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Trip Review



Aussie Family Adventure

A summer family trip review

By the Kofoid/ Ricci Family

David Ricci & Laura Kofoid set off on an 18 day Australia adventure in the summer of 2005 with their two young children David & Chun Jiu. They began in Sydney before proceeding to North Eastern Tasmania to get up close and personal with some amazing wildlife. From there, they flew to Australia's "Red Center", Ayers Rock, for a few days before continuing on to Brisbane where they visited Australia's largest subtropical rain forest in Lamington National Park. Finishing their trip on Heron Island to enjoy some of the world's best reef diving, this family did it all before heading back home! Read on to hear more from the family themselves.....

"JOURNEYS was simply amazing!"



They listened to our objectives and needs, and then created the perfect trip. Everything on the actual trip was as we were promised. If a certain lodge was billed as “clean, but rustic”, it was. If someone was to meet us at the airport, they did. There were no surprises, except for the beauty of the scenery which was indescribable!



The Guide:

Craig Williams, our guide in Tasmania, was outstanding! His knowledge of the area and animals was awe-inspiring. The kids still talk about him and thank God for him in their nightly prayers. What a world he opened to all of us. Everyone who met us was polite, knowledgeable, kind and flexible. Stopping for things like “nappies” and sunscreen at a grocery store, etc.

Accommodations & Food:

The hotels and cabins were lovely and charming, though not luxurious in the typical sense. Meals were delicious (and more importantly, they were kid friendly!), though not five-star gourmet. It was all perfect for this type of family trip.

What Was Their Favorite Place?:

As my son said when we asked, “I can’t pick a favorite place!” Each place was extraordinary on its own. I think the most unique and special were Heron Island and the animals with Craig in Tasmania. But we wouldn’t have skipped anything! Lamington National Park and O’Reilly’s were also magnificent. All very, very special places. And who could forget...the sounds of a silent dinner, without the kids, in Ayers Rock!



We have been singing the praises of JOURNEYS since we got home, and we can’t wait for our next trip. We simply can’t thank you enough!

Dec, 2006 Note: The Kofoid family has subsequently traveled with JOURNEYS to Costa Rica in December, 2005 and to Alaska in July, 2006 and are planning other adventures.



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