

SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF & NORTH BURNETT



Official Visitors Guide

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Bundaberg is where great care begins, care for the reef, care for the environment, and care for yourself as a traveller.

In partnership with Bundaberg Regional Council's One Million Trees project, 250 native trees will be planted in the Bundaberg region to reduce our emissions for this guide, so you can be inspired to explore our natural surrounds with great care front of mind. Read page 22 for more information.





🛱 By Car

Bundaberg, the gateway to the Southern Great Barrier Reef, is a four hour drive north of Brisbane along the Pacific Coast Way (Bruce Highway). Or take the inland route along the scenic Australia's Country Way directly into the North Burnett.

By Air

Just a 45min flight from Brisbane, the Bundaberg Regional Airport offers daily flight services from Bundaberg making it easier than ever to visit. As a transport hub, you'll also find rental car options and shuttle services to get you to and from your next destination.

📙 By Rail

Queensland Rail offers multiple north- and south-bound services daily on the Tilt Train and the Spirit of Queensland to and from the Bundaberg CBD. Visit queenslandrailtravel.com.au or phone 1300 783 553

📄 By Bus

Major buslines offer regular north- and south-bound services to and from Bundaberg. The North Burnett is well serviced on weekdays by the North Burnett Transport Service, with transfers to and from Bundaberg, Childers and Maryborough.

Say Hello!

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

For local tips and inspiration our accredited Visitor Information Centres offer booking services, and showcase a love for local with a variety of souvenirs, local crafts, products, and gift shop.

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36 Avenue St, Bundaberg East

CHILDERS

Palace Building, 79 Churchill St, Childers

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Discover the Southern Great Barrier Reef

A bucket list destination unlike any other, just a hop, skip and a jump from Bundaberg, Gladstone and Capricorn, its idyllic white sand beaches, pristine coral reefs, and warm blue waters provide the ideal setting to swim with the turtles and discover giant marine life. The Southern Great Barrier Reef is truly where great begins.



Scan to see what awaits your visit to the Southern Great Barrier Reef or visit bundabergregion.org/ play/southern-greatbarrier-reef

Lady Elliot Island

A quick 25-minute flight from the Bundaberg Airport, Lady Elliot Island is the first island on the Great Barrier Reef, and dare we say, one of the best islands. This coral cay is world renowned as the home of the manta ray with over 700 individual manta rays known to be living in the surrounding waters. Lady Elliot Island is also teeming with turtles who lazily swim these waters year-round and don't mind the curiosity of visitors. A selfie with a turtle is a must-do.

Lady Elliot Island offers eco-friendly accommodation, helping you sleep on the reef as long as you like keeping the above and below water locals safe and happy. DID YOU KNOW? Sir David Attenborough first visited the Southern Great Barrier Reef in 1957, before Australian Tourism Award winning Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort was even established!

Lady Musgrave Island

3000 acres of living reef seemingly plucked from the pages of an aspirational travel guide, Lady Musgrave Island is one of the most magical places in the world.

Situated on the Southern Great Barrier Reef, Lady Musgrave Island is just a boat ride from Bundaberg with Lady Musgrave Experience, departing from Bundaberg Port Marina. The sun-soaked waters and effervescent coral reefs offer a surreal backdrop for an underwater experience that is like nothing on earth.

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. Spend a day exploring this underwater playground or extend your stay and wake up to 360-degree views of vibrant blue waters with two unique accommodation options on Lady Musgrave HQ pontoon.



Scan for more island inspiration or visit bundabergregion.org/ play/southern-greatbarrier-reef#islands



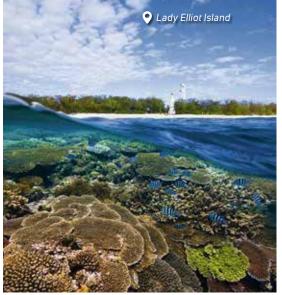
Dive the Southern Great Barrier Reef

Get up close and personal with colourful fish and turtles in pristine corals, ledges and caves of the Southern Great Barrier Reef.

Whether you're a beginner or a certified diver seeking new adventures, you will be spoiled for choice in the Bundaberg region.

Both Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort and Lady Musgrave Experience offer fully certified dive experiences, with courses to cater for all levels of experience.

Lady Elliot Island offers 20 incredible dive sites, and all dives are escorted by the experienced Dive staff. The Resort offers a



minimum of two dives per day and optional night dives.*

Lady Musgrave Experience offers access to remote and untouched dive sites within both the Bunker Group and Southern Capricorn Group of islands. The custombuilt dive boat and pontoon allows for up to three dives per day and optional night dives within the lagoon for overnight guests.*



Scan for your guide to diving and snorkelling the Southern Great Barrier Reef or visit bundabergregion.org/ southern-great-barrierreef

*Dives may be subject to numbers and weather conditions



Ex-HMASTobruk

Since its scuttling in 2018, ex-HMAS Tobruk rests just off the coast of Bundaberg in the Great Sandy Marine Park. The ship is a unique wreck dive experience, with abundant marine life attaching to the metal surfaces.

