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MAY CHOOSE THE SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF?

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The Great Barrier Reef is one of the world's most iconic destinations for travellers. Yet there are still parts of the reef where visitors can feel like intrepid explorers, as if they were discovering places no one else has ever seen.

The Southern Great Barrier Reef offers visitors the chance to see large hard coral reefs firsthand and join colourful fish and big marine life like turtles and manta rays for a snorkel. At just over 4 hours drive from Brisbane, this unique region can easily be included as part of a larger itinerary and the snorkelling is within easy reach, right off the beach.



Australia's Great Barrier Reef is 2,300 kilometres long and approximately 344,400 square kilometres in size – which is about 70 million football fields, or the size of Japan. Made up of many reefs, how do you choose what reef experience to recommend to visitors? Here are the 3 key reasons why you would choose the Southern Great Barrier Reef as your next holiday destination.

**PROXIMITY** The Southern Great Barrier Reef starts only a short 4 hour drive or a 45 minute flight from Brisbane. You can reach the reef on a short day trip, or alternatively you can stay on an island of the Southern Great Barrier Reef, where the reef can be accessed straight from the beach on Lady Elliot, Heron, Wilson, Great Keppel and Pumpkin Islands.

GIANT MARINE LIFE Due to cooler waters in the Southern Great Barrier Reef there are slightly different types of coral to other parts of Great Barrier Reef, and an abundance of plankton which support GIANT marine life, like turtles and manta rays. Have you ever witnessed a manta ray with a wing span of 20 feet in length, or a loggerhead sea turtle that weighs 135 kilograms? You can when visiting the Southern Great Barrier Reef!

INTIMATE EXPERIENCES Tours and attractions in the Southern Great Barrier Reef are quality, generally small scale businesses, which means visitors will enjoy intimate group experiences, and feel like 'intrepid' explorers, receiving a very personal experience rather than being surrounded by mass amounts of other travellers.





## What's Hot in 2025





#### Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

The Reef Sanctuary Pontoon is a purpose-built eco-education pontoon resting beside Lady Musgrave Island, offering both day-trippers and overnight guests of Lady Musgrave Experience an unrivalled opportunity to dive deeper into the reef - not just as visitors, but as active participants in its conservation. Designed with sustainability at its core, the Reef Sanctuary Pontoon was refurbished using local expertise and eco-friendly materials. And like its side-by-side sibling, Lady Musgrave HQ, its zero-carbon footprint runs entirely on solar and wind power. With three custom-built levels serving as a hub for important marine research, citizen science, and hands-on learning.

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## Eat & Drink



#### Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

Think signature sips, a sleek bar, and a cuttingedge golf simulator—Kalki Moon's Lunar Lounge is redefining Bundaberg's craft spirit scene. Launched in early 2025, this artisan bar exclusively serves Oueensland-made beer, wine, and spirits, offering a fresh take on local craftsmanship. Guests can enjoy expertly crafted cocktails while testing their skills on a state-of-the-art TrackMan golf simulator, playing iconic courses like Pebble Beach and St. Andrews. Whether you're relaxing after a distillery tour or looking for a unique experience, the Lunar Lounge is the perfect spot to sip, swing, and unwind.



#### **Q** Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

As the sun begins to rise over the shores of Mon Repos, immerse in stories of Dreamtime, connection to Country and care for conservation with Taribelang Bunda Cultural Tours, Developed with the Taribelang Bunda Elders, exclusively for guests of Turtle Sands, the Sunrise Tour offers a unique opportunity to explore in the rich Indigenous history and culture of the Taribelang people, who have lived on Country for more than 60,000 years. Engage in warm, open conversation in the yarning circle, and discover how the Milbi, also known as the white-throated snapping turtle, is intricately woven into the heart and soul of the Taribelang Bunda identity, as their totem.

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#### **Q** Yeppoon - Capricorn Coast Region

Nestled along the stunning coastline, OFISHAL Beachclub offers more than just a meal - they provide an unforgettable dining experience with breathtaking ocean views, a relaxing beachclub ambiance and a menu that celebrates the bounty of the sea. The team at Ofishal Beachclub are on a mission to take diners on a culinary journey. tranforming simple ingredients into extraordinary dishes

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#### Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

Step into the unknown with Mystery Craters' cutting-edge Augmented Reality Experience. This immersive adventure brings one of Queensland's most enigmatic natural wonders to life, blending history and technology in an interactive journey. Explore the craters' origins through scientific, spiritual, and creative lenses, uncovering geological enigmas, ancient myths, and artistic interpretations like never before.

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#### Agnes Water – Gladstone Region

Abracadabra Camping offers a seamless way for visitors to experience the stunning natural beauty of the 1770/Agnes Water region without the hassle of setting up camp, with everything from comfortable bedding to a ready-to-use camp kitchen and a cozy fire pit, guests can enjoy an effortless outdoor escape. Perfect for eco-conscious travellers, families, and adventure seekers, the fully equipped tent and glamping setups allow quests to immerse themselves in the Southern Great Barrier Reef's pristine coastal landscapes, national parks and waterways of this breathtaking region.



#### Sondoola – Capricorn Coast Region

Nestled in Bondoola on the Capricorn Coast, Elysium Retreat & Stays is a peaceful hideaway just 10 minutes from Yeppoon and the Keppel Island wharf. This boutique retreat offers a range of accommodation, from powered sites to self-contained RV cabins, all surrounded by nature. Guests can enjoy a recreation room, fire pit, swimming pool, and a scenic mountain walk. Dog-friendly and full of charm, Elysium is ideal for travellers seeking tranquility with easy access to coastal adventures.

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#### **Q** Gladstone - Gladstone Region

The first and only 5 star property on the Southern Great Barrier Reef, Peppers Gladstone promises an unparalleled level of luxury and comfort that will redefine the hospitality landscape in Central Queensland. The hotel marks a significant milestone for Accor as it merges the prestigious 32-room Peppers Gladstone with the stylish 60room Mantra Gladstone under one roof in a vertical, dual branded hotel concept. Guests have state of the art rooms to relax in, two dining options, swimming pool and pool deck bar as well as the option of two gyms to sweat it out in.



#### O Coorooman - Capricorn Coast Region

Tucked away in peaceful bushland, Thyme Traveller's Farm Stav is a 25-acre hidden gem for campers and animal lovers is a haven for those seeking to reconnect with nature. Visitors are welcomed by a friendly assortment of farm animals, including cows, horses, goats, and chickens, all available for petting. Voted 'Best Camping on the Capricorn Coast' by HIPCAMP, the farm offers basic facilities such as a camp kitchen, toilets, and hot showers, ensuring a comfortable vet rustic experience. Campers can unwind by the dam, wander among the fruit trees, and bask in the serene atmosphere.

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#### Yeppoon - Capricorn Coast Region

Set in a charmingly refurbished rail station building, The Station 4703 combines a rustic, historical atmosphere with a contemporary twist. The venue offers a wide selection of craft beers, including many local brews that highlight the best of Queensland's craft beer scene. With live entertainment, and a locally sourced menu. The Station 4703 is a must-visit destination in Yeppoon.

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#### Rosslyn - Capricorn Coast Region

High Valley Dawn Permaculture Farm's 100% off-grid tiny homes redefine sustainable getaways, with eco-friendly features like solar panels and rainwater harvesting. Meticulously designed for efficiency and comfort, they offer a cozy retreat for eco-conscious travelers, fostering firsthand experiences in off-grid escapes and promoting mindful practices for harmonious coexistence with nature

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#### **Q** Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

Turtle Sands is a new nature resort, nestled behind the dunes of the globally significant Mon Repos turtle nesting beach near Bundaberg, Queensland. It's the only place on Australia's mainland where you can stay in a villa, glamp or camp metres from one of nature's most incredible experiences.

The property is designed to help you enjoy nature in an immersive but sensitive way - whether quietly observing from the comfort of our facilities or through ranger-led tours. Designed with a way for everyone to stay, the property offers villas, studios, glamping tents, accessible accommodation options and powered caravan and camp sites





#### Gladstone Region

Experience a luxury, custom-built houseboat designed exclusively for couples. Anchored in stunning locations like 1770 Main Beach, enjoy breathtaking sunsets, top dining, and beachside amenities. A private polycraft tender with a 6hp Yamaha engine offers easy shoreline access. With a minimum two-night stay, this off-grid retreat features solar power, a fully equipped kitchen, hot-water shower, fresh linens, a smart TV, and an outdoor deck shower-blending comfort, nature, and romance in a unique floating escape.

#### Great Keppel Island - Capricorn Coast Region

Great Keppel Island Hideaway's new eco-tents, available from July 2025, offer the perfect blend of camping simplicity and home comforts. Set in leafy surroundings with direct beach access, these eco-friendly retreats feature plush bedding, private decks, and en-suite facilities. Designed for sustainability, they provide a seamless way to connect with nature without sacrificing modern conveniences. Wake up to ocean breezes, explore pristine beaches, and unwind under the stars in this tranquil island escape.

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#### Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

Offering guests an immersive and educational experience like no other, Macadamias Australia are excited to launch an exclusive VIP Orchard Tour in 2025.

Set in the heart of Bundaberg's fertile agricultural region, this guided tour will take visitors on a journey through the beautiful macadamia orchard, where guests will learn about sustainable farming practices, the Steinhardt family's rich farming legacy, and the journey of macadamia nuts from tree to table.

After riding through the orchard in a purpose-built buggy, stopping at key locations like the family's favourite picnic spot, guests will indulge in a delicious farm-to-table lunch of locally inspired dishes at The Orchard Table

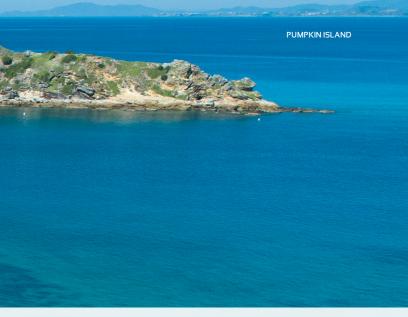
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### Yeppoon - Capricorn Coast Region

Surf Lakes Holdings is underway with the construction of the brand new Surf Lakes Capricorn Coast facility. The site, located midway between Rockhampton and Yeppoon, is a significant development for the State and will be Queensland's first wave park retreat. Using world first technology, and creating 5 different wave breaks simultaneously, the wave park facility will have a capacity of up to 200 surfers, riding 10 waves each per hour. Inital earthworks and concept designs are well underway, with construction expected to begin in September 2024, with a completion date of late 2025. The retreat will offer a variety of low impact, 4 star accommodation

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#### Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

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 worldfamous 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.

