

## Getabout Oz – Website Summary

Getabout OZ offers a centralised booking service for your personal holiday transport needs. We are a fully Australian owned and operated business totally committed to ensuring you get the best deal available for the most suitable vehicle (motorhomes, campervans, 4wd, cars, station wagons) for your needs in Australia and New Zealand). Getabout OZ is your one-stop-shop for rental of campervans, mobile homes, motorhomes, 4wd (4x4), campers, cars, station wagons, people movers, RVs, etc. We have the biggest range of vehicles to hire in Australia and New Zealand because we supply from the major vehicle rental organisations.

As an independent broker, we can use our size and expertise to source you the best vehicle to suit your needs - at the right price. We also have access to specials that are available from our various suppliers from time to time - saving you costs. Because we deal with all the top suppliers, we can provide all types of vehicles Australia-wide and in New Zealand. Our staff understand all rates, charges and restrictions, and how to minimise extra fees - these savings are passed on to you.

### FlexRates

This is a great way to save money renting Maui, Britz, Apollo and Hertz vehicles - by planning in advance. Each week we change the advanced rental rates of our vehicles. This is determined by our forward bookings and availability of vehicles. The further ahead you plan, the lower the cost, and the greater the choice of vehicles.

### About Us

Getabout Oz is a fully Australian owned and operated business totally committed to ensuring you get the best deal available. We work on your behalf as a broker to negotiate from the widest range of available vehicles throughout the country to ensure you get the best choice at the best price. To offer you the best Service, Advice and Supply for your Self-Drive Holiday transport needs throughout Australia. The staff at Getabout Oz are trained and have the knowledge to recommend the most suitable self-drive vehicle for your requirements and budget.

Getabout Oz is able to offer One-Way Rentals AUSTRALIA WIDE upon application, between all major capital cities - including Northern Territory, Western Australia and Tasmania. Our Booking Office is located in the heart of Sydney, Australia, central to Hotel and Hostel Accommodation. You can also Reserve vehicles to pick-up at any of the following locations in Australia: ADELAIDE, ALICE SPRINGS, AYRES ROCK, BRISBANE, BROOME, CAIRNS, CANBERRA, DARWIN, DEVONPORT, GOLD COAST, HOBART, LAUNCESTON, MELBOURNE, PERTH, SYDNEY, TOWNSVILLE. In New Zealand, AUCKLAND, BAY OF ISLANDS, CHRISTCHURCH, DUNEDIN, HAMILTON, NELSON, PALMERSTON NORTH, PICTON, QUEENSTOWN, ROTORUA. Other locations by arrangement – just let us know.

Remember, your inquiries are welcome. We do the shopping for you - and to ensure you get the best deal, please BOOK EARLY and SAVE! Rates and availability are subject to change without notice. To reserve a vehicle on your behalf Getabout Oz requires a paid deposit. For your convenience simply fill out our e-mail enquiry form on the website with your travel details or contact us by fax, or phone. Alternatively you can send us a letter in the post. We suggest that you make your bookings in advance to ensure availability and the best price. We take bookings by phone, fax, e-mail or letter.

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Some of our Vehicles:

Campervans and Motorhomes

We can book for you from the widest range of motorhomes in Australia and New Zealand.

We deal with the top suppliers – Apollo, Britz, Maui, Hertz, Backpacker, NQ, AutoBarn, TravelMaster,

Australia is a fantastic place to see and do lots of things - indoors and outdoors. Having your own transport allows you to get around at your own pace and enjoy! If you want a wider experience, try combining different types of transport. Ask us about our COMBO offer - rent a sedan in the cities and interstate highways, then get a 4wd for those off-road adventures. Or, maybe spoil yourself with a motorhome or campervan for part of your holiday in the sun. Getabout OZ is your one-stop-shop for rental of campervans, mobile homes, motorhomes, 4wd (4x4), campers, cars, station wagons, people movers, RVs, etc. We have the biggest range of vehicles to hire in Australia and New Zealand because we supply from the major vehicle rental organisations.