Reef Within Reach

Snorkel Barolin Rocks dive site at Woongarra Marine Park, or explore the coral off the beach at Elliott Heads. Bundaberg is one of the only places along the Southern Great Barrier Reef where you can access reef without leaving the mainland.

The Great 8

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

Whale Watching

Each year from July to November, the pristine waters off Bundaberg come alive with majestic southern humpback whales as thousands migrate north to mate and give birth.

The safe warm waters of the Great Barrier Reef are the ideal calving waters, as young claves bond with their mothers and learn essential survival skills.

Enjoy the cheeky antics of the curious juveniles, and feel the awe as mothers swim alongside their babies.

Enjoy a half-day whale watching experience from Bundaberg or listen for the sounds of whale song with an overnight stay or day trip on our Islands.



Scan for more whale watching info or **visit bundabergregion.org/** whale-watching



TURTLES



Welcome to Turtle Town

Every year, during November to March, Mon Repos beach becomes an abstract painting of turtle tracks as Mumma turtles haul themselves up the beach for nesting, and baby hatchlings begin the first steps of their journey as they scurry to meet the sea.



Scan for all things turtles or visit bundabergregion. org/turtles

Witness A Miracle

Take an unrivalled peek behind the curtain of a natural wonder thousands of years in the making at Mon Repos Conservation Park. Home to the Mon Repos Turtle Encounter, watch as Mumma turtles lay their clutches of eggs from November – January on a ranger-guided tour.

In January – March form a tunnel of lights to the ocean for the baby turtles as they begin their journey into adolescence with only 1 in 1000 turtles making it to maturity.

Mon Repos Turtle Encounter is the only ranger-guided turtle encounter available on the East Coast and is instrumental to turtle research and conservation.

Swim With The Turtles

Seeing the turtles nest and hatch can cause a severe case of turtle-fever. The only known cure? To venture out to our Islands on the Southern Great Barrier Reef and swim with the turtles.

The waters off Lady Musgrave Island and Lady Elliot Island are home to turtles year-round including the endangered loggerhead turtle, green sea turtle and the flatback turtle, all which nest and hatch on Mon Repos Beach.

Swimming with the turtles is a rite of passage, and a bucket list item you can tick off right here in region.

Turtle Conservation

Turtle research and conservation is paramount in saving these peaceful, ancient creatures. Visitors can witness conservation first-hand at the Mon Repos Turtle Encounter during turtle season, as every turtle that comes up to lay are measured, their tags recorded, and eggs counted.

The interactive Mon Repos Turtle Centre also shares insight about the special journey turtles and people have taken at Mon Repos, and can be visited year round.

DID YOU KNOW? The local Indigenous word for turtle is "milbi". Discover where culture and turtles combine at the Milbi Cafe nestled inside the Mon Repos Turtle Centre.

TASTE BUNDABERG

Australia's Tastiest Food Bowl

Driving into Bundaberg and the North Burnett you are greeted by a patchwork of green, abundant farmlands sewn together by rows of rich red volcanic soil.

Bundaberg and the North Burnett offers a wealth of variety with produce being grown, brewed, distilled and caught, not just seasonally, but year-round.

Tasty Heroes

When you think Bundaberg, your first thought is probably Bundaberg Rum or Bundaberg Ginger Beer, and these icons deliver on taste and experience.



Scan for your guide to eating & drinking the Bundaberg region or **visit** bundabergregion.org/ taste

Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience

Head to the Bundaberg Rum Distillery, and learn the secrets of Australia's favourite rum on a guided Bundaberg Rum Distillery Experience tour.

Uncover the behind-the-scenes distilling process that forms this iconic beverage and immerse yourself on this Australian Tourism Award winning Hall of Fame experience.

Want to discover more? Try the exclusive Blend Your Own Experience and become a master blender for a day, creating your own signature taste to take home.

Bundaberg Brewed Drinks

Take the kids to the distinctive Bundaberg Brewed Drinks Barrel, the home of Bundaberg ginger beer, which is still proudly owned by the local Fleming family after more than 50 years.

Explore the interactive centre and discover how your favourite flavour was made. Taste test all of the famous flavours, letting the fruity, sparkling flavours dance on your taste buds.

Grab a mixed carton or two to share with your family back home or better still, next time you visit, bring them with you, and allow them to experience this for themselves.