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#### Yeppoon - Capricorn Coast Region

Villa La Sini is a premier motel-style accommodation under construction in Yeppoon. It will feature 40 stylish units—38 for guests and two for staff. Sixteen family-sized suites across eight villas will host up to five guests each, while "The Complex" offers 11 rooms accommodating up to 30 people around a central concourse, ideal for group events like weddings and sports teams. Designed with a blend of Hamptons elegance and beach-island charm, the property boasts high-end finishes and fibre-optic connectivity in every unit.

## Islands of the Southern Great Barrier Reef,



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. Vision Images



Welcome to the coral cay of Lady Musgrave Island, 3000 acres of living reef seemingly plucked from a dream. The sun-soaked waters and effervescent coral reefs offer an underwater experience that is like nothing on earth, teeming with bird life above the water, and giant marine life below.

Departing Town of 1770 (daily)

private lagoon mooring.

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Access Lady Musgrave from the Town of 1770 on

board 1770reef's full equipped vessel. The team

will take you on a full day journey you will never

Pisonia Grandis forest on a guided island tour

Over the water looking down onboard the glass

bottom boat. Then jumping right in the middle of

the Southern Great Barrier Reef to snorkel from the

forget. Experiencing this hidden gem through the

#### Departing Bundaberg (daily)

Lady Musgrave Experience is an award winning, Advanced Eco-Certified tour operator.

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 Iagoon, 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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Experience nature at its best on Heron Island. world famous for its spectacular coral reef and a sanctuary for an extraordinary variety of marine life. This natural coral cay provides a genuine ecoexperience and the unique opportunity to witness the magic of the world's largest coral reef. At Heron Island, you are not simply a hotel guest, you are a guest of nature – sleeping, playing and exploring a protected sanctuary overlooking the Great Barrier Reef. As a self-rated 3.5\* property all of Heron island accommodation, ranging from rooms set amongst an ancient Pisonia Forest to beachside rooms steps from the water, offer relaxed, low-key comfort and immediate access to crystal clear waters teeming with colourful fish, turtles, rays, reef sharks and more.



Wilson Island is the ultimate island castaway experience, offering peace and tranquillity in a setting of unrivalled natural beauty. Unquestionably one of the most idyllic places on the Great Barrier Reef, its pristine waters host an unimaginable variety of marine life.

This adult-only, romantic, private hideaway is just off the coast of Gladstone. Covering just over five acres, Wilson Island boasts nine permanent Reef Safari Tents, offering seclusion in a setting of unrivalled natural beauty, playing host to just 18 guests at any one time to rejuvenate in privacy and seclusion. Days are spent relaxing in a hammock, lounging on the beach, exploring the island and snorkelling with the abundant marine life that call Wilson Island home.

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Great Keppel Island is only a 30-minute ferry transfer from the mainland of Yeppoon and is the 'jewel in the crown' of Keppel Bay. The island is home to 17 pristine white-sand beaches and an interior rich with native flora, all waiting for you to explore. Snorkel straight off the beach into the surrounding coral, or jump aboard a catamaran and spend the afternoon boom-netting. Kayaking, diving, watersports or glass bottom boat all await year-round.

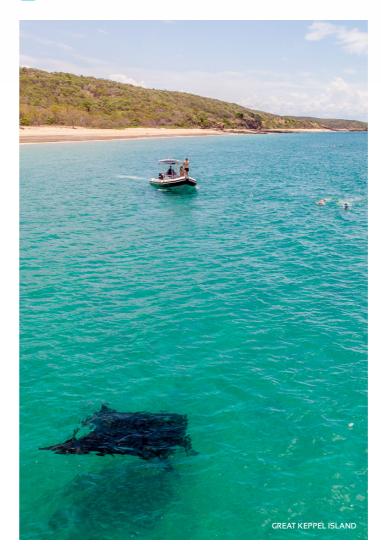
Stay with Great Keppel Island Hideaway or Great Keppel Island Holiday Village and enjoy this barefoot paradise.

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Pumpkin Island is a hidden gem in the Keppel group of islands. Located just a 30 minute boat transfer from Keppel Bay Marina, this tiny island- just six hectares in total - offers eco-friendly, self-catering units that are powered by the wind and the sun. Pumpkin Island offers private water transfers for their guests.

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Unique Reef & Marine Life Experiences

#### THE GREAT EIGHT

The Great Eight are the iconic creatures of the Great Barrier Reef that truly take your breath away - think of it as Queensland's underwater answer to an African safari's Big Five. Most visitors will be able to meet a number of these magnificent creatures as part of their Southern Great Barrier Reef experience. While some live here year-round and others visit at very specific times of the year, all of them can be found on the SGBR.

The Great Eight are whales, turtles, sharks, clownfish, giant clams, manta rays, potato code and maori wrasse.

#### MON REPOS TURTLE ENCOUNTER - BUNDABERG REGION

Mon Repos Turtle Encounter is the only ranger-guided turtle encounter available on the east-coast and home to the largest concentration of nesting loggerheads in the South Pacific. 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.

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#### **REEF WITHIN REACH - BUNDABERG REGION**

Sweeping white sands, rockpools just a ramble from the shore, turtle tracks leading to crystal clear waters and a whole lotta' reef snorkelling – the Bundaberg Region has the reef just within the reach of your flippers.

Located in Woongarra Marine Park, Barolin Rocks and Hoffmans Rocks are local snorkel spots known for an abundance of thriving corals, laid back turtles, stingrays, gropers and the weirdly cute wobbegong sharks.

Giving the Maldives a run for its money, the tiny coastal town of Elliott Heads is next up on your must do list, with 2km of Esplanade laced withhidden rockpools and the iconic insta-famous mermaid lagoon just on the foreshore to explore.

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## SNORKEL THE LARGEST CORAL BOMMIE IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE - GLADSTONE REGION

With only a handful of guests on the island, Wilson Island offers a rare opportunity to snorkel in seclusion. Glide over the largest single colony coral bommie in the Southern Hemisphere, surrounded only by vibrant marine life—turtles, reef sharks, and tropical fish. A breathtaking reef experience, almost entirely to yourself.

#### HERON ISLAND MARINE LIFE & SHIP WRECK - GLADSTONE REGION

Purchased for just 10 pounds by Captain Christian Poulsen in the early 1940s, the HMAS Protector was one of the first navy ships in Australia. Now a weathered wreck and a thriving haven for marine life, it rests at the entrance to Heron Island, offering a fascinating glimpse into history while serving as a vibrant underwater sanctuary, just a short snorkel from the jetty. Guests can also experience and learn about the wildlife, both on land and in water, from experience Master Reef Guides.

#### DUGONGS IN KEPPEL BAY - CAPRICORN COAST REGION

Although elusive, when you snorkel or dive around any of the 17 magnificent islands within the Keppel group, you might just be lucky enough to come face to face with a dugong. To see these magnificent creatures in their natural element is an extremely special experience.

#### BRAIN CORAL – WRECK BEACH – CAPRICORN COAST REGION

You don't have to paddle far from the sandy shores of Great Keppel Island to experience some of the best snorkelling and diving in the world. At Wreck Beach, hidden on the far side of Great Keppel Island, is the 'treasure' of the beach - an 800 year old brain coral, around 2 metres high.

Eco Experiences & Regenerative Travel

The Southern Great Barrier Reef offers unforgettable eco experiences and regenerative travel, inviting visitors to connect deeply with nature, from vibrant coral reefs teeming with marine life to sandstone escarpments and every town, river and forest in between. Our guests engage with local communities, contribute to reef conservation, and immerse themselves in low-impact adventures that protect and preserve our extraordinary natural wonders for generations to come.

#### **DESTINATION ECO CERTIFICATION**



The globally recognised ECO Destination Certification process, through Ecotourism Australia, is a comprehensive and collaborative initiative that showcases the efforts of tourism operators, local governments, and communities to champion sustainability. This rigorous certification is based on six key themes: Destination Management, Nature & Scenery, Environment & Climate, Culture & Tradition, Social Well-being, and Business & Communication.

The Bundaberg Region was the second destination in Queensland to achieve this prestigious recognition, setting a benchmark for sustainable tourism in the state. In 2024, the Gladstone and Capricorn Coast regions proudly joined the ranks, officially becoming ECO Certified Destinations – further strengthening the Southern Great Barrier Reef's reputation as a world-class destination for eco-conscious travellers.

As the southernmost gateway to the Great Barrier Reef and home to abundant natural surrounds, intricate ecosystems, and big-hearted communities, the Bundaberg, Gladstone, and Capricorn Coast regions remain committed to advancing sustainable practices and delivering world-class, environmentally responsible tourism experiences.

Caring for this little slice of paradise means ensuring it thrives for years to come, and ECO Destination Certification is a testament to that commitment. Together, these three regions are not only preserving their natural wonders but also working towards a greener future. With a shared vision, they are actively progressing towards net-zero emissions for the tourism industry before 2050, safeguarding these breathtaking landscapes for generations to come.

#### ECOTOURISM AWARDS ACROSS THE SGBR

Qantas Australian Tourism Awards - Ecotourism

- 2023 Gold Fun Over 50 Holidays
- 2022 Bronze Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort
- 2021 Silver Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort
- 2019 Silver Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort
- 2018 Gold Fun Over Fifty
- 2017 Bronze Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort

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- 2023 Gold Fun Over 50 Holidavs
- 2022 Hall of Fame Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort Gold - Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort Silver - Fun Over 50 Holidavs Bronze - Lady Musgrave Experience
- 2021 Gold Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort Gold - Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort



Ecotourism Australia's Green Travel Leaders celebrate a long-standing commitment to sustainability with more than ten years of ECO Certification.

1770 LARC! Tours Gladstone Region ECO Certified - Ecotourism

Broadwater Haven Gladstone Region ECO Certified - Nature Tourism

Capricorn Caves (see right) Capricorn Coast Region ECO Certified - Advanced Ecotourism

Fun Over Fifty Holidays All Regions

ECO Certified - Advanced Ecotourism Climate Action Certified - Leader Respecting Our Culture Certified

Heron Island Resort Gladstone Region

ECO Certified - Advanced Ecotourism Kellys Beach Resort

Bargara, Bundaberg Region ECO Certified - Nature Tourism

Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort ECO Certified - Advanced Ecotourism Climate Action Certified - Leader

Pumpkin Island Retreat Capricorn Coast Region ECO Certified - Advanced Ecotourism Climate Action Certified - Leader



#### Location - Capricorn Coast Region

ECO Certified - Advanced Ecotourism 20+ Years of Certification

Capricorn Caves, located just a short drive from Rockhampton is advanced ecotourism certified, meeting a range of criteria relating to natural area focus, environmental sustainability, education and interpretation contribution to conservation cultural sensitivity and their work with local communities.