From the budget traveler looking to rent a low-cost camper to those wanting the luxury of a full-sized motorhome, Getabout Oz can help you. Rental campervans are available as pop-top, hi-top, flat-top, campette, etc. We have as-new units and some a few years old – still clean and reliable, just not the current models – so you save money! Great for backpackers, or those on a tight budget.

## CARS

Rent your Europcar anywhere in the world, online now. Or, if you want advise about car rentals in Australia or New Zealand, visit Getabout OZ who can give you all the information you need and find the best rates. Getabout Oz is your one-stop-shop for rental of campervans, mobile homes, motorhomes, 4wd (4x4), campers, cars, station wagons, people movers, RVs,

etc. We have the biggest range of vehicles to hire in Australia and New Zealand because we supply from the major vehicle rental organisations.

Some Models:

#### Hi-Top 2-3 Berth Economy Campervan

The popular Hitop Campervan combines creative design and quality features to offer you an economical yet comfortable holiday in Australia. It is great for couples but is large enough to accommodate a small child as well. The vehicle includes a large-sized double bed and an additional overhead bed. It is fitted with a fridge, gas stove, sink and is powered by a 2.4 unleaded petrol engine. The Hitop is a pleasure to drive and is truly affordable.

#### The Elite

The Elite Campervan is ideal for two people who want to travel in comfort and style. With a manual transmission & an economical diesel engine, this spacious Mercedes vehicle comes with a wardrobe, microwave, gas stove, toilet and shower, plus pressurised hot and cold water. All the living equipment you need is also supplied - linen, towels, crockery, and more. The air-conditioned driver's cabin and living area make for a relaxing journey, & the camping chairs make it easier to stop by the side of the road and relax along the way. The roomy dining area converts into a large double bed, so you can wake up every morning refreshed & ready for adventure.

#### The Explorer

This Mercedes-powered Explorer model is ideal for 4 people who want all the comforts of a motorhome in a more compact vehicle. You won't lack for creature comforts though, with the Explorer's living equipment (crockery, linen, towels, pillows, and more), air-conditioned driver's cabin and living area, pressurised hot & cold water, shower and toilet - plus the fridge, gas stove and microwave ensure that culinary delights needn't be sacrificed either. Camping chairs allow you to take in the view wherever you are in comfort and style, and the two double beds - one permanent, over the drivers cabin, and one which converts from the dining area - offer luxury even in your sleep!

#### The 6 Berth Frontier

This Mercedes vehicle offers dual transmission so it can be driven as an auto or manual, so perfect for family and group travel. It also has a choice of two seating areas in the rear so you can sit close to the driver when travelling or relax up the back. The beds can also be set-up as a three doubles or two doubles and two singles configuration. Features include, 6-speed manual / 6-speed automatic transmission, full walk-through access, plenty of storage space, economical diesel engine, radio & CD player.

#### The Euro 2-3 Berth Motorhome

This luxury Mercedes Motorhome is in a class of its own with its extra features and spaciousness. With lots of room and large beds it is very comfortable for three adults. There is also an anchorage point for a baby seat so that a couple with a young child can travel. All modern appointments of home such as fridge, shower and toilet, colour television, cooking facilities and microwave are provided. For first-class travel this vehicle is unbeatable.

#### Euro Camper 4 Berth Motorhome

Four people can enjoy all the comforts of home in the Euro Camper while still taking in all the sights and sounds of Australia. The convenient walk-through from the driver's cabin to the living area offers easy access to all the quality features - fridge, gas stove, microwave oven,

shower and toilet. The turbo engine and power steering allow for easy handling and a smooth ride. Jump onboard and discover the fun and excitement of a motorhome holiday in Australia.

#### Euro Deluxe - 6 Berth Luxury Motorhome

This is the ultimate luxury Mercedes motorhome for the family to explore Australia. Easy to drive with a well laid out interior. It offers all the comforts you would expect from this top of the range vehicle.

This motorhome is your real home away from home. A well-appointed kitchen with a microwave, gas stove, griller and refrigerator. A shower/toilet unit and reverse cycle air conditioning give you all the freedom you need. The vehicle is fitted with a large size side awning. This large family-sized motorhome is ready to travel when you are.

