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GOLD COAST

For the best times of your life!



Tiger Island, Dreamworld

See the Gold Coast – the Sunlover Holidays way!

For over 30 years, Sunlover Holidays has been crafting holidays for families, for couples, for friends and for adventurers right around Australia. From Cape York to Kangaroo Island, from the Gold Coast to Margaret River, from the Kimberley to Bruny Island, and everywhere in between our travel experts are here to design and book your ideal Aussie holiday.

Our 14 Sunlover Holidays brochures have something to suit all tastes and budgets and are the perfect planning tool for your family holiday, romantic getaway, self drive adventure or island escape.

Inside you'll find our 'Essential Experiences' with 'Must Do' activities plus 'Our Local Secrets' section designed to enhance your holiday experience. Our new Free Wi-Fi feature makes it easy to stay connected on holiday, just look for the properties displaying the Free Wi-Fi symbol.

We have a huge range of stay/pay specials to make your holiday dollar go further as well as a fabulous selection of value add offers which are listed throughout the brochure.

Use this brochure for inspiration, then let our travel experts assist you to experience Australia your way – happy travelling!

Andrew Burnes
CEO, Sunlover Holidays



Above Photo: Surfers Paradise
Main Cover Photo: Wet'n'Wild



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Planning your Holiday

The information on the following pages is designed to help you plan your dream getaway. Discover the Gold Coast and check out local events on page 6. We've detailed our Essential Experiences on page 8 and share 'Our Local Secrets' on page 9 as well as other Travel Tips for planning your perfect holiday.

The Sunlover Holidays Difference

Fantastic prices, a diverse range of Australian holiday destinations, the widest choice of products and unmatched service, combined with over 30 years experience – that's the Sunlover Holidays difference!

We're committed to offering an extensive range of holiday options and our team of product experts regularly travel throughout Australia to bring you the very best holiday experiences. They are passionate about Australia and personally select each product, providing you with the greatest choice at the most competitive price.

Our team of travel experts are here to help, offering advice and information. They can tailor-make your dream holiday from hundreds of fantastic hotels, apartments and resorts as well as flights, cruises, car and campervan hire, extended touring, self drive holidays and a huge range of sightseeing tours and attractions.

100% Australian Owned

Sunlover Holidays is a division of The AOT Group, one of Australia's largest travel companies. We are 100%

Australian owned and proud to employ over 300 staff located in our offices in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. A booking with Sunlover Holidays ensures your dollar stays in Australia and helps generate jobs for Australians!

24 Hour Service

We know your holiday experience doesn't end until you are safely home. That's why our Customer Care Team is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, should you require any assistance during your Sunlover holiday. All the necessary information will be provided with your travel documentation and you can contact the team at any time during your holiday. We're with you on the journey.

Offering You Value for Money

Throughout this brochure you'll find amazing offers including free nights, room upgrades and food and beverage credits to name a few. Just look for the 'Bonus Offer' box.

We have also put together some fabulous Holiday Packages starting on page 10, which offer exceptional value for money. These packages include a choice of accommodation

options to suit all budgets together with 'must do' tours and attractions, exclusive to Sunlover Holidays.

Our product team is always sourcing special deals throughout the year, so make sure you ask your travel agent for the latest Sunlover Holidays specials when making your booking.

Exclusively For You

We're always on the look out for ways to enhance your holiday experience. Throughout this brochure, you'll find deals marked **Exclusively For You**. These are free bonus offers exclusive to Sunlover Holidays customers.