#### SGBR ECO CERTIFIED OPERATORS

1770 Dive Spear and Sport - Gladstone Region ECO Certified - Ecotourism Travellers Rest 1770 - Gladstone Region

ECO Certified - Ecotourism Bundaberg Rum - Bundaberg Region Sustainable Tourism Certified

Freedom Fast Cats - Capricorn Coast Region ECO Certified - Ecotourism

Great Keppel Island Hideaway - Capricorn Coast Region ECO Certified - Ecotourism

High Valley Dawn Permaculture Farm -Capricorn Coast Region ECO Certified - Advanced Ecotourism

Keppel Dive - Capricorn Coast Region ECO Certified - Ecotourism

Lady Musgrave Experience - Bundaberg Region ECO Certified - Advanced Ecotourism Climate Action Certified - Business **Respecting Our Culture Certified** 

Mon Repos Turtle Centre - Bundaberg Region ECO Certified - Advanced Ecotourism Climate Action Certified - Business Respecting Our Culture Certified

Splitters Farm - Bundaberg Region ECO Certified - Advanced Ecotourism Climate Action Certified - Leader

Wilson Island - Gladstone Region ECO Certified - Advanced Ecotourism

The Salty Lime Co. - Capricorn Coast Region Sustainable Tourism Certified



#### Wilson Island - Gladstone Region

#### ECO Certified – Advanced Ecotourism

Dreaming of an escape to relax, recharge, and unwind? Wilson Island, a secluded coral cay on the Great Barrier Reef, offers the ultimate adult-only, romantic hideaway in unrivalled natural beauty.

Located off the coast of Gladstone, Queensland, and just a 25-minute boat ride from Heron Island, this private oasis features nine permanent Reef Safari Tents, hosting only 18 guests at a time. With no phones or television, your soundtrack is the ocean waves, rustling leaves, and birdsong.

Spend your days lounging on the beach, exploring the island, and snorkelling with the vibrant marine life that calls Wilson Island home.

# Cultural Experiences

Immersive Indigenous experiences celebrate and respect Aboriginal heritage across the Southern Great Barrier Reef, inviting travellers to engage meaningfully and leave with a greater appreciation for Indigenous culture and connection to the region.

Guided by Traditional Custodians, visitors can learn about ancient knowledge systems, bush tucker, storytelling, and spiritual connections to land and sea through experiences that provide insight into the deep cultural significance of the region.

Acknowledgment

We respectfully acknowledge the Taribelang Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang, Bailai, Wakka Wakka, Wulli Wulli, Kabbi Kabbi and Darumbal Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the precious land water and sea country on which we all love to work, live and play.

We recognise the thousands of generations of continuous culture that have shaped this country and the people on it.

And we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and look forward to working with all First Nations People of the Southern Great Barrier Reef in sharing culture through tourism, in the spirit of mutual respect and reconciliation.

Taribelang Ivernight Experience

💡 Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

care for the land and waters we live on.

observatory bunk bed.

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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

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

Then retreat to Lady Musgrave HQ for a tantalising





#### Q Rockhampton - Capricorn Coast Region

Take part in an On Country experience with the Darumbal people, the Traditional Custodians of the Rockhampton and Capricorn Coast region. Mayimba (welcome) to Darumbal Country. We invite you to enjoy this tour from the comfort of your own home, or come and experience it in person on Darumbal country. This tour consists of significant Darumbal stories at Tunuba (the Fitzroy River) including

- About Tunuba Tunaba Munda- Tunuba Connection Gadda (the Rainbow
- Tunuba Culture Serpent)
- Connection Tunuba Safety Tunuba Lifegiving Darumbal
  - Enterprise

Download the Explore Rockhampton Self-Guided Tour app to hear stories from the Darumbal people



TARIBELANG BUNDA CULTURAL TOURS

#### Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

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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#### **Q** Rockhampton - Capricorn Coast Region

Culture tours can take place at several places around the Darumbal land. One of the main places is Mt Archer but the Darumbal call it Nurima. Nurima overlooks a great part of the Darumbal land. On top of Nurima there are a great deal of native plants and wildlife which is a beauty to see. On this tour you will hear dreamtime stories about the stars, mountains and our great Fitzroy river which we call Tunba

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	SALTY HOPS FESTIVAL Capricorn Coast Region		SWIM AROUNE Capricorn Coas
	WOODGATE EASTER FAIR Bundaberg Region		YEPPOON RUNNIN Capricorn Coas
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Whether it be swimming, hatching, breaching, crawling or flying, the Southern Great Barrier Reef is always celebrating the wonders of nature.



ranger-guided tour near Rockhampton

Home to 80% of Australia's breeding population of bent-wing bats, see the emergent flight of thosands of these tiny creatures from a cave at dusk on a

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Cultural Tours **Q** Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

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Nations culture

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

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 bespoke half-day bus

tour is unique to the Bundaberg region and is a

moving introduction to Bundaberg's vibrant First





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FITZROY RIVER BARRA BASH **Capricorn Coast Region** 

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**YEPPOON LIONS TROPICAL PINEFEST Capricorn Coast Region** 

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CQ BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL Gladstone Region



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of our beaches and islands. Ranger-quided tours are available at Mon Repos beach near Bargara (Nov-Mar), and many of our islands offer guided turtle encounters



Manta Ray can be seen all year round around the SGBR islands, however peak season is best for avid divers. Lady Elliot Island, Lady Musgrave Island and Heron Island are reknowned for these majestic creatures.



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



Our waters are abundant with seasonal migrating humpback whales. Whale watching tours depart from Bundaberg, Town of 1770 and Yeppoon, and you can spot whales from our islands and beaches in season.

## Accessible Tourism

The Southern Great Barrier Reef is becoming an increasingly inclusive destination, with accessible travel experiences that ensure everyone can explore its natural beauty and world-class experiences. The region is committed to breaking down barriers for travellers of all abilities, guided by best practices from leading accessibility organisations to enhance physical access, staff training, and inclusive service delivery. The Southern Great Barrier Reef welcomes all visitors to experience its wonders with comfort, dignity, and ease.





#### **Q** Rockhampton - Capricorn Coast Region

Empire Apartment Hotel in Rockhampton is thoughtfully designed with accessibility in mind. The hotel features accessible rooms with wider doorways, roll-in showers, grab rails, and lowered facilities to ensure comfort for guests with mobility needs. Elevators service all levels, and there's designated accessible parking onsite. Located in the heart of the city, it provides easy access to the riverfront precinct, shops, and dining venues, making it a convenient and inclusive stay for all travellers.

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### **Q** Rockhampton - Capricorn Coast Region

Keppel Dive custom built accessible vessel (coming June)

Keppel Dive is making waves in inclusive tourism with their custom-built wheelchair accessible vessel, launching in June. Purpose-designed for comfort and ease of access, the new boat will allow guests of all abilities to explore the stunning Keppel Bay Islands and Southern Great Barrier Reef. This exciting addition marks a major milestone in ensuring everyone can experience the magic of the underwater world, regardless of mobility.



#### **Q** Rockhampton - Capricorn Coast Region

The Salty Lime Co is dedicated to providing an inclusive and accessible experience for all guests. The venue features wheelchair-friendly paths and spaces to ensure ease of movement throughout the property. Restroom facilities are equipped with accessible features to cater to diverse needs. Personalised support is available upon request to make each visit enjoyable and memorable.

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#### **Q** Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

Cruising the Burnett River has never been more inclusive. Bundy Belle River Cruises offers fully accessible river experiences aboard the Bundy Belle 2 - a purpose-built flat-bottom vessel designed to welcome quests of all abilities. Operating from the accessible infrastructure at Riverside Parklands in Bundaberg, the Bundy Belle 2 is the only fully accessible cruise option within a 240km radius. Bundy Belle River Cruises is proud to make the beauty of the region's waterways available to everyone.





#### Gladstone - Gladstone Region

Gladstone Region

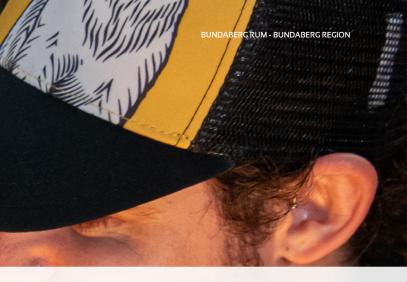
Auckland House, located in Gladstone's East Shores precinct, offers a welcoming and accessible environment for all visitors. The venue features both indoor and outdoor seating with low-top tables and movable chairs, accommodating various mobility needs. An accessible toilet is available on-site for added convenience. Additionally, the surrounding East Shores precinct provides accessible parking bays and wheelchair-friendly pathways, enhancing the overall experience for guests with disabilities.

Mantra Gladstone and Peppers Gladstone, both situated within the Yaralla Sports Club complex, are dedicated to providing inclusive and accessible experiences for all quests. Both hotels offer wheelchair-accessible accommodations, ensuring comfort and ease of movement for guests with mobility challenges. Common areas, including restaurants, bars, and conference facilities, are designed to be wheelchair-friendly, allowing seamless navigation throughout the properties. These thoughtful features reflect the commitment of Mantra Gladstone and Peppers Gladstone to ensuring a welcoming and comfortable stay for all visitors, regardless of their accessibility needs.

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## accessibility is always on the menu.



#### Gladstone - Gladstone Region



#### 9 1770 - Gladstone Region

At Traveller's Rest 1770, inclusivity is at the heart of the nature experience. The 386-meter Bushland Boardwalk is thoughtfully designed with features like kickboards, an access ramp, and a turnaround point, ensuring that visitors of all abilities can comfortably explore the serene bushland. The BushTracks Eco Tour further enhances this connection by offering guided explorations of native flora and fauna along the accessible boardwalk. Additionally, the campground provides accessible amenities, including step-free entrances, wheelchair-friendly facilities, and designated parking spaces. This commitment ensures that everyone can fully immerse themselves in the natural beauty and tranquility of Traveller's Rest 1770.