#### Maui Vehicles

Maui has a great range of motorhomes, campervans and 4WD campers in Australia and New Zealand, and we can help you select the right vehicle for that special get away holiday.

Getabout OZ, being an independent broker, can find the right vehicle for your requirements - at the right price. Our special arrangements with Maui means we are able to offer you vehicles from their extensive range of vehicles and locations around New Zealand and Australia. A Maui Motorhome is an exciting and convenient way to discover Australia and New Zealand. Choose from Maui's large fleet of 2 - 6 berth Motorhomes or 4WD Camper to tour at your own pace and on your own itinerary. With our unbeatable service including free unlimited kilometres, 24-hour roadside assistance and complimentary travel wallet filled with a road map, discounts and a campground guide, you'll be free to relax and unwind. Rental information and Inter-island ferry in New Zealand is available in our section Other NZ Details. Here you will find out about locations, pick-up, transfers, and equipment available in the vehicles, inter-island ferry services and other useful facts. These details are indicative of the vehicle that will be supplied under your booking. Actual vehicles may vary according to year of manufacture and availability; but your vehicle will be suitable for the required number of persons and have equivalent or better specifications to those listed in this website.

#### 4WD Vehicles

Call it a 4 x 4, a 4WD, an off-roader or an RV, we can help you!

Getabout OZ has the biggest range of 4WD vehicles in Australia and we can help you select the right vehicle for that special get away holiday. Getabout OZ, being an independent broker, can find the right vehicle for your requirements - at the right price.

#### 4wd Range - Vehicles

The staff at Getabout OZ have driven 4wd vehicles on Australia's roads and are trained to recommend the most suitable self-drive vehicle for your requirements and budget. Be it a camping trip in the outback, a drive to a secluded beach, or a holiday on the roof of Australia in the snowfields, 'getting about' to some of Australia's best places can sometimes require a 4 wheel drive vehicle - that's where we can help! Because of our wide network, it is very convenient to select a 4WD for all or just part of your adventure. You can get accommodation in motels, or use the camping areas all over this great country - the choice is yours. Many of our National and State parks offer low cost wilderness camping facilities, too. Driving a 4 x 4 does not mean you will not get bogged, or that you can climb any hill or rock outcrop. It does mean that you will be able to drive further, with possibly more safety than a conventional vehicle on some roads. However, braking distances on unsealed roads are longer and, if you

are driving 4 x 4, the vehicle is more unstable than a conventional car, particularly at high speeds. Let us help you in your planning - to get the right vehicle for your needs.

The range includes Toyota Land Cruisers, Mitsubishi Pajero, Toyota Rav 4, Mitsubishi Challenger and Prado. Some are equipped with Roof-top Tents for a great camping adventure.

#### 4wd Campers

##### 4wd Adventure Camper

Pick up from 10 Australian mainland cities: Cairns, Townsville, Broome, Alice Springs, Darwin, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth.

This is the ultimate 4wd campervan for those people who want a real adventure in the outback of Australia. The double bed is very spacious and has plenty of ventilation with side flyscreens along the pop top roof. The vehicle is fitted with a large retractable side awning, which you can cook and eat under. At night you can even plug into caravan park power and enjoy home comforts of airconditioning or heating. Comes with many special 4wd extras such as a Safety & Survival Guide, snatch strap and recovery shovel etc. Much roomier than the Bush Safari Camper, the Adventure Camper is the 4wd Campervan of choice!

#### 4WD Safari Camper

Seeking adventure? Then why not try one of the 4WD Bushcampers and see Australia the fair dinkum way. This way you can find the Australia that is beyond the Capital Cities! Amenities such as a refrigerator, gas stove, water supply and airconditioning give you the added conveniences of home. There is seating for three people and two double beds. With power steering and a five speed manual transmission this vehicle makes an ideal means get away from it all for your Bush Safari.

