

# Bundaberg

SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF



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*We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Country on which we work, live and play across Bundaberg and the North Burnett, Taribelang Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang, Bailai and the Wakka Wakka and Auburn Hawkwood (Wulli Wulli) People and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and country. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.*

# Destination Overview

Welcome to the town the turtles call home, where beach meets reef, your plates are always filled with abundant local produce and the rum is always world-class.

Witness a miracle at Mon Repos, as the Mumma turtles haul themselves up the beach and the hatchlings scurry to meet the rhythmic waves.

Just a short boat ride or flight, and you're on the Southern Great Barrier Reef. Get to know the ladies of the reef, Lady Musgrave Island and Lady Elliot Island, and swim with the giant marine life that frequent these plankton-rich waters.

Come dine with us year-round with fresh, abundant produce being grown, caught, brewed and distilled 12 months of the year.

Bundaberg has all the ingredients of the perfect holiday; accessible reef, stunning beaches, mouth-watering food and experiences to last a lifetime.



Bundaberg Rum

# Explore Bundaberg & Surrounds

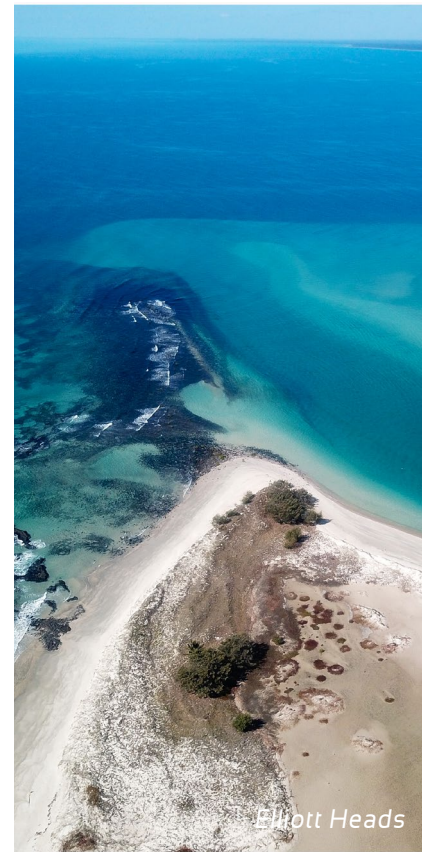
## BUNDABERG CBD

Ask a local what the iconic things to do in Bundaberg are and they will tell you three things: the Bundaberg Rum Distillery, Bundaberg Brewed Drinks and Hinkler Hall of Aviation. And still, this quintessential Queensland town is brewing with so much more.

Warm welcomes await as you weave your way through the local shops and cafes that lace the architecturally beautiful main street, be captivated by the vibrant arts scene and rich cultural connections, or stroll along the mighty Burnett River that flows through the heart of this charming country town with modern city elements.

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## BARGARA & THE CORAL COAST

Situated on the coastline of the Southern Great Barrier Reef, Bargara and the Coral Coast offers an idyllic beachside lifestyle.

At the centre of all the action sits the beachside oasis of Bargara, with all the ingredients for a nostalgic family holiday. Here, days are spent filled with sunrise strolls along the beach, ocean dips and brunching on the best of local produce.

So you've heard of island hopping, but how about beach hopping? With an array of beaches painting the coastline, from Woodgate Beach in the south to Moore Park Beach in the north, finding the perfect place to swim, surf or snooze is a breeze.

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## CHILDERS & GIN GIN

Spend a few days touring the picturesque towns of Childers and Gin Gin, nestled in the hinterlands. Take time to discover the unique history and award-winning tastes among rolling green hills and rich red soil, where you can meet and greet friendly characters along the way.

Take a trip down memory lane and explore the historical sites of Childers, laced with beautiful buildings. Enjoy a bite to eat from Gin Gin's famous bakery renowned for its award-winning pies, before venturing off the beaten track and discovering Queensland's longest unsupported tunnel at Boolboonda.

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## NORTH BURNETT

From the impressive mountain ranges to the wondrous waterways, the North Burnett is the perfect escape for those seeking adrenaline-fueled adventures with Cania Gorge National Park and Mount Walsh National Park to explore. Equally, if you're looking for more of a relaxing retreat, then take your time to savor the rural charm and country hospitality of these hinterland hideaway towns.

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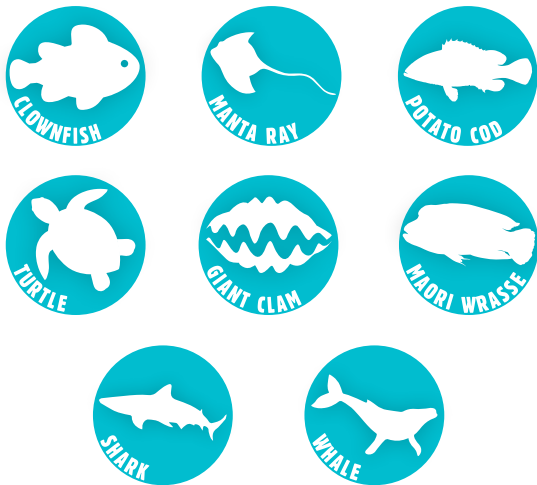


# Events by Nature

Whether it be swimming, hatching, breaching, crawling or flying, the Southern Great Barrier Reef is always celebrating the wonders of nature.

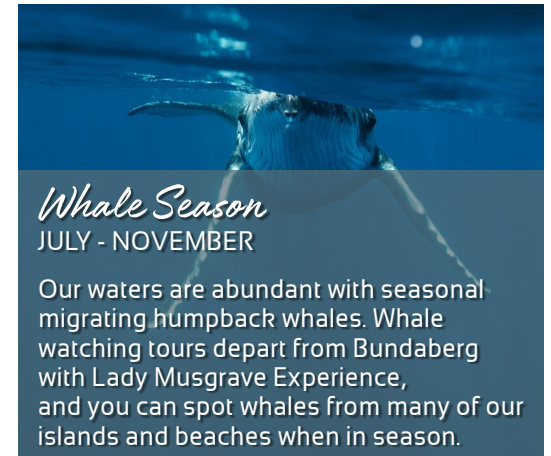
## THE GREAT 8

When exploring the Southern Great Barrier Reef, spotting 'The Great Eight' is a must-do. While they live all along the Great Barrier Reef, the plankton-rich waters of the Southern Great Barrier Reef make spotting bigger marine life, like turtles and manta rays, a regular occurrence.