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#### Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

An iconic Australian experience, the Bundaberg Rum Distillery is proudly accessible and ready to welcome all visitors for a taste of true Queensland spirit. With accessible parking, pathways, and facilities throughout the Visitor Experience, including the Distillery Museum, Blend Your Own experience and guided tours, Bundaberg Rum ensures everyone can explore its rich history and world-class craftsmanship. Whether you're rolling in for a tour or raising a glass at the bar,



#### Bargara - Bundaberg Region

Nestled on the shores of Mon Repos, Turtle Sands blends beachside bliss with thoughtful accessibility. This coastal retreat offers accessible beachfront villas designed for comfort and ease. so all guests can soak up the serenity of the sand and sea. The star attraction? A turtle-shaped pool complete with ramp access - perfect for a refreshing dip with a side of charm. With inclusive design and front-row seats to turtle season. Turtle Sands is all about laid-back luxury for everyone.





#### February annually

#### **Q** Agnes Water, Gladstone Region

The Agnes Blues, Roots and Rock Festival is an annual event held across one weekend in February in the stunning Agnes Water/1770 on the sensational Southern Great Barrier Reef. Live music across two stages, licensed bar, a variety of food vendors and markets to suit all tastes, plus an intimate, unique vibe are highlight features of this all-weather event with plenty of undercover space to chill out or dance your funky socks off.

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### March / April annually

#### Gladstone, Gladstone Region

Easter is a special time of year and there's no better place to celebrate with your friends and family. Gladstone has everything to make your Easter unforgettable, if you're looking to relax, explore, or attend the incredible array of events over the long weekend, the Gladstone Region has it all. Centred around the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race, there are so many events to entertain the whole family. Including the Yachtsman's Long Lunch, Seafood Festival, Gladstone Harbour Festival and the Line Crossing Party. Be entertained all weekend long, spend Easter in Gladstone. You'll be glad you did!

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#### 4-6 April 2025

#### **Q** Rockhampton, Capricorn Coast Region

Get fired up for three days of high-octane automotive awesomeness in Rockhampton. Lovers of horsepower, show cars, burnouts and drifting will experience some of the wildest modified cars in the country.

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#### 🛄 July annually

#### **O** Childers, Bundaberg Region

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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August annually

### **Q** Yeppoon, Capricorn Coast Region

CQUniversity Village Festival is the Capricorn Coast's premier arts, music and community culture event. It combines local talent, wellrecognised national artists and a variety of arts genres. Situated on the Yeppoon foreshore with the beautiful Keppel Bay as the backdrop, it showcases the best of the region's talent in all arts aenres





## 🛗 July

### Gladstone Region

Luminous Gladstone is a premier annual light festival that transforms the Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens into an enchanting wonderland of light, art, and technology. This free, family-friendly event features breathtaking light installations, interactive displays, and captivating entertainment, creating an immersive experience for all ages. As one of the region's most anticipated events, Luminous Gladstone celebrates creativity and community, drawing thousands of visitors to enjoy a truly magical evening under the stars.

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September annually

**O** Bundaberg Region



#### May triennially

#### **Q** Tannum Sands & Boyne Island, Gladstone Region

The Boyne Tannum HookUp is Australia's Biggest Family Fishing Competition, with both adult and junior categories, and is held over three days event in beautiful Boyne Island annually over the Labour Day long weekend.

The event brings together friends, family, businesses, supporters and sponsors from all parts of Australia to enjoy a great community event

With a prize pool worth over \$450,000, the event attracts thousands of registered fishing competitors and visitors to the event centre over the three days of competition.



#### May / October annually Bundaberg Region

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 beys flowing, so you get a little taste of the products our people are so proud of.



#### May annually Gladstone Region

#### Traditional custodians the Gooreng Gooreng have participated in the organisation of the 1770 Festival, presented and shared their culture with Festival attendees since the 1770 Festival's inception in 1992, which has become a collaborative platform increasing the involvement of the traditional while celebrating historic local "Encounters in Country" together. Experience three days of

custodians and promoting global cultural unity First Nations performances, live entertainment, fireworks, themed street parades, workshops, market stalls and children's amusement rides. A weekend the whole family will enjoy!

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### 🛗 August annually Gladstone Region

This family-friendly show features a variety of attractions, including show ring events, chainsaw competitions, woodchopping, an animal nursery, and a children's area. Visitors can also enjoy a free climbing wall, reptile displays, and live entertainment such as horsemanship demonstrations and musical performances. The event typically takes place over a weekend in June, offering a unique country atmosphere that celebrates the region's agricultural heritage.



The food bowl of Queensland comes alive for ten tantalising days at the Taste Bundaberg Festival! Sayour 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



#### September annually

#### **Q** Rockhampton, Capricorn Coast Region

Hailed as Northern Queensland's largest Food and wine Festival and a signature event on the region's calendar, the festival features degustation events, masterclasses, cocktail parties, cooking demonstrations and more. Be entertained with live music over 4 exciting days and nights. Visit, taste and learn from the food and wine exhibitors - a feast for the tastebuds.





#### **Q** Gladstone - Gladstone Region

Gladstone's first microbrewery, Auckland House is situated at the heart of Gladstone's latest waterfront precinct, East Shores.

The architecturally designed restaurant and bar cater to diners for breakfast, lunch and dinner. With an operational 5 hec brewhouse the crowd favourite would be their beer tasting paddle to experience all they have to offer.

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#### Yeppoon - Capricorn Coast Region

In 2016, a passion for wellness and sustainable development collided with a desire to serve fresh, local, organically grown produce, inspiring Ross O'Reilly from High Valley Dawn Permaculture Farm to begin his harmonious journey in Yeppoon. Housing a two-acre market garden which produces wonderful seasonal produce for the nearby culinary sensation, Beaches Restaurant, this is the Capricorn Coast's true farm-to-fork experience.

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#### **Q** Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

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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#### Q Agnes Water - Gladstone Region

Drift & Wood Restaurant & Bar offers a relaxed and welcoming dining experience in the heart of Agnes Water. Conveniently located within Sandcastles 1770 Motel & Resort and just steps from the beach, the restaurant serves a seasonal menu inspired by fresh, local ingredients. With options for dine-in, takeaway, and delivery, Drift & Wood is a favourite for both locals and visitors seeking quality food, friendly service, and a laid-back coastal atmosphere.



#### **Q** Tannum Sands - Gladstone Region

Junction Café is a local favourite with two welcoming locations— in coastal seaside at Tannum Sands and nestled in nature at Gladstone's Tondoon Botanic Gardens Known for its warm hospitality, fresh house-made meals, and quality organic coffee, the café caters to all tastes with vegan, gluten-free, and family-friendly options. Whether you're enjoying a relaxed brunch in the garden, grabbing a coffee on the go, or hosting a private function in a scenic setting, Junction Café offers a vibrant community hub where good food and great company come together.

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#### Emu Park - Capricorn Coast Region

Located between Rockhampton and Yeppoon, Koorana Crocodile Farm was established in 1981 as Queensland's first commercial crocodile farm. The Lever Family has worked hard to grow the farm to a commercial level now holding over 5000 crocs. Koorana has a fully licensed restaurant that can cater for functions up to 100 people and they also run two tours every day.

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#### **Q** Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

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.

chocolate coating room, to a guided tour through the original orchards, relax and be enchanted by

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#### **Q** Yeppoon - Capricorn Coast Region

Station 4703 is Yeppoon's newest hospitality venue, offering a unique dining and entertainment experience. Set in a repurposed railway station, the venue features a relaxed atmosphere, a diverse menu of food and drinks, and regular live music. With both indoor and outdoor seating. The Station 4703 caters to casual catch-ups, family outings, and social gatherings. Its central location makes it easily accessible, adding to Yeppoon's growing hospitality scene.

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**Q** Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

Bundaberg, sits Water St Kitchen.

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for visitors and locals.

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Hidden amongst the streets of suburban

Owners Alex and Jen Cameron embrace their

paddock to plate philosophy through a Modern

Australian menu, serving up big, bold flavours to

Swoon-worthy dishes, show stopping cocktails and

an intimate atmosphere make this a popular go-to

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#### Keppel Bay Marina - Capricorn Coast Region

The multi-award winning Waterline Restaurant is situated at Keppel Bay Marina and boasts stunning views of the moored vessels in the harbour. Offering the guintessential Capricorn Coast and Southern Great Barrier Reef dining experience; The Waterline Restaurant features the best local beef and seafood, with a highlight on a paddock to plate experience through exclusive service of award-winning Banana Station Beef; from alfresco landscaped gardens and deck.

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From a delicious taste testing, a peek into the this premium Agri-tourism experience.



on their shelves tool

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#### **Q** Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

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

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



#### Sundaberg - Bundaberg Region

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.

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#### **Q** Woongarra - Bundaberg Region

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, and spend your days soaking up the shade underneath the Silky Oak Trees and savour farm fresh fruit ice cream year-round.





### Yeppoon - Capricorn Coast Region

TruFusion Indian Bar & Grill brings authentic Indian flavors with a modern twist. This vibrant restaurant offers a diverse menu featuring traditional curries. tandoori specialties, and street food-inspired dishes, all crafted with aromatic spices and fresh ingredients. The stylish setting, complemented by warm hospitality, makes it a popular choice for both casual dining and special occasions. TruFusion also boasts an impressive drinks menu, including Indian-inspired cocktails, wines, and local beers to pair with your meal.

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#### Bargara - Bundaberg Region

A stone's throw to the beach of Bargara sits a replica Dutch Windmill - a café driven by love for community, locally grown produce and heartfelt service. With two Gold Oueensland 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 pupapproved gelato.







#### O Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

An essential pit-stop on your tipple tour of Bundaberg, The Brewhouse, home to Ballistic Bargara

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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#### O Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

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

Explore the interactive visitor centre on a selfguided 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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**Q** Yeppoon - Capricorn Coast Region

Meet the Capricorn Coast's newest brewing

simply perfect for our sub-tropical climate.

tasting beers in the world.

company bestowing refreshing beers that are

Represented by the Australian Crimson Finch,

the team are committed to using only the finest

ingredients to deliver some of the highest and best-

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#### **O** Childers - Bundaberg Region

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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#### **Q** Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

Discover the 130 years of history, and a new favourite tipple 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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#### Yeppoon - Capricorn Coast Region

Born out of a passion for artisan spirits made with locally sourced botanicals and ingredients, Reef Distillers is a true 'paddock to still' micro distillery experience using local suppliers, farmers and native flora to create unique products with the 'signature' of the Capricorn Coast region.



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and great beer.

Ward's is all about.

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#### **Q** Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

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 familyowned 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.





Experiences

#### TASTE BUNDABERG

you're welcomed by a patchwork of green, sea.

Eat and drink your way through our region, exploring Bundaberg's unique foodie trails. From gourmet seasonal dishes and freshly picked strawberries to local seafood, sweet treats, and iconic drinks, every taste is a celebration of the land and sea.