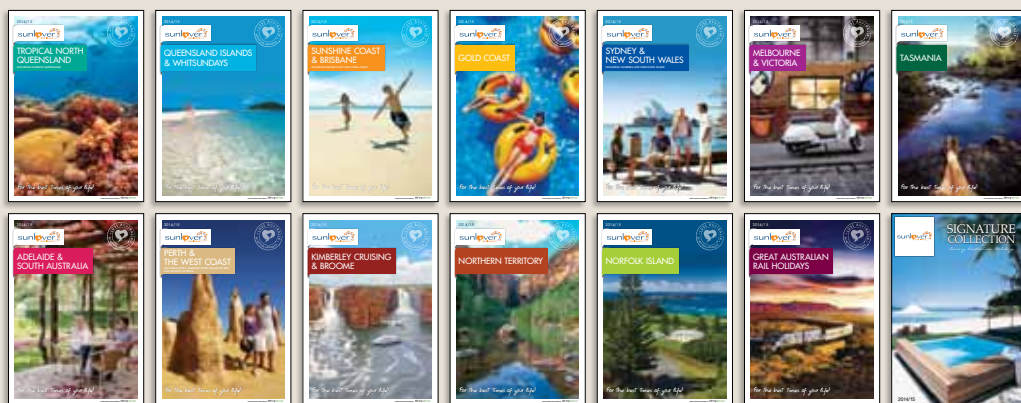
TripAdvisor



This brochure is a great source of advice and has all the information you'll need to create your dream holiday. We are now partnering with TripAdvisor to offer you (where available) hotel reviews. TripAdvisor rates real travellers' experiences, giving you an unbiased and impartial point of view on the product we feature to assist you with your holiday planning. TripAdvisor ratings and reviews are available to view on our website at www.sunloverholidays.com.au.

LET SUNLOVER HOLIDAYS
INSPIRE YOU
TO **DISCOVER**
MORE OF THIS
INcredible
COUNTRY

ASK YOUR TRAVEL AGENT
FOR ONE OF OUR MANY BROCHURES





Main Beach

Pricing Guide

Prices featured in accommodation listings are per room for the period specified unless otherwise stated. The "from" price in the property heading has been calculated using the cheapest nightly rate available, ie. in the lead-in room type, in off-peak season using the longest stay (eg. 7 nights). If a free night offer is available, even if for part of a season, this has been included when calculating the "from" price. A minimum stay is generally required. Where prices for more than a one night stay are featured, the prices refer to stays of consecutive nights.

School Holidays 2014 - 15

Queensland	5 – 21 Apr, 28 Jun – 13 Jul, 20 Sep – 6 Oct, 13 Dec 14 – 26 Jan 15
New South Wales	12 – 27 Apr, 28 Jun – 13 Jul, 20 Sep – 6 Oct, 20 Dec 14 – 26 Jan 15
Victoria	5 – 21 Apr, 28 Jun – 13 Jul, 20 Sep – 5 Oct, 20 Dec 14 – 28 Jan 15
ACT	12 – 27 Apr, 5 – 20 Jul, 27 Sep – 12 Oct, 18 Dec 14 – 29 Jan 15
Tasmania	18 Apr – 4 May, 5 – 20 Jul, 27 Sep – 12 Oct, 19 Dec 14 – 3 Feb 15
South Australia	12 – 27 Apr, 5 – 20 Jul, 27 Sep – 12 Oct, 13 Dec 14 – 26 Jan 15
Western Australia	12 – 27 Apr, 5 – 20 Jul, 27 Sep – 12 Oct, 19 Dec 14 – 1 Feb 15
Northern Territory	7 – 11 Apr, 23 Jun – 18 Jul, 29 Sep – 3 Oct, 13 Dec 14 – 26 Jan 15
New Zealand	18 Apr – 4 May, 5 – 20 Jul, 27 Sep – 12 Oct, 20 Dec 14 – 26 Jan 15

Accommodation Ratings

STAR and Diamond ratings are used throughout the brochure to describe the standard of accommodation.

STAR RATINGS Properties featuring the STAR symbols are independently assessed by AAA Tourism, the national tourism body of the Australian Auto Clubs. The STARS and the STAR Rating Scheme are a Registered Trademark of AAA Tourism Pty Ltd. We have no input into the assessment process.

DIAMOND RATINGS Properties featuring Diamond symbols do not participate in a recognised rating scheme. The rating is supplied by the individual property based on their own assessment. We recommend they be used as a guide only.

- ★★★
◆◆◆ Comfortable standard of accommodation
- ★★★★
◆◆◆◆ Superior standard of accommodation and facilities
- ★★★★★
◆◆◆◆◆ Deluxe standard of accommodation and facilities
- ☆
◇ Denotes additional half rating

Apartment Style Accommodation

In general, self catering apartments feature cooking facilities with a minimum of microwave, hot plates, saucepans, crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils. Laundry facilities will be located either in the apartment, or in a guest laundry within the property. Most apartments are serviced every 7 days and do not provide hotel facilities such as porterage, room service or mini bars. Most apartments provide an initial supply of items such as tea, coffee, toilet paper and soap.

What the Symbols mean



The property has Free Wi-Fi available in the room/apartment. Free Wi-Fi may or may not be available in public areas. Please refer to the Property Features in the individual accommodation listing for further details.



Kids Club facilities are available. Check listings for details.



