



GOLD COAST

Occupying 70 kilometres of coastline in Queensland's South East, the Gold Coast is the ultimate adventure playground to reward your team. Famed for its theme parks, beaches, vibrant nightlife and close proximity to more than 100,000 hectares of rainforest, the sub-tropical city abounds with outdoor activities. Wildlife encounters and team-building challenges ranging from surfing to ziplining are just the beginning. As the Gold Coast gears up to host the Commonwealth Games in 2018, the city is currently undergoing an intensive period of development in its business events infrastructure with the opening of a new open-air event space, upgrades to venues and the addition of new hotels and incentive products.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 1

Begin your day at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, where you can feed kangaroos, cuddle a koala, listen to educational talks at the animal hospital, or take the Tree Top Challenge including a zipline over the crocodile enclosure. Next up, just a seven-minute drive away, visit Elephant Rock on Currumbin Beach and hold a sand-sculpting competition. Stop for lunch at Vikings Beach Surf Club known for its contemporary Australian cuisine and ocean views. Charter a helicopter transfer to O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat in the Lamington National Park, which caters for groups of up to 180. Treat your team to sunset drinks at Moonlight Crag Lookout on the edge of the escarpment, followed by dinner under the stars.

DAY 2

After breakfast at O'Reilly's, choose from a flying fox adventure or a tour of the World Heritage-Listed rainforest via Segway facilitated by an onsite guide. Transfer to sister property, Canungra Valley Vineyards, a 50-minute drive away in the Scenic Rim region, where your team can stomp grapes and test their palate in a blind wine tasting. For lunch, enjoy a classic Australian barbecue paired with wines from the surrounding vineyards. Transfer back to the Gold Coast and shop for designer labels at Harbour Town in Biggera Waters, recharging with complimentary refreshments in the VIP lounge. Harley Davidsons will then take your group to dinner at Seaduction Restaurant and Bar with views over the beach at Surfers Paradise.

DAY 3

Start your day at Sea World, 15 minutes north of Surfers Paradise, with a hot buffet breakfast in the dolphin lagoon enclosure before joining them in the water for a close up encounter. From Sea World's pier, board a jet boat for a ride around the Gold Coast's waterways, then take a surfing lesson with the Gold Coast Surf Academy. Arrive at SkyPoint in Surfers Paradise in time for lunch at Seventy7 Café and Bar on the Observation Deck, then burn it off during the 90-minute SkyPoint Climb, which takes you 270 metres above sea level to the top of the Q1 building, the second-highest public vantage point in the Southern Hemisphere. For dinner, choose from a Batman, Scooby Doo or Casablanca-themed event space at Movie World.

WHAT'S NEW

Catering for up to 1,000 delegates, the new Conference Centre at Sea World Resort features premium audiovisual facilities, a verandah for coffee breaks and cocktail receptions. The resort has 400 rooms and additional accommodation can be accessed at Palazzo Versace and Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort Gold Coast.

Dreamworld's multi-million dollar development of the new motorsport precinct includes a venue for 250 guests seated or 480 cocktail-style and the world's first Hot Wheels rollercoaster.

An hour's drive from Surfers Paradise, TreeTop Challenge has launched Australia's highest and fastest guided zipline experience. The Canyon Flyer covers 1.5 kilometres at speeds of up to 70 kilometres an hour, soaring over a spectacular canyon at Mt Tamborine.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2016, the Gold Coast welcomed its first permanent beachfront venue, Kurrawa Terrace. From welcome breakfasts to sunset cocktails or a more casual approach to dinner, the venue has the capacity for 150 guests seated and 350 cocktail-style, with additional space available utilising the adjacent level beach area.



EVENTS

CASTROL GOLD COAST 600

Each October, the V8 Supercars Championship hits the streets of Surfers Paradise for three days of high-octane entertainment. The Paddock Club offers the ultimate race day experience with uninterrupted views of the track, first-class hospitality and access to the V8 Supercars Paddock, where you can meet the drivers and their times

MAGIC MILLIONS

With AUD \$10 million in prize money at stake, the Magic Millions in January is Australia's richest thoroughbred horse racing day. Secure a corporate suite or private Jeep Magic Millions Chalet for premium trackside entertaining.

EXPLORE FURTHER AFIELD

CABARITA BEACH

Located just 15 minutes south of Gold Coast is Cabarita Beach, a popular destination for surfing. Here you will find Halycon House, a beautiful 21 room, beach front property that features an event space that opens up onto the pool. The resort also includes a restaurant that is headed up by Australian chef Ben Devlin and offers a range of activities including paddle boarding and yoga.

MORETON ISLAND

A 30-minute scenic helicopter flight north of the Gold Coast, Moreton Island is a popular destination for four-wheel driving, fishing and whale watching. It is also now a focal event destination thanks to the refurbishment of Tangalooma Island Resort, home to four conference centres, more than 80 tours and accommodation for up to 1,800 guests.

BYRON BAY

An hour's drive south of the Gold Coast on the New South Wales North Coast, Byron Bay is renowned for its relaxed beach lifestyle, wellness retreats and watersports such as surfing and kayaking. On 22 hectares of beachfront, Elements of Byron is a new luxury resort offering 94 private beach villas and conference facilities for up to 450 guests.

ADD THE WOW FACTOR

Charter a luxury yacht with Cruise Gold Coast for an afternoon on the Gold Coast Broadwater, treating your team to sparkling wine and seafood platters on board the 39-foot catamaran, Life's Good. Or, to make an entrance everyone will remember, hire a fleet of fire trucks with Gold Coast Fire4Hire, which can carry up to 67 guests.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 40 championship golf courses within 45 minutes of Surfers Paradise, the heart of the Gold Coast, that can accommodate groups. Boasting 27 holes, creating three unique 18-hole combination courses, RACV Royal Pines Resort also has its very own team building company onsite, Time Out Adventures. The property also features 331 luxury hotel rooms and newly refurbished conference and meeting facilities, which can cater for groups of eight to 1,800.



PLANNING AND LOGISTICS

ACCESS

The Gold Coast is serviced by two international airports – Gold Coast Airport, a 30-minute drive south of Surfers Paradise, and Brisbane Airport, one-hour drive north. Direct flights are available to and from all Australian capital cities, regional hubs and major international destinations.

ACCOMMODATION

With more than 42,000 hotel rooms, the Gold Coast has a range of accommodation options to suit your needs spanning international hotels, luxury resorts, self-catering apartments and rainforest retreats.

WEATHER

Gold Coast has a sub-tropical climate. Average maximum temperature.

Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Temperature °C	29°	29°	28°	26°	23°	21°	21°	22°	24°	25°	27°	28°
Temperature °F	84°	84°	82°	79°	73°	70°	70°	72°	75°	77°	81°	82°

VENUE CAPACITY

Catering for groups of 10 to 6,000 delegates, the Gold Coast offers award-winning convention venues including the Gold Coast Convention Centre which includes a 6,000 seat Arena, more than 6,000 sqm of exhibition space and 22 meeting rooms. The Gold Coast also offers waterfront restaurants, hinterland escapes and inspiring open-air spaces. Whether your goal is to educate, reward or motivate, the Gold Coast has the experience, infrastructure and activities to bring your event to life.