Our region's rockstars are growing, brewing, catching, and distilling year-round, ensuring your heart is just as full as your stomach.

#### Gladstone - Gladstone Region

In the heart of Gladstone Ward's Brewery is a 100-year-old transformed soft drink factory. Step into a laidback brewpub with local food, good vibes

Ward's Brewery is about more than beer. It is about the community and the heritage. With brewery tours and tastings available learn and taste what



Driving into Bundaberg and the North Burnett, abundant farmlands sewn together by rows of rich red volcanic soil - a foodie's paradise! Producing 25% of Australia's fresh produce, our region serves up seasonal delights straight from the land and

#### TASTE CAPRICORN COAST

Taste Capricorn Coast is a celebration of local flavours with a colourful array of producers, eateries, retail outlets, markets and farm experiences.

Let your taste buds travel along the Capricorn Coast from Australia's largest pineapple farm to fifth-generation farm stays, to numerous delicacies including locally made moringa spaghetti, fresh off the boat chilli mud crabs and smoked crocodile. Discover more at

www.tastecapricorncoast.com.au

Tours & Experiences





#### 1770 - Gladstone Region

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1770 LARC! Tours offers a truly unique way to explore the stunning coastline and wilderness of the Southern Great Barrier Reef region. Operating from the iconic Town of 1770, these guided tours take visitors aboard the LARC! (Lighter, Amphibious Resupply Cargo) – a custom-built vehicle that transitions seamlessly between land and water. On this unforgettable adventure, guests will discover secluded beaches, rich wildlife, and scenic landscapes, all while enjoying an ecoconscious, informative experience. Whether it's a fun-filled ride along the coastline or a chance to spot local marine life.



#### **Q** Town of 1770 - Gladstone Region

Based in Agnes Water, Dive Spear and Sport 1770 offers scuba diving, snorkelling, spearfishing, and freediving adventures in the Southern Great Barrier Reef. As a Five Star SDI Professional Development Centre, dedicated to reef education and conservation, their Master Reef Guides share expert knowledge of the region's marine life and ecosystems, so whether you're diving vibrant reefs or advancing your skills, their small-group experiences offer an unforgettable adventure.

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#### Q 1770 - Gladstone Region

BushTracks Eco Tour is a unique, guided nature experience located at Traveller's Rest 1770, designed to educate and inspire visitors through connection with the natural environment. Set along the fully accessible Bushland Boardwalk, the tour winds through 44 acres of pristine bushland and showcases the incredible biodiversity of the Gladstone Region.

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#### **Q** Keppel Bay - Capricorn Coast Region

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There's a new boat in Keppel Bay's waters and it's ready for all kinds of adventures, no matter the weather. Funtastic Cruises, run by local brothers Carl and Oliver Heales, have just added a new 12m fleet to their fleet, and will offer a new market of island hopping and snorkelling day trips. Moving at 23 knots, the new boat will be used for island hopping day trips, transporting guests to the islands in 15-20 minutes, seven days a week. A first of its kind for the nation, the fast boat will slice through the waves in all weather conditions. providing a quick, comfortable, yet exhilarating adventure for its passengers.



#### **Q** Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

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 replanting on the Great Barrier Reef in the long term.

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#### Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

One of Queensland's quirkiest attractions. Shrowded 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 new enchanting experiences with selfguided tours, Murrin Discovery Centre, on-site DNA Café, Overnight Stays, Grounding & Earth Room.

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#### Q 1770 - Gladstone Region

Salty Life 1770 offers luxury self-drive or skippered BBQ pontoon hire on the calm, scenic waters of Seventeen Seventy. No boat licence is needed, and up to 10 guests can enjoy shaded seating, a BBQ, Bluetooth sound-and even the option to have the experience fully catered It's the perfect way to relax, dine, and explore with friends or family.

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#### **Q** Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

Splitters Farm holds a very close spot in the hearts of many locals. Hidden amongst 160 acres of tropical bushland and just a short 10min drive from Bundaberg's CBD, this safe haven for rescued farm animals is a sanctuary unlike any other. Not only is splitters farm home to an array of farm animals, it also boasts over 150 documented species of Australian birds, and native wildlife such as wallabies, barramundi, platypus and prehistoric lung fish. With animals of every kind, venture from one paddock to another hand feeding and getting to know their colourful characters. Meet passionate animal lovers and owners of Splitters Farm, Carly and Ash, and enjoy some time soaking up their lush tranquil surrounds.





#### Q Kalpowar - Gladstone Region

Packs n Pedals is your go-to adventure provider for the Boyne Burnett Inland Rail Trail, offering bike hire, guided e-bike tours, shuttles, and custom itineraries. Based in Kalpowar, they make inland exploration easy and unforgettable—whether you're a casual rider or seasoned cyclist. Ride through historic tunnels, cross old railway bridges, and soak in sweeping outback views, all with the support of a friendly, eco-conscious local team.



#### Bundaberg - Bundaberg Region

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 eve 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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#### **Q** Rockhampton - Capricorn Coast Region

Time Safaris Rockhampton Walking Tours visits the history of the city, its roll in WW2, and the Bank Robberies and bushrangers - while the night tours are about the ghosts, murders. And if Jack the Ripper lived here? For the last 20 years Phil has been a museum educator and designed tours for world leading institutions including: Australian War Memorial. the Smithsonian, Chicago's Field Museum, London Natural History Museum, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Capricorn Caves and National Film and Sound Archives.

His new, Prehistoric Zoo Walking Tour, launched in April 2024, and is perfect for fossil and dinosaur enthusiasts





#### **Bundaberg** Region

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 and the tidal wetland areas 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 several walking tracks for visitors to explore.

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#### Capricorn Coast Region

Byfield State Forest offers picturesque water holes and picnic spots where you can paddle a canoe or take a dip in the freshwater creeks. Upper Stony Creek and Water Park Creek are

popular spots for bush walking and camping.

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#### Capricorn Coast Region

Only a stone's throw from Yeppoon are massive sand dunes, rugged pinnacles and outstanding coastal scenery. If you consider yourself an experienced 4WD adventurer and are keen to tackle some challenging sand tracks and dunes then you need to see this place! Once you've conquered the tracks you will be rewarded with access to endless beaches ideal for swimming, fishing or walking.

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#### Capricorn Coast Region

Keppel Bay Islands National Park, off Central Oueensland's Capricorn Coast, protects 13 islands in the Keppel Group and is surrounded by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. The islands are the traditional home of the Kanomi-Woppaburra people. Secluded beaches, sea caves, sheltered bays, plunging cliffs and diverse plant communities are just some of the attractions on offer. Sea turtles breed and feed around the islands.

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#### Gin Gin - Bundaberg Region

Just 20km north of Gin Gin, and about 4.5 hours drive from Brisbane sits Lake Monduran. Known for its breathtaking scenery and tranquillity, this man-made reservoir offers a perfect retreat for fishing enthusiasts, water sport wizards and nature lovers alike.

Spanning over 5,000 hectares, the lake is a haven for anglers, boasting an abundance of barramundi, Australian bass, and other freshwater species. If you're not hook, line and sinker about spending your day fishing, Lake Monduran is a popular spot for kayaking, waterskiing and wakeboarding, with lush, green landscape surrounding the water, perfect for picnicking, hiking and bird-watching.

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#### Gladstone Region

Curtis Island offers stunning unspoilt beaches, intimate north-facing bays, sparkling ocean, the Great Barrier Reef, wilderness, wetlands as well as an outback-style cattle station. It is the combination of these diverse attribute and natural beauty which make Curtis Island unique in Australia and perhaps even the world. Access to Curtis Island is via Curtis Island Ferry Services, which provide regular passenger and vehicle services from the Gladstone Harbour





#### Capricorn Coast Region

If coastal volcanic headlands with intriguing rock formations, scenic lookouts and trails through diverse vegetation spark your interest, then the Capricorn Coast National Park is worth a visit. The two most popular sections of this park are Fan Rock/Rosslyn Bay Lookouts, and the Bluff Point Circuit. Both walks boast panoramic views of the coastline and Keppel Bay.

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#### **Gladstone Region**

Discover the magic of Deepwater National Parkan unspoilt coastal landscape with long sandy beaches, freshwater creeks and great fishing spots. Jump in your four-wheel-drive and take a scenic drive through eucalypt woodlands looking for the local residents including wallables, emus and a myriad of other bird life. You can enjoy a picnic, explore the rock pools or try a spot of fishing on the beach near the Wreck Rock and Flat Rock day-use areas Feeling more adventurous? Go for a paddle in your kayak and see what marine life you can spot or take a relaxing beach walk, soaking in the sea air.

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#### Capricorn Coast Region

One of the few places in the world you can see a spectacular emergence of bats from their cave! This is home to eighty per cent of Australia's breeding population of female bent-wing bats. From December to February ranger-guided tours are offered to witness the spectacle of over 100,000 bats leaving their cave.



#### Gladstone Region

The prominent and distinctive peak of Mt Larcom is visible to the north-west from most points in sea level

The prominent landmark provides a good ascent of two hours or so. The reward is a 360-degree view of the Gladstone area, rural lands and the harbour. On a clear day, you will see reef islands to the east and Rockhampton northwards. Mt Larcom is of volcanic origin, and your walk takes you through light eucalypt forest and grass trees.

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#### Gladstone Region

Eurimbula National Park, just north of Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy, offers a striking blend of coastal wilderness, secluded beaches, and diverse ecosystems. Visitors can hike to scenic lookouts, paddle estuarine waterways, or camp under the stars in 4WD or boat-accessible sites. Rich in biodiversity and history, it's also the site of James Cook's first landing in Queensland in 1770making it a must-visit for nature lovers and history buffs alike

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## Mount Archer National Park

Gladstone, with its summit is 632 metres above

#### Rockhampton - Capricorn Coast Region

Protecting bushland remnants in the Berserker Ranges, this scenic national park is the dramatic backdrop to Rockhampton. At 604 metres above sea level, Mount Archer is the highest peak and has spectacular views of the city and the surrounding ranges from its peak. Named in honour of the Archer brothers who explored the Fitzroy area in 1853, the park is part of the Darumbal Aboriginal people's traditional country. Mount Archer is home to a variety of woodland birds including vulnerable powerful owls. Look for glossy black-cockatoos feeding on she-oak seeds. If you wait quietly, you may see unadorned rockwallabies coming to drink from Moores Creek in the early morning and late afternoon.

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#### **O**North Burnett - Bundaberg Region

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, take on a challenge setting off early morning to walk to the summit or grab your bathers for a swim in the Waterfall Creek Rock Pools Utopia.

