

Crossroads
is a program of
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BREAK-away HOLIDAYS

JUNE 2012 – SEPTEMBER 2012



*Visit new places
Meet new people and make new friends
Expand your life experiences
and grow more confident
Laugh and have some fun
Have a great break away!*

Crossroads' Break-away Program aims to provide individuals with disabilities non-centre-based support that is flexible and offers participants a range of experiences, while at the same time giving real opportunities for participation in community activities.

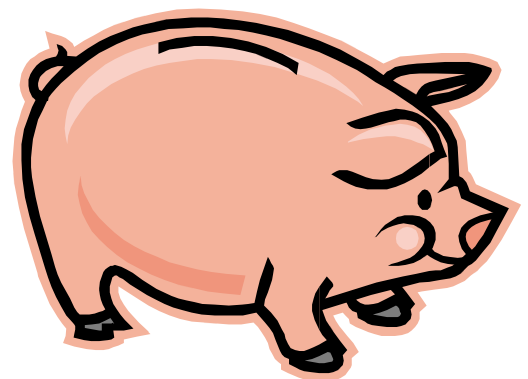


Break-away Holidays include intrastate, interstate, and international travel and range from overnights to 14 day experiences. Holiday participants travel by road, rail, sea and air to capital cities and regional centres. They visit the outback, stay at tropical getaways, go camping, and experience music festivals. All Break-away holiday prices include support staff, accommodation, transport, main meals, and main activity costs.


Crossroads' experienced and friendly staff, and valued volunteers, strive to enable and support individuals to have a fun, relaxing, and memorable holiday experience. Break-away holiday groups are small, from 3 to 8 participants, because small groups offer a comfortable, flexible group holiday environment that more readily accommodates individual preferences that promote enjoyment.

We encourage our holiday participants to express their holiday and activity preferences and contribute to decision-making as we find this enhances their holiday experience. We also promote and support their involvement in various holiday activities. Our program aims to support people in healthy interactions out in the community and with their peers, and create opportunities for friendships that will endure beyond our holidays.

- All quoted prices include support staff, accommodation, transport, travel insurance, main meals and most activity costs unless otherwise stated.
- All prices quoted are based on our standard support ratios of 1 support person to 3 holiday participants. If a higher staffing ratio or level of support is needed or requested, an assessment will be conducted which may result in a revised holiday quote.
- Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements to designated departure and arrival points for their respective holiday.



To go on holiday with Crossroads...

- ◆ You need to be a current member of Crossroads. If you're not already a member and would like to be, please contact us for an application form.
- ◆ A vacancy needs to exist for the holiday you've chosen.
- ◆ A verbal booking request or expression of interest in a holiday is not sufficient to secure a holiday vacancy.
- ◆ Crossroads will need to be able to safely accommodate your needs on the holiday you've chosen, within the resources available for the holiday.
- ◆ Holiday vacancies are filled in order of receipt of each individual fully completed booking form that's accompanied by a deposit. As our holiday vacancies fill very quickly, you'll need to send a fully completed booking form along with your deposit as soon as you've selected your preferred holiday, to ensure the best chance of securing the vacancy.
- ◆ All Holidays are priced from Brisbane, returning to Brisbane. Holiday participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from advised departure and arrival points, such as; Crossroads Community Centre (road), Brisbane Domestic or International Terminals (air), the Brisbane Roma Street Transit Centre (train), or a port (cruise).
- ◆ Each holiday requires a sufficient number of participants before it can proceed. All members who make a booking will be notified as soon as practically possible that a holiday is to proceed, or if it is to be cancelled.
- ◆  All listed holidays **may** have the capacity to accommodate a wheelchair – so please enquire before making a booking.

Please also note that all published dates and quoted prices for Crossroads' advertised holidays can be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Cancellations

Crossroads incurs staff administration costs when planning and managing holidays. Crossroads also incurs other costs well in advance of each holiday, such as purchasing travel or insurance, securing accommodation, or booking holiday activities. If you cancel your booking Crossroads will lose outlays made on your behalf or incur higher associated costs due to the reduced number of holiday participants, e.g.; increased prices or higher support ratios.

