

21
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6 Days

lord howe island

From
\$2783ppts*
\$305s/s*
Incl Flights



Day 1: Home—Lord Howe Island (LD)

We will depart the Hunter south picking up enroute to Hornsby, before meeting the rest of our group at Sydney Airport. After lunch at the lodge, we will **cruise on a glass bottom boat** which operates within the island's sheltered crystal-clear lagoon. View from the comfort of the boat coral holes where stunningly beautiful reef fish and delicate coral formations abound. You can snorkel at Erscott's Hole or watch the unique double-header wrasse and other large reef fish being fed.

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Pinetrees Lodge 02 6563 2246 (5 nights)

Day 2: Half Day Tour of Island (BLD)

Today we will do a **half day guided bus tour of the island**. This tour will give us the opportunity to learn about the island's history and lifestyle, be introduced to flora and fauna and includes morning or afternoon tea. The group will be split in half to do the tour, and we will regroup for lunch at Pinetrees Lodge. The **other half of the day will be free** for you to explore your surroundings, or choose from one of the many options noted at day 5.



Day 3: Lord Howe Nursery (BLD)

This morning we will visit **Lord Howe Island Nursery** for a tour. The nursery specialises in the Kentia Palm, an industry that has been going for over 100 years, which is vital to the economic development of the island. We will hear the story of this industry, its history and the market for these plants today.



Day 4: Guided Walk & North Bay Cruise (BLD)

This morning we will enjoy a **guided walk** on the island on a **North Bay Adventure Cruise**, with its scenic journey up the lagoon, to pretty North Bay, where will enjoy a talk about the natural attractions in this area. Take some thongs as the 200-300 metre walk to Old Gulch is sometimes a little muddy. After morning tea at North Bay, we will **walk along a lovely beach** and perhaps a **guided reef snorkel** on the way home at the entrance to North Bay and see the remains of a wreck. For those who enjoy the activities, walk to the top of Mount Eliza (approximately 200m) with the best views of the island. We will have a **Barbecue lunch** at this beautiful part of the Island before returning to our lodge.



Day 5: Explore the Island at you Leisure (BLD)

Today is your opportunity to play some **Tennis at the Lodge**, visit the **Island's Museum**, **organise some fishing, or diving, golf or bird watching, snorkelling, go hiking for the day, laze in the sun or just relax at your favourite spot**. The Museum Audio Visual Centre also has presentations on geology, birds, flora and fauna, history and marine life in the late afternoon on most days.

Day 6: Lord Howe Island to Home (BL)

After lunch we will depart Lord Howe Island for Sydney Airport.

Special Information About This Tour

Lord Howe has been awarded **World Heritage listing** for its rare collection of plants, birds, marine life and forsts, with spectacular Banyan trees and Kentia palms. The beaches and waters are pristine, surrounded by a marine park that includes a crystal clear lagoon, and the world's most southerly coral reef. **Limited to 400 visitors to the Island at any one time**, there are no crowds, the walks are world class from level strolls to the challenging climb to the peak of Mount Gower.

We are again taking our **popular group tour** to Lord Howe Island, to enjoy all that this amazing island can offer (after the first year we had to increase it by a day as there is so much to do!). There are a variety of activities available to do at your leisure as well as some group activities. We will be staying at the historical and poular **Pine Trees Resort**, which offers a range of accommodation and includes all meals and afternoon teas. They have a tennis court, small library, bicycles and a billiard room. Pinetrees has been operating a guest house since about 1900 and has a widespread reputation for fine food and true hospitality.

Special Accommodation Available*

There are 3 styles of accommodation available:

1. **Palm Units** are comfortable motel-style units with renovated private facilities, carpet floors, refrigerators, tea and coffee making facilities and private verandahs. **Priced at \$2783ppts \$305s/s**
2. **Transit Hill Units** are good motel-style units in a popular location, looking up to Transit Hill, past our 100 year Chinese Elm tree. All have fully tiled private facilities, carpeted floors and tea and coffee making facilities, cross ventilatiopn and sound proofing are both generally good and all have private covered verandahs. **Priced at \$3173ppts \$305s/s**
3. **Under the Pines Units** are the newest and best of the Motel style units; well located and larger than the other units. They each have fully tiled private facilities, queen sized bed plus a single bed, large shower room with access to a private garden court and a lounge-dining-kitchen area, all well appointed and superbly designed. **Priced at \$3320ppts \$305s/s**
There is limited availability of each room type. **Book Early!**