#### Aussie Wanderer – 4WD Roof-top Camper

Want the real outback experience in a full-sized 4wd? Want to take up to 4 people? Want to sleep in comfort and safety? This great range of Toyota 4wd vehicles are available fitted with a roof-top folding tent that can accommodate from 1 to 4 adults (Aussie Wanderer). Great flexibility with quick and easy-to-erect camping facilities, means you spend more time touring and exploring the great outdoors of Australia - seeing the 'Real Aussie Bush'. Fully equipped for the outback experience, you can supplement the standard supplies with additional camping and safety gear if you wish - just let us know your requirements. Choice of 3 Roof-top Tent Vehicles to suit your needs.

#### Aussie Wanderer

This new and exciting addition to our fleet combines the freedom, comfort and safety of a Toyota 4wd Landcruiser Wagon, with TWO roof-top double bed sized tents. This enables you to sleep up to 4 adults in comfort. In addition, there is an easily erected side awning for shelter, and all the camping and cooking equipment needed to enable you to travel anywhere in Australia.

#### Bush-Ranger

Your Toyota 4wd Landcruiser Troopcarrier is equipped with a double-bed tent on the roof-top. This adds a new dimension to your Australian adventure. The extra length and internal space of the Toyota Troopcarrier means two people can pack additional stores and equipment for those long-haul expeditions to the more remote destinations such as the Simpson Desert, Cape York Peninsula, Canning Stock Route and beyond.

## Cruiser

Your Toyota 4wd Landcruiser Wagon is equipped with a double-bed tent on the roof-top. We provide you with the off-road capability and comfort of driving a spacious Toyota Landcruiser during the day, combined with the convenience, safety and comfort of the roof-top double bed/s during the night. All equipment is supplied - no additional pegs, ropes, poles or tarps needed.

As an alternative to the roof-top tents, there is the option of using our standard 4wd Toyota vehicles - but using the convenience of normal tents and camping gear. When 4 people are travelling together, an additional 4 person tent will be supplied free of charge. If 5 people are travelling together, an additional tent will be supplied regardless.

## BRITZ - Bushcamper 4D

The classic Bushcamper 4WD is custom-designed for the rigors of the Australian environment. Its off-road capability and long range fuel tanks allow you to explore areas off the sealed highway and access that recommended fishing spot. The fridge keeps the drinks cold and the solar shower ensures you can wash-up before you return to civilization. It includes: Gas stove, Fridge, Long range fuel tanks: 180 litre, Solar heated hand-held shower, Air-conditioned driver's cabin, Manual transmission, Power steering, Radio.

## Spirit 4wd

You don't have to rough it even in the toughest outback terrain when you are travelling in a Spirit 4 Wheel Drive. With facilities like a roof canopy double bed, cold running water, and a gas cooker that attaches easily to the back door for outside barbecues - you can safely venture further into intriguing corners of Australia you might not see another way. Spirit 4WD is fully equipped for adventure for two and includes a full tool kit. An Outback Safety Kit is available for hire when you venture into isolated regions. We can arrange that and any additional equipment you may need.

## Britz 4WD Adventurer

This unique design allows four to travel in comfort and then at night the two large roof-top tents fold out with ease. The new Adventurer comes complete with external awning, outdoor table and long-range fuel tanks.

## Locations

### Special places in Australia

#### Sydney

Book your rental car, campervan, motorhome or 4WD with Getabout OZ, and get a great saving on tours around Sydney with WonderBus. For each booking with Getabout Oz, you will get a \$10 discount - per passenger - to use on any WonderBus tour. How does it work? When we confirm your vehicle reservation with Getabout Oz, we provide you with a reservation number. Quote the Getabout Oz Reservation Confirmation number from your email. Enjoy your tour!

