

**2 January  
2011  
8 Days**

# Surf's up Surfari



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Dorm Style**

Summer's here, Christmas is over, it is time to have some fun in the Sun. Come on and Surfari with us as we chase the best surf up the Coast of NSW. Bring your friends, your family, or anyone you know that loves to catch the waves and join us.

The emphasis is on the surfing experience, so be prepared for some early starts and late finishes, accommodation at backpacker lodges, and youth hostels, and some dormitory styled shared bathroom facilities. On the Gold Coast our motel is located in the heart of Surfers Paradise. Bring your board, a sleeping bag, togs, beach towel and plenty of sunscreen. Valuables can be left on the coach where it will be locked up.

## Day 1: Home—Bonville (LD)

Departing from Strathfield, Hornsby and the Central Coast, we make our way north through Newcastle to our Depot at Thornton to join our fellow passengers. We stop for lunch our way to Coffs with time this afternoon to get the boards wet and some sand between the toes. Tonight's camp centre has a pool and sporting facilities to enjoy before and after dinner

**Coffs Coast Conference and Camp Centre (02) 6653 5311**

## Day 2: Bonville—Byron Bay (D)

An early start this morning with our first stop at the **Big Banana** to purchase some chocolate coated bananas and perhaps enjoy a banana smoothy for Breakfast (own expense). Mid Morning we arrive at Byron Bay, the most easterly point in Australia, with time to grab something to eat before we head to the beach. Today we have the choice of 3 of the greatest surf breaks and beaches being **Main Beach, The Pass and Wategos**. We have all afternoon to check them out and the sand is absolutely golden. Our accommodation is only 3 years old with wi fi and 24 hour reception located only 5 minutes walk to the beach and in the heart of Byron Bay. Dinner tonight will be a BBQ on the back patio. Finish the night in games room or chill out with a flick in the movie room.

**Nomad Backpackers 1800 766 673**

## Day 3: Byron Bay—Noosa (B)

Leaving Byron Bay we follow the sun north, bypassing Brisbane and stopping at the **Big Pineapple** for lunch. The afternoon will see us on the Sunshine Coast and we start looking for some good waves at Mooloolaba through to Coolumb. Our accommodation is in the centre of town, with a pool and rainforest setting, a great place to sit and relax around the BBQ area.

**Nomad Noosa 07 5447 3355 (2 nights)**

## Day 4: Noosa (B)

Today is free all day for you to experience the best beaches in the Area. The coach will be doing a round robin to get you around if you get itchy feet, so talk to the crew and they will let you know what time the coach will be cruising by. Spend some time around the pool at our accommodation, or check out one of

the many surf and clothing outlet shops of Noosa.

## Day 5: Noosa—Surfers Paradise (B)

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning as we head south stopping off for lunch before arriving at **Wet & Wild** for the afternoon. Your entry, rides and slides are all included for a big afternoon of action or settle down at the wave pool for a more sedate pace. Our accommodation for the next 2 nights is the **Islander Resort** right in the heart of Surfer's Paradise and just up from Cavill Avenue. Dinner is at your own expense tonight and there is no shortage of venues, so enjoy some of the famous Gold Coast Holiday Night Life.

**Islander Resort 07 5538 8000 (2 nights)**

## Day 6: Surfers Paradise (B)

With another day free today, you can visit one of the many theme parks on the Gold Coast (we can organise this before you depart or on tour), or you may wish to go to the beach or surf or shop. Don't forget Australia Fair, or Pacific Fair. Your coach will drop you off at most of the highlights and organise a return time. Dinner tonight is at your own expense with hundreds of eateries close and handy.

## Day 7: Surfers Paradise—Scotts Head (BD)

Leaving the Gold Coast our first stop will be at Kirra Beach for a swim and surf, and then a stop at **Coolangatta's Underground Surf**, the amazing retro board store, with fabulous old boards, and unique surf clothes and gear for sale. We then head south to check out the surf at Woolgoolga before arriving at Scotts Head for the night. We are located right on the beach so time for another surf before our last night BBQ.

**CYC Scotts Head 02 65 698 253**

## Day 8: Scotts Head – Home (B)

Our last opportunity today for a surf at Port Macquarie before continuing on to the Hunter Valley and arriving back in Sydney late afternoon.