If you are genuinely ill or there is an unexpected situation beyond your control, that is; a member of your family becomes seriously ill, Crossroads **may** refund all or part of your booking costs. The amount of any refund made by Crossroads, if any, is at its sole discretion. In deciding the amount of refund to be paid, Crossroads will take into account costs it has already incurred in planning and managing the holiday, and the reason for your cancellation.

HEART OF THE GOLD COAST

February 23 - 26, 2012 (4 nights)

The famous Gold Coast is Australia at its best. Spend a few nights right in its heart and enjoy the excitement of its surroundings, including a selection of beaches, theme parks and other attractions, as well as taking advantage of the great shopping and nightlife. Big enough to meet any request and small enough to ensure attention to detail, the Gold Coast is a destination perfectly suited to the education, entertainment, development and reward of almost any possible interest!

Price: \$1100.00

Deposit to Secure Booking: \$100.00

Full Payment Due By: 31 January 2012



GREAT BARRIER REEF

March 14 - 18, 2012 (4 Nights)

The Great Barrier Reef is one of the seven wonders of the natural world, a breeding ground for humpback whales migrating from the Antarctic, and is also the habitat of a few endangered species, including the Dugong and the Green Sea Turtle. See and experience all the Reef and surrounds have to offer; from pristine beaches to diverse marine wildlife, to national parks and a variety of water activities - all in one location.

Price: \$2200.00

Deposit to Secure Booking: \$500.00

Full Payment Due By: 31 January 2012



BRISBANE BREAKAWAY IN MARCH

March 30 - April 3, 2012 (4 Nights)

Come and experience Australia's most liveable city and its surrounding paradises!

Travel to the beautiful beaches on the Gold or Sunshine Coasts. Spend a day at the world famous Australia Zoo or one of the legendary theme parks in South East Queensland. So much to see, and of course so many great places to shop!

Price: \$650.00

Deposit to Secure Booking: \$100.00

Full Payment Due By: 29 February 2012



EASTERFEST, TOOWOOMBA

April 6 - 8, 2012 (2 Nights)

This is a massive 3 day festival held in Queen's Park and the central business district of Toowoomba, Australia. The festival is Australia's national Easter festival. Queen's Park and Toowoomba's central business district are converted into an impressive event precinct, packed with huge tents, stages and attractions. Youth make up a major proportion of the crowd, however, a focus on safety and security allows everyone to relax while they enjoy the festival experience.

Price: \$800.00

Deposit to Secure Booking: \$100.00

Full Payment Due By: 29 February 2012



KINGSCLIFF NORTH CAMP

April 19 - 22, 2012 (3 Nights)

Looking for the ultimate camping experience where you have the feel of the outdoors but with the comforts of home? Well, why not join us for this camp. We'll be camping out in a caravan on the beautiful site of Kingscliff located just south of Tweed Heads in Northern NSW.

Price: \$700.00

Deposit to Secure Booking: \$100.00

Full Payment Due By: 29 February 2012



CELEBRATE THE SUNSHINE COAST

May 3 - 6, 2012 (3 Nights)

Splash in the surf and soak up the light on the sun-drenched Sunshine Coast. The Irwin family's home turf is a popular weekend getaway with many miles of golden beaches backed by a turquoise and navy striped sea. Sunshine Coast's hinterland, where charming villages linger on the outskirts of national parks is where you'll find the magnificent Australia Zoo, a Queensland must-see.

Price: \$1100.00

Deposit to Secure Booking: \$100.00

Full Payment Due By: 30 April 2012



SAMOA ISLAND ESCAPE

May 2012 (7 Nights)

Samoa is a postcard of natural beauty. Comprising ten islands, each offering a distinctly different environment to explore... from the rainforest covered rugged volcanic mountain peaks, to vast grassy plateaus down to a coastline adorned with a necklace of white sandy beaches.

Price: \$3600.00

Deposit to Secure Booking: \$500.00

Full Payment Due By: 31 March 2012



BROADWATER TOURIST PARK

June 7 – 10 2012 (3 Nights)

Broadwater Tourist Park in Southport boasts one of the best locations on the Gold Coast. Right on the water's edge, the park has beautiful views to the high-rises of Surfers Paradise, and is directly across the water from Sea World and Marina Mirage. The major shopping centre, Australia Fair, with its large selection of boutiques, national chain stores, cinemas and supermarkets, is just a stroll away.