The tours from WonderBus extend from Jet Boat Rides on Sydney Harbour, or a visit to the Sydney Aquarium, to a 1, 2, 3 or 4 days exploration of the Blue Mountains, Port Stephens, the Hunter Valley or Jenolan Caves. There is also a wide range of activities from Whale Watching to Abseiling. Like the idea of bushwalking? Yes, we offer that too! Just review the various tours available and let WonderBus know your preferences. They will look at the

schedules and check availability. General Information Wonderbus specializes in small groups using a 21 seat bus. Concession rates for Nomads, YHA, VIP and ISIC card holders. Group Rates for 6 or more All prices in AU\$ and include GST. No refund on any tour or package if cancelled less than 24 hours before departure. Wonderbus is an accredited tour operator licensed by the National Parks and Wildlife authority.

### [Getabout OZ Extended Value Offer](#)

Receive 10% DISCOUNT on any **Sydney Locale Attractions/ Activities/ Packages** and lots more, with every Getabout OZ vehicle reservation.

(Terms & Conditions apply)

Please request your voucher number when securing your vehicle reservation.

Click on the links below for further information.

### Northern Territory

Good roads, an extensive network of caravan parks, hotels, motels, B&Bs, and wayside inns; plenty of fuel and rest stops and many places to discover make the NT and WA great self-drive destinations. One of Australia's best kept secrets is the excellent road system within the Northern Territory. First class all weather roads link The Red Centre and the Top End with the rest of Australia, whether it is from the eastern States through Mount Isa along the Barkly Highway or up the centre on the Stuart Highway. The variety of scenery in the NT ranges from tropical jungles to vast deserts. From lively Darwin (the capital city) to Uluru (Ayers Rock) there is lots to see. World Heritage Kakadu National Park is a 'must-see' - just a few hours from Darwin. Take a day or several - drive a car, or be more adventurous and get a 4WD, or a 4WD Camper for that real wilderness experience. Just ask us !

### THE ROADS

The Stuart Highway is the region's main road link with the south and one of the major supply routes. It is an ideal route for anyone planning an extended motoring holiday. There are three main highways -

- \* the Stuart Hwy from Adelaide to Darwin
- \* the Barkly Hwy which joins the Flinders Hwy at Cloncurry
- \* the Victoria Hwy when travelling North from Perth, you join at Kununurra.

All are fully sealed, first-class roads. The majority of key tourist areas are serviced by sealed roads - easy to drive in any vehicle. Of course, if you want to explore further into the bush, there are many unsealed roads that are still easy to drive, that lead to many exciting and unique features of the Australian Outback.

There are a great number of ways to get around the Territory. Cars, station wagons, campers, motorhomes, 4WD - and the newest addition to our range, 4WD Toyota Landcruisers with Roof Top Tents. These offer convenience, security and ease of travel - plus, you have your accommodation always available. Travel in style and comfort during the day to anywhere in Australia - and sleep up to 4 adults with one or two double-bed sized tents - on the roof!

These units are fully equipped and additional camping kits are available.

Getting a bit warm in the great Top End sunshine? Then take a swim in one of the many fantastic gorges, swimming holes and pools. Click the images on the left to see some of the fantastic places to stay, things to do, and things to see. Visit Alice Springs, Ayers Rock, Kakadu National Park, Arnhem Land, Wildman River Reserve, Litchfield National Park, and Katherine Gorge. Travel also to the Kimberley area in the far north of Western Australia. Here you can visit Broome, Kununurra, Derby and the Bungle Bungle regions. Visit areas

where Australian Aboriginal artists are working. Contemporary art forms by indigenous artists, as well as the traditional desert art forms (dot paintings) are readily accessible in your own vehicles. You can join an organised tour or get permission to travel into restricted areas as part of a convoy. Additionally, you can visit many of the places where original rock art can be seen. Many of these places can only be accessed by 4wd (4x4) vehicles. Getabout OZ has the biggest range of recreational vehicles in Australia. We are vehicle rental brokers who act on behalf of many car, motorhome, 4wd and camper providers. As such, we are not constrained to any particular make or brand in order to offer the Right Vehicle at the Best Price to the tourist. Likewise, should a particular type of vehicle not be available from one supplier, we can usually source it from another. We are also able to access the many Special deals that are offered from time to time from all suppliers - so there is always a good range of specials available.