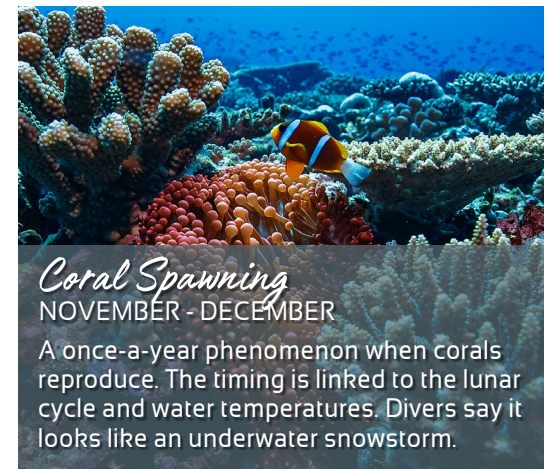
### *Turtle Season* OCTOBER - APRIL

See turtles laying their eggs and hatching on many of our beaches and islands. Ranger-guided tours are available at Mon Repos beach near Bargara (Nov-Mar), and many of our islands offer guided turtle encounters.



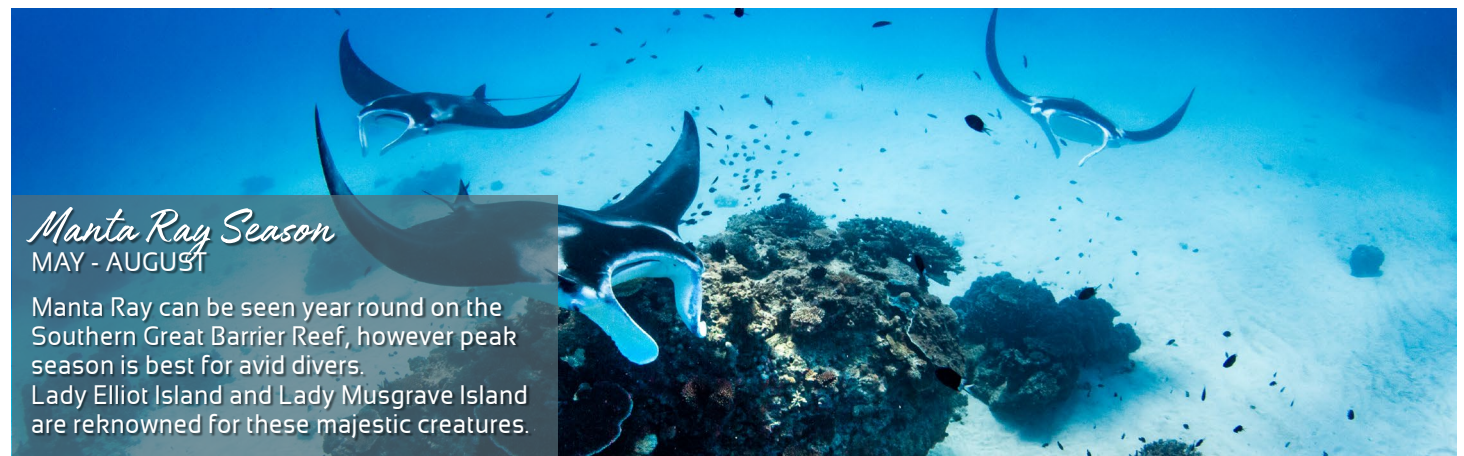
### *Whale Season* JULY - NOVEMBER

Our waters are abundant with seasonal migrating humpback whales. Whale watching tours depart from Bundaberg with Lady Musgrave Experience, and you can spot whales from many of our islands and beaches when in season.



### *Coral Spawning* NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

A once-a-year phenomenon when corals reproduce. The timing is linked to the lunar cycle and water temperatures. Divers say it looks like an underwater snowstorm.



### *Manta Ray Season* MAY - AUGUST

Manta Ray can be seen year round on the Southern Great Barrier Reef, however peak season is best for avid divers. Lady Elliot Island and Lady Musgrave Island are renowned for these majestic creatures.



# Annual Events



## Childers Festival 24-28 JULY

Experience the true spirit of Childers at the festival that stops the highway! A four-day extravaganza, celebrating local wine and food, historical tours, sugar cane fires, arts, and lots of music with both local and visiting artists and even an opera by the lake. Enjoy a long dinner at a local winery, take a bus tour to visit the sugar mill and watch a cane fire burn bright against the dark sky, meander through the heritage listed buildings of the main street and then enjoy the main event - festival day with food, music and entertainment roving the main street of Childers

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## Milbi Festival

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

The Bundaberg Region comes alive for an immersive 10 day program of events, celebrating local arts, culture, environment and milbi. From cultural experiences to free family fun, Milbi Festival provides unique and meaningful opportunities to connect and celebrate, community and culture.

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## Taste Bundaberg Festival 30 AUGUST - 8 SEPTEMBER

The food bowl of Queensland comes alive for ten tantalising days at the Taste Bundaberg Festival! Savour a delicious showcase of authentic food and drink experiences crafted from the rich farmlands and pristine coastline of the Bundaberg Region. Appreciate the hard work of the farmer, distiller, brewer, fisherman and grazier who provide fresh local flavours to a passionate culinary community. From picnics in macadamia orchards, to banquets by the beach, and all kinds of tours, tastings and tipples, be sure to wear you're stretchy pants for this one!

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## Lighthouse Country & Lighthouse Rocks

MAY | OCTOBER

Held across the May long weekend, Lighthouse Country is a 2-day, family friendly festival in Burnett Heads, showcasing some of Australia's top country music artists.

Followed by Lighthouse Rock in October, where world-class Australian Rockstars take to the stage for a night of incredible performances.

Festival Director Gavin Hales, is a Bundy boy through and through, so its no wonder him and his team work hard to ensure their festivals give something back to the town the call home. From their support for the Sea Turtle Alliance and Great Barrier Reef Legacy to having the regions most refreshing bevs flowing, so you get a little taste of the products our people are so proud of.

