Brisbane will feature more than 100 artists from more than 25 countries. Not to be missed!

qag.qld.gov.au/exhibitions/apt/apt6

PGA Championship Australia

10 to 13 December

For golf enthusiasts, tickets are now on sale for one of Australia's most prestigious professional golf tournaments, The Australian PGA Championship presented by Coca-Cola. The tournament will be held at the Hyatt Regency Coolum at the renowned Robert Trent Jones course and will feature defending champion Geoff Ogilvy, Vijay Singh and many other great players.

championship.pga.org.au



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