Wineries, Breweries & Distilleries

Bundaberg and the North Burnett are full to the brim with local-brewers, artisan distillers and master blenders. Take a guided tour with the artisans themselves or take it at your own pace and stop in to see behind the scenes at a micro-brewery, artisan gin makers distillery, and a world-famous rum distillery. Or sip and swirl your way through family-owned wineries in Childers.

No matter your drink of choice, we have something for everyone!



Download self-guided cellar door trails here or visit bundabergregion. org/cellar-doors



Bundaberg Cellar Door Trail

Uncover the home of your most loved drinks on a Bundy Cellar Door Trail.

Start with Australia's most awarded rum distillery, and taste Australia's most popular rum at the Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience. Browse the retail experience and bar area where you can purchase exclusive and limited edition products only available from the distillery.

Head just down the road to Ohana Cider House and try the many flavours of handcrafted ciders, real fruit wines and fortified delights.

Move on to world-renowned Bundaberg Brewed Drinks, to taste the whole range of flavours made from local ingredients.

Your next stop is Ballistic Bargara to taste quality brews including the venues signature Reef Lager and Reef Ale.

Complete your trail at Kalki Moon Distilling, with guided mini tours and tastings of their award winning gin, liqueurs and rum range.

Childers Winery Trail

Rich with its multicultural heritage Childers' wineries pays homage to the area's past.

Meet Mary and Terry, for whom the Hill of Promise Winery is a time capsule for the multicultural, multi-generational Childers family, with every glass holding a new story to be told.

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

Settle yourself among Rusty Gate Grove, set on 11 acres of lush farmlands savouring tastes from Australia's finest wines.



Produce Driven. Farmer Delivered.

Foodies, you have come to the right place! Our regions rich red soil, abundant rivers and surrounding seas are the source of a never ending seasonal and varied produce, you will taste the difference in our region.

Explore the red dirt roads connecting Bundaberg to Childers, Moore Park Beach, Bargara and beyond, where roadside farmgate stalls boast an abundance of produce available for purchase.

Do your shopping at the local markets, where locally grown produce is handpicked by local farmers. From sweet, juicy strawberries, zesty limes, and honeyroasted macadamia nuts, to fresh, flavourfilled ginger, and humongous sweet potatoes, the shopping list goes on and on.

Immerse yourself on a guided orchard tour with Macadamias Australia Visitor Experience to learn more about their unique tree-to-table offering.

Explore the local bakeries experimenting with local produce to create tantalising treats. Stop in to see our butchers for the best eye-fillet or their homemade prosciutto, bacon and sausages.

DID YOU KNOW? The region grows 25% of Australia's fresh produce!



Download our Regional Produce Guides **bundabergregion.org/** fresh-produce



Cafes, Restaurants & Eateries

Prepare your forks for a unique farm gateto-plate experience featuring fresh local produce delivered straight from the farm to your plate.

The year-round seasonality makes for everchanging local menus and creative dishes as chefs aim to showcase the best and freshest produce the region has to offer.

Taste the freshness on the tip of your tongue, as local farmers hand-deliver freshly picked produce to the kitchens of the region. Take the time to sit back and enjoy some of our favourite cafes and eateries scattered throughout the region, from beachside cafes to riverfront restaurants to hinterland coffee shops.





It's not just locally grown produce that grace the pages of menus, but also caught-that-day seafood, locally-brewed beers, cheeky ciders and artisan-distilled gin, vodka and, of course, rum.

Sustainability, healthier food habits, and dietary requirements underpins much of our regional foodie experience. Permanently showcased across menus are dishes to suit all dietary requirements and preferences.

You are guaranteed to go home with a full tummy when you visit our food bowl.



For more tasty venues scan here or visit bundabergregion.org/ taste/eat

Meet Our Rockstars

From our passionate growers who spend their days feeding the nation, to the visionary distillers and brewers who craft the latest award-winning drinks and the enthusiastic chefs who take the phrase 'paddock to plate' to a whole new level, we are so proud to have these incredible people in our backyard, helping to create a true foodie paradise.

DID YOU KNOW? The Bundaberg region is the largest producer of native macadamia nuts in Australia.

Sensational Seafood

Bundaberg's river-to-reef waterways are brimming with fresh seafood. From prawns trawled in the Burnett River to fresh coral trout caught on the Southern Great Barrier Reef, the seafood is rich, fresh and abundant. Why not try our seafood restaurants, offering dishes showcasing fresh, local seafood? Check out the seafood markets and grab your favourite fillet and cook up a storm or take a cold seafood platter to enjoy by the river as the sun sets.



Discover our reef-toriver experience or visit bundabergregion.org/ farm-gates-and-markets

Sweet Troate

Satisfy your tastebuds with a delectable dessert from one of our many boutiques.