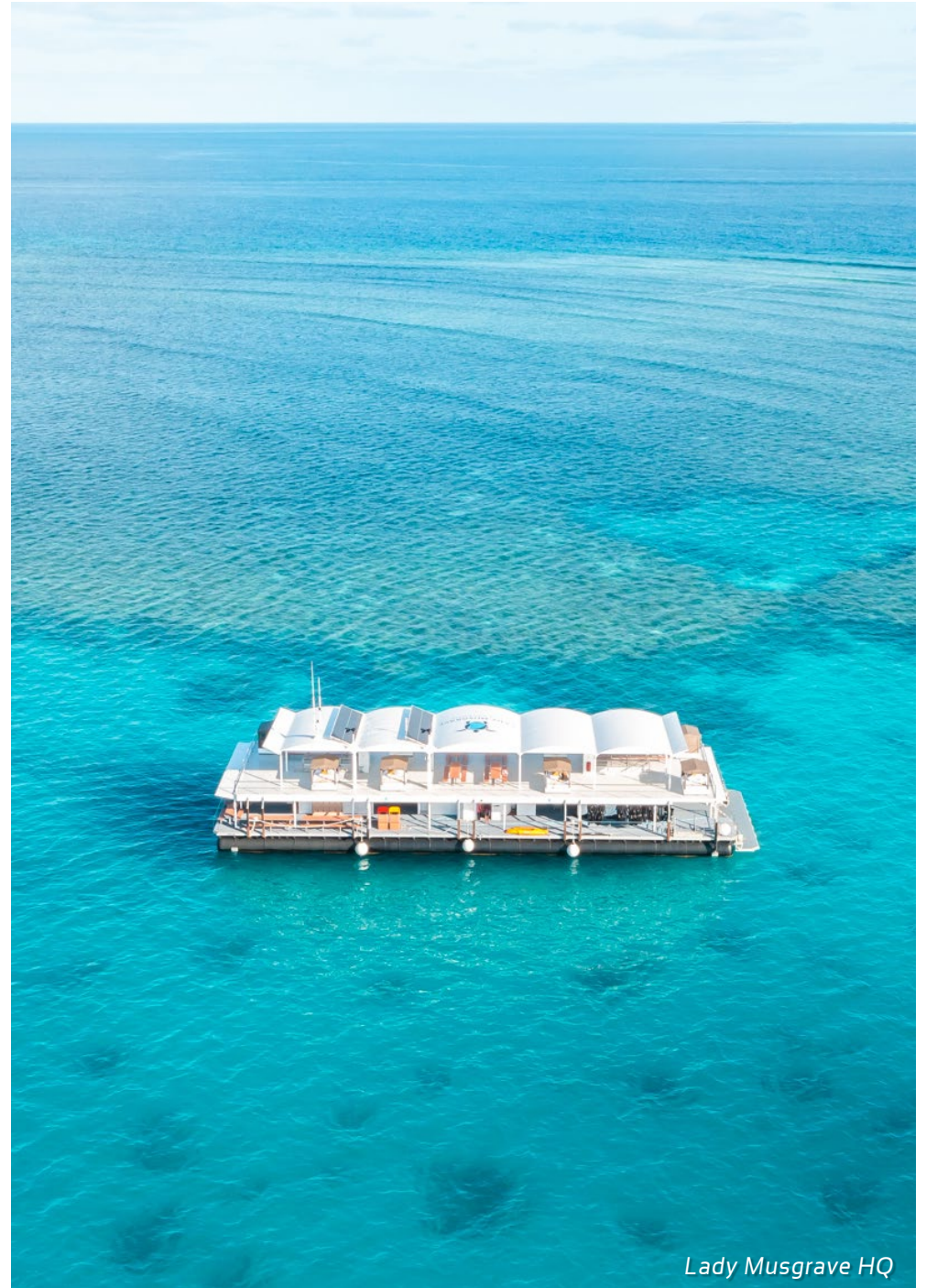
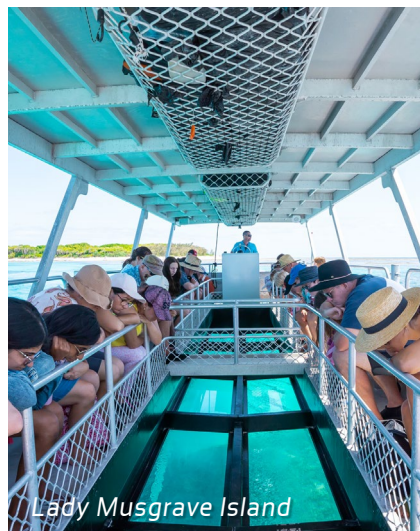
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# What's Hot

## REEF SANCTUARY BY LADY MUSGRAVE EXPERIENCE COMING SOON

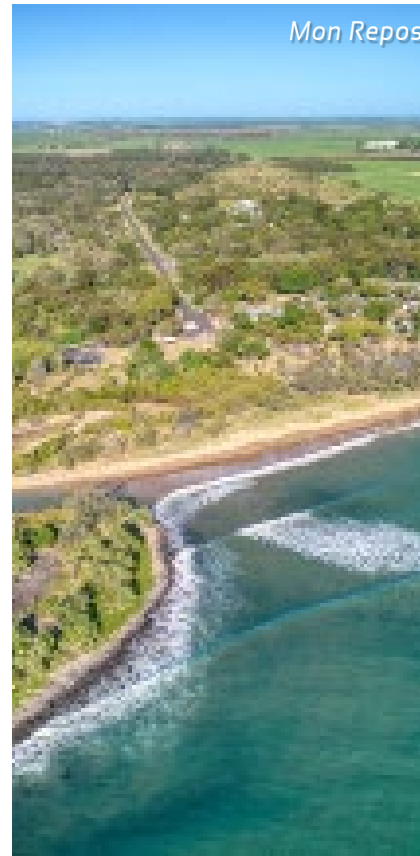
Lady Musgrave Experience are leading the way in sustainability and citizen science initiatives on the Great Barrier Reef, with the new purpose-built education and research pontoon, 'Reef Sanctuary', nestled in the crystal clear waters of Lady Musgrave lagoon.

Sharing a truly transformative education experience, immersive engagement, and an even deeper appreciation of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Lady Musgrave Experience will welcome visitors, school groups, research organisations and dive groups to Reef Sanctuary in 2024.





Mon Repos



Mon Repos

## NRMA MON REPOS COMING SOON

Opening in 2024, the NRMA will open a new accommodation development on the shores of the world-famous Mon Repos beach.

The property will offer guests a unique nature-based experience with exclusive access to one of nature's most amazing moments: turtles nesting in their natural environment. Guests will be able to stay in a range of accommodation overlooking the beach, including glamping tents, villas and camping sites. A range of resort style facilities and guided turtle tours ensure an unforgettable experience. Outside of the turtle nesting season (Nov-Mar), guests can experience this stunning coastal area with direct access to Bargara, local attractions and the Southern Great Barrier Reef.



Mon Repos

## THE GARDEN MILL

Sibling to the award-winning Windmill Café and hidden gem The Beach Mill, The Garden Mill is the latest eatery to pop up in Bargara.

Nestled amongst gorgeous grounds, with a farmyard animal or two roaming around for good measure, this venue is all about showcasing local produce, local growers and local talent.

Perched on a big block of land, the team are busy behind the scenes creating their own circular economy, with composting, solar panels and so much more to come on their mission to become a zero food waste café.