Day spa facilities are available.



The property has one or more rooms providing wheelchair access with assistance.



A bonus is available if you are celebrating a special occasion (eg. honeymoon). Advise your travel agent when booking. The definition of 'special occasion' and type of bonus offered is at each property's discretion. Conditions may apply.



Eco-Friendly STAR Accreditation certified by AAA Tourism to properties that have met key criteria in areas of energy efficiency, waste management and water minimisation.



Product that has been accredited under the second level of the national Ecotourism Certification scheme.



Product that has been awarded the highest level of the national Ecotourism Certification scheme.

Room Images

Room images featured on property listings are the lead-in room type, unless captioned otherwise.

DAY TOURS
Buy Now &
Book Later!

Our **SUNFLEX** range of tours offers you the flexibility of pre-paying for your "must do" holiday experiences without having to lock in dates in advance. This means you can pick the day that best suits your needs once your holiday has commenced. Simply include a **SUNFLEX** tour in your itinerary, pay for your entire holiday prior to departure, then call us up to 24 hours in advance to book. **SUNFLEX** gives you the flexibility to buy now and book later!
Just look for the SUNFLEX symbol on pages 53 and 54.





Discover the Gold Coast

Surfers Paradise

Calendar of Events

APRIL

Surfers Paradise Festival	2nd-26th
Gold Coast Triathlon	13th

MAY

Opera on the beach Coolangatta	9th-11th
Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show	22nd-25th
Blues on Broadbeach	22nd-25th
Cooly Rocks On, Coolangatta	30th May-9th Jun

JUNE

Broadbeach Country Music Festival	20th-22nd
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JULY

Gold Coast Airport Marathon	5th-6th
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AUGUST

Gold Coast Show	29th-31st
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SEPTEMBER

Swell Sculpture Festival	12th-23rd
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OCTOBER

Coolangatta Gold	18th-19th
Gold Coast 600, Surfers Paradise	24th-26th

NOVEMBER

School Leaver Celebrations	15th Nov-6th Dec
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JANUARY

Magic Millions Racing Carnival	10th
Big Day Out	TBC

TBC – Dates for this event were yet to be confirmed at the time of printing.

Sanctuary Cove to Main Beach

It's a millionaire's playground, and you can join the club. Sophisticated Sanctuary Cove is just waiting to spoil you with its championship golf course, gourmet goodies and exclusive designer boutiques. Main Beach also ups the glamour stakes with its stylish restaurants and cafés, and for international designer brands, browse the stores at Marina Mirage – it's just a stone's throw from your luxury resort accommodation. Nearby theme park Sea World is guaranteed to entertain. Labrador and Southport are perfect family holiday havens close to the Broadwater, a secluded natural waterway great for fishing, swimming and watersports.

Surfers Paradise

Some destinations are iconic, and Surfers Paradise is one of them. Little wonder it's one of Australia's most popular holiday hotspots. Catch a wave at Surfers Paradise Beach, where golden sand and crisp waves are an essential start to any action-packed day. Hit the shops – they're open until late every night – and check out the quirky mix of entertainment and shopping that makes the mall the place to be. Welcome the night at any of the pubs and clubs that set the tone for a unique Surfers party.

October transforms Surfers Paradise into a racetrack for the Gold Coast 600, when V8 Supercars thunder through the streets.

Broadbeach and Surrounds

Famous for its Surf Lifesaving Club, restaurants and chic cosmopolitan vibe, Broadbeach is all about the sand, sea, the great outdoors and alfresco dining. Grab your sunscreen and beach towel, pack a picnic, and enjoy the beaches and parks. A major shopping centre, boutiques and the Gold Coast Convention Centre sit beautifully against this backdrop, giving holidaymakers an extensive range of activities to enjoy.

For star-studded entertainment, Broadbeach is home to Jupiters Hotel & Casino – a 24 hour attraction featuring live shows, fantastic dining and all the glitz of the casino.

Mermaid Beach to Tweed Heads

The great Aussie beach holiday is here for you, with fresh sea air, safe beaches and gorgeous scenery. Palm Beach, Currumbin and Tugun are a treat for the senses, with their seemingly endless beaches, unspoiled and tranquil.

Surfers converge from all over the world to catch a break at Burleigh Heads and Kirra. Laid back Greenmount, Coolangatta and Rainbow Bay are popular safe swimming havens, surrounded by just enough man-made attractions to make any holiday carefree and fun for the whole family. Go up a gear at Tweed Heads – where a world of dining and shopping awaits.