Step inside Cha Cha Chocolate to discover a magical world within this exquisite chocolate shop.

Come taste home-made ice-cream and gelato where the flavours are endless at Tinaberries, The Orchard Table, The Windmill Cafe, Alowishus Delicious, Bargara Berries or family-owned Mammino's Gourmet Ice Cream.

DID YOU KNOW? You can pick your own strawberries in late winter / early spring each year at Tinaberries and Bargara Berries.

Farm Gate Trails

Explore the red dirt roads connecting Bundaberg to Childers, Moore Park Beach, Bargara and beyond, where roadside stalls boast an abundance of produce available for purchase. Do your shopping at the local markets where shelves are overflowing with locally-grown produce, hand-picked by local farmers.

DID YOU KNOW? Bundaberg is home to Australia's only year-round fig producer, Forbidden Figs.



Download your digital Farm Gate Trails or visit bundabergregion.org/ foodie-trails



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Burrum Coast National Park

Your Guide to A Nourishing Escape

Immerse yourself in enriching eco accredited experiences that replenish the mind, body and soul whilst protecting and preserving our breathtaking natural wonders at the same time.

DISCOVER WHERE

GREAT

From resting your head at Eco Certified Kellys Beach Resort, swimming with turtles with Advanced Eco Certified Lady Musgrave Experience, or meeting majestic mantas with the legends (and Climate Action Leaders) at Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort – discover where great care begins. Tread lightly with Mon Repos Turtle Centre rangers who are gurus in the eco world, with their dedication to marine turtle research and education, awarding them Advanced EcoTourism, Climate Action and Respecting Our Culture certifications.

Taste local flavours knowing what's on your plate and in your glass, was made just kilometres down the road, supporting our local makers whilst reducing emissions at the same time - talk about feel good food!

The Bundaberg regions relaxed lifestyle, vibrant eco accredited experiences, natural landscape, pristine beaches and wholesome food and drink offerings, are just a few ingredients made for a nourishing escape.

ECO Certified Destination

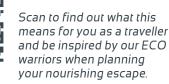
Bundaberg is where great care begins. Care for our curious sea turtles and Southern Great Barrier Reef; care for our vast farmlands that feed the nation all year round; and care for our natural surrounds.

Every day our passionate community and local businesses come together to make sustainable choices to help preserve our backyard for generations to come.

Inspired by our Ecotourism Australia certified experiences and driven by our passion for sustainability, we're proud to be an ECO Certified Destination, where great care thrives.



We're an ECO Certified Destination!



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Go Wild

It's hard to stay indoors in Bundaberg and the North Burnett with so many fun adventures to be had in the outdoors.

From camping to 4WDing to fishing, hiking and wildlife encounters, it's time to get amongst it.



Scan for more outdoor adventure holiday inspiration or **visit** bundabergregion.org/ play/go-wild

Pitch The Tent, Set Up The Camper

Set up camp by the sea, on the river or in the bush, and enjoy a nostalgic family holiday.

Whether you are looking for an easybreezy, amenity-filled campsite on the water or a secluded bush getaway where the closest amenities are only accessible by a dirt path, we have you covered.

Why not grab a camping permit and head to one of our many National Parks, or pack up the kids and enjoy beach-living over the summer holidays along our whole coastline?

Coastal Pathways

TURTLE TRAIL

Ilkm I Easy | Wheelchair Accessible One of the regions most loved walking and cycling tracks, follow the coastline path and fall in love with the Bargara and Coral Coast beaches, and discover the national park reserve, where hundreds of turtles come to nest and hatch each year.

ELLIOTT HEADS COASTAL PATHWAY

2km I Easy | Wheelchair Accessible Follow the pathways that line Elliott Heads pristine coastline from Life Savers Park featuring views of the Elliott River, through to Bill Stockwell Park overlooking rural pastures, towards Seagulls Park perfect for a parkside picnic.

Cania Gorge National Park

MOORE PARK BEACH COASTAL PATHWAY

4km I Easy | Wheelchair Accessible Take a scenic stroll along the Moore Park Beach coastal trail listening to the sound of the waves as they meet the shore while enjoying natures flora and fauna along the way. Starting at the entrance of Moore Park lookout precinct, follow the pathways through the parks to find your perfect picnic spot.

BANKSIA TRACK BOARDWALK (BURRUM COAST)

5km I Easy | Wheelchair Accessible

Adventure along the shaded boardwalk for 400m. If you continue at its end, you will find yourself surrounded by abundant wetlands and woodlands featuring wildflowers and native plants.