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.

## Sandstone Wilderness



#### Capricorn Coast Region

Rising abruptly above the surrounding plains, Blackdown Tableland National Park is a cool oasis. Covering approximately 47,950 hectares, this sandstone plateau boasts colourful wildlife, spectacular views and a range of nature-based activities. Blackdown is the traditional home of the Ghungalu people, who have visited this place for thousands of years and have left behind rock art; vivid reminders of their special culture. Walking Tracks will take you to the park's heritage sites, creeks and waterfalls. Lookouts are provided to take in stunning views and capture that spectacular photograph.

#### Virtual Tour 🔝 Images



#### **O** North Burnett - Bundaberg Region

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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#### Gladstone Region

Standing above surrounding farmlands the sandstone escarpments, gorges, creeks and waterfalls of Kroombit Tops National Park provide a cool retreat. Explore intriguing natural and cultural wonders hidden among a mosaic of woodlands, rainforests and scrublands. Take a bushwalk and explore forests on four-wheel-drive roads. Open forests dominated by Sydney blue gum, pink bloodwood and rough-barked apple trees flourish on the park's eastern slopes. See the remains of a WWII Liberator bomber that crashed at Kroombit Tops in 1945 and remained hidden in the forest until it was discovered nearly 50 years later.

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BYFIELD NATIONAL PARK

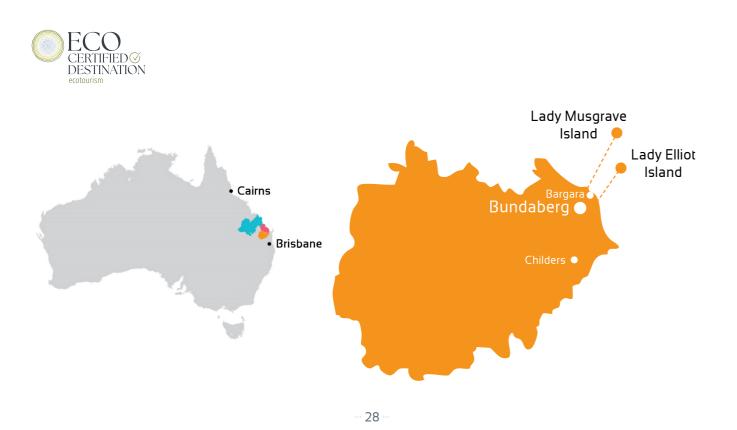


Welcome to the town the turtles call home, where beach meets reef, your plates are always filled with abundant local produce and the rum is always world-class.

Bundaberg is the southern gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Home to easy-to-reach coral islands, pristine beaches and remarkable hinterlands, Bundaberg is an easy 4 hour drive or 50 minute flight north of Brisbane. Bundaberg has all the ingredients of the perfect holiday; accessible reef, stunning beaches, mouth-watering food and experiences to last a lifetime.

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. Spend a night with 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. Discover where great grows.





Embark with Lady Musgrave Experience on a day cruise or overnight pontoon stay to discover 1,192 hectares of magnificent fringing reef and coral gardens.



Try the 'Bundaberg Rum Distillery Experience' or a 'Blend Your Own Experience' at the Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience and Distillery Store.



Foodies, you have come to the right place! With never ending seasonal produce and a booming drinks industry, you will taste the difference in Australia's food bowl.



Visit Lady Elliot Island on a day trip, or stay for a few nights, to explore the wonders of the Southern Great Barrier Reef both above and below the water.



Learn about the history of Australia's favourite brewed drink on a tour and tasting at Bundaberg Brewed Drinks, still family owned for more than 50 years.

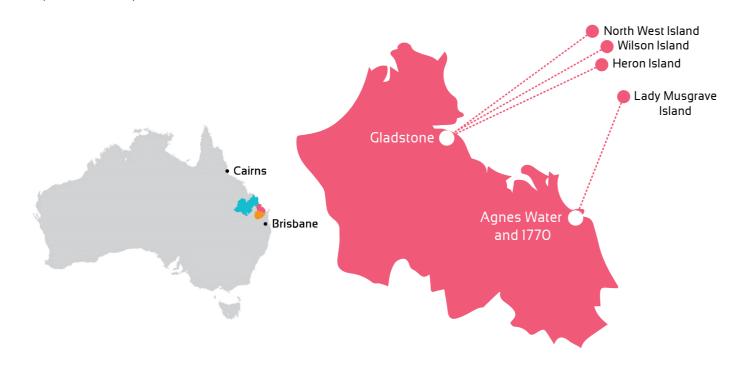
Explore the national parks and hinterlands of the region, such as the spectacular Cania Gorge, Mt Walsh and the townships of Childers, Gin Gin and the North Burnett.



The vibrant city of Gladstone, launchpad to the Southern Great Barrier Reef, beckons with its beautiful national parks, immersive eco experiences and friendly relaxed small-town vibe. It boasts a host of waterfront eateries, artwork cafes, and trendy wine bars and breweries.

The Gladstone Marina pays homage to the city's nautical history at the Maritime Museum and its surrounding East Shores Precinct and Marina Parklands, which continue to attract people to the city from around the globe. Its from here at the Marina, that some incredible natural wonders, including Heron Island, Masthead Island, North West Island and Wilson Island are all located a short distance off the coast.

The Gladstone region encompasses the birthplace of Queensland – the Town of 1770 – where Captain James Cook made landfall on his expedition almost 250 years ago. Aptly named, the Discovery Coast, the relaxed seaside communities of Agnes Water and Town of 1770 are linked by kilometres of striking beach fronting the deep blue waters of the Coral Sea. Get back to the very heart of nature with day trips that depart from the 1770 Marina and visit the historic lighthouse of Bustard Head and some of the best parts of the entire Great Barrier Reef including the protected, untouched coral cays of Lady Musgrave Island and the pristine reefs of Fitzroy, Hoskyn and Llewellyn.





Take a day trip with 1770 Reef Great Barrier Reef Eco Tours, to get up close and personal with turtles and impressive marine life at Lady Musgrave Island and Lagoon.



Escape to the pristine coral cay of Wilson Island. This adult only, romantic, hideaway offers the ultimate island castaway experience.



Gladstone Region Tours focuses on sharing adventures through the picturesque Gladstone Region, with like-minded travellers.



Hop aboard the iconic 1770 LARC! Tours to discover the secluded sandy beaches and pristine waterways of the Town of 1770 and Eurimbula National Park.



Explore vibrant reefs and historic wrecks with Dive Spear and Sport 1770, an expert-led, eco-conscious dive centre based in Agnes Water.



Wander along the peaceful Bushland Boardwalk at Traveller's Rest 1770, and connect with nature in an accessible and sustainable way.



Set on the Tropic of Capricorn, in Central Queensland, the Capricorn Coast region and its hinterland of Rockhampton is a laidback holiday destination offering some of Australia's best kept secrets. From island hopping and ocean swims, to chic cafes and cultural city vibes – you will always feel welcome in this part of the world.

The Capricorn Coast's townships are surrounded by beautiful stretches of coastline where subtropical waters meet uncrowded beaches. Stretching 95km from Stanage Bay in the north to the mouth of the Fitzroy River in the south, this coastline is speckled with small townships boasting quirky street art, classy boutiques, fantastic fishing and fresh local produce. The coastal life would not be complete without the amazing Keppel Bay Islands, just 30 minutes off the coast of Yeppoon. Be sure to take a day trip to Great Keppel Island or stay longer in the relaxed island accommodation.

For insta-worthy swimming holes and pockets of rainforest, a visit to the village of Byfield and Byfield National Park should also be at the top of your list when exploring this area.

40 minutes' drive inland from Yeppoon, Rockhampton has reinvented itself as a city offering classy eateries and microbreweries. The city basks on the banks of the swirling Fitzroy River (Tunuba) and has a fabulous riverfront precinct. Presided over by the imposing Customs House and lined with elegantly restored Victorian buildings, you'll find yourself gravitating to this neck of the woods for dining and nightlife.

The award-winning Nurim Circuit Elevated Boardwalk at Mount Archer National Park overlooks the city and your eyes will open wide to views spanning across the region from its peak 604 metres above ground. Located 38km west of Rockhampton, and 240m above sea level, is Mount Morgan – one of the most charming gold mining towns in Australia. Rising and falling over the hills and valleys, Mount Morgan is full of wooden houses and a history reaching back to the late 1800s. A visit to this historic township is a must!









Take a 30 minute ferry to Great Keppel Island for snorkelling unspoilt coral reef, kayaking secluded coves, or bushwalking to pristine white sandy beaches.





Discover ancient limestone caves on a Cathedral Cave Tour or Geo Tour at the Capricorn Caves, Adventure Tours are also available for thrill seekers.



Paddle a canoe or take a dip in the freshwater creek at Byfield Rainforest.



Get up close and personal with Australia's native wildlife. Feed the kangaroos and emus at Cooberrie Park Wildlife Sanctuary.



Gain a birds eye view of from atop Mt Archer National Park, as you stoll the award winning 'skywalk', officially known as Nurim Circuit Elevated Boardwalk.

Stroll and immerse yourself in the character of a bygone era along Rockhampton's historical streetscape.

Around the Capricorn Coast Region





Nestled within a system of 13 beaches across 95 kilometres of Capricorn coastline, Yeppoon on the Capricorn Coast boasts a shared latitude with Rio de Janeiro to the East and Mauritius to the West, celebrating sub-tropical climates and year-round swimming. Easily accessible by road, rail, coach and air, Yeppoon is only an additional 30-minute drive from the beef capital of Australia, Rockhampton and only 600 kilometres from Queensland's capital, Brisbane. Surrounded by jaw-dropping and glittering shorelines, golden days, balmy moonlit evenings, sensational crimson sunsets and scents of the tropic, this unique paradise is your stepping-stone to the wonders of the Southern Great Barrier Reef or rainforests of Byfield National Park.

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Explore Rockhampton from above on the awardwinning Nurim Circuit elevated boardwalk at Mount Archer. Your eyes will open wide with views spanning across the region from its peak 604 metres above ground. Rockhampton and Mount Morgan are filled with contrast. Rockhampton's riverfront precinct pairs heritage listed buildings with innovative riverside designs. Walk the longest heritage listed street in Australia. Take a living history lesson with a short trip to the former gold rush town of Mount Morgan.

Emu Park is home to the famous Singing Ship

legacy of the historical explorations of Captain

James Cook. A gentle sea breeze produces a

musical sound through fluted pipes.

