

## EXCLUSIVE SNOWBIRD WINTER ESCAPES

## 1,2 or 3 Months in Australia, New Zealand and the Cook islands ENJOY ANOTHER SUMMER THIS WINTER!

The concept of sending North American Snowbirds to Australia rather than to the traditional destinations is highly embraced by Americans.

At our destinations, on the **Sunshine Coast**, just north of Brisbane and on the **Gold Coast**, just south of Brisbane, the locals lay out the Red Carpet for their visitors from North America. In 2001 we added **The Bay of Plenty** in New Zealand and in 2009 the beautiful Cook Islands was added to our supplier's portfolio of great value Snowbird destinations.

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your new home, for the next one, two or three months you are free to sit back, relax and take it easy or you can participate in some, or all, of the activities in the surrounding areas.



We invite you to escape the long, cold North American winter on an affordable Snowbird holiday. Stay for 1, 2 or 3 months on Australia's fabulous Sunshine or Gold coasts, two of the world's finest sun destinations, or spend a month in the Bay of Plenty area of New



Zealand. Looking for your own South Pacific piece of paradise – why not consider the exotic Cook Islands!

Explore miles of uncrowded white sand beaches and a hinterland of rainforests. Enjoy superb dining and shopping and an unsurpassed array of leisure pursuits all in a *safe* and *friendly atmosphere*. You can drink the tap water anywhere and you'll be amazed at the cleanliness of most areas. Basics like good food (and wines) are very reasonably priced. Except for a few odd words, you'll have no problems with the language. Aussies and Kiwis, and Cook Islanders are well known for being friendly.

Activities such as golfing, lawn bowls and tennis are amazingly low priced compared to traditional snowbird destinations.

Medical facilities are among the best in the world, yet nowhere near as expensive as most traditional winter escape destinations.

## We Are Just A Call Away – You Are Not Alone





#### We really care that you have a good time.

- You are not alone! In Australia and New Zealand you are only a toll free call away from the Sydney office, Aussies and New Zealanders are well known for being laid back, relaxed and welcoming and you will have many opportunities to meet the friendly locals and perhaps even fellow Snowbirds.
- Upon arrival you are met and transferred to your apartment, at the end of your stay you will be transferred back to the airport for your flight home
- An arrival grocery pack will be waiting for you in your apartment
- Alumni Snowbirds **receive "early bird" discounts** when they return.



### YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME



In Australia and New Zealand you will be staying in a **fully self-contained apartment**. You don't even have to bring an iron. Every building has its own pool. There are many other inclusions depending on your chosen apartment.

These can include microwave, dishwasher, spa, sauna and BBQ. Some buildings are low-rise and some are high rise. If you have any special requirements, please advise at time of booking. Accommodation styles in the Cook

Islands varies from studio style to fully self-contained apartments.

## The SUNSHINE COAST



**The Sunshine Coast** is a many-flavoured region of beautiful beaches, shining waterways and restful mountains. It gives you room to breathe; its natural beauty is still largely unspoiled and carefully protected; and it offers you an unsurpassed choice of attractions and activities (or non-activities if you've a mind to just laze around).



All this and some of the best dining, wining and shopping in Australia; the perfect place for a perfect long stay!





### SPECTACULAR CALOUNDRA



Just a short drive north of Brisbane is the town of Caloundra, the southern gateway to Australia's famed Sunshine Coast. Caloundra stretches across 1100 square kilometres from the mountains to the sea. A spectacular seaside resort town that revels in the Australian sun. With 5 excellent surf beaches, 2 calm water beaches, lovely parks and picnic spots, it is a haven for seaside activities such as swimming, sun-tanning, surfing, beachside BBQ's and long coastal walks.



Caloundra also boasts a unique 24 nautical mile-long estuary for boating, fishing and observing wild life. Restaurants abound in the town catering to all tastes from "fare-dinkum Aussie food such as meat pies and chips to tasty Thai, Mexican, Greek and, of course, seafood.

### THE CALOUNDRA EXPERIENCE

The Caloundra experience does not end at the foreshore. Look further afield and you will find a hinterland of stunning diversity and beauty, a hinterland that offers something for everyone....from the sightseer to the thrill seeker.