**Northern Territory – you'll never, never know, if you never, never go!!**

### Tasmania

Some information about Tasmania. It's the air – the beady scent of clean, fresh air straight from the mountains that provides the first strong impression of Tasmania. It's the sweet scent of a Tasmanian breeze, filled with the smells of the sea, of highland streams and pungent rain forests that welcomes weary travellers home and wakens visitors to a pristine environment. Then it's the light so clear on the distant hills and fertile river flats it makes your heart sing. Much of the culture of the early settlers is preserved in the architecture of the stone houses, public buildings and bridges, the majority still in use more than 170 years on. They blend harmoniously with the natural environment adding to the mystique of this exciting, unspoiled place waiting to be discovered. Hobart, the State's capital in southern Tasmania, has a large international airport a short drive from the city centre. It is gateway to the historic Port Arthur, and the southern wilderness areas. Launceston, Tasmania's second largest city and the heart of Northern Tasmania, has a large airport with daily flights connecting with Melbourne and the other major Australian cities. The state-managed national park system stretches from Flinders Island off Tasmania's northern tip to Melaleuca in the far south west and to Rocky Cape on the north west tip. Giant wilderness areas exist in Tasmania, including Cradle Mountain Lake St Clair National Park with its mountains and forests, and Freycinet National Park in the east.

### Fraser Island

Australia's Fraser Island and all of Queensland are excellent places for a motoring holiday; and one of the most exciting 4WD destinations is World Heritage Fraser Island. This information is to help you understand and enjoy this unique place in the world. Getabout Oz can help you to rent your own 4WD while on Fraser Island. Just contact us and let us know you plans, and we will be able to assist in recommending the right vehicle. Fraser Island is the world's largest sand island, and Australia's largest off-shore island, being 124 km long and 5.25km wide. It can be reached by commercial ferry or plane operated by tourist companies based on the mainland. The island is readily accessible from Brisbane by plane or road, or by barge or ferry from Hervey Bay, Inskip Point (Rainbow Beach) or Mary River Heads on the mainland. The ferry takes 30 minutes from the Hervey Bay. Fraser's beaches are particularly attractive for those with 4WD vehicles, but the island is large enough to provide plenty of room for everyone. 4WD vehicles can be hired through Getabout Oz. A light plane trip can give a good overview of the island and bay. (The beach is the airstrip.) The sandy straits between the mainland and Fraser island are ideal for sailing, and also attract hundreds of anglers for the tailor season. Camping and vehicle permits are required. Scenically, Fraser

Island features seemingly endless miles of beaches and sand dunes, long stretches of mangroves, exceptionally clear-water creeks, cliffs of coloured sands, tall unspoilt rainforests - and half the world's perched freshwater dune lakes. This combination of sand-dunes, tropical rainforests and lakes makes its 160 000 hectares an exceptional and memorable place to visit. Accommodation. Accommodation is limited, and varies from beach camping, backpacker's accommodation, private house rental and resort standard accommodation. Booking is essential. On the ocean side, there is accommodation at Happy Valley, Eurong, Dilli Village and Cathedral Beach Camping Park. Korawinga Lodge at Eurong has time-share units. All these holiday centres have family accommodation. Day tours leave Hervey Bay and Rainbow Beach. For further information, the Queensland Parks and Wildlife can be contacted.

#### Landscapes on Fraser Island

The long stretches of beaches are unique, the most notable being Seventy-Five Mile Beach. There are 72 differently-coloured sands on the island, the best being seen along a 35km stretch of beach called Happy Valley. There are over 40 lakes on the island, each with its individual features, and all above sea level. Sand blows are an added attraction worth seeing, caused by the sand being shifted by the sea breezes. The Knife Blade is the largest of these blows. The shipwreck Maheno is easily seen on the beach just south of the Knife Blade. The western coast of Fraser Island is fringed by mangroves backed by 30 000-year-old cypress pines. Along the eastern coastline are sand dunes that have been blown into shapes with such names as The Cathedrals and The Pinnacles. Rocky headlands provide excellent views. The coastal creeks have water that has taken about 70 years to work its way through the dunes and underground aquifers. There are cliffs and gorges in shades of orange, red, yellow and pure white. Other features are great basalt headlands and saltpans with eerie mangrove forests.

