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Dear Industry Colleagues,

We are in the midst of spring and the weather is just perfect to explore natural adventures in Queensland, so in this issue, we bring you ideas on experiencing the Best Nature Holiday.

With the year end holidays just round the corner, we are pleased to update you on the Christmas and New Year celebrations you can look forward to in Brisbane and the Gold Coast this year. [Click here.](#)

Warm regards
Tourism Queensland team

Queensland The Best Nature Holiday in the World

Queensland is home to many natural wonders and offers a diverse array of nature activities that will thrill any nature lover. Here are some exciting ways you can get close to nature:

From June to October, take a whale watching cruise off the coast of Queensland, and marvel at the acrobatic prowess of majestic migrating humpback whales. [Click here](#) for a list of whale-watching cruises.



Hand feed wild bottlenose dolphins at Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort on the pristine Moreton Island, just 75 minutes by boat from Brisbane. www.tangalooma.com



Explore the lush rainforest at Mount Tamborine in the Gold Coast hinterland or embark on the Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk, an elevated walkway with a spectacular view over the treetops and creek below. www.rainforestskywalk.com.au

Savour the fresh, crisp air with a rustic stay in the mountains overlooking lush greenery such as at O'Reilly's Rainforest Guesthouse or Binna Burra Mountain Lodge. www.oreillys.com.au www.binnaburralodge.com.au

Go on a guided night tour to see Australia's largest colony of glow worms at Natural Bridge, in Springbrook National Park.



Not to be missed is the multi award-winning Australia Zoo, home of the late Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin. Watch exciting crocodile feeding shows and get up close to kangaroos, koalas, wombats and amazing giant tortoises. www.australiazoo.com.au

Venture four hours' north of Brisbane to the World Heritage-listed Fraser Island. The best way to explore the island is to go on a 4WD eco tour to marvel at its coloured sands, crystal clear freshwater lakes, pristine rainforests and wildlife. www.fraserisland.net



And for the most breathtaking natural wonder of all – the Great Barrier Reef, whose beauty is unparalleled. This is one of the seven wonders of the natural world!



New Australian Outback Spectacular Show

Australian Outback Spectacular presents an exciting new dinner show, 'Heroes of the Light Horse' which celebrates the link between the stockmen and the legendary Australian Light Horse mounted troops. Performed nightly from Tuesdays to Sundays, the ticket includes the 90 minute show, three-course Aussie barbecue dinner, drinks and a stockman's hat. outbackspectacular.myfun.com.au

Walkabout Cultural Adventures

Join local Aboriginal guide Juan Walker on his new half or full day 4WD tours in North Queensland. A member of the renowned Walker family, Juan will share his knowledge of his people, the Kuku Yalanji Rainforest Aborigines. Visit the rainforest and spectacular waterfalls of the World Heritage-listed Daintree, as well as Aboriginal cultural sites, as you taste bush tucker, swim in pristine freshwater streams and try traditional hunting and spear throwing. The tours cater for between two to six guests. www.walkaboutadventures.com.au



Luxury Beachfront Resort in Caloundra

The five-star A\$90 million Rumba Beach Resort recently opened on the picturesque Bulecock Beach at Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast. With beautiful views of the Glasshouse Mountains, the resort features 70 well-appointed one and two-bedroom suites and two and three-bedroom apartments. A state-of-the-art function room also caters for 130 people. www.rumbaresort.com.au



Hamilton Island opens New Golf Course

Designed by Australian golf champion Peter Thomson, the Hamilton Island Golf Course is a 6,120m, par 71 course featuring unparalleled views of the Whitsunday islands from all 18 holes. Located on the neighbouring Dent Island, it is the only championship island golf course in Australia. Golfers can reach the course by a five-minute boat ride from Hamilton Island. www.hamiltonislandgolfclub.com.au

EVENTS

Noosa Triathlon Multi Sport Festival 28 October to 1 November 2009

Sporting champions will join amateur competitors at the exhilarating Noosa Triathlon Multi Sport Festival. Held at Queensland's famous Noosa Beach, the annual festival is one of the world's largest annual multi-sport events and culminates with the Noosa Triathlon. www.usmevents.com.au



Conde Nast Traveller's Readers' Travel Awards

Five resorts in Queensland were recently chosen by readers of Conde Nast Traveller as their favourite holiday accommodation in Australasia & the South Pacific. Congratulations to Lizard Island, Hayman Island, Bedarra Island, Angsana Great Barrier Reef and Qualia! www.cntraveller.com/ReadersAwards/2009

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