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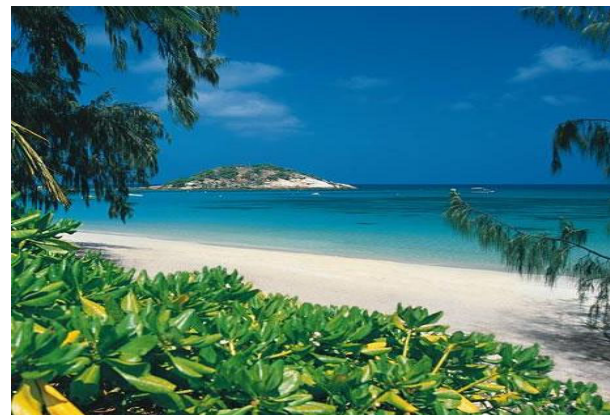


Gold Coast - Australia

The **Gold Coast** is a **city** and **local government area** in the **southeast** corner of **Queensland, Australia**. It is the second most populous city in the state and the **sixth most populous city** in the country. Gold Coast City is renowned for its sunny **subtropical climate**, popular **surfing** beaches, expansive waterway and canal systems, a skyline dominated by **high-rise** apartment buildings, active **nightlife** and wide variety of **tourist** attractions.

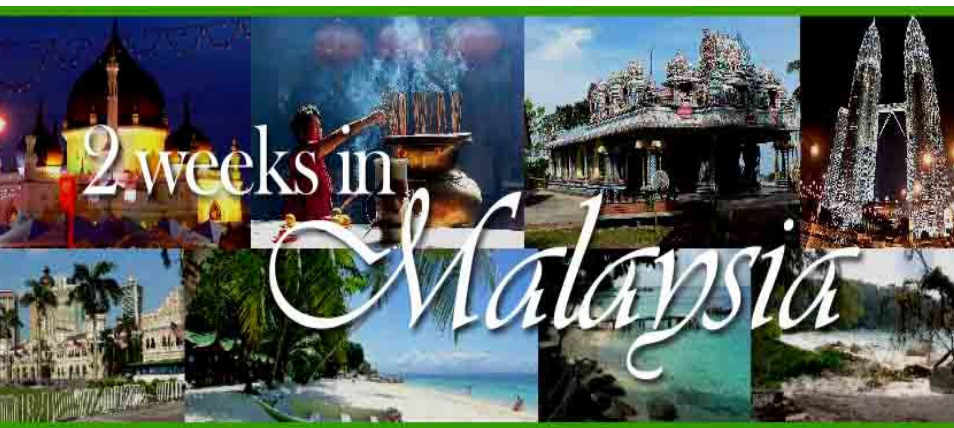
The city consists of 57 kilometres of coastline with some of the most popular **surf breaks in Australia** including,

South Stradbroke Island, The Spit, Main Beach, Surfers Paradise, Broadbeach, Mermaid Beach, Nobby Beach, Miami, Burleigh Beach, Burleigh Heads, Tallebudgera Beach, Palm Beach, Currumbin Beach, Tugun, Bilinga, Kirra, Coolangatta, Greenmount, Rainbow Bay, Snapper Rocks and **Froggies Beach**. Duranbah beach is one of the world's best known **surfing** beaches and is often thought of as being part of Gold Coast City, but is actually just across the **New South Wales** state border in **Tweed Shire**.



There are also beaches along many of the Gold Coast's 860km of navigable tidal waterways. Popular inland beaches include **Southport, Budds Beach, Marine Stadium, Currumbin Alley, Tallebudgera Estuary, Jacobs Well, Jabiru Island, Paradise Point, Harley Park Labrador, Santa Barbara, Boykambil** and **Evandale Lake**. [More>](#)

Special 'Summer' offers to Malaysia >



3 nights in Kuala Lumpur, 4 nights in Penang, 3 nights in Langkawi, 3 nights in Selangor, 2 nights in Genting Highlands

Starting from
SAR 2900 per person

Cost includes: 14 nights accommodation in 4 star hotels / daily breakfast / one way ferry ticket from Penang to Langkawi. **Cost does not include:** Airfares, airport taxes, visa fees and any other items of personal nature. **Offer valid till:** 31st August 2008. **Remarks:** Children below 6 years stay free of charge.