Walking & Hiking

BALDWIN SWAMP ENVIRONMENTAL PARK

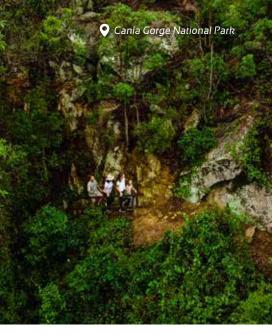
Easy | Wheelchair Accessible from Steindle St This beautiful area of freshwater wetlands and rainforest is close to the centre of Bundaberg, providing an important habitat for waterbirds and other wildlife. A network of accessible walking tracks, boardwalks and bridges makes this an easy exploration journey.

BUNDABERG BOTANIC GARDENS

Easy | Wheelchair Accessible The Bundaberg Botanic Gardens covers 27 hectares of land and features a variety of 10,000 trees and shrubs. The Gardens are also home to a range of historical attractions including Hinkler Hall of Aviation, Fairymead House Sugar History Museum and the Australian Sugar Cane Railway, making the Gardens a key tourist destination.

BAROLIN NATURE RESERVE

Easy to Medium | With more than 300 hectares of natural bush, grassy plains and wetlands right next to the coastal town of Bargara, the Reserve has pockets of rainforest, an abundance of bird life and a fascinating history. Discover the beauty of the bush along 4km of paths perfect for both walking and bike riding.



CANIA GORGE NATIONAL PARK

Medium to Hard | Discover Aboriginal freehand art along towering cliffs, in ancient caves and sheltered gorges. Take one (or more) of the eight walking trails to explore this sandstone wilderness. Stroll by the creek or enjoy stunning views at Castle Mountain Lookout and test your fitness skill with a hike to Giants Chair Lookout.

MT WALSH NATIONAL PARK

Hard | A landmark in the North Burnett, this striking National Park is a sight to behold. Set off on an early morning hike to the summit where breathtaking views of the North Burnett await. Explore the Waterfall Creek section which opens up to deep rock pools, also known as Utopia, that offer a refreshing escape after big rains.



Scan for more hiking and walking trails or **visit bundabergregion.org/** walking-trails

Grading Key: Easy = Limited experience required Medium = Moderate experience required Hard = Hiking experience required

Put It In 4WD

Let some air out of your tyres and settle in for some serious 4WDing. A unique combination of beach and bush provides many exciting options suitable for firsttimers and for experienced thrill seekers.

Beach Driving

Where bush and beach overlap seamlessly, Burrum Coast National Park is the place to be, located 57km south of Bundaberg. The Kinkuna section of the park boasts the best 4WDing with corrugated tracks and sections of beach access to sink your tyres in the sand. Approximately 50kms north of Bundaberg, Norval Park Beach offers 20kms of beach 4WDing along the southern section towards Miara.



Scan for more local 4WD favourites or **visit** bundabergregion.org/ camping-4wd



Bundaberg region is a fisherman's best friend with its river-to-reef fishing options.

BOAT RAMPS

Public boat ramps can be found throughout the region, including at Burnett Heads, Bargara, Innes Park, Riverview, Woodgate Beach, Miara and Booyan, and along the Burnett River.

OFFSHORE FISHING

The Bundaberg region has a wide range of offshore fishing spots for both line and spear fishing. Marine Park Zoning helps to manage and protect the values of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and surrounding areas, so ensure you adopt responsible fishing practices and adhere to all rules.

FISHING CHARTERS

Full and half-day charters are available. Offshore charters depart from Burnett Heads.



Scan for local fishing tips & forecast or visit bundabergregion.org/ fishing-boating



A Place For All

When it comes to planning your trip, finding the right fit for you and your family is important to us.

From wheelchair friendly stays, pram friendly eateries, and quiet spaces to calm the senses, to working with Australia's leading blind and low vision travel audio app, Vacayit; We are proud to be an accessible destination with businesses and experiences that help you holiday with ease.

DID YOU KNOW? You can listen to stories and sounds of the Bundaberg region anytime, anywhere with the Vacayit App. Download Vacayit today at www.vacayit.com.

Accessible Experiences

GET CREATIVE

Unleash your love for art at the Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery and Childers Art Space where vibrant exhibitions come to life year round. Both spaces are wheelchair and pram friendly with ramp entry and accessible parking available.

COOL OFF WITH A SPLASH

Take a dip at local summertime haven Norville Park Swimming Pool. Their accessible lift access into the pool means you can cool down faster. Breathe in the salty air and hire a sandcruiser from Regional Health & Wellbeing Bundaberg and explore Nielsons Beach in Bargara or venture along one of the coastal pathways.

EXPERIENCES FOR THE SENSES

Visit the heartland of the Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience where the sweet smell of molassess and sugarcane country fills the air. Your Distillery and Museum tour is wheelchair and pram accessible with accessible parking available onsite.