## KALKI MOON DISTILLERY BLENDING EXPERIENCE COMING SOON

Immerse yourself in the intricate world of spirit making, with Kalki Moon Distillery's Blending Experience.

Guided by Master Distillers, explore flavour profiles, experiment with combinations, and ultimately craft your own unique blend of botanicals, leaving the Cellar Door with a bespoke gin that's been created using the cream of the crop of Bundaberg ingredients.

This family run distillery take immense pride in using locally sourced ingredients, like lemon and cinnamon myrtle, native finger limes and not to mention the world-famous ginger and molasses in their tipples of Gin & Rum, capturing the essence of the region in every sip, and believe these high-quality ingredients, are the magic behind their award-winning spirits.

# Island Escapes

## LADY ELLIOT ISLAND ECO RESORT

Renowned across the world as 'Home of the Manta Ray', Lady Elliot Island is a true coral cay, located at the southern tip of the Great Barrier Reef.

Famous for its unspoilt coral reef and an incredible array of marine life, including turtles and manta rays, toting world class dive sites and snorkelling spots.

Lady Elliot Island features a low-key Eco Resort, focused on providing guests with a genuine ecotourism experience.

Hop on a scenic flight, departing daily from Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Brisbane or Gold Coast, and enjoy a day trip or stay for a few days.

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Lady Elliot Island

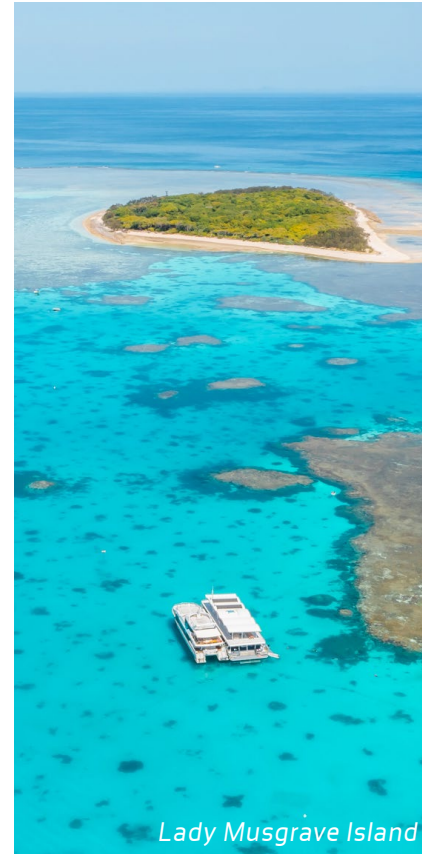


Lady Elliot Island



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Lady Musgrave Island



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## LADY MUSGRAVE EXPERIENCE

Lady Musgrave Experience is an award winning, Advanced Eco-Certified tour operator, departing daily from Bundaberg.

Lady Musgrave Island is surrounded by a 3,000-acre lagoon, brimming with marine life, colourful coral and resident turtles.

Wanting to offer guests a whole new way to experience the reef, Lady Musgrave HQ was launched in 2021.

Nestled in the sheltered waters of Lady Musgrave Island lagoon, the three-level pontoon has an innovative zero-impact design and is completely solar and wind powered.

A unique sleep on the reef experience awaits overnight guests, with either Liveaboard Bunk Beds in the underwater observatory or Island View Queen Glamping Beds on the Upper Deck.

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# Epic Encounters

## MON REPOS TURTLE ENCOUNTER

Home to the largest population of nesting loggerhead turtles in the South Pacific, Mon Repos is instrumental in the research into turtle conservation.

Take an unrivalled peak behind the curtain of a natural wonder thousands of years in the making at Mon Repos Conservation Park, on the only ranger-guided turtle encounter on the East Coast of Australia.

Watch as mother turtles lay their clutches of eggs from November – January on a ranger-guided Mon Repos Turtle Encounter. In January – March form a pathway to the ocean for the baby turtles as they begin their dangerous journey into adolescence with only 1 in 1000 turtles making it to maturity.

Come witness a miracle on a Mon Repos Turtle Encounter and create memories to last a lifetime.

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Mon Repos Turtle Centre



Mon Repos Turtle Encounter



Mon Repos Beach





Monsoon Aquatics



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## MONSOON AQUATICS

Combining citizen science, innovation, technology, and coral farming, Monsoon Aquatics are ready to share the beauty and scientific wonder of coral growing with visitors, with immersive behind-the-scenes tours and coral fragging experience at Australia's largest coral farm, in the Port of Bundaberg.

Scientists at heart, Monsoon Aquatics both propagate and spawn coral on site, with a view to contribute to reef restoration efforts through re-planting on the Great Barrier Reef in the long term.

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# Iconic Tipples & Cellar Doors

## BUNDABERG RUM

Discover the 130 years of history, and a new favourite tippie or two at Australia's most awarded Rum Distillery, and home of the iconic Bundaberg Rum.

Join one of the expert distillery guides on a journey deep into the heart of the working distillery or learn the art of tasting and blending, with the world's first Blend Your Own Rum experience, leaving with two bottles of your very own blend (one to drink, and one to keep!).

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Bundaberg Rum



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Bundaberg Brewed Drinks



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## BUNDABERG BREWED DRINKS

Welcome to the home of the iconic Ginger Beer, The Bundaberg Brewed Drinks Barrel.

Explore the interactive visitor centre on a self-guided tour and discover the history of this Bundaberg icon and how your favourite flavour was made.

Join a craft brew expert for a guided tasting of the entire range, letting the sparkling, fruity flavours dance on the taste buds, before grabbing a mixed six-pack or two for the road.

Bundaberg Brewed Drinks are renowned all over the world for their amazing, authentic, and deliciously tasty craft premium brews.

With 50 years under their belt, the family legacy is continued using the same traditional methods that have been passed down for generations.

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## KALKI MOON DISTILLING

Founded in the moonlit cane fields of Bundaberg, Kalki Moon Distilling Company is the region's premium artisan distillery.

Just 5km from the heart of Bundaberg, this family-owned and run cellar door is open for locals and tourists alike, to discover the craft and innovation behind their award-winning tipples, and taste test a few too!

With over 16 years of distilling behind him, Founder and Master Distiller Rick Prosser is a firm believer that the quality of their spirits is down to the high quality of the locally sourced ingredients. Kalki Moon's current shelf includes gins, vodkas, liqueurs and rum.

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## OHANA CIDER HOUSE & TROPICAL WINERY

A boutique cider house, brewing up an ever-changing collection of hand-crafted tropical fruit wines, apple ciders, liqueurs and ports, welcome to Ohana Cider House and Tropical Winery, nestled in the beating heart of Bundaberg.