- All prices quoted are subject to change at any time without prior notification. Kanoo Travel terms & conditions apply.
- Offer valid at Kanoo Travel offices in Western Province Saudi Arabia only.

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Flight Schedule*

Flights	Dep.	Arr.	Flights	Dep.	Arr.
Dubai - Mumbai	22:45	03:15	Mumbai - Dubai	19:45	21:15
Dubai - New Delhi	22:55	03:35	New Delhi - Dubai	18:40	20:25



Etihad adds Moscow in route

Etihad Airways is launching flights to Moscow, from its Abu Dhabi home base on 1st December 2008. Etihad will have five flights a week to the Russian capital. Flights will depart Abu Dhabi on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays at 9.40am and arrive at Moscow's Domodedovo international airport at 2.05pm the same day. Return flight will depart Moscow on the same days at 2.55pm, arriving in Abu Dhabi at 9.05pm.

BA to move Dubai flights to Heathrow's Terminal 5

British Airways, which currently operates 21 flights per week from the UAE to London Heathrow, and BAA have agreed to move the third and final phase of British Airways' remaining long-haul flights out of the London airport's Terminal 4 and into Terminal 5 beginning Wednesday, October 22, 2008. The 14 flights a week from Dubai International Airport will move on this date. This is in addition to daily flights from Abu Dhabi International Airport, which will transfer across from Terminal 4 to Terminal 5 on September 17.

Cathay plans daily on HK-Bahrain

Cathy Pacific is planning to increase its flights between Hong Kong and Bahrain from October 1, Bahrain Tribune has reported. The new flight schedule will run a Bahrain-Dubai-Hong Kong route on a daily basis.

Sama adds Aslut, Beirut routes

Sama Airlines has launched two new international routes between Riyadh-Aslut and Dammam-Beirut, starting from 1st of September 2008. Sama's network has now increased to cover 10 international cities with 23 international routes departing from Riyadh, Dammam, and Jeddah.

Jet code-shares with Emirates

India's Jet Airways, which is starting flights from Dubai to New Delhi and Mumbai on 23rd August will have a code-sharing agreement with Emirates as the two carriers seek to benefit from the growing traffic on the UAE-India sector. Jet Airways' Dubai flights will complement the airline's daily services to Abu Dhabi, Kuwait, Bahrain, Muscat and Doha from various gateway points in India.

Etihad launches luggage service

Etihad Airways has launched a new luggage service, allowing passengers to send heavy or excess baggage before flying. The service is run by the airline's cargo division, Etihad Crystal Cargo, and customers will be given special rates that are cheaper than the excess baggage fees they would normally have paid.

Tourism and Hospitality >

Hilton tops usage in UAE, Saudi

Hilton has led all hotels in Saudi Arabia in terms of usage and overall customer satisfaction, according to an online survey conducted among UAE and Saudi residents by Maktoob Research. Hilton remained atop the usage index in the UAE but was overtaken by Jumeirah Hotels in terms of overall customer satisfaction.

Emirates Palace offers \$1m stay

The Abu Dhabi-based Emirates Palace hotel has applied to the Guinness Book of Records after putting together one of the most expensive packages on record. For \$1m guests will be given a seven night stay, first class return flights and have a Maybach at their disposal. The package includes Emirates Palace Sunset and Desert Island Tour, gifts including Emirates Palace Gold Champagne, the rarest pearls in the world from Robert Wang and a selection from Holland and Holland Sporting Guns, as well as daily spa treatments.

Banyan Tree Spa numbers soar

The Bahrain-based Banyan Tree Spa Al Areen has reported a 97% increase in guest numbers month-on-month. The spa is the largest in the region, spanning 10,000sqm and therapists have to undergo a three-month training programme in Thailand before taking up residence.

Top hotels vie for City of Arabia

City of Arabia owners, Ilyas & Mustafa Galadari Group announced it is taking its time to pick the best in the industry before signing the management contract for the 500-room five-star hotel property being built at City of Arabia in Dubai. The company will rely on family experience in the hotel business to make sure the operator will have the best service standards.