Gold Coast Hinterland

Leave no stone unturned when you venture into the magnificent Gold Coast Hinterland. Set peacefully in the hills beyond the Gold Coast beaches and just 30 minutes drive away – is a fairyland of valleys, waterfalls, rainforest and mountains.

Be enchanted by the hinterland villages with their local arts and crafts stores and galleries. Visit local wineries, wander through ancient rainforest, walk or drive to spectacular scenic lookouts, and enjoy the country hospitality and gourmet treats at a cosy café.

Taste your way around the region on the Hinterland Food and Wine Trail. Sample locally made beer from Mt Tamborine Brewery, cheese from Witches Chase Cheese Company, coffee, fudge, wine and more. Walking is another favourite way to see the Hinterland. There are literally dozens of walking tracks, from the aptly named "The Best of All Lookout" in Springbrook National Park, to the treetop walkway at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat. Or take it at a leisurely pace exploring the craft shops and galleries along Mount Tamborine's Gallery Walk.

Kingscliff

A sea change is exactly what you'll discover just south of the Queensland border, where life is laid back, the locals are friendly, and there's always something on the relaxation menu. Recharge at Kingscliff, where pristine, uncrowded beaches and surrounding seaside villages make for a low-key, re-energising holiday.



To Brisbane
45km from Coomera

Dreamworld
23km from Surfers Paradise
WhiteWater World
COOMERA
SANCTUARY COVE
HOPE ISLAND
Warner Bros. Movie World
Australian Outback Spectacular
Wet'n'Wild Water World
18km from Surfers Paradise



SANCTUARY COVE TO MAIN BEACH
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SOUTH STRADBROKE ISLAND
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SURFERS PARADISE
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To Tamborine Mountain 52km

1 30km



GOLD COAST HINTERLAND
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To Lamington National Park 55km

2 35km

3 60km

To Springbrook 35km

PACIFIC HIGHWAY

GOLD COAST HIGHWAY

THE BROADWATER

MERRIMAC

ASHMORE

BROADBEACH WATERS

CLEAR ISLAND WATERS

ROBINA

LABRADOR

SOUTHPORT

BIGGERA WATERS

RUNAWAY BAY

MERMAID WATERS

MERMAID BEACH

NOBBY BEACH

MIAMI

BURLEIGH HEADS

PALM BEACH

ELANORA

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

CURRUMBIN

TUGUN

BILINGA

KIRRA

COOLANGATTA

TWEED HEADS



MERMAID BEACH TO TWEED HEADS
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- INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS
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- ACCOMMODATION REFERENCE

DISTANCES BY ROAD (KM)

BRISBANE			
80	SURFERS PARADISE		
83	4	BROADBEACH	
105	24	21	COOLANGATTA
110	64	65	84 LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK

Distances should be used as a guide only.

NEW SOUTH WALES

KINGSCLIFF



Essential Experiences

Dreamworld



Currumbin

1. Theme Parks

You get the best of all the 'worlds' on the Gold Coast, where the country's top theme parks reside. Test your nerves on Dreamworld's Big 8 Thrill Rides. Wet 'n' Wild Water World and Dreamworld's WhiteWater World are drenched in family fun. Sea World brings out the best in marine life and Warner Bros. Movie World rolls out the red carpet with an action packed day of movie madness. (see pages 48 to 50 for details)



Marina Mirage

2. Beaches

For traditional, beachy fun, hit the sand. There's 70 kilometres of Gold Coast coastline to tempt you. Check out famous Surfers Paradise Beach, head to Burleigh Heads and Kirra to catch a break or relax with the family on the golden sands at Coolangatta, Greenmount and Rainbow Bay.

3. Cavill Avenue

Stroll through the famous Surfers Paradise sign and along Cavill Avenue for an iconic Gold Coast experience. Lined with shops, nightclubs, bars and restaurants, the street also features surf art and regular live music performances.



Oskars on Burleigh

4. Surf Clubs

Check out the local scene at one of the Gold Coast's many surf clubs. Enjoy a casual bistro meal while soaking up the uninterrupted beachfront views. From Southport to Rainbow Bay, there are surf clubs strewn all along the coastline.