Sharing products made the proper way – using fresh, local fruits, minimal intervention, fermented slowly, nothing nasty and no fillers.

Pop into the cellar door, sit back and relax with a tasting paddle or join owners Josh and Zoe at the bar for a taste of their award-winning products.

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Ballistic Barga



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## BALLISTIC BARGARA

An essential pit-stop on your tippie tour of Bundaberg, The Brewhouse, home to Ballistic Barga.

A brewery for the craft beer connoisseurs and those that just love a good time, with the Ballistic Team pumping out good vibes and pouring up crisp and delicious pints.

Take a seat at the window bench or sink into the leather sofas and sip your way through a flight of classic brews and limited releases.

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## CHILDERS WINERIES

Rich with multicultural heritage, Childers' wineries pay homage to the area's history.

Meet Mary and Terry, for whom the Hill of Promise Winery is a time capsule for the multi-generational family, who's Italian roots keep an 'old world' style vino, with no additives or preservatives from grape to glass.

Discover the peaceful gardens, rolling hills and green vines of Vintners Secret Winery, where retired-teachers-turned-winemakers Marianne and Ed have welcomed travellers for over a decade.

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Vintners Secret Vineyard

# Paddock to Plate Perfection

## MACADAMIAS AUSTRALIA

Macadamias Australia Visitor Experience, provides an up-close and immersive experience on the Steinhardt family's multi-generational farm.

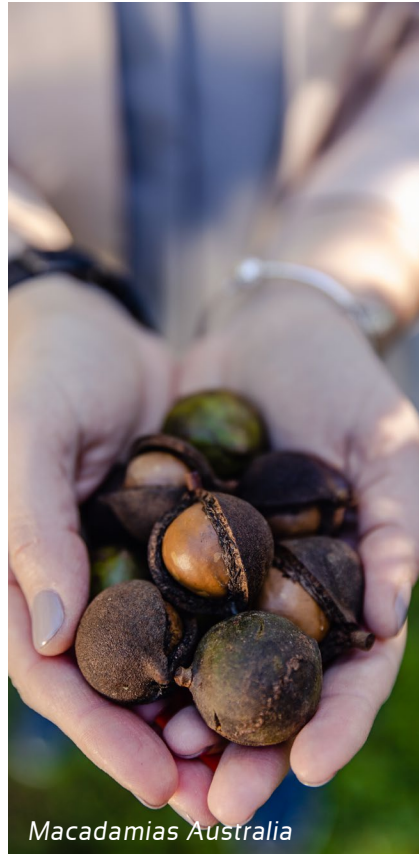
Guests learn about sustainable farming and the state of the art carbon negative processing facility, on a self-guided journey through recycled wooden totems and interactive display.

Stop for lunch in the gardens of The Orchard Table, offering genuine 'tree to table' tastes with a menu of chef curated dishes abundant with local produce.

From a delicious taste testing, a peek into the chocolate coating room, to a guided tour through the original orchards, relax and be enchanted by this premium Agri-tourism experience.

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Macadamias Australia



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Tinaberries



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## TINABERRIES

A fabulous, family-owned farm experience located between Bundaberg and the glorious coral coast.

Step into the paddock and Pick Your Own juicy punnet (or bucket – no judgement here!) throughout Spring, or spend your days soaking up the shade underneath the Silky Oak Trees and savour farm fresh fruit ice cream available year-round.

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## ONE LITTLE FARM

Stop into One Little Farm, a cosy boutique café where fresh local produce not only features on your plate but on their shelves too!

Owned and operated by local farmers Kate and Anthony Rehbein, you'll find their passion for local shining strong the moment you step foot through the door.

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## WINDMILL CAFE BARGARA

A stone's throw to the beach of Bargara sits a replica Dutch Windmill, home to a family café driven by love for community, locally grown produce and heartfelt service.

With two Gold Queensland Tourism Awards under their aprons, this boutique café serves up hearty dishes for breakfast, brunch and lunch, packed full of goodness, curated by the surrounding farm-gates.

From vibrant Dragonfruit Bowls to the classic Windmill Stack and everything in between- you're guaranteed to leave with your camera rolls just as full as your stomachs.

Surrounded by tropical gardens, sip on coffee brewed with filtered rainwater or treat your four legged friend to a pup-approved gelato.

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Water St Kitchen



Water St Kitchen



## WATER ST KITCHEN

Hidden amongst the streets of suburban Bundaberg, sits Water St Kitchen.

Owners Alex and Jen Cameron embrace their paddock to plate philosophy through a Modern Australian menu, serving up big, bold flavours to Walkervale diners.

Swoon-worthy dishes, showstopping cocktails and an intimate atmosphere make this a popular go-to for visitors

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## BERTS

Serving up mouth watering dishes, shaking up tantalising cocktails, and showcasing speakeasy vibes that transport you to the roaring twenties, Bert's Restaurant & Bar is a dreamy spot to channel your inner Gatsby and enjoy a long lunch, dinner date or nightcap.

A fine selection of worldly cuisine, exceptional wines and expertly mixed cocktails and beverages using only the finest ingredients from around the globe and the region.

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# Cultural Connections

## TARIBELANG BUNDA CULTURAL TOURS

Taribelang Bunda Cultural Tours is an immersive Indigenous experience unique to the Bundaberg region, sharing the rich history and culture of the Taribelang people spanning more than 60,000 years.

The half-day tour visits important sites around the region to taste bush tucker and learn the history through storytelling passed down from the Elders.

This cultural and historical tour is a moving introduction to Bundaberg's vibrant First Nations culture.

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## TARIBELANG OVERNIGHT CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Be surrounded by the turquoise blues of Lady Musgrave Island, as Taribelang Bunda guides and the Lady Musgrave Experience crew take you on a journey to learn rich Aboriginal culture and how to care for the land and waters we live on. Then retreat to Lady Musgrave HQ for a tantalising three-course dinner with native flavours of authentic bush tucker and a good nights sleep, stargazing from your glamping bed or wishing the fishes sweet dreams from your underwater observatory bunk bed.

Milbi Cafe at Mon Repos



Milbi Cafe at Mon Repos



## MILBI CAFE AT MON REPOS

Taking over the café in 2021, Milbi Café, in the Mon Repos Turtle Centre not only showcases local ingredients across their menu, but also highlights the regions indigenous culture through unique artworks and carefully crafted souvenirs that celebrate the Milbi, local Indigenous word meaning turtle.