Price: \$1200.00

Deposit to Secure Booking: \$200.00

Full Payment Due By: 30 April 2012



PACIFIC DAWN CRUISE

23 - 30 June 2012 (7 Nights)

Enjoy 7 nights cruising the South Pacific visiting ports in New Caledonia, the Loyalty Islands and Vanuatu. Stroll along Noumea's unmistakable tropical boulevards, experience magnificent snorkeling in Lifou and grab yourself a duty-free bargain in Vila. P&O Cruises offers an array of new facilities, activities and spectacular entertainment, designed to provide you the most magical cruising experience. Simply unpack one, relax and let the destinations come to you! *(A current passport valid for at least 6 months after return in June 2012 will be required.)*

Price: \$4500.00

Deposit to Secure Booking: \$500.00

Full Payment Due By: 30 April 2012



NSW ROAD TRIP & ZOOFARI
2 - 8 July 2012 (6 Nights)

We're going to the zoo, you can come too!

This road trip from Brisbane to Dubbo will enjoy overnights in a few friendly towns along the way before arriving at the Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo, NSW. Our Dubbo accommodation, Zoofari Lodge, is a unique retreat located within the grounds of Taronga Zoo, Dubbo. Experience intimate behind the scenes wildlife encounters and luxurious accommodation. Combined with irresistible cuisine, we'll create unique memories that we'll treasure for years to come.

Price: \$1800.00
Deposit to Secure Booking: \$500.00
Full Payment Due By: 31 May 2012



BRISBANE BREAK-AWAY - JULY
19 - 22 July 2012 (3 Nights)

Come and experience Australia's most liveable city and its surrounding paradises! Take a cruise along the Brisbane River and see the diversity of what Brisbane has to offer. Spend a day at the world famous Australia Zoo or one of our legendary theme parks in South East Queensland. So much to see, and of course so many great places to shop! A low budget holiday but not a low budget experience.

Price: \$500.00
Deposit to Secure Booking: \$100.00
Full Payment Due By: 31 May 2012



GYMPIE MUSTER
24 - 27 August 2012 (3 Nights)

The Muster, held over six magical days and unforgettable nights among the towering gums of Amamoor Creek State Forest Park, celebrates the true spirit of country Australia. It's a phenomenal experience rooted in music and community, far removed from ties and clocks, suits and schedules.

Price: \$1000.00
Deposit to Secure Booking: \$100.00
Full Payment Due By: 30 June 2012



BRISBANE BREAK-AWAY - SEPTEMBER 8 - 12 September 2012 (4 Nights)

Come and experience Australia's most liveable city and its surrounding paradises! Take a cruise along the Brisbane River and see the diversity of what Brisbane has to offer. Spend a day at the one of the legendary theme parks in South East Queensland or plan a day trip over to one of the many sand islands. So much to see, and of course so many great places to shop! A low budget holiday, but not a low budget experience.

Price: \$500.00

Deposit to Secure Booking: \$100.00

Full Payment Due By: 31 July 2012



Western Australia: Exmouth 23 - 28 September 2012 (5 Nights)

Western Australia's best known secret is located 1270 km north of Perth. The town of Exmouth, famous for its year-long summers, boasts an impressively warm winter average of 25C and a cool summer average of 35C. 350 years after the first Dutch ships arrived, the town of Exmouth was established in 1967 for the joint AUS/US Naval Communications Stations.

Ningaloo Reef is Australia's largest fringing coral reef. It's abundant with a diverse array of marine life, including the world's largest fish, the whale shark. It's also home to humpback whales and bottle nose dolphins. Just a short boat-ride north of West Cape is the Murion Islands where Turtles Bay is located. It's an excellent spot for swimming, lazing on the beach and at certain times of the year, locating turtle nests. Visitors to Cape Range National Park marvel at the beauty of its massive limestone range, deep gorges, ridges, gullies and caves.

Exmouth is a perfect balance between a genuine Aussie outback adventure and a relaxing Aussie beach getaway.

Price: \$ 3000.00

Deposit to Secure Booking: \$650.00

Full Payment Due By: 30 June 2012

