GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE TOURISM SUMMIT 2026

2-5 June | Gold Coast, QLD, Australia

We can't wait to welcome you to the Gold Coast! Below is a snapshot of what to expect across the week, along with a few handy travel tips to help you plan ahead.

The easiest way to reach Mercure Gold Coast Resort is by Uber or taxi, located approximately 23 minutes from Gold Coast Airport. Check-in is available from 2:00pm and we recommend arriving by 5:00pm at the latest so you're settled in before our Welcome Function, kicking off from 6:00pm poolside. Please note that both evening functions across the program will be business casual.

TUESDAY (2nd June)

1.30 – 4.30pm	ECO Think Destination Forum *(for ECO Certified Destinations only, by invitation)*
2:00pm	Check-in at Mercure Gold Coast Resort
6:00pm	Welcome Function (The Oasis Poolside)

WEDNESDAY (3rd June)

8:30am	Conference Day 1 begins
5:00pm	Conference Day 1 concludes
5:45pm	Depart for JW Marriott Gold Coast Resort and Spa *(bus transfer provided)*
6:00pm	Networking Function (Lagoon Gallery)
9:00pm	Depart for Mercure Gold Coast Resort* *(bus transfer provided)*

**Attendees not staying at the Mercure Gold Coast Resort will be responsible for their own travel back to their accommodation at the conclusion of the Networking Function.*

THURSDAY (4th June)

8:30am	Conference Day 2 begins
5:00pm	Conference Day 2 concludes

For those not participating in the Destination Immersion Program, flights should be booked from 6:30 pm onwards to allow comfortable travel time.

FRIDAY (5th June)

The itinerary for our Destination Immersion Program* will be released in mid-March.

The Destination Immersion program is a chance for delegates to visit some of the Gold Coast's leading sustainable tourism experiences and attractions on a private tour hosted by Ecotourism Australia.

The program will be ticketed separately and run from approximately 8.30 am to 1 pm.

Delegates planning to participate in the Destination Immersion program should book flights that depart no earlier than 3.30 pm, to allow sufficient time to reach the Gold Coast Airport.

**The Destination Immersion program requires a minimum number of registrations to proceed. Should the minimum number not be reached three weeks prior to the event, delegates will be notified and receive a full refund.*

STAYING LONGER?

If you're planning to extend your stay and explore more of the Gold Coast, Mercure Gold Coast Resort is happy to help. Simply contact the hotel directly to be advised on room availability and rates for additional nights. Staying a little longer gives you the chance to enjoy the resort facilities at a relaxed pace, or head out to discover nearby beaches, markets and local attractions.

THINGS TO DO LOCALLY

There's no shortage of ways to enjoy the Gold Coast during your stay. Catch a morning surf or enjoy a leisurely stroll along Surfers Paradise Beach, explore the boutiques and cafés of Broadbeach, or immerse yourself in the natural beauty of hinterland gems like Lamington National Park. For a full list of our Gold Coast ECO and Sustainable Tourism Certified operators, check out our Green Travel Guide here.