5. SkyPoint

Take in spectacular views of the Gold Coast from SkyPoint Observation Deck, offering 360 degree views from the surf to the hinterland and beyond from one of the world's tallest residential buildings. (see page 52 for details)

6. Jupiters Hotel & Casino

Try your luck at one of the 70-plus table games on offer at the glamorous Jupiters Hotel & Casino. Take in a stage show, dine at one of the casino's seven restaurants and swing into party mode at the Atrium Bar. (see page 39 for details)

7. Dining

Renowned for its restaurants and cafés, the Gold Coast is a gourmet Mecca for delicious dining. Dine alfresco in Tedder Avenue in Main Beach, Surf Parade or Victoria Avenue in Broadbeach or Goodwin Terrace in Burleigh Heads.

8. Golf

Play a round of golf at one of the championship golf courses, from the Greg Norman designed Glades Golf Club in Robina to RACV Royal Pines Resort in Benowa.

9. Shopping

For serious retail therapy, the Gold Coast has it all. Pacific Fair is a fashionista's paradise with over 130 fashion stores. Marina Mirage and Robina Town Centre are the destinations for shopping in style, while discount shoppers will love the outlet shopping at Harbour Town.

10. Hinterland

For a change of pace, explore Tamborine Mountain, Lamington National Park and Springbrook, where a lush rainforest ecosystem is the perfect canvas for relaxation. See the Glow Worm Caves, follow the food and wine trail to gourmet heaven, and take to the skies in a hot air balloon for a bird's-eye view of it all. (see page 54 for details)



Hinterland



SkyPoint



Travel Tips

Main Beach

How to Get There

BY AIR Gold Coast Airport is located at the southern end of the coast in Coolangatta, with Virgin Australia and Jetstar operating direct flights from most major Capital cities. From Coolangatta it's 30 minutes north to Surfers Paradise or 15 minutes south to Kingscliff.

Alternatively Brisbane is just a 60 minute drive from the Gold Coast with direct flights from all Australian cities.

FLIGHT DURATION FROM / TO	GOLD COAST	BRISBANE
Sydney	1 hr 20 mins	1 hr 30 mins
Melbourne	2 hrs 05 mins	2 hrs 10 mins
Adelaide	2 hrs 20 mins	2 hrs 20 mins
Perth	4 hrs 35 mins	4 hrs 25 mins
Hobart	2 hrs 25 mins	2 hrs 40 mins
Darwin	-	3 hrs 40 mins

The above table shows flight durations for direct flights only. Connecting flights from other destinations are also available. Times are a guide only and subject to change.

BY CAR Take the time to explore as you make your way to Queensland's Gold Coast. Whether it's getting there or getting around we recommend Avis car hire. See page 57 for details or ask your travel agent about the great specials Avis has to offer.

Beach Safety

Queensland has some of the world's best beaches, however care and caution should be exercised at all times. Please remember to swim between the red and yellow flags and listen to instructions from lifesavers and lifeguards.

School Leavers Celebrations

Each year from mid November to mid December, school leavers from Queensland and southern states head to the Gold Coast for School Leavers Celebrations. During this period, bonds and conditions may apply to some properties. Check with your travel agent at time of booking.

OUR LOCAL SECRETS

When friends are in town, a great place to go for a drink is...

Espana Tapas Bar in Broadbeach, offering exclusively Spanish wine, beer and sherry along with an extensive cocktail list.

For unbelievably fresh seafood and stunning ocean views...

Dine at The Fish House the Gold Coast's new go-to for seafood, with a tantalising menu from oysters to whole fish and an extensive wine list, it's sure to please.

For designer fashion, check out...

The High Street, the newest destination of choice for fashionistas in the heart of Surfers Paradise.

Don't leave the Gold Coast without trying...

Fish and chips at Charis Seafoods in Labrador, overlooking the beautiful Broadwater.

DISTANCES BY ROAD (KM)

NOOSA HEADS									
139	BRISBANE								
200	57	COOMERA							
214	73	24	SOUTHPORT						
222	80	30	6	SURFERS PARADISE					
226	83	34	10	4	BROADBEACH				
233	92	42	16	14	10	BURLEIGH HEADS			
244	105	53	31	24	21	15	COOLANGATTA		
258	114	65	52	36	33	28	15	KINGSCLIFF	
249	110	66	63	64	65	73	84	96	LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK
220	77	33	30	36	36	44	56	68	40 TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

Distances should be used as a guide only.

Weather Guide

TEMPERATURE AVERAGE
on the Gold Coast

Summer	20°C to 28°C
Autumn	16°C to 25°C
Winter	11°C to 21°C
Spring	15°C to 25°C