Behind the scenes their attentive staff who share the regions First Nations culture at every level are working alongside QPWS Turtle Rangers, implementing history and culture into the Mon Repos Turtle Centre experience.

Relax among the rich architectural design and soak up all there is to know about turtles, conservation and the Bundaberg regions vibrant First Nations Culture.

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Milbi Cafe at Mon Repos

# Fresh Perspectives

## MYSTERY CRATERS

One of Queensland's quirkiest attractions. Shrouded in bewilderment and awe, this surreal wonderland, nestled in nature, invites guests to discover a vast expanse of mysterious craters, and explore the theories and ancient mythologies that have left experts astounded for decades.

Passionate owners, Agnele and Duncan are transforming the visitor centre into a place where wellness, nature, history and human nature weave together.

Creating enchanting experiences with self-guided tours, Murrin Discovery Centre, on-site DNA Café, Overnight Stays, Grounding & Earth Room.

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## RAPTAIR

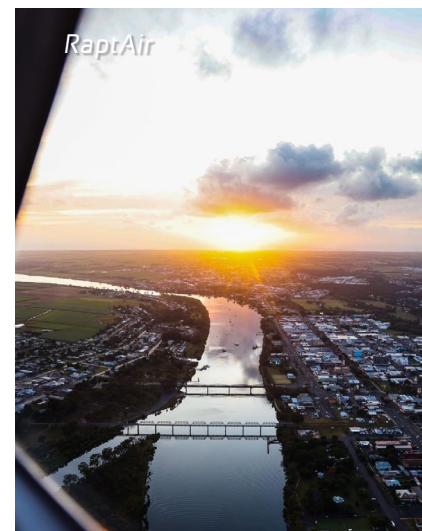
RaptAir is Bundaberg's only boutique helicopter experience.

Daily tours allow you to experience extraordinary perspectives of the Southern Great Barrier Reef, in modern and luxurious helicopters.

Alongside an expert local tour pilot, you'll learn about the region and witness breathtaking views of pristine reef, beaches, and rainforest. Be sure to keep an eye out for dolphins, stingrays, and turtles which frequent our waters.

Tours vary between 25 minutes and a full day, and can be as relaxed or adventurous as you like.

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# Outdoor Adventures

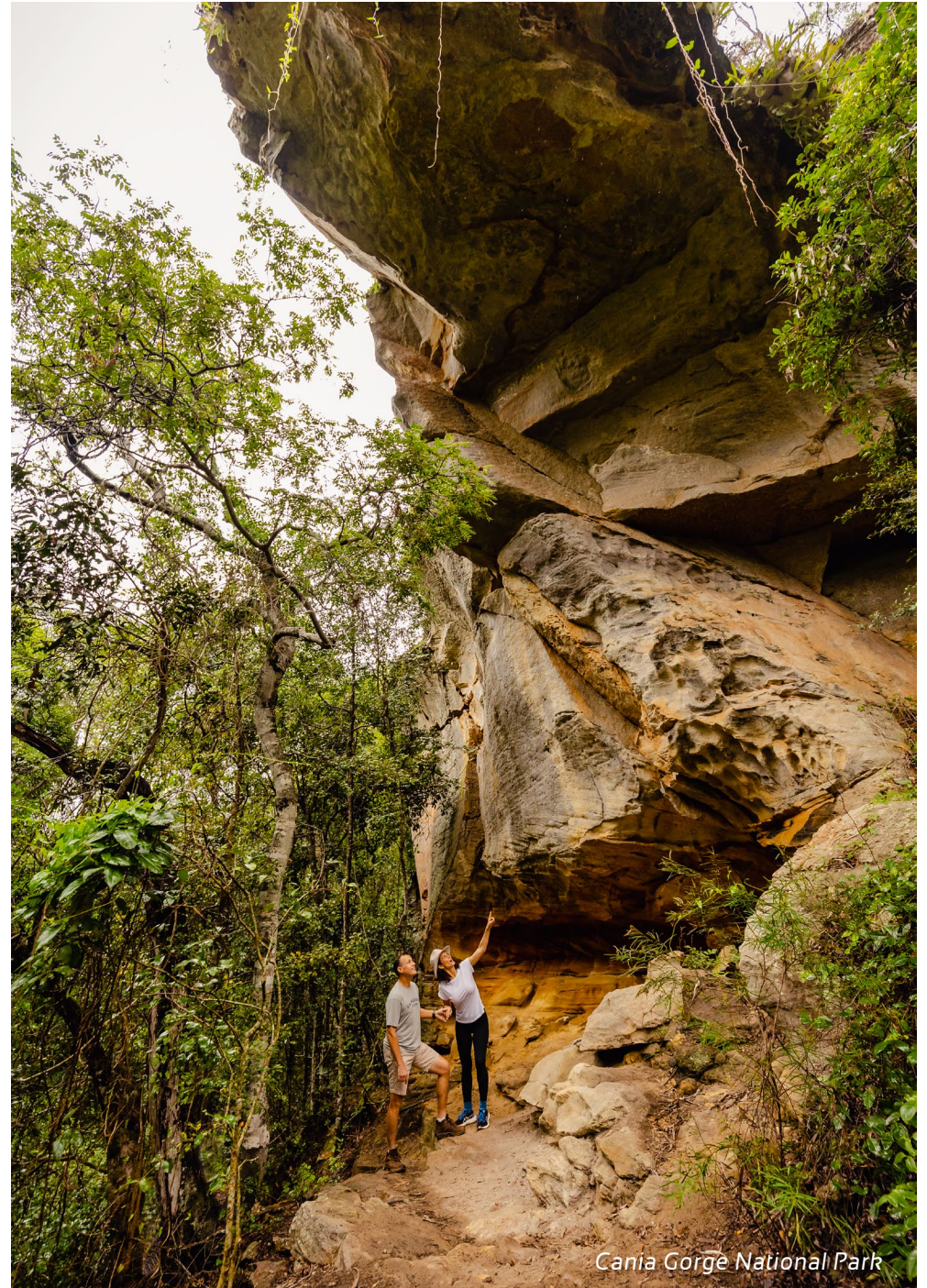
## CANIA GORGE NATIONAL PARK

Discover Aboriginal free-hand art along towering cliffs, in ancient caves and sheltered gorges in the Cania Gorge National Park.

Admire this sandstone wilderness and take one (or more) of the eight walking tracks. Stroll by the creek or test your fitness skills with a climb to the Giant's Chair Lookout.

Enjoy stunning views at Castle Mountain Lookout and be in awe of the eucalypt and cypress pine woodlands and dry rainforest.

