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Peter O'Leary in association with Specialty Travel presents his 11 day

Holiday Coast Extravaganza

Wednesday 10th – Saturday 20 July 2019

**3 x 3 night stays including a
CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCH!**

(Awaiting confirmation for this)

DAY 1: Wed 10 July

ROCKHAMPTON/SYDNEY/PORT STEPHENS

(D)

Pick Up: TBA

An early start for pickups on our July Holiday Coast Extravaganza to catch our 8.30am Virgin Flight VA1234 to Brisbane/Sydney - arrival 12.40pm. Every day is different and we've included some great and sometimes unusual attractions which we're sure you'll enjoy. Today is a travel day, starting with our flights to Sydney. We'll be met on arrival by Holiday Coast Tours and once the coach is loaded we drive north to **Port Stephens** for our first three night's accommodation.

Oaks Pacific Blue Resort, Port Stephens – 02 4916 1200

DAY 2: Thurs 11 July

EXPLORING NELSON BAY

(BLD)

Following a hearty breakfast, we can begin our touring. We take in the sights of the area before our first activity, mid-morning, when we board our boat for our sightseeing cruise on the spectacular waterways of **Port Stephens**. Hear the stories of the past and present as the cruise takes us across these beautiful blue waters. Keep your fingers crossed as, with luck, we may also meet some of the long-time locals - the **friendly dolphins**. Back on dry land we make our way to **Tailor Made Fish Farm** for a fish 'n chip lunch. This is the premier Barramundi farm in NSW, producing a total of 1000 kilos of live and freshly chilled barramundi per week. We have the opportunity to see how a commercial farm operates as we are taken on a **guided tour** through the production sheds and the nursery to see the baby barra. The process of growing both fish and hydroponic vegetables will be explained in a fun and informative manner. We can also meet "Big Barry". We now have an afternoon of adventure in store as we head to the **Stockton Bight Sand Dunes**. The dunes need to be seen to be believed. Covering an area of over 2,500 hectares along the 32km long Stockton Beach the brilliant white Sand Dunes climb up to 30 metres high with slopes up to 60°. We will board a very comfortable 4WD vehicle and take a drive through the dune, along the beach and past 'Tin City', a small makeshift fishing village that emerges from the dunes like a mirage!

Oaks Pacific Blue Resort, Port Stephens – 02 4916 1200

DAY 3: Fri 12 July

THE UPPER HUNTER VALLEY

(BLD)

Many of us may have been to the Hunter Valley before so we have planned a completely different day to enjoy. We are joined by our local guide as we tour through the **Upper Hunter Valley**. Our sightseeing takes us to **Darley Stud** – a magnificent operation with animals and scenery that will be remembered. Darley (Woodlands) is owned by Sheik Mohammed from Dubai - he is the largest breeder of thoroughbreds in the world - this farm is the largest - it is in the Upper Hunter and we have exclusive rights to visit today! We'll stop for **lunch** in **Denman** before continuing our sightseeing which will include some local enterprises and of course a wine tasting at a local winery. After a thoroughly fascinating day we head for home.

Oaks Pacific Blue Resort, Port Stephens – 02 4916 1200

DAY 4: Sat 13 July

COMBOYNE CHRISTMAS IN JULY (TBC)

(BLD)

Departing Port Stephens we head through the stunning **Manning Valley** with a brief break in the quaint village of Nahiack. We then climb to the verdant Comboyne Plateau with lush green pastures which many liken to the rural English countryside. (This is to be confirmed yet and may have to rearrange Itinerary) In **Comboyne** we can look forward to country style hospitality and a wonderful **Christmas in July** lunch before our afternoon sightseeing tour through to Port Macquarie. Travelling across to the "Poets Village" of Kendall, we continue through to North Haven taking the coastal route via Bonny Hills and Lake Cathie to our destination of **Port Macquarie**.