Uncover the home of Bundaberg Ginger Beer with a sensory tour at The Bundaberg Barrel where this ground level experience will have you appreciating rich local flavours of ginger, passionfruit and more!

Let your imagination soar at Hinkler Hall of Aviation as you weave your way past oneof-a-kind aircrafts and immerse in the tales of Aviation Pioneer, Bert Hinkler through movie theatrettes, flight simulators and interactive displays right at your fingertips. Go nuts at Macadamias Australia Visitor Experience and feel the tingle of lemon myrtle on the tip of your tongue as you sample their range of macadamias. Explore the spacious centre and learn their tree-totable process on a guided orchard tour.

More Experiences & Information

Explore our abundant region with inclusive experiences, accommodation and services right at your fingertips.



Scan for more accessible holiday inspiration or visit bundabergregion.org/ explore/accessible-travel

A vibrant, guintessential, Queensland country town with modern city elements, Bundaberg is a lively town just minutes from the coastline. Stroll along the Burnett River and grab freshly caught reef fish at the seafood restaurant and market, or weave your way through the local shops and cafes in the main street, through buildings adorned with architectural features from the who have lived on Country for more than late 1800s



Discover Bundaberg's charm, iconic attractions & more here or visit bundabergregion.org/ explore/bundaberg

Connect on Country

Welcome to the First Nation Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, and Taribelang Bunda People Country.

Learn about the regions rich history and culture with the immersive Taribeland Bunda Cultural Tours, sharing stories told through the eyes of Taribelang Bunda, 60,000 years. On your tour, discover sacred sites of significance among some of Bundaberg's most popular attractions and admire vibrant indigenous artworks strewn across the region whilst taking note of Taribelang language woven throughout the streets of Bundaberg CBD.

Bundy Icons

Ask a local what the iconic things to do in Bundaberg are and they will tell you four things: the Bundaberg Rum Distillery, Bundaberg Brewed Drinks, the Mon Repos Turtle Encounter and Hinkler Hall of Aviation.

Uncover the adventurous life of aviation extraordinaire, Bert Hinkler, at the impressive Hinkler Hall of Aviation.

DID YOU KNOW? Bert Hinkler started his pioneering aviation career in a glider fashioned from his mother's ironing board and launched off the dunes of Mon Repos beach in the 1920's.

Discover the international, award-winning Bundaberg Rum Distillery Tour and become an expert in everything fizzy at the familyowned Bundaberg Brewed Drinks.

Meet our turtles who have people coming back time and time again with nesting season November – January and hatching season January – March.



Scan for more Bundaberg holiday inspiration or visit bundabergregion.org/ tours-and-attractions

Bundaber



Attractions

Never be bored in Bundaberg with a plethora of activities and attractions at your fingertips.

Explore the art scene with a trip to the Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery or put on your walking shoes and explore our colourful street art trail. Let yourself be entertained by a range of live performances and bespoke films at the Moncrieff Entertainment Centre.

Learn about the past at Hinkler Hall of Aviation, Fairymead Sugar Museum, and the Bundaberg Railway Museum. Stroll the Riverside Parklands walking path or take a river cruise with Bundy Belle.

Wear the kids out at Alexandra Park and Zoo or fill your tummy at The Orchard Table, nestled among Macadamias Australia's lush macadamia farm, where the kids can try their hand at cracking these native nuts.



Bundaberg Heritage Walk

An easy stroll around the CBD presents Bundaberg's rich history.

The Old National Australia Bank is a colonial design building built in 1891. The wide colonial verandas are embellished with cast iron lace balustrades, a distinctive feature of buildings of that period.

The School of Arts Building in Bourbong Street is the oldest public building still standing in Bundaberg, built in 1888/89 and features late Victorian architecture.

The Post Office building and tower was opened in 1890 and the exterior has remained virtually unchanged since its construction. The ground floor features wonderful pillars and arches and the upper floor is dominated by colonial verandas with cast-iron balustrades.



Scan to discover Bundaberg's rich heritage or visit bundabergregion. org/historical-sites

Boutique Magic

With all the conveniences of a big city and all of the charm of a regional town, Bundaberg offers a variety of shopping experiences - whether for neccessities or for fun!

Explore the leafy CBD and discover local institutions like Avenell Bros, established in 1898; invest in a statement piece from some of Australia's top designers or a handcrafted jewel from a local artisan; and indulge your inner child at Cha Cha Chocolate. Or opt for air conditioned comfort at Hinkler Central shopping centre.

