



## *North Stradbroke Island ~ Overnight Adventure*

### **Area Overview ~**

What better way to explore the Moreton Bay Marine Parks amazing wonders than from your very own Sea Kayak.

We investigate the southern sections of this aquatic paradise in a fabulous 2 day journey which captures the magic that makes the Bay and its islands so unique. Many people have been amazed to find so much hidden beauty and wildlife so close to the city.

The North Stradbroke island adventure is our most popular overnight tour, with its easy access from most parts of the south east. We paddle a section of the North Stradbroke shoreline that features distinct sea grass beds providing food for the dugong and turtles that frequent the sheltered waters. We have been fortunate enough to sight many green turtles, bottle nosed dolphins and the elusive dugong on many occasions while exploring the coast.

We base ourselves on North Stradbroke Island for the night at Blakesley's Beach, also known as Blakesley's anchorage, which is a superb gently sloping white sandy beach ideal for camping. During this fantastic adventure we will paddle around some of the bays inner islands and through the channels of Moreton & Redland Bays as we make our passage to and from North Stradbroke Island itself.

The fishing is excellent throughout the journey and we encourage group members to bring some basic fishing gear as we are able to do plenty of fishing amongst the abundant sand bars and estuaries, which are home to many species like, sand whiting, flathead, trevally and silver bream. There's nothing better than cooking up some freshly caught seafood as an appetizer before a healthy dinner.

North Stradbroke Island itself is a wedge of mostly of pure silica sand, is a major feature of the south Queensland coast. This amazing island maintains a fragile balance between its many plant communities on its unique sand-based environment.

The abundance of wildlife, unique reef systems, sand dune ecology and great camping areas attract many thousands of visitors to Moreton Bay Marine Park every year.

Moreton Bay (the waters surrounding Stradbroke and Moreton Islands) plays host to thousands of wading birds which migrate from the Arctic tundra, eastern Siberia and other parts of the northern Hemisphere to breed.

If you keep your eyes on the water you too may catch a glimpse of the loggerhead & green turtles that are quite common on our daily travels as Moreton Bay is home to one of the world's major breeding areas. Dolphins regularly check out our activities and if lucky, you may sight the mysterious dugong. There are about 25 species of mammals including possums, echidnas and wallabies found on the islands as well.

Aborigines occupied North Stradbroke Island and its surrounding islets for more than 1500 years. Shell middens are a reminder of the long association of the Ngugi people with the island. The rich resources of the surrounding waters and the variety of the island's wild foodstuffs had supported the Ngugi people's island lifestyle.

The history of the islands first settlers, military, mining and shipwrecks covers many years, from first contact, to the handing over of the administration & management to the Parks and Wildlife Service.

Moreton Bay Marine Park was declared in 1993 and extended in 1997 to cover most of Moreton Bay's tidal lands and tidal waters seawards to the limit of Queensland waters to the east.

We are able to explore and camp along some of the more isolated coast due to our method of travel, which allows us to experience the true North Stradbroke wilderness in its natural state. This North Stradbroke Adventure offers a superb paddling environment to discover by sea kayak, even if it's your first time.

The Aussie Sea Kayak Company pioneered commercial Sea Kayaking in Moreton Bay Marine Park and has extended its tour selection to include this memorable experience. We can offer you more insight, knowledge and professional experience on all our tours in the Moreton Bay region.

# Proposed Itinerary ~

The following itinerary should be seen as an approximate guide only. Please note that weather conditions can cause alterations and delays to our itinerary.

The North Stradbroke Island Overnight Adventure is a perfect introduction for those unsure of a longer adventure or unable to get additional time off from the pressures of other commitments.

During this adventure we take you exploring one of Moreton Bays most valuable secrets.

We meet at Victoria Point at 8:30am sharp, in order to welcome the group members for the adventure pack our equipment, run through a thorough introduction and orientation before we launch the kayaks and embark on our adventure.

As we depart the beach at Victoria Point the whole trip unfolds in front of you with fantastic views of the whole of Redland bay Stradbroke Island and the inner islands that we are to explore over the next two days.

We traverse Redland bay as we cruise down the coast paddling past Tindappah Island (garden Island) a unique mangrove island with sandy flats extending in all directions. Utilizing the prevailing conditions, we will make our way around the lower section of this mangrove island taking us directly to the shoreline of Macley Island.

We keep an eye out for Brahminy Kites and Sea Eagles as we cross the channel on our way to the secluded haven that is Karragarra Island which is to be our lunch spot.

We encourage swimming in the protected waters as this is always a superb way to cool down and enjoy a break from the paddling or to wet a line on the beach if you brought your fishing equipment, whilst your guide and a few willing helping hands prepare your Gourmet lunch. With toilet facilities and a fantastic picnic area this is the ideal haven for a swim and a leisurely lunch.

Depending on the speed and enthusiasm of the group, we have the opportunity to explore the small channel between Macleay and Lamb Island (if we have a high tide) called the Lucas passage. This area is a favorite for the dugong and turtle population as the sheltered waters provide great feeding areas and sightings are frequent.

As we journey onwards after lunch the afternoon paddle leads us across to the infamous Pelican Banks well known for catching unsuspecting boaties on its shifting sands. But don't be concerned in our kayaks we need only a little water in which to paddle giving us the opportunity to catch a glimpse of the many stingrays and that inhabit the shallows and the migratory shorebirds resting and feeding on the sand banks when the tide is low.

As we make our way to the Straddie Coast itself you have the opportunity to explore the shoreline and capture some amazing photographs of this truly amazing paddling environment.