Waters Edge Boutique Hotel, Port Macquarie – 02 6583 2955

DAY 5: Sun 14 July

WAUCHOPE & SURROUNDS

(BLD)

A gentle start to the day before we head over to visit **Wauchope**. Our first stop is at **Vickers Fudge Shop** for a tasting before arriving at **Timbertown**, an entire village recreated to show us how the pioneers lived and worked over a century ago. It is an authentic heritage township, where the steam train still runs, timber is still sawn and the bullock team still hauls its heavy load! You'll smell the distinctive aroma from the steam engines, the smell of sawn timber and the smell of home style cooked meals. It is also our **lunch** venue. Early afternoon we arrive at **Bago Vineyards & Maze** for the opportunity to taste traditional sparkling and varietal wines. We'll enjoy a tour of the winery and the wonderful scenery as well as the opportunity to visit the **largest hedge maze** in NSW. With a total area of 10,000 square metres and 2,000 metres of pathways, the design has taken inspiration from the surrounding vineyard and bush land. Our day complete, we return to Port Macquarie.

Waters Edge Boutique Hotel, Port Macquarie – 02 6583 2955

DAY 6: Mon 15 July

EXPLORING THE AREA

(BLD)

Founded in 1821, Port Macquarie is one of the oldest towns in the state and was a convict settlement until 1840. "Port" as it is fondly known by the locals, has both a river frontage (the Hastings River enters the sea here) and a series of ocean beaches starting right in the town. This morning we enjoy the sights of the Port including a visit to the unique **Koala Hospital** run by NSW National Parks and Wildlife. The hospital has been in operation for nearly 30 years and is run by volunteers. There is no "cuddling" of koalas as this is a working hospital but it's an interesting place to visit with some unusual display material. We have an unusual lunch venue today – **Ricardoes Tomatoes!** State of the art computerised technology controls two acres of greenhouses and produces high quality hydroponically grown tomatoes and strawberries, controlled by irrigation, nutrient application, humidity, temperature, light, insect and disease control. Returning to town we board the luxury river cruiser **Port Venture** for a two hour cruise on the Hastings River. Our cruise takes us up to the Dennis Bridge at the Pacific Highway and back past the canal estates and other sites that abut the river. The Captain will supply an interesting commentary of the sites and local history and afternoon tea is provided. Back on dry land we have a little free time in the main street before returning to our motel.

Waters Edge Boutique Hotel, Port Macquarie – 02 6583 2955

DAY 7: Tue 16 July

PORT MACQUARIE TO COFFS HARBOUR

(BLD)

Our day sees us engage with a variety of interesting stops. Our first visit is to the **Slim Dusty Centre**. The centre's exhibitions feature objects and images from the Kirkpatrick family's own extensive archive, as well as contributions from fans and friends from all over the world. We'll have **morning tea** here also. It's fitting that our next stop is at Taylors Arm for **lunch** at the **Pub With No Beer**. For just over 100 years The Pub With No Beer has been dispensing Australia's most valuable liquid asset, beer. Legend has it, however, that it once ran out - hence the song by Slim Dusty which became the biggest selling single in 1958. Retracing our steps we drop in at **Perry's Lemon Myrtle** for a talk on the farm and their products. Lemon myrtle is native to Australia and its popularity is ever-increasing, perhaps due to its rarity. Onto **Coffs Harbour** where we check into the Opal Cove Resort and settle in.

Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour - 02 6651 0517

DAY 8: Wed 17 July

TAKING IN THE ENVIRONS

(BD)

We take a sightseeing tour of the area this morning. First we head to **Bruxner Park** driving up through banana plantations and avocado groves to the new **Forest Sky Pier**. The Forest Sky Pier is located on an escarpment 310 metres above Coffs Harbour offering views out to the coast - on a clear day you can see 100kms to the south! Next we are off to **Dolphin Marine Magic** for the Marine Discovery Presentation. Dolphin Marine Magic is home to dozens of animals, more notably the Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphins, seals, a flock of Little Penguins, Green Sea Turtles, fresh water turtles and a variety of endemic fish species. Rehabilitation is extremely important to the team at Dolphin Marine Magic. Over the years they have successfully rehabilitated and released hundreds of animals, including dolphins, seals, turtles and sea birds back out into the wild for a second chance at life. We now head down to the marina where we can purchase lunch. We have a free afternoon to relax and make the most of the resort's facilities.

Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour - 02 6651 0517

DAY 9: Thurs 18 July

DORRIGO NATIONAL PARK

(BLD)

We spend today in the beautiful **Bellinger Valley** and **Dorrigo Plateau**. We start with a wander through the historic township of **Bellingen** with its craft shops and galleries. The town's traditional-style main street (the highlight of which is the restored **Hammond and Wheatley Emporium**) is as grand as its name suggests. We then travel up to the **Dorrigo Plateau** where we visit **Dangar Falls** and the **Dorrigo National Park**. We see some magnificent rainforest country and stunning views. The information centre and a number of easy walks will introduce us to the beauty and serenity of the rainforest. The **Skywalk** will provide us with some spectacular views. We enjoy a light lunch at the Canopy Café in the **Rainforest Centre**. This afternoon we head back through the Bellinger Valley to **Urunga** where we stop to visit the **Honey Place** before travelling back to our hotel for dinner.

Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour - 02 6651 0517

DAY 10: Fri 19 July**COFFS HARBOUR TO TWEED HEADS****(BLD)**

Leaving Coffs Harbour behind us we head to **Byron Bay**, located at Cape Byron which is Australia's most Easterly point. Lunch today is at **The Farm**. This is a real working farm with animals and crops and today we'll gain some first hand knowledge on their unique farming practices. Before leaving Byron Bay we stop by **Stone & Wood Brewery** for a tasting. We now make our way to Tweed Heads for our final night on tour.

Mantra Twin Towns, Tweed Heads – 07 5536 2121

DAY 11: Sat 20 July**TWEED HEADS-BRISBANE TO ROCKHAMPTON****(B)**

After time for a walk along the beach if anyone wishes we meander up to the Gold Coast to visit **Skypoint**, the tallest building on the Gold Coast. We'll ride in one of the fastest elevators in the world to the 77th floor to take in the stunning views from the observation deck. Our next stop is a very special **High Tea** at **Palazzo Versace Hotel**. What a place! In a spectacular waterfront setting every aspect of architecture, ambience, furnishings and ornamentation reflects a level of opulence once confined to the grand hotels of Europe. Richly decorated spaces proclaim the transcendence of Italian design. What a great way to finish our tour. We now express to Brisbane Airport to connect with our flight back to Rockhampton. We arrive home tonight to complete a fabulous holiday!

Departure Times TBA

Tour Inclusions

- Pick up & transfers to and from Rockhampton Airport
- Domestic Virgin Flights to Sydney and return from Brisbane
- Luxury 5 Star Coach Holiday Coast Tours
- 10 night's motel accommodation
- 10 cooked motel breakfasts
- 10 motel dinners
- 7 included lunches (as below)
- Dolphin Watch Cruise with Moonshadow Cruises, Port Stephens
- Lunch at Cookabarra Restaurant, Port Stephens
- Guided Tour Tailor Made Fish Farms, Port Stephens
- Stockton Bight Sand Dunes tour with Port Stephens 4WD Tours
- Day Tour including Lunch to Upper Hunter
- Christmas in July lunch at Comboyne War Memorial Hall (to be confirmed)
- Tour and tastings at Vickers Fudge, Wauchope
- Entry and lunch at Timbertown, Wauchope
- Tour, tastings and Maze entry at Bago Vineyards & Maze, Wauchope
- Guided tour of Port Macquarie
- Guided tour of the Koala Hospital, Port Macquarie
- Guided tour and lunch at Ricardoes Tomatoes & Strawberries, Port Macquarie
- River cruise & afternoon tea with Port Jet Cruises, Port Macquarie
- Entry & Devonshire Tea at Slim Dusty Centre, Kempsey VIC
- Lunch at the Pub with No Beer, Taylors Arm
- Talk at Perry's Lemon Myrtle Rainforest, Taylors Arm
- Guided city sights tour including Forest Sky Pier, Coffs Harbour
- Entry to Dolphin Marine Magic Presentation, Coffs Harbour
- Entry to Dorriggo Rainforest Centre
- Light lunch at Canopy Café, Dorriggo
- Touring at The Farm, Byron Bay
- Boxed lunch at the Three Blue Ducks, Byron Bay
- Beer tastings at Stone & Wood Brewery, Byron Bay
- Group entry at Skypoint, Gold Coast
- High Tea at the Palazzo Versace Hotel, Gold Coast

Accommodation:

- 3 nights: Marina Resort, Port Stephen
- 3 nights: Waters Edge Port Macquarie, Port Macquarie
- 3 nights: Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour
- 1 night: Mantra Twin Towns, Tweed Heads

Tour Cost

\$3,475.00 per person
Single Supplement – add \$750.00 per person

1. *Make sure you **phone** your booking through first to ensure availability of seats!*
2. *To guarantee your place on this tour please fill out attached Booking Form and return to Peter with a **\$500 Deposit per person***
3. ***Final Balance Due by Monday 27th May 2019***
4. ***Insurance not included but highly recommended. Please ask for a quote as per Booking Form!!***

Any queries please phone Peter on 49112644

Terms & Conditions

Specialty Travel reserves the right –

To vary the itinerary in any way at any time it deems necessary.