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Burrum Coast National Park

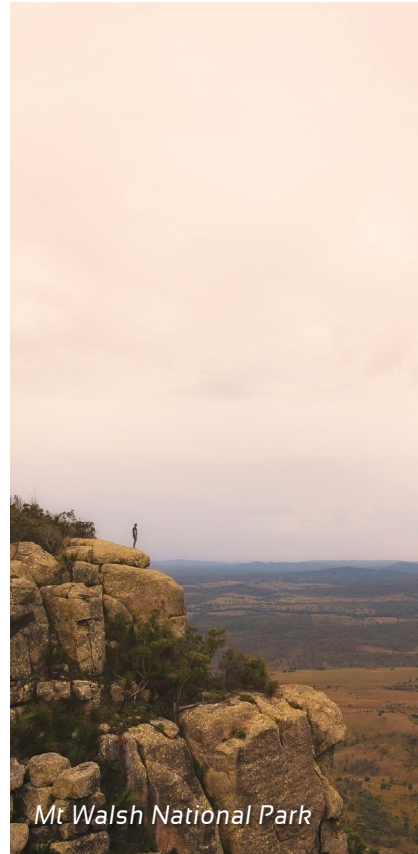


## MOUNT WALSH NATIONAL PARK

A landmark in the North Burnett, this towering National Park is a sight to behold. Stop for an all-Aussie BBQ under the impressive granite bluff, set off on an early morning walk to the summit or grab your bathers for a swim in Utopia Falls.

Explore the park by 4WD and discover the stunning granite monolith at Coongarra Rock. Mount Walsh National Park is a must-do hike for the experienced and the beginner.

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Mt Walsh National Park

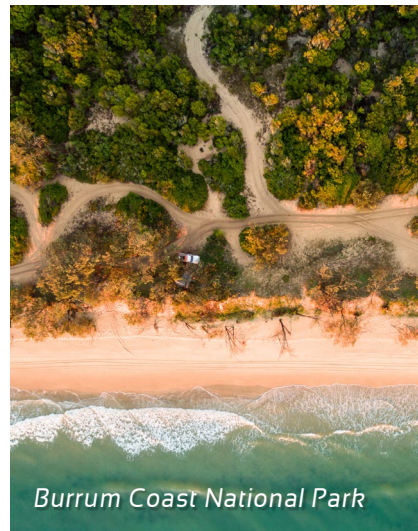
## BURRUM COAST NATIONAL PARK

This incredible National Park covers over 26,000 hectares and protects the largest and least disturbed coastal plains in South East Queensland.

The wetland areas are of national significance, supporting habitat critical for the region's recreational and commercial fishing species. The white sands give way to deeper soil where eucalypt forests include vulnerable Goodwood gums.

This breathtaking area is only a short drive south of Bundaberg and offers walking tracks for visitors to explore.

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Burrum Coast National Park

# Sustainable Travel

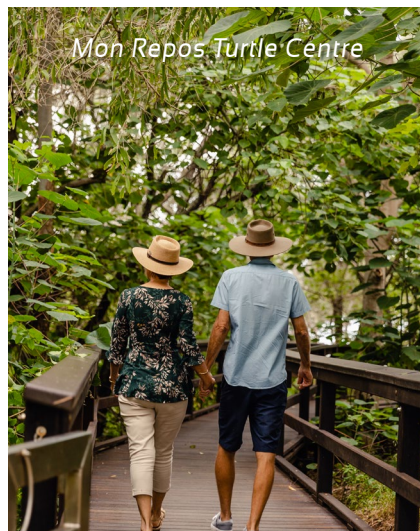
## WELCOME TO THE BUNDABERG REGION; WHERE GREAT CARE BEGINS

Care for our curious sea turtles, magnificent manta rays, intricate corals and giant marine life that call the Southern Great Barrier Reef home. Care for our incredible mumma turtles and adorable hatchlings who visit our shoreline every Summer.

And Care for our vast farmland, rich red soil and hardworking locals who provide fresh produce for the nation 365 days a year.

This is where great care begins, where every day the people in our community and our local businesses make sustainable choices to help preserve our natural surrounds for generations to come.

From implementing eco-friendly packaging, to no-waste policies and practices that minimise run-off into our oceans, we are proud to be a region continually striving for, and innovating to be even more sustainable.





Southern Great Barrier Reef



## ECO DESTINATION CERTIFICATION

The Bundaberg Region was the second Destination in Queensland to receive the globally recognised ECO Destination Certification through Ecotourism Australia.

As the Southernmost destination on the Great Barrier Reef, and home to the nation's most significant endangered loggerhead turtle rookery, our tourism industry, local government and the entire community are committed to the ongoing improvement of sustainable practices, and providing high quality tourism experiences.

Taking Great Care for our little slice of paradise and ensuring its thriving for years to come – and the ECO Destination Certification recognises that!

# ECO Certified Experiences

## LADY ELLIOT ISLAND ECO RESORT

*Advanced Ecotourism Certified | Climate Action Certified | Eco Certified Green Travel Leader*

Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort is a world leading ecologically sustainable tourism operator, with Advanced Ecotourism, Climate Action Leader and Green Travel Leader certification to name a few.

After taking on the island lease in 2005, custodian Peter Gash and his family have continued to showcase their dedication and passion for protecting and enhancing the island, having now transformed the island into a flourishing oasis of bird and plant life through their island restoration program.

This is continuously shared with guests through island tours, rockpool rambles with master reef guides, education programs and more.

The eco resort is 100% powered by renewable energy, which is even used to turn the ocean into drinking water for guests!

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Lady Elliot Island



Lady Musgrave Experience

## LADY MUSGRAVE EXPERIENCE

*Advanced Ecotourism Certified | Climate Action Certified | Respecting our Culture Certified*

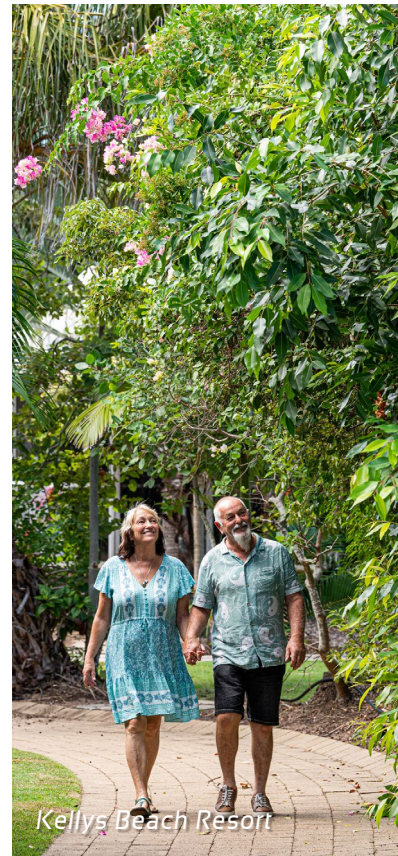
Lady Musgrave Experience are committed to the reef's sustainability, and empowering visitors to learn about the simple steps we can all take everyday to help our oceans thrive.