Blakesleys Anchorage, our campsite for the night, slowly comes into view as the white sandy beach reveals itself along the North Stradbroke coastline. We paddle on safe in the knowledge that camp isn't far off whilst keeping a keen eye on the water as the shallows are a fisherman's paradise and a favourite spot to trawl a line.

Our campsite is a beautiful tea tree flat just back from the beach at Blakesleys Anchorage and has beautiful vistas across the bay from the campsite itself. Featuring the best that bush camping has to offer Blakesleys is a great retreat for the night.

With our tents and camp setup complete dinner is skilfully prepared by your guide with a few helping hands to assist.

This is truly a magical place to go for a quiet walk on the beach and listen to the sounds of silence whilst you watch the sun go down.

Time is yours in the evening and entertainment is light.

A good night's sleep is assured and a freshly brewed coffee or tea is your wakeup call.

The morning usually starts with a short walk on the beach before breakfast to liven the weary muscles and a hearty breakfast follows.

With the kayaks packed and everyone prepared for the day ahead we embark on the challenging journey through The Pelican Banks from Blakesleys anchorage to Mcleay Islands northern most point, known as Potts Point, completing our circumnavigation of Macley Island. This is where we will break for our morning tea and some relaxation time in the shade. This picnic area features full facilities including drinking water and toilets.

After morning tea we cross the passage to Coochiedmudlo Island for lunch just back from the beach in the picnic area, (toilets available), if the tides are with us this crossing is a breeze and Norfolk beach is perfect for an afternoon swim whilst your guide and a few willing helping hands prepare your lunch. With toilet facilities and a fantastic picnic area this is the ideal haven for a swim and a leisurely lunch with time to reflect on the adventure.

The final short paddle takes us back to civilization as we round the shoreline of Coochiedmudlo then back across the channel to Victoria point.

We will return to Victoria Pt at approximately 3.30pm on the following afternoon but this can vary depending on the group and the conditions on the day.

This trip is occasionally operated in reverse if the tides or winds are not in our favour.

## Tour Cost ~

\$295.00 per person, 2 days / 1 night.

## Getting There ~

The meeting and launch site for the North Stradbroke Island tour is Victoria Point found at the end of Colburn Ave. Located *south* of Cleveland Pt and just *north* of Redland Bay.

Our departure point is located to the right as you approach the central car park at the end of Victoria point, follow the signs to the ferry terminus, we launch from the sandy beach to the right of the public boat ramp and require all participants to arrive by 8:30am sharp.

Please ensure that vehicles are not parked in area designated for trailer parks or temporary parking zones as the local council is very strict and regularly issues fines.

The best parking areas are to be found on the top of the hill where you will also find toilet facilities.

Please make your way to our departure area first with you vehicles to meet your guide and unload any personal equipment before parking your vehicle.

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## Bookings / Reservations ~

Many of our tours fill up 2 - 6 months prior to the tour departure, so we suggest you reserve your space well in advance. You can confirm your position on one of our adventures by completing and signing the booking application, medical and waiver forms (1 per participant) and returning them to our office along with the applicable payment.

Mail:

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Email ~ [info@ausseakayak.com.au](mailto:info@ausseakayak.com.au)

Please Phone: (07) 5477 5335 if you require any assistance.

## Payment ~

The company will confirm your reservation upon receipt of a completed booking application form along with a signed and completed medical and waiver form (1 per participant) and the applicable full payment.

The only forms of payment accepted by the company are; valid credit card, cash, personal cheques, bank cheques, money orders and direct deposits (with remittance advice).

Direct Deposit:

Bank Details ~ Bendigo Bank  
Account name: Outdoor Pursuits Australia  
Acc No: 123084071  
BSB: 633 000

Please email a remittance advice to the following email address ~ [info@ausseakayak.com.au](mailto:info@ausseakayak.com.au) and include date of transfer, amount, name and reference details.

All prices quoted are in Australian dollars and are inclusive of GST. Please be aware prices are subject to change without notice.

Note: If payment is not received by the due date, (60 days prior to the tours departure) the Aussie Sea Kayak Company reserves the right to treat the reservation as cancelled.

## Booking Cancellation Policy ~

A significant proportion of our expenses, equipment allocation, staffing and logistics are committed and arranged well before any of our tour departure dates and therefore an administration service charge applies to all cancelled bookings.

For notice received:

1. More than 60 days before departure a full refund will be issued.
2. Thirty days prior to departure an Aussie Sea Kayak Company will issue a Voucher equal to the full trip cost which is valid for 12 months and is non-transferable and non-refundable.
3. Within 29 days of tour departure: No voucher or refund.

If it becomes necessary to cancel your trip, please notify us immediately in writing (email / Letter). Upon receipt of your written advice, cancellation will take effect.

## Cancelled Tours ~

Due to the nature of operating outdoors and in wilderness areas, the Aussie Sea Kayak Company reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason whatsoever, including inadequate sign-up, which makes the trip economically unfeasible for us to operate or any logistical issues which may impede safe tour operations.

## Our Philosophy ~

Our commitment to you is to organize and operate sea kayak adventures of the highest quality. We wish to attract healthy, independent individuals with a sense of adventure that wish to explore new regions, waterways and wildlife in a friendly atmosphere.

Our role is to provide you with a safe and comfortable environment in which you can relax, meet new friends and enjoy all aspects of the adventure.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries or questions, however ridiculous they may sound. We're sure we have heard them before! Or check our web site [www.ausseakayak.com.au](http://www.ausseakayak.com.au).

We look forward to seeing you on one of our adventures soon!

*You're paddling partners,*

## Aussie Sea Kayak Company

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**Operating Hours:**

Open 6 Days a week

9am ~ 5pm (Closed Mondays)