Within half and hour's drive of the beach, the landscape varies from tropical fruit plantations to lush rainforest. The Glass House Mountains provide an impressive centrepiece, standing like silent sentinels above the surrounding patchwork of fields and forests. Steeped in history, the mountains carry Aboriginal names but were collectively named by explorer Captain Cook in 1770. The Glass House Mountains Tourist Drive puts you almost within touching distance, while a drive to the top of the nearby Blackall Range provides a breathtaking panorama. The best vantage point is Mary Cairncross Park.

Close by is Howells Knob, one of the highest spots on the Blackall Range, where you can appreciate the scenic grandeur of the Sunshine Coast.

Further west lies the peaceful Conondale Valley, home of the Mary River headwaters and the Little Yabba Creek picnic area, where visitors can relax beside the sparkling waters to the sound of birdsong.

No visit to Caloundra City would be complete without a tour of the hinterland townships, each of which offers much to see and do. You can while away the hours in the many arts and crafts shops, tuck into a Devonshire tea or purchase farm-fresh produce from a roadside stall....the choice is yours. There is also a host of more energetic pursuits to choose from including bushwalking, rock climbing and horse riding.

#### HINTERLAND HOSPITALITY





The beauty and lifestyle of Caloundra's Hinterland has enticed a host of talented chefs to present their art form in a diverse range of eating options - from 'best restaurant' standard to melt-in-the-mouth devonshire teas in treetop settings. From coffee and patisseries, to ice cream and handmade sweets.

Long before the boutiques and potteries arrived, European settlers had found the rich volcanic soils perfect for farming and today there are dairy farms and macadamia, avocado, strawberry and pineapple plantations spread over a wide area of the range and lower slopes.

In the season, you can buy fresh produce straight from the farm gate. And Caloundra's Hinterland hospitality offers so much more. Guided walks and tours. The impressive Maleny Scarecrow Carnival during September, arts and crafts markets, (Maleny on Sundays, Beerwah and Conondale on the first Saturday of each month), to name just a tiny few.

There are many nearby attractions and activities to peak your interest:

The Australian Zoo, famous for the Crocodile Hunter, is only a complimentary shuttle bus ride away, cruising on the Pumicestone Passage, strolling the trails of Bribie Island, shopping at the Sunday Morning Caloundra Markets, fishing from the boardwalk, golfing at two local courses, watching the horses run at the Sunday Race Meetings, eating alfresco in a beachside café. Caloundra will not disappoint!

#### CENTREPOINT APARTMENTS





From the moment you step out on your Centrepoint balcony you will know you have made the right choice. Sunlight sparkling on the water, magnificent beaches spread out before you and views that stretch forever over the Pumicestone Passage, Pacific Ocean and Bribie Island. Only 30 seconds walk to the beach, shops and cafes and just a short stroll to the Caloundra Bus Terminal.

Catch you own dinner from the protected waters of Pumicestone Passage and arrange a poolside BBQ or whip up a feast in your apartments fully-equipped kitchen. After dinner, relax in the Centrepoint's spa or sauna or take a moonlit swim in the pool.

#### The Coast With The Most



#### THE GOLD COAST

The Gold Coast dares you to try everything it offers. Mingle with dolphins and polar bears at world-class theme parks, dig your toes into fine white sand, ride sparkling waves, visit an island and explore the lush, subtropical hinterland.

Whatever pace or possibilities you want from a holiday destination, you will find them on Australia's Gold Coast. Enjoy the warmth and sunshine of a subtropical climate, relax on endless golden beaches or explore the untouched beauty of ancient rainforests.

The Southern Gold Coast is a region of contrasts that has been popular among Australian holiday-makers for almost 100 years. There are oceanfront apartments with breathtaking views, modern shopping precincts and quality restaurants plus major sporting clubs.

Gold Coast, Queensland

## EXPERIENCE COOLANGATTA





The town of Coolangatta sits near the Queensland-New South Wales border and is home to the Twin Towns Services Club and Seagulls Rugby League Club. These are among the largest sporting and entertainment venues in Australia featuring live shows, gaming machines, restaurants and world-class sporting facilities.

The region is also characterized by the slow and majestic Tweed River that winds its way through lush cane fields, farmlands and tropical fruit plantations as well as the towns and villages like Kingscliff, Cabarita Beach and Pottsville that are found dotted along the coastline.