Special offers to India – Romancing the Taj >



The **Taj Mahal** (pronounced /tadʒ mə'hɑl/ or pronounced /tɑː mə'hɑl/) Persian/*Urdu*: (تاج محل) , is a **mausoleum** located in **Agra, India**, that was built under **Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan** in memory of his favorite wife, **Mumtaz Mahal**.

The Taj Mahal (also "the Taj") is considered the finest example of **Mughal architecture**, a style that combines elements from **Persian, Turkish, Indian, and Islamic** architectural styles. In 1983, the Taj Mahal became a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and was cited as "the jewel of **Muslim art** in India and one of the universally admired masterpieces of the world's heritage."

While the white **domed marble** and tile mausoleum is most familiar, Taj Mahal is an integrated symmetric complex of structures that was completed around 1648. **Ustad Ahmad Lahauri** is generally considered to be the principal designer of the Taj Mahal.

ROMANCING THE TAJ – (KHIN002)

- Day 01** Reception and welcome at Delhi airport followed by transfer to your hotel.
- Day 02** **DELHI** After leisurely breakfast, explore the Mughal capital of Shahjanabad, better known today as old Delhi. Visit the Jama Masjid – the largest mosque in Asia. Opposite the Red Fort stretch the bustling street of Chandani Chowk which can be visited on rickshaw. Post lunch drive through the colonial heritage of Lutyen's Delhi and on to a closer look at Qutub Minar and Humayun's tomb.
- Day 03** **DELHI -AGRA** Leave for Agra at dawn. Visit the Taj Mahal and other monuments in the city.
- Day 04** Morning drive to Jaipur. Stop enroute to explore the deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri or the Keoladeo Gana National Park.
- Day 05** Morning is a good time for the elephant ride up to the ramparts of Amber Fort. Your afternoon is dedicated to sightseeing.
- Day 06** Drive back to Delhi. You are checked in for the day and free to explore or shop before transferring to the airport in time for your onward departure.

Service Include:

- Five Nights accommodation.
- Daily Buffet/ fixed Menu breakfast.
- Air-conditioned vehicle for sightseeing and excursions as per itinerary based on medium car.
- Local English speaking guide for sightseeing
- Entrance fees for monuments
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort – Subject to availability

Price Per Person on twin sharing USD 385

Hotels Used: Delhi - Metro Height; Agra – Amar; Jaipur – Mandwa Haveli

Validity 01 Sep to 15 Dec 2008.

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United Airlines to fly Dubai Daily >

United Airlines operates more than 3,200* flights a day on United and United Express to more than 200 U.S. domestic and international destinations from its hubs in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Chicago and Washington, D.C. With key global air rights in the Asia-Pacific region, Europe and Latin America, United is one of the largest international carriers based in the United States. United also is a founding member of Star Alliance, which provides connections for our customers to 965 destinations in 162 countries worldwide. (*Based on United's flight schedule between Jan. 1, 08, and Dec. 31, 08. Schedule subject to change.) **To further strengthen its international route network, United Airlines has announced the launch of a daily service from Dubai in the United Arab Emirates to Washington D.C. in the United States. United plans to begin its daily direct Dubai to Washington, D.C. service on 27 October 2008.**

Dubai, a key Middle East trade port, real estate haven and major world hub for IT and financial services, will become the second, fast-emerging Middle Eastern city United serves. In October 2006, United launched three weekly flights between Washington-Dulles and Kuwait, and in December 2007 increased this service to daily. **Washington Dulles (IAD) to Dubai (DXB)* will Depart at 10:02 pm and Arrive at 07:50pm (next day). Dubai (DXB) to Washington Dulles (IAD)*will Depart at 12:30 am and Arrive at 06:44am (next day).**

Kanoo Travel, Jeddah wins league title >

JEDDAH – Kanoo Travel outplayed NCB in a one-sided Premier League final and bagged the Juffali Cup, which was organized by Jeddah Cricket League and sponsored by Juffali Group of Companies at the JCL Complex, Obhur. Right from the word go Kanoo Travel did not allow the rival to come back. Kanoo Travel opted to bat first and its openers produced 75 runs in just 8 overs. Kaleem dominated with his lofted shots and with the help of quite a few dropped catches. [More>](#)

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