#### Interesting Facts about Fraser Island

Scientists believe Fraser Island developed over 800 000 years, its sand coming from Northern NSW, washed into the sea by the big rivers in that area, and carried north by strong sea currents. The rainforests grow in sand, but survive on the nutrients supplied from the breakdown of other plants. Some of the giant satinay and brush box trees are over 1000 years old. The island attained World Heritage Listing in December 1992 because of its sand dune systems, rainforests growing on sand, and the amazing clarity of the water in its streams. (You can look at a stream and see only the creek bed because the water is so clear.) Fraser's vegetation is not all tall forest, as the Wallum heath lands occupy a lot of the lowlands. Here you can see scribbly gums (the scribbles on the bark are caused by an insect), and the Wallum Banksia. (Banksias are named after Sir Joseph Banks, the botanist on Captain Cook's ship Endeavour.) The sand of Fraser Island goes down to a depth 30-60 meters below sea level. The dune systems dates back 30 000 years and are the oldest in the world. Groundwater is stored in huge reserves of about 10-20 million megalitres within the sandmass. Six million litres of this is stored above sea level. Some of Fraser Island's 40 lakes are estimated to be over 300 000 years old. There are about 50 species of fern on Fraser island, including the angiopteris fern which had the largest fronds of any fern in the world. It uses water pressure rather than structural tissue to keep its fronds erect. The wildflowers are at their best between the months of August and September.

#### Seeing the Sights on the Island

**The only way to get around the island is by 4wd.**

There is a wide range of tracks for driving to the main places of interest, but you have to be able to drive a 4wd in varying terrains - mainly sand - after all, Fraser Island is ALL sand! Getabout Oz has access to the widest range of 4wd vehicles available, including tent-top campers. Let us know your travel requirements and we can advise the right vehicle for your needs. Also available is a Driver training course from Britz. Click for details. Consider picking up your 4wd in Brisbane and tour north through the Glass House Mountains to

Gympie and then on to beautiful Hervey Bay. This is where you get the vehicle ferry to Fraser Island. You can camp on the Island or there is accommodation available. There are also many organised tours of the various sights on the island. The choice is yours. Amazing sights such as the Maheno ship wreck await visitors to Fraser Island. The Maheno was once a luxury liner, which when on route to Japan to be scrapped when it was washed ashore on the eastern beach of Fraser Island during a rare winter cyclone.

Walking Tracks vary from short walks along creek beds to a 13km walk between Lake McKenzie and Lake Waddy. It is recommended walks be taken with an experienced bush walker, and to always advise park rangers of your itinerary before setting out.

Maps, and a compass are essential, as is staying on the tracks, as swamps and thick heath make many areas inaccessible. The southern area has fresh water in creeks, but it is harder to find water in the northern areas, so adequate food and water should be carried. Comfortable walking shoes, a hat, sunscreen, water, food and a compass are needed by bush walkers.

Fraser is not snake free, and the local wild dingoes should not be fed. Insect repellent is needed in summer and after rain. Roads - All tracks are unsealed, and are not graded regularly, which means the roads are rough.

Self-drive 4WD vehicles and trail bikes are available for exploring the island, and can be transported by ferry from the mainland. Commercial 4WD buses take tourists on day trips, and there are restaurants, general stores and basic comfort stops available. There are no towns on Fraser Island. Accommodation ranges from a resort to beach camping.

Swimming - There is excellent swimming in the creeks and lakes. Swimmers should not swim into the surf on the eastern shore because of the dangerous currents.

Fishing - The island boasts some 200 lakes that provide excellent spots for fishing. Many visitors come mainly for the fishing, especially along the ocean beaches of the eastern coast. A fishing competition is an annual event here, running for a whole week.