In addition to magnificent surf beaches, attractions in this scenic part of the Gold Coast include Tropical Fruit World, Pioneer Plantation and Melaleuca Station, all offering an insight into the rich rural diversity and heritage of the Tweed Valley.

Situated at the foot of Mt. Warning is Murwillumbah, scene of the annual Tweed Valley Banana Festival and Tweed Festival of Performing Arts. Further north is one of the Gold Coast's most famous landmarks, Currumbin Sanctuary. Millions of visitors have enjoyed the spectacle of hand feeding thousands of wild lorikeets at the sanctuary and greeting some of Australia's most loved native animals.

#### GOLD COAST LIFESTYLE



The Gold Coast way of life is simply infectious. The intoxicating mix of gorgeous tropical beaches, some of the best resorts, international shopping, food, fun and sun will have you hooked for life.



Situated in a fertile region rich in fresh fruit, vegetables, nuts, dairy, meat, seafood and wine, dining out on the Gold Coast is a gastronomically gratifying experience. Whether it's local soft shell crab, goats cheese, fine wine or gourmet salads you'll be tempted by it at one of the coast's award-winning restaurants, bistros or Surf Clubs.

After sampling the mouth-watering cuisine, enjoy a flutter at the Gold Coast's bustling 24-hour casino. Why not make a night of it with after dinner drinks at a stylish wine bar or simply enjoy a night walk along the beach.

And year round the city is buzzing with exciting things to see and do. Watch the surfing pros in action as they compete for a surfing crown. Improve your handicap on a championship golf course. And let down your hair and dance the night away to live jazz, blues and rock and roll!



# OUTRIGGER TWIN TOWNS APARTMENTS OUTRIGGER TWIN TOWNS

Outrigger Twin Towns Resort overlooks the pristine beaches of the Southern Gold Coast, sparkling Tweed River, and a picturesque hinterland of World Heritage national parks. This unique location at the twin towns of Coolangatta and Tweeds Heads sits astride the border of Queensland and New South Wales.

Outrigger Twin Towns Resort features two towers of stylishly appointed, self-contained suites and penthouses. The Harbour Tower offers one- and two-bedroom suites and penthouses with private balconies and sensational views. The Ocean Tower recently completed a \$1.2 million refurbishment of guestrooms, main lobby, porte cochere and Signatures Restaurant. The upgraded hotel suites and apartments feature vivid color schemes, LCD flat-panel televisions, and original art.

The resort adjoins Twin Towns Services Club with a variety of dining and entertainment venues including Images nightclub and the Twin Towns Showroom headlining world-class



performances of music, dance, and comedy. A state-of-the-art conference facility provides function rooms, private dining rooms, and expert catering well suited for business and social events.

It's a short, pleasant stroll to the internationally recognized surfing beaches of Kirra and Greenmount, local shopping malls, cinemas, and restaurants. The exciting Gold Coast theme parks are only 40 minutes away by car.

## Bay of Plenty - New Zealand



When 18th century explorer Captain James Cook sailed here he aptly named it the Bay of Plenty. One of New Zealand's most popular holiday destinations and a thriving port city, the Bay continues to offer its bounty of beaches, culture and lifestyle to visitors from near and far.

The region is blessed with a mild climate year-round. The vast harbour, islands and proximity to the open sea ensure that seafood is a local specialty. The region's legendary beaches swimmers, surfers and kayakers year round and accommodations make the most of the great coastal views.

There are plenty of things to do in the Bay of Plenty. Choose from water adventures like white-water rafting, kayaking, dolphin encounters, parasailing and jetboating. There's also skydiving, scenic flights, horse treks, cultural experiences, golf courses and a variety of gardens and museums to peruse.

Whether you're after relaxation, beach life or a bit of indulgence, the Bay of Plenty has all the bases covered.

#### MT MAUNGANUI





The suburb of **Mount Maunganui** has been well-regarded for years for its top beaches and coastal lifestyle.