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sculpture. Set against a spectacular coastal vista,

Just below the Singing Ship is a viewing deck and

board walk that makes up part of the Centenary

of Anzac Memorial Walk. The impressive board

walk is a must do as it hugs the coastline and

Emu Park Main Beach is a calm beach with a grassy picnic area and arguably one of Queensland's most picturesque playgrounds.

remembers our communities brave service men

the majestic monument commemorates the area's

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GREAT KEPPEL ISLAND

Bare feet and boardshorts could be mistaken as the formal dress code for Great Keppel Island. Swim, snorkel and swim some more in the clear water of 17 different beaches. Feeling adventurous? Try jet skiing, stand up paddle boarding, kayaking, snorkelling, catamaran cruising and more.

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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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Boasting 16kms of pristine sand, calm waters, and some of the friendliest locals you'll ever meet, Woodgate Beach is the idyllic escape you've been dreaming of.

Just 45 minutes south of Bundaberg and 30 minutes east of Childers, this seaside community is the perfect place for a quintessential Queensland holiday, where your days are spent soaking up the sunshine, splashing in the waves and chilling out in the shade. Before your evenings are spent watching the sun go down, and feasting on fresh caught reef fish and hot chips.





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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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 land and explore the historical sites of Childers, laced with beautiful buildings. Enjoy a bite to eat from Gin Gin's famous bakery, renowned for it's award-winning pies, before discovering Queensland's longest unsupported tunnel at Boolboonda.

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Discover the lush rainforest of Byfield and spectacular coastal scenery of the surrounding parks and forest. Byfield is rich with diversity and forms one of the largest unspoiled eco-systems on the east coast of Australia and is the exclusive home of the rare Byfield Fern.









Located at the mouth of the Elliott River, and just 15 minutes from the Bundaberg CBD, lie's the Southern Great Barrier Reef's answer to Whitehaven, Elliott Heads,

This popular destination offers sweeping white sands and sparkling blue waters where you can snorkel the reef off the beach, and magical rockpools and mermaid lagoons for your to float the day away in.

The town is also home to a shady, landscaped caravan park adjacent to the patrolled beach, a cafe and several picnic spots. You can easily spend a day, week or month at Elliott Heads.

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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





Nowhere will you find a more eclectic example of genuine Queensland qualities than Gladstone. It's the state's engine room; an industrial powerhouse of global significance that is well and truly at the forefront of the resources industry. But Gladstone is full of unexpected surprises.

This dynamic city offers a range of entertainment including the Regional Art Gallery & Museum, a wide variety of restaurants and bars, and local history to boot with countless colonial buildings throughout the CBD. The Tondoon Botanic Gardens are also one of only a few in Australia with all native plant species, attracting more than 100,000 visitors annually.

The Gladstone Marina pays homage to the city's nautical history at the Maritime Museum and its surrounding East Shores Precinct and Marina Parklands, which continue to attract people to the city from around the globe. It's also here at the Marina that local ferry services offer direct passage to tropical islands waiting patiently off the coast.

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Agnes Water and Town of 1770 are relaxed seaside communities linked by kilometres of picturesque coastline and the deep blue waters of the Southern Great Barrier Reef.

Famously known for its rich history as the birthplace of Queensland, Town of 1770 was named after Lieutenant James Cook and his crew from the 'Endeavour'.

The climate in this region is best described as perfect, with more than 280 days of sunshine each year. Imagine swimming in crystal clear waters, unwinding on your own deserted beach, sailing, bushwalking and kayaking or kite surfing beside dolphins playing. This is the essence of Agnes Water and Town of 1770 – untouched, exclusive and pure.

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Only a short drive south from Gladstone are the picturesque coastal communities of Boyne Island and Tannum Sands. Here you will experience a relaxed coastal lifestyle centred on superb beaches, riverside walkways, parklands and recreational activities.

These 'twin' communities are linked by a bridge across the beautiful Boyne River. Boyne Island – the island you can drive to – offers a quality mix of residential, business, shopping, industry and environment where foreshore parks overlook boats, outrigger crews and fishing on the calm river waters.

With only a small variation in seasonal water temperatures, the waters of Tannum Sands and Boyne Island are perfect for year-round swimming. The area is a popular stopover for the winter 'migration' from the south!

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The mighty Boyne Valley is made up of four small communities (Nagoorin, Ubobo, Builyan and Many Peaks) which have withstood the test of time. The scenic valley was put on the map by gold and copper in the late 1800s, but is now better known for its timber and agricultural industries.

If you're looking to get off the usual touring route, enjoy some authentic country hospitality and learn about the hard work and determination of early settlers. Their descendants will happily share a yarn with you over a cool drink at one of the general stores.

For the adventurous traveller be sure to explore The Boyne Burnett Inland Rail Trail (aka BBIRT) which will take you through six tunnels, constructed nearly 100 years ago!

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**BOYNE ISLAND** 

North of Fraser Island and south of the Whitsunday Islands, the Southern Great Barrier Reef is an ideal inclusion in all Queensland self-drive itineraries. There are so many incredible experiences, here is a sample of our 2, 5 & 7 night itineraries.



## Meppoon & Capricorn Coast

Taking its name from the Tropic of Capricorn, the Capricorn Coast Region is home to laid-back towns. quiet island life, pristine National Parks and secluded beaches. An enticing mix of country hospitality, modern city lifestyle and stunning coastal bays.

HIGHLIGHTS: Capricorn Caves, Koorana Crocodile Farm, Keppel Bay & Byfield Rainforest

#### DAY 1 - ROCKHAMPTON & CAPRICORN COAST

Start your Capricorn Coast Region stay with a visit to the spectacular above ground limestone Capricorn Caves. Discover the amazing natural acoustics in the fully accessible Cathedral Chamber, travel back in time on the new fossil tour, or push your limits on an adventure caving experience.

After lunch, travel to Yeppoon on the Capricorn Coast. Explore some of the thirteen beaches along the scenic coastline from Yeppoon to Emu Park, or take an afternoon swim in the picturesque Yeppoon Lagoon followed by a walk along esplanade.

After dinner in a beach side café, unwind in the relaxed evenings of coastal Southern Great Barrier Reef.

#### DAY 2 - CAPRICORN COAST

A visit to Queensland isn't complete without a crocodile encounter, so kick off your day with a visit to Koorana Crocodile Farm. Get photographed with Australia's most ancient animal, and try the restaurant for lunch.

Enjoy 360-degree views of the Capricorn Coast and Keppel Bay at the Wreck Point scenic lookout

ADD ON AN ISLAND



located in Cooee Bay, or retrace Captain James Cook's footsteps at the Singing Ship and bring history to life at the ANZAC Memorial Walk and Emu Park Memorial Museum

Complete your day with a sunset cruise on Keppel Bay with stunning views of unspoilt islands as you watch the sun set over the mountains with spectacular colours across wide, unbroken skies.

#### DAY 3 - BYFIELD

Drive just 25 minutes north of Yeppoon to the lush forests of Byfield and surrounding nature reserves. Explore the rolling sand dunes, beaches, swamps, rainforest-edged creeks and rugged mountains of Byfield Rainforest National Park, one of the largest unspoiled eco-systems on the east coast of Australia

The small village of Byfield is a haven for craft and nature lovers, especially the world-class potter's gallery known as Nob Creek Pottery.

## ADD ON AN ISLAND

Take a day trip to Great Keppel Island, or stay overnight on Great Keppel or Pumpkin



From exotic island escapes to day trips to efferent coral reefs, your Southern Great Barrier Reef isn't complete without time on one of our many island paradises.

#### PUMPKIN ISLAND (ex Capricorn Coast)

One of Australia's best-kept island secrets is 14 kilometres off the coast from Yeppoon.

Expect to see dolphins, turtles and whales in season. Fish the rich waters, snorkel or experience the coral reefs from a glass bottom kayak or simply wander the secluded beaches. Perfect for safe swimming and snorkelling most of the year round. ACCOMMODATION - Pumpkin Island

#### **GREAT KEPPEL ISLAND** (ex Capricorn Coast)

From Yeppoon visit the Southern Great Barrier Reef's closest island to the mainland - Great Keppel Island. Step off the beach and snorkel in the clear blue water of the Southern Great Barrier Reef GKI offers excellent bush walking options leading you to one of it's 17 white sandy beaches. This island really is Queensland's best kept secret. Ferries depart Keppel Bay Marina daily (30min transfer). ACCOMMODATION - Great Keppel Island Hideaway DAY TRIPS - Keppel Konnections & Freedom Fast Cats

## Gladstone & Agnes Water/ Town of 1770

Gladstone is full of unexpected surprises with contrasting features of industry, nature and the Great Barrier Reef, while Agnes Water and the Town of 1770 is the birthplace of Queensland and a relaxed hub of natural encounters.

HIGHLIGHTS: Gladstone & Agnes Water / Town of 1770

#### DAY 1 - GLADSTONE & AGNES WATER / TOWN OF 1770

Explore the wide green spaces of the Marina Parklands in Gladstone or wander the East Shores area with waterfront walks, stunning views from Auckland Point Hill and parks galore. Or find inspiration and relaxation with a stroll through the exquisite Tondoon Botanical Gardens, which houses more than 3000 plant varieties. Take a tour with a local guide and learn the stories of the area with Gladstone Region Tours.

An easy 90 minute drive will take you to the relaxed seaside communities of Agnes Water and Town of 1770, with striking beaches looking over the deep blue waters of the Coral Sea. Relax on Queensland's most northern surf beaches or explore the menus of the quaint cafes of the town.

ADD ON AN ISLAND Stay overnight on Heron Island or Wilson d or camp on North West Island

ADD ON AN ISLAND

#### LADY MUSGRAVE ISLAND (ex Town of 1770)

Lady Musgrave Island is set on 3000 acres of living reef with a protected lagoon, making it a perfect spot for snorkelling and diving, with day trips departing from the Town of 1770. Teeming with bird life above the water, and giant marine life below the water you can swim with the turtles dive alongside the manta rays, dance with the dolphins and witness the whales play.

DAY TRIPS - 1770reef Great Barrier Reef Eco Tours

and Sport.

This is one of the few places on the Australian mainland where you can watch the sun rise and set over water so make your way to the 1770 Headland and Lookout to enjoy the colourful skies of the waning day.

#### DAY 3 - AGNES WATER / TOWN OF 1770

Start your morning with yoga on the beach or enjoy or enjoy breakfast overlooking the ocean at the Holidays Cafe located NRMA Agnes Water.