Cafe Culture

Taste the abundance of Bundaberg's year-round produce calendar on your plate at a local café or restaurant. Pioneers of the locavore movement, cafes adorn their menus with fresh, regional produce grown minutes from your plate. Tantalize your taste buds with intriguing flavour combinations that will leave even the most well-travelled foodie wanting more of what Bundaberg has on offer.

From old-school diners to loungy coffee houses to modern eateries, we have a dining experience that will satisfy any craving. Enjoy a peaceful coffee and cake with a good book by the Burnett River, or a social cuppa with friends and family in the relaxed café atmosphere that Bundaberg is known for.



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Seaside Getaways

Situated on the coastline of the Southern Great Barrier Reef, Bargara and the Coral Coast offer an idyllic beachside lifestyle. With an array of beaches painting the coastline, finding the perfect beach for you is no difficulty.



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BARGARA

Showcasing regional produce with oceanfront dining and local gelati, butcheries, bakeries, and fish and chip shops, this beachside oasis is a popular holiday spot for families and adventure seekers alike.

Live like the locals: put on your togs, and hit the waves in the morning. Stop into your favourite cafe and say hi to your local barista who makes your coffee 'oh so good'. Explore the resort-style boutiques, discover the lavendar farm, and watch the sunrise over the ocean each morning.

Whether you are looking for playgrounds, BBQ spots, surf beaches or beaches for young kids, Bargara has something for everyone.

BURNETT HEADS & PORT BUNDABERG

Where river and ocean meet at the mouth of the Burnett River sits Burnett Heads and Port Bundaberg. Lady Musgrave Experience departs from the Port Marina, and the pretty town centre offers cute cafes, local shops and a pub. Enjoy a coastal stroll along the Esplanade and take a dip at local haven Oaks Beach.

Landmarked by the Burnett Heads Lighthouse (c.1873), Burnett Heads' laidback atmosphere will help you find your calm.



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ELLIOTT HEADS

At the mouth of the Elliott River, is Elliott Heads' picturesque foreshore, a welcoming sight to families and adrenaline seekers alike. The township is home to a shaded, landscaped caravan park adjacent to the patrolled beach and picnic spots with BBQ and toilet facilities.

You can easily spend a day, week or month at Elliott Heads so why not dust off your kite, or, if you're feeling adventurous, your kite surfer, and get your adrenaline racing at Elliott Heads.



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Beautiful Beaches

You've heard of island hopping but have you heard of beach hopping? With a variety of amazing swimming and exploration beaches in between, visiting just one beach when in town is not an option.

ELLIOTT HEADS

Bundaberg's equivalent to Whitehaven Beach, this picturesque coastal gem offers sweeping white sand, effervescent blue waters full of fringing coral and swimmable rock pools. It's also a haven for kite surfers and jet skiers.

INNES PARK AND CORAL COVE

Innes Park offers creek swimming and reef within reach. Palmers Creek provides shady picnic areas with safe swimming spots perfect for a Sunday family outing.

BARGARA BEACH

Bargara Beach is a family friendly beach offering winding board walks, eateries, cafes and the popular Turtle Park playground. Dogs are welcome (on leash) and toilets, showers, shaded tables and BBQs are available.

Christsen Park, Bargara



NIELSON BEACH

Located at the northern end of Bargara. Nielson Beach offers patrolled swimming, a playground, skating rink and skate park. and an outdoor basketball court. Also available are toilets, showers, change facilities, shaded tables, picnic areas, BBQ's, cafe at the Surf Club and Shop at the Caravan Park just across the road.

KELLYS BEACH

Kellys Beach offers a popular, surf lifesaver-patrolled beach, as well as 'The Basin', a protected, calm swimming spot popular for families with young kids. Put on vour snorkels and check out the fish that swim in these waters or catch the tide into the causeway. This popular swimming hole is also home to many shaded beach BBO spots, a playground, and family-friendly accommodations just a short, leisurely stroll away.

WOODGATE BEACH

A 16km stretch of protected beach offering calm clear waters and ample space to set up your chair to watch the waves softly lap the shore.

MON REPOS BEACH

Home of the nesting and hatching turtles six months of the year this 1.6km stretch of beach is a secluded cove of beautiful coastline. The beach is enjoyed for swimming, sailing, and other water sports.

OAKS BEACH

This 200m patrolled beach in Burnett Heads is good for snorkelling, fishing, rock walking, swimming or surfing. Check out the South Head Parklands where you will find playground equipment for all ages, skate park, wide spaces to kick a ball around and barbecue and picnic facilities.

MOORE PARK BEACH

Moore Park Beach is a 20km stretch of sandy beach and is perfect for every member of the family, even the fourleaged kind, with the southern end of the beach dog-friendly. The beach is patrolled by the Surf Lifesaving Club during the summer and there is a caravan park. motel and holiday units to cater for all your accommodation needs.