To amend the price subject to any changes imposed by other operators and carriers included in the itinerary. The operation and provision of services from other operators and carriers included in the itinerary is the responsibility of these operators and no responsibility is taken by Specialty Travel for the failure of such operators to provide the nominated service.

To cancel or postpone the tour due to insufficient numbers or as the result of circumstances outside the company's control that in the opinion of the company would adversely affect the operation of the tour

The company accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of personal belongings and suggests that suitable insurance be attained for protection of the same.

The company does not accept responsibility or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity or damage caused by other transport companies used for connection tours operated by this company.

Cancellations

Cancellation fees may be levied in accordance with notice given. For cancellations between 2 and 3 months of the date of travel, cancellation fees **may** apply on deposits or payments made as per conditions imposed by other suppliers of services included in the tour. For cancellations after final payment (60 days prior to departure) & no shows a 100% cancellation fee **may** apply.

However no cancellation fees will apply if someone else replaces you on the same tour.

Fares & Payments

Fares quoted are subject to alteration. However no change will be made after the final balance has been paid. A deposit of \$500 is required to confirm your booking with the balance due 60 days prior to departure. (Please be advised your booking is not guaranteed until we receive deposit). Payment by Mastercard & Visa Credit Cards will incur a 1% Fee. Amex attracts a higher Fee.

Inclusions

Inclusions for each tour are shown on the itinerary. As a general rule, tours include dinner, bed, breakfast and entry fees to various attractions and cruises etc. Meals included are identified by the symbols, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.

Exclusions

Meals not specified, optional tours, room service, telephone calls, drinks and other items of a personal nature.

Accommodation

Wherever possible, rooms are self-contained with private bathroom, colour television, tea and coffee making facilities and heating/air conditioning. Persons wanting a single room must pay a single supplement.

Departure Details

Passengers are requested to be ready for departure at least 15 minutes prior to departure time. Departure details and times will be advised either at the time of booking or final payment.

Travel Insurance

Is not included but is strongly recommended and available if required, for an additional cost.

BOOKING FORM
DOMESTIC TRAVEL



Phone (07) 4911 2644

Make sure you phone your booking through first to ensure availability of seats!!

TOUR NAME: **Holiday Coast Extravaganza** DEPARTURE DATE: **Wednesday 10th July 2019**

Surname (1) _____ Given Name/s _____ Title _____

(Please supply names as per Passport or Driver's License)

Surname (2) _____ Given Name/s _____ Title _____

Preferred Name (if different from above): 1. _____ 2. _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____ Have Name Badge? Yes / No (Please circle one)

Preferred Accommodation: (Please circle one) Twin Share / Single Supplement ; Twin Beds/Double Bed

If travelling with a friend & sharing a room, please advise their name _____

Dietary Requirements: (If Any) _____

Pickup Point: (Please circle one) Yeppoon Rail; Emu Park Bus Terminal; Northside Plaza; South Rocky Puma; Gracemere PO; or meet at Airport

We strongly recommend TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Quote required **Yes** – If yes please advise Dates of Birth 1: _____ 2 _____

Quote required **No** I/We have or will arrange our own Insurance

\$500 Deposit per person is required with booking.

Final Balance due Monday 27th May 2019

Payment Methods– Cheque, Credit Card or Direct Deposit

Cheque: (Please make payable to **SPECIALTY TRAVEL**)

Direct Deposit: Specialty Travel Trust Account: Westpac Bank - BSB: 034210; Acc No: 137027
NB: (If using this method please phone or email and advise when done)

Credit Card Type: (Please Circle one) Mastercard / Visa (1% Fee) Amex (3%)

This is to confirm that I, the **Cardholder:** _____

(Full name as it appears on your credit card)

have read and accept the Terms & Conditions of Specialty Travel as stated online and/or in their brochures and authorize Specialty Travel to charge the following credit card for deposit and/or final payment:

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____ **CCV:** (on back of Card) _____

Amount: \$ _____ **Signature:** _____

Please return completed form by one of the following:

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