



School Holidays are coming up – what to do? Close to home ‘playcations’ are popular this year. Hop in the car and go. We often forget what is on our doorstep.

How about a trip to the Spit – we have negotiated a great deal for a family of 2 adults and 2 children to escape to the 4 star Seaworld Resort for 3 nights including daily breakfast and unlimited access to Seaworld, Movieworld , Wet and Wild, and Paradise country. All from \$968! With friendly staff, fantastic facilities and direct monorail access to Sea World, it's no wonder Sea World Resort enjoys the reputation of being Australia's number one theme park holiday destination. This secluded and luxurious resort is bordered by our world famous surf beach and the idyllic Broadwater. A low-rise resort set amongst beautiful rainforest atriums, Sea World Resort is the perfect place to stay and relax on the Gold Coast.

Or drive to Hervey Bay and take a trip to Fraser Island. Experience the natural beauty and tranquillity of Fraser Island while staying in world-class comfort at Kingfisher Bay Resort. Relax, indulge and have fun in this award-winning resort or explore the world's largest sand island. Swim in crystal-clear lakes or follow pristine streams through ancient rainforests. Drive along spectacular Seventy-Five Mile Beach to see coloured sands and a shipwreck. Search for dolphins and dugong. Go sailing or fishing or pamper yourself with a relaxing massage or a cocktail by the pool. Take a Half Day Whale Watching Cruise on a 17.5m motorised catamaran vessel. Humpback whales book their holidays in Hervey Bay from August to October. During this time about a thousand humpbacks spend anywhere from a day to two weeks relaxing and nurturing their calves in the sheltered lee of Fraser Island. Because the whales are taking time out from their migration, they provide some of the best whale watching in the world. As they come in close to the boats, they are easily seen in the clear waters of the bay. Marine rangers/skippers provide commentary and a multimedia presentation. A three night package in a 2 bedroom Villa at Kingfisher Bay with return launch transfers from Hervey Bay and a half day whale watching tour from \$1688 for a family of 2 adults and 2 children.

Why not venture to the big smoke? Drive up to Brisbane and on the way stop to visit the Spirits of the Red Sand – this wonderful exhibit that has just won the Queensland’s best of the best tourism experience. Included in your staycation is entrance to Welcome to Country which invites you to discover ancient Aboriginal customs and rituals from Dreamtime to the rhythms of the didgeridoo to participating in all aspects of traditional Aboriginal life including boomerang painting and bush tucker tasting. Stay for 3 nights at the Mercure on King George Square in the heart of Brisbane. Walk across the bridge to South bank and ride the Ferris wheel. Pick up a scooter or a bicycle and explore the inner city, wander the old botanic gardens or take the lift up the clock tower of city hall. Also included is a day trip to Lone Pine Sanctuary – leaving central Brisbane you will cruise just over an hour up river before you arrive at this native wildlife sanctuary where you can hand feed kangaroos or learn about koalas, watch the sheep dog show and enjoy the Raptor Show before the relaxing cruise back down the Brisbane river to the city. This 3 night package includes accommodation and daily breakfast, the Welcome to Country Experience with morning tea and the full day tour up the Brisbane river to Lone Pine Sanctuary. For a family of 2 adults and 2 children the cost starts from \$1099.

The prices are based on a family of 2 adults and 2 children – the prices may change depending upon your specific dates and the age of the children. Call Travelling Places to book these great family escapes or to ask about other options. P: 07 55451600.

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