Many New Zealanders own holiday homes at "The Mount" as it is known. The beaches are numerous and safe for swimmers and surfers. The top spot for swimming is Main Beach, which is located at the foot of the mighty Mauao (Mount Maunganui) and faces the Pacific Ocean. On the opposite side of Mauao is the harbourside Pilot Bay, which is a launching pad for boats and kayaks. It's also a shallow swimming spot ideal for families.

Mauao is the physical focal point of the coastal **Bay of Plenty** – a sacred place that dominates the landscape of the **Tauranga** area. Walking up and around Mauao is a must-do activity in the region.

Across from the Main Beach is a number of cafés to enjoy a meal or coffee while taking in the ambience of the area. Maunganui Road in the downtown **Mount Maunganui** area is also popular with boutique shopping and top restaurants and cafés.

### THE BEAUMONT APARTMENTS









Located just a one hour drive from Rotorua's popular tourist attractions and a 10 minute drive from Tauranga City, the Beaumont is very proud to offer you spacious, luxury accommodation in the most prime location - at the foot of majestic Mount Maunganui, (Mauao) just metres from beautiful Mount Maunganui beach, Pilot Bay harbour, the exquisite hot



saltwater pools and Mount Maunganui's vibrant beach-side cafes, award-winning restaurants and fantastic shopping.

You'll enjoy absolutely breathtaking views from your own private balcony. Each modern apartment boasts spacious living areas and amenities of superb quality. Spend your days lazing in the sun, exploring miles of golden sand beaches or relaxing in our heated swimming pool. Every guest is welcome to use this very private pool area – whether you want to do a few morning laps, float and splash your cares away or just relax pool-side on one of our beach loungers, under a sun umbrella. There is a gas BBQ in the pool complex for guests use (free of charge) – a great spot to enjoy a nice Kiwi BBQ lunch!

Looking out onto the pool area is The Beaumont's gym - with a treadmill, exercycle, rowing machine and several exercise/yoga mats. A separate shower and bathroom is adjacent to the gym and pool.

If you are planning a holiday to the sunny Bay of Plenty, you need look no further than The Beaumont.

## Cook Islands Long Stay Escape

#### **Rarotonga - The Cook Islands**



Welcome to the secret of the Pacific. Breathe in the fresh pure air. Wade into the cool, calm, blue lagoons. Let the untouched charm of the beautiful Cook Islands capture your spirit and hold your heart.

The 15 islands of the Cooks lie halfway between New Zealand and Hawaii, scattered like fragrant frangipani petals floating across 2.2 million square kilometres of a seductive, sensual ocean. Boasting rare beauty, an idyllic climate, warm welcoming people with the widest white smiles and a pace of life unsurpassed for peace: the Cook Islands is Paradise.



## Rarotonga



The 32km circumference of Rarotonga is surrounded by a sparkling blue lagoon – the shimmer of technicoloured tropical fish caught in the sunlight adds a shot of colour. The fringe of pearly white sand is lined with swaying palms and a coral reef on which crashing waves call the intrepid fishermen to cast their lines.

Tradition and a cultural heritage are trademarks of the island. Music is a part of island life, and marks the daily routine in Rarotonga; from the chants and hymns heard in the churches, to the string bands with their combos of electronic and traditional ukuleles made from coconut shells.

Traditional arts and crafts of weaving, carving and painting are an integral part of a heritage which, though strictly modern in its currency today, contains all the mores of a cultural background which is nourished and nurtured with pride. With not a traffic light to be seen, getting around Rarotonga can be a casual meander on the island bus — which uniquely travels both clockwise and anticlockwise around the road that circles the island and obliging drivers will pick and drop at will. Or the plethora of scooters which are synonymous with the town — where wheels are weighted down by mamma or papa and sometimes more than one chubby toddler clinging on for dear life.

Whichever way you go – villages, beaches, paw paw patches, and fields of taro, mango, bananas and the health filled noni can be spotted either side – providing an instant study of island life. An extraordinary array of flora and fauna flourishes. From inland to the outreaches of the lagoon, water is paramount to this island style of life. Fishing, scuba diving, trawling, bone fishing, paddling, snorkelling, sailing, swimming or simply splashing in the sea are vital components of this island's lifestyle. All revealing that there is a lot more to the island of Rarotonga than simply a pretty place to escape.

**End of Services.** 



Ready to plan your journey? Contact us today! 678-500-9548

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