Get your blood pumping as you kayak or go stand up paddle boarding. Then, explore the many walking trails that offer incredible views of the area. Make time to see the magnificent blue tiger butterflies migrating each autumn and winter in the Joseph Banks Conservation Park.



## (ex Gladstone)

Heron Island is a true coral cay located right on the Great Barrier Reef, offering guided island and reef walks, semi-submersible cruises and private beach picnics are on offer. An amazing array of animals and bird life can be seen throughout the year. The island is also world famous for its fantastic scuba diving and snorkelling.

#### ACCOMMODATION - Heron Island Resort

Only a 40-minute boat ride from Heron Island, Wilson Island is the ultimate adults-only island castaway experience, offering peace and tranquillity in a setting of unrivalled natural beauty. ACCOMMODATION - Wilson Island



the secluded sandy beaches and pristine waterways of the Eurimbula National Park. Dive or snorkel the Southern Great Barrier reef islands with Dive. Spear

Take a day trip to Lady Musgrave Island

## HERON & WILSON ISLANDS





# 2 Night Itineraries

LADY ELLIOT ISLAND



camping to resorts.

mainland tour

Brisbane



The closest access point to the Great Barrier Reef from Brisbane. Bundaberg is the town the turtles call home, where the reef touches the beach, where plates overflow with local produce and the rum is always world class

HIGHLIGHTS: Bundaberg, Bargara & Mon Repos

#### DAY 1- BUNDABERG & MON REPOS

Foodies you have come to the right place! Bundaberg's rich red volcanic soil, abundant rivers and surrounding seas are the source of never ending seasonal produce. Whether you arrive via the sweeping streets of hinterland towns Childers and Gin Gin or fly into the heart of Bundaberg, you will be greeted by our rich patchwork of green farmlands and agricultural abundance.

Soak up the cafe culture and explore the exploding artisan food and drinks industry, weaving your way through farm gate trails and cellar door tours, before wandering through the original orchards at Macadmias Australia

From November to March, witness a miracle at the Mon Repos Turtle Encounter, a unique ranger-guided turtle experience where you will see endangered Loggerhead mumma turtles nesting or baby turtles hatching. Book early!

#### DAY 2 - BUNDABERG

Visit the three icons that have put Bundaberg on the world map.

Discover the international-award-winning **Bundaberg** Rum Distillery on a guided tour and sample

ADD ON AN ISLAND



Australia's favourite spirit. Then become an expert

in everything fizzy at the family-owned **Bundaberg** 

life of aviation extraordinaire, Bert Hinkler, at the

Macadamias Australia.

DAY 3 - BARGARA

iconic Hinkler Hall of Aviation and nut sampling at

Spend your morning on the beaches of our coastline.

made swimming lagoon and patrolled section, to the

white sands of Elliott Heads, a kite-surfer's delight,

to the miles-long expanses of Woodgate Beach in

the south or the untouched sands of Moore Park

Spend some time in the village of Bargara, just 15

minutes from Bundaberg, before you wind your way

home via the criss-cross grids and rows of seasonal

Beach, there is something for everyone.

produce and road-side market stalls.

From the family friendly Kellys Beach with a man-

odation & day trips to Lady Musgrave or Lady Elliot Islands.



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#### LADY ELLIOT ISLAND (ex Bundaberg)

Visit the most southern point of the Great Barrier Reef at Lady Elliot Island. Renowned as 'Home of the Manta Ray', the island is regarded as one of the best diving and snorkelling locations on the Great Barrier Reef and is famous for its unspoilt coral reef and amazing array of spectacular marine life. Access to Lady Elliot Island is via a scenic flight departing Bundaberg Airport.

ACCOMMODATION & DAY TRIPS - Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort

#### LADY MUSGRAVE ISLAND (ex Bundaberg)

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Lady Musgrave Island is set on 3000 acres of living reef with a protected lagoon, making it a perfect spot for snorkelling and diving, with day trips departing from the Port of Bundaberg. Teeming with bird life above the water, and giant marine life below the water, you can swim with the turtles, dive alongside the manta rays, dance with the dolphins and witness the whales play.

DAY TRIPS - Lady Musgrave Experience

## Coastline Explorer

#### ROCKHAMPTON & CAPRICORN COAST 2 NIGHTS

The Capricorn Coast is an undiscovered paradise at the top of the Southern Great Barrier Reef. The coast is speckled with small townships, beautiful beaches, fantastic fishing and much more.

Explore some of the thirteen beaches along the scenic coastline from Yeppoon to Emu Park, or take a swim in the picturesque Yeppoon Lagoon followed by a walk along esplanade. The coastal townships are rich in cafes, restaurants and boutiques just waiting for you to discover them.

The the Wreck Point scenic lookout at Cooee Bay offers sweeping 360 degree views of the Capricorn Coast and Keppel Bay, or explore the unique tunes of the Singing Ship and exploring the history of the ANZAC Memorial Walk and Emu Park Memorial Museum

The nearby village of Byfield is a haven for craft and nature lovers where you can enjoy picnics beside rainforest edged creeks.

No visit is complete without seeing Capricorn Caves and Koorana Crocodile farm - some of Queensland's oldest attractions offering both action-packed adventure and all-ages education.

Take in the spectacular sunsets on board an evening cruise through Keppel Bay

Wander the historical streetscapes of Rockhampton, situated on the mighty Fitzroy River, and discover the thrilling (and sometimes dark) history of Rockhampton, with Time Safari's Night Walks.

#### ADD ON AN ISLAND







Departing 1770

#### TOWN OF 1770/AGNES WATER - 2 NIGHTS Yeppoon to Agnes Water - 3hrs, 225kms

Agnes Water and the Town of 1770 sit snugly at the halfway point between Bundaberg and Gladstone, and it's here that Captain James Cook first set foot on the sparkling sands of the Sunshine State.

It's one of the Southern Great Barrier Reef's best kept secrets, offering some of the most sought after swimming, kayaking, kite surfing and bush walking anywhere in Oueensland Agnes Water also boasts the state's most northern surf beach, all within minutes from quaint cafes, surf shops and a range of beach front accommodation from backpackers to

Don't miss the famous pink LARC. The day tour is the only way to explore Eurimbula National Parkland while their unique Goolimbil 'Black Cockatoo' Walkabout is an authentic indigenous hunting. gathering and tasting experience of a lifetime. Or immerse yourself in Australia's unique wildlife with a

You might also like to try your hand at stand up paddle boarding or an exciting kayak adventure too. See unique Australian coastal nature on the many walking trails that offer incredible views of the area. Make time for selfies on the whimsical circular Paperbark Trail or find the magnificent blue tiger butterflies migrating each autumn and winter in the Joseph Banks Conservation Park.

> ADD ON AN ISLAND Stay overnight on Heron Island eparting Gladstone Take a day trip to Lady Musgrave

#### **BUNDABERG & BARGARA - 1 NIGHT** Agnes Water to Bundaberg - 1h 15min, 121km

Just over an hour and a half south will bring you to the Bundaberg region including Woodgate Beach, Elliot Heads, Bargara, Mon Repos and Moore Park where you can swim, snorkel, surf and sun bake all vear round

Bundaberg is rich with year-round fresh produce and iconic drinks. Enjoy a visit to the famous Bundaberg Rum Distillery or the Bundaberg Brewed Drinks Barrel, or meet the artisan producers on a guided cellar door tour.

Explore the red dirt roads to purchase direct from local farmers at the roadside stalls, or go beyond the farm gates at Macadamias Australia on a Guided Orchard Tour. Choose from the ever-changing local café menus as chefs showcase the best and freshest produce the region has to offer. You are guaranteed to go home with your tummy as full as your heart when you visit Australia's tastiest food bowl.

Bargara is a 13 kilometre drive through lush sugarcane fields from Bundaberg. It is a popular seaside area which harbours a peaceful and relaxed community ideal for family holidays. Roam deserted beaches or snorkel coral straight off the coast at Barolin Rocks

Boasting open surf beaches and still water swimming areas. Bargara is also home to the largest turtle rookery in Australia on Mon Repos Beach, where you can join a ranger-led tour to see these magnificent creatures nest and hatch (Nov - March).

#### ADD ON AN ISLAND



Take a day trip to Lady Musgrave or Lady Elliot Islands, or stay overnight on Lady Filiot Island Departing Bundaberg



## **GETTING THERE**

Queensland's Southern Great Barrier Reef is easily accessible from Brisbane or Sydney and is serviced by all major Australian carriers. Roads are well signed.

From	То	Travel Time by Road	Distance (approx)
Brisbane	Bundaberg	4 hours 25 mins	360km / 220mi
Brisbane	Gladstone	6 hours 10 mins	515km / 320mi
Brisbane	Rockhampton	7 hours 10 mins	620km / 385mi
Brisbane	Emerald	9 hour 20 mins	830km / 515mi
Bundaberg	Agnes Water/Town of 1770	1 hour 25 mins	120km / 75mi
Bundaberg	Cania Gorge	2 hours 50 mins	230km / 140mi
Cania Gorge	Agnes Water/Town of 1770	2 hours 35 mins	190km / 120mi
Carnarvon Gorge	Cania Gorge	4 hours 45 mins	420km / 260mi
Emerald	Rubyvale	45 mins	60km / 35mi
Emerald	Carnarvon Gorge	2 hours 45 mins	240km / 150mi
Gladstone	Agnes Water/Town of 1770	1 hour 30 mins	125km / 75mi
Gladstone	Rockhampton	1 hour 15 mins	110km / 70mi
Rockhampton	Emerald	3 hours	270km / 165mi

#### WEATHER GUIDE

		Average Te	Average Temperatures	
Summer	Dec – Feb	21 – 30°C	70 – 86° F	
Autumn	Mar – May	17 – 27°C	63 – 81° F	
Winter	Jun – Aug	11 – 23°C	52 – 73° F	
Spring	Sep – Nov	16 – 27°C	61 – 81° F	

\*Temperature ranges are approximate averages only.

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QantasLink flies from Brisbane to Bundaberg, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Biloela and Emerald. Visit www.qantas.com.au. Virgin Australia flies from Brisbane to Rockhampton and Emerald, and in partnership with Alliance Airlines flies from Brisbane to Gladstone. Visit www.virginaustralia.com.au.

#### RAIL

The Spirit of Queensland travels between Brisbane and Cairns with five services per week, servicing multiple stations in the SGBR. The Tilt Train departs Brisbane daily for Bundaberg, Gladstone and Rockhampton. Spirit of the Outback departs Brisbane twice weekly for Longreach (via Rockhampton). For timetables and more information visit www.queenslandrailtravel.com.au or phone 1300 783 553.

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