Lady Musgrave HQ Pontoon has zero carbon footprint, being completely solar and wind powered, making it one of the most sustainable and eco-friendly pontoons in the world, whilst below the waves, coral cultivation and Citizen Science programs are giving back to the world's greatest natural treasure.

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Bundaberg Rum



Kellys Beach Resort



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## KELLYS BEACH RESORT

*Eco Certified Nature Tourism | Eco Certified Green Travel Leaders*

Just a short stroll from the beach in Bargara, Kellys Beach Resort is all about connecting – with each other and the natural beauty of the Bundaberg region.

Eco-Certified Kellys Beach Resort ask guests to 'Think Green' wherever they can, and make a positive difference during their stay. From partnering with Greenfleet to plant a tree, recycling for containers for change, and supporting the local Sea Turtle Alliance.

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## BUNDABERG RUM

*Sustainable Tourism Certified*

Say g'day to Australia's first Sustainable Tourism Certified experience, the home of Australia's most famous (and loved) rum, the Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience.

Hop on a tour of the distillery with one of the local legends and learn about the zero waste ethos that's been at the heart and soul of their spirit since the beginning.

What happens when a couple of mates come together to work out a way to use up excess molasses from the local sugar production? Well, rum duh!

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## MON REPOS TURTLE CENTRE

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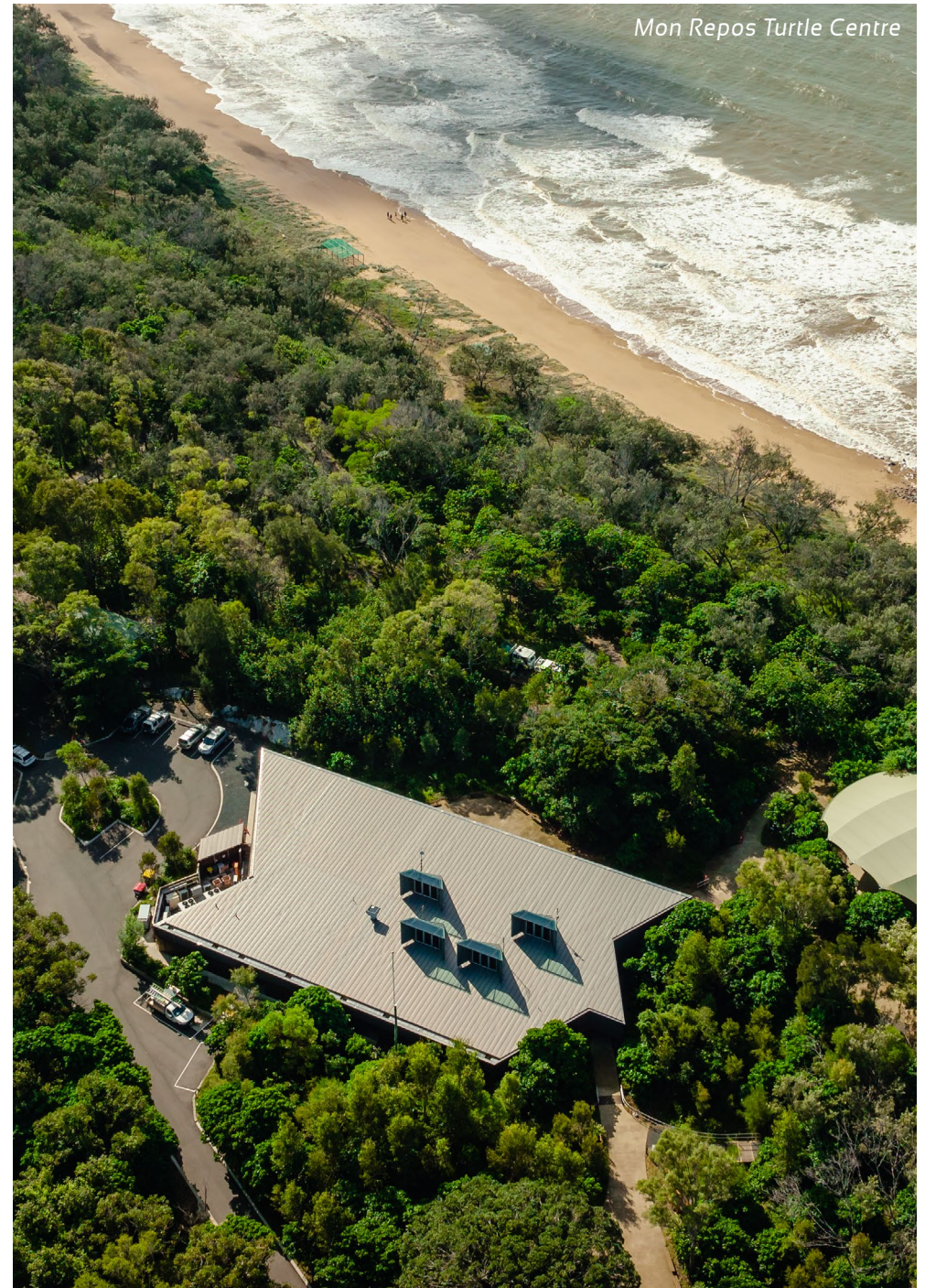
As home to most significant nesting and hatching marine turtle beach in the Southern Hemisphere and the only ranger-guided turtle encounter of Australia's East Coast, sustainability and conservation is king at Mon Repos Turtle Centre.

Dedicated to marine turtle research, protection and education, the Mon Repos Turtle Centre welcomes guests year-round offering an interactive experience through carefully designed displays, which tell an immersive story of a turtle's life journey.

Highlighting the incredible work and research behind Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services experienced Turtle Rangers, Mon Repos Beach has been critical to turtle conservation for more than 50 years.

From the energy efficient visitors centre that emits no artificial light, to educating visitors about the danger of single use plastic, it's no wonder they're advanced Eco Certified!

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# Get in touch!

Keep up-to-date with the latest news and stories from Bundaberg Southern Great Barrier Reef.

Home to enriching island escapes, epic encounters, mouth-watering flavours, world-class tipples and a passionate community filled with great care for our abundant natural wonders, there are plenty of wholesome connections waiting to be made.

If you're interested in discussing media opportunities, please get in touch with Bundaberg Tourism's PR & Media specialists to help inspire your next feature.

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