



Hervey Bay Eco Marine Tours

Djinang Cultural Walking Excursions



DJINANG EXCURSION

Suitable for Levels	Prep to year 12
Australian Curriculum Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Earth and Environmental Science * Inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island History and Culture
Achievement Standards to be met during the excursion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Full immersion with Butchulla people and their connection to Country * Understand the Butchulla history of the Hervey Bay region * Witness and participate in music, language and creative art expression with the Butchulla people * Discover important gathering places, bush tucker, plant uses and more * Play, have fun and a unique experience through interactive participation
Excursion Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * An easy walk around Hervey Bay departing from the Marina with plenty of rest stops along the way * Search for plants, trees, gathering places * Experience with the Butchulla community members * Dreamtime stories * Interactive activities with Butchulla art expressions and language
Inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Expert Butchulla guide, engaging and fun * Donation to support Ecotourism and Culture programs around Australia
Our certifications & Risk Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Advanced Ecotourism - Eco Tourism Australia * ROC Certified (Respecting Our Culture) * GSTC Certified (Global Sustainable Tourism Council Certified) * Best of Queensland Experience Achieved 2019 by Tourism Queensland * Listed on 'Top 7 Kid Friendly Indigenous experiences in Queensland' by Experience Oz * Trip Advisor - Certificate of Excellence 2018 & 2019 * Full Risk Assessments and Liability Insurance

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A family owned business on a mission to create lasting change.

'Hervey Bay Eco Marine Tours' is a vibrant tour company operating in the beautiful waterways of Hervey Bay and the Sandy Straits, and we are excited to offer new opportunities for school excursions.

We are the *only* tourism company in Queensland that integrates Aboriginal culture and marine experiences together, with the Butchulla people as the main tour guides. This way, we ensure a unique experience for your students, fully immersing themselves in the Aboriginal history and connection to Country. Simultaneously, we do our best to assist teachers in meeting their learning outcomes throughout our fieldwork experience in a fun and unique way for everyone!

From Prep to year 12, our 'Djinang Excursion' can match the achievement standards of the Australian Curriculum related to the inclusion of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island History and Culture. Through what we call the "Butchulla workshop", your students will experience the following:

- * Socialise with Butchulla community members from beginning to end of the excursion.
- * Inform students about different topics related to the Hervey Bay region and their link to the Butchulla history.
- * Witness the music and creative arts of the Butchulla people by listening to the didgeridoo, watch their dances and take part in sand art, while understanding all associated meanings.
- * Learn the official Butchulla names of the marine life, flora, fauna, medicinal plants, islands and all landmarks of the region.
- * Learn and pronounce the Butchulla native language; practice sounds, intonation patterns, spelling, etc.
- * Understand how the Butchulla language and expressions have shaped their ways of thinking, behaving and viewing the world, and the role of language and arts in passing on knowledge.
- * Play, use the imagination, cooperate, have fun and a unique experience with nature and the Butchulla people. Participation in all activities is encouraged at all times.



Our fun 'Djinang Excursion' can be tailored to suit your needs and our expert guides will adapt the experience and information provided to students according to their cognitive learning process.



Why going outdoors with Hervey Bay Eco Marine Tours School Excursions?

We are a family business owned and operated by Wil and Jacqui Hikuwai. It has always been our wish to share our knowledge of the region in the most environmentally friendly and engaging way, whilst offering sustainable practices. We have worked hard to achieve an Advance Ecotourism Certification as well as a Respecting Our Culture Certification, and now we are ready to offer a customised experience to share the local Aboriginal knowledge to all students of Hervey Bay and the Fraser Coast.

All our visitors, and especially Australians, have found our combination of marine experience with Aboriginal culture of special value. The Australian society is now in pursuit of acknowledging and learning more from the traditional owners of this land, and what a better way of approaching this task than getting outside the classroom and connecting with the Butchulla people in their natural environment?

This is a memorable, informative and unique school excursion allowing students to experience not only the beauty of their backyard with their friends, but also to connect and learn the ancient dreamtime stories of the Butchulla tribe, as well as a chance to form a deeper understanding of the ocean and our local wildlife.

If you are interested, we would love to have you and your school join us on this path to our ancestors. All we hope is that you get the chance to learn, relax and immerse yourself in the beauty of mother nature and our backyard, whilst creating a memory to last a lifetime through your curriculum demands.



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Appendix 1. Testimonials from Agnew School who has been on excursions with us:

Thank you for the fantastic day. We utterly enjoyed our time and thank you to all the staff for making us feel welcome and sharing their knowledge and expertise. Thank you to Aaron for sharing your knowledge on your island with us. We appreciated all the time and effort into making this day fun and educational.

Student testimonials:

- I liked the GF choc-chip biscuits and I liked doing the dance - S.
- I liked drawing on the sand - S.
- I loved the turtles, the dance was so fun and cool and the little dance costume was amazing - A.
- I liked looking through the glass panels at coral. I also liked trying to spot the turtles – L.
- I liked listening to the didgeridoo, drawing in the sand and commentating – A.
- I loved listening to the aboriginal history and loved the didgeridoo I also liked drawing pictures in the sand – J.
- I liked drawing in the sand – T.



Kind regards,

Lennie Gorissen – Agnew school

Finer Details



Experience Certifications

Tourism Queensland - Listed on 'Top 7 Kid Friendly Indigenous experiences in Qld'
Tourism Queensland - Awarded 'Best of Queensland Experience 2019'
Trip Advisor - Certificate of Excellence 2018 & 2019
Advanced Ecotourism Certified - Eco Tourism Australia
ROC Certified (Respecting Our Culture) - GSTC



Risk Assessment

We obsess over safety. We ask ourselves, "How can we make activities as safe as possible while still ensuring your students have fun?". We evaluate hazards and if we determine an activity is too risky, we do not do it. A risk assessment is provided to ensure your safety is our number one concern.



COVID-19 Guidelines

Social distancing: This is an outdoor walk, no contact with any other groups at any time.
Sanitation: Extra hygiene measures are put in place in our shop. Hand sanitiser readily available before excursion.



Expert Guides Matched To Your Educational Goals And Budget

Tour guides are Butchulla descendants to provide you with on point, first hand knowledge.



Cultural Experience

Expert local Butchulla guide shares his knowledge of the region presenting the many different facets of Butchulla Culture. Opportunities are available to take part in interactive cultural activities. Gain new appreciation for the stunning coastal landscape as you hear the history and its significance to the Indigenous Butchulla people.



Activities: Activities are safe and exciting whilst being culturally sensitive.



Meals and Snacks: Bring own lunches, snacks and drinks.



Custom Tours For Your Budget

Your excursion can be customised to your own specifications. This is your trip and we are here to ensure the tour meets your expectations and needs.



Price Guarantee:

Guarantee fixed price per head, prices will only be subject to change if guest numbers alter.



Satisfaction That Your Excursion is Eco Friendly

We aim that your students will learn to respect more the land and sea environments, and our culture, pass on a legacy of respect for our planet.



Giving Back to The Community

Hervey Bay Eco Marine Tours proudly donates tours to much needed fundraising events in our local community and surrounding districts.



Bathroom Facilities at the Marina & Excursion Wheelchair Friendly