#### Flora and Fauna

Fraser Island is famous for over 300 species of birds, and include coastal birds such as dotterals, pied oyster-catchers, pelicans and terns, and birds of prey such as brahminy kites, white-breasted sea eagles, ospreys and peregrine falcons. The island's heathlands are home to one of Australia's rarest bird, the ground parrot, and here you will also find honey-eaters, kingfishers and cockatoos. The freshwater wetlands are the habitat of curlews, jabirus and broilgas. There are 25 species of mammal, including pure-breed dingoes, wallabies, possums, flying foxes and echidnas. Dugong feed on the sea grass, turtles breed on some island beaches, and tailor spawn annually near rocky headlands. Humpback whales from the Antarctica come to the sheltered waters of Platypus Bay with their new calves on their return journey south. Between July and August is the time to see the whales, and licenced tour-operators operate from Hervey Bay.

#### Climate

The climate on Fraser Island is categorised as maritime subtropical with annual mean temperatures ranging from 14.1C minimum to 28.8C maximum. Rainfall is high, reaching 1800mm on the highest dunes in the centre of the island.

#### More Information

Resorts and stores on the mainland provide information and booking facilities for day trips, tours and accommodation on Fraser Island. There are also Information Centres on the island at Central Station, Eurong National Parks and Wildlife Office, Waddy Point and Dundabara as well as at tourist information centres, resorts and stores on the island. Fuel and ice are available on the island.

New Zealand

All types of rental vehicles available in NZ, but Book early and SAVE !

\* Let us assist you in planning your experience of New Zealand.

\* We offer Special Rates on long-term rentals.

Great savings when you combine New Zealand and Australian bookings!

Ask us about it!

Rent the finest cars, Campervans and Motorhomes at the best rates in New Zealand for you holiday, vacation or that special occasion. Being an independent broker, Getabout OZ is able to offer you choice for your car rental in New Zealand - we can find the right vehicle for your requirements - at the right price from the best providers.

Nomad, Britz, Apollo, Maui, Backpacker, KEA.

Our staff are trained to recommend the most suitable self-drive vehicle for your requirements and budget. Also, we can assist you with enquiries about other vehicles including campervans, 4WDs and motorhomes. We supply all types of vehicles in New Zealand including - Economy Cars, 4WD Station Wagons and Toyota Landcruiser 4wd, new & economy Campervans, Motorhomes, Station Wagons / Camping Equipment, Taragos and Mini-Buses. We have regular special rate offers for motorhomes, campervans and cars - please check our NZ Specials page, or contact our office. Touring by motorhome, campervan or car in New Zealand is easy. The roads are great and the scenery fantastic. For your touring, select from our range of cars, 4WD, campervans or motorhomes. For the skiing holiday, the use of campervans and motorhomes is a very popular way to combine sightseeing, accommodation and that special ski holiday. So, go to the beach at The Bay of Islands, or to the snow for a skiing or snowboarding adventure, and save on accommodation while you tour the great scenic areas of NZ. Create your own tour, at your own pace.

Inter-island Ferry Information.

The Interisland Line offers daily ferry services across Cook Strait between Wellington and Picton, linking New Zealand's North and South Islands. Simply drive on, drive off and continue on your way. Turn a crossing into a cruise. Travel Cook Strait on The Interislander and your holiday starts the moment you step onboard. Travel straight across Cook Strait. If it's speed you're after, try the Lynx - one of the fastest and smoothest car and passenger ferries in the world. If you advise us of your preferred crossing times, number of passengers and ages of children, we will be happy to make the booking for you. You collect your tickets on pick-up and pay for the ferry at the branch. It is essential to pre-book ferries in the New Zealand summer months between November and March. We will reconfirm to you the actual sailing time when it is confirmed to us. The approximate time to cross by the Interislander Ferry is 3 hours and the Lynx Fast Ferry is 2 hours & 15 minutes. If looking for economies when crossing between the north and south islands, it is possible to drop cars off in Picton or Wellington and avoid having to pay additional fees for the ferry crossing by car. Minimum rental days apply one way; please email us for further information and availability.

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Great Touring in our Campette - Travel, park n' sleep. Equipped with bedding and cooking gear to make your touring holiday enjoyable as well as economical.

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