BAFFLE CREEK

The furthest point north along the coast sits Baffle Creek. Baffle Creek provides many kilometres of waterways for fishing, crabbing and boating, so why not drop a line and try your luck? Grab the kids, or your mates and enjoy a picnic in the shade or drag out the kayaks for a paddle.



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Our Canine Guests

Dogs are welcome on many of our region's beaches as long as they are kept on a leash at all times (unless otherwise signed) leash at all times (unless otherwise signed) while being exercised. Please do the right thing as a responsible dog owner and clean up after your dog.



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Patrolled Beaches

During summer, Surf Life Savers patrol specific beaches in the Bundaberg region. The beach is a dynamic environment which, while fun, can be unpredictable and dangerous. Red and yellow flags indicate that an area of beach is supervised by a lifesaving service.

The following are patrolled for your safety, but please check times and seasons at www.beachsafe.org.au before visiting.

- Kellvs Beach Bargara
- Nielson Beach Bargara
- Oaks Beach Burnett Heads
- Moore Park Beach
- Elliott Heads Beach



Coast

Bargara

WOODGATE BEACH

Imagine untouched sand, an expansive view and the friendliest locals you'll ever meet. A 45-minute drive south of Bundaberg, Woodgate Beach is a secluded paradise.



Explore Woodgate Beach here or visit bundabergregion.org/ visit-woodgate-beach

Waterfront Seclusion

A l6km stretch of protected beach offering calm clear waters, ocean-view properties, and ample space to set up your chair to watch the sun go down over the water. The seclusion and safety of the town make it an ideal place for family vacations with an array of accommodation options from caravan parks 20m from the beach to ocean view holiday rentals. Spend your afternoon with fresh caught reef fish and chips on the beach and watch the sun go down. Woodgate Beach is a holiday destination that will have you coming back year after year.

Water-Based Activities

Get wet and wild in the protected blue waters off Woodgate Beach. Try your luck out on the water, take the boat deep sea fishing, try for mud crabs in Theodolite Creek or set up your camp chair on the beach and cast a line.

Make the most of the calmer waters and learn to stand up paddleboard in Theodolite Creek. Take a kayak tour with the whole family and snap that perfect early-morning sunrise shot. Hit the beach for a swim and have a sandcastle competition. Wrap up your day with fish and chips, a milkshake and your toes in the sand.

Outdoor Adventure

Woodgate Beach is an amazing holiday destination for the outdoor enthusiast. Surrounded by Burrum Coast National Park, you can take the Banksia Boardwalk which offers wheelchair access or go hiking to campsites and waterways.

Woodgate Beach.

Take the road less travelled and enjoy 4WDing at the Kinkuna section and beach access at the southern end of the Woodgate Beach Esplanade. You can also pretend you're Bear Grylls for the night and test your survival skills at campsites only accessible by 4WD. Go a little wild on your next holiday to Woodgate Beach.



A Hinterland Escape

Childers is a storybook town positioned on the Bruce Highway, whose streets and buildings still whisper reminders of the past. Be welcomed by rich red dirt farms and sweeping tree-lined streets.

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the city and spend a few days touring the picturesque town nestled in the hinterlands. Take time to discover its unique history, its



award-winning wineries and get up-close and personal to iconic wildlife.

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Local Stories, Many Generations

Famous for its old-world charm, discover the passionate people that truly make Childers magical.

Meet Merissa Craft, who had a dream of bringing her family's magnificent Paragon Theatre back to life, dedicating her days to restoring this Childers icon.

Chat with Allan Baker, OAM, who has been collecting and sharing history through the Military and Memorabilia Museum, a lifetime's work sparked by reading the passionate letters between his war-torn parents. Pop into Childers Arts Space (CHARTS), a hub for local artists to showcase the works they are so passionate about. A true representation of the colour and diversity of the regional art scene, the space hosts a number of exhibitions a year, the devoted team members spend their days sharing the stories behind the artworks to fascinated visitors.

Take time with historian and fifthgeneration local, Scott Stedman, at The Old Pharmacy, one of the town's most time-honoured icons. Established over 125 years ago, it is one of Australia's largest pharmaceutical displays, with medicinal marvels and incredible rare specimens you're unlikely to see elsewhere in the world.

Childers Heritage Trail

Take a trip down memory lane and explore the historical hotspots of Childers. Laced with beautiful, masonry buildings, you'll feel

as though you've stepped back in time.



Scan to discover the Childers Heritage Trail or visit bundabergregion. org/childers#map

DID YOU KNOW? Childers had long been part of the Isis Shire. There is conjecture about whether it was named after the Isis River in England or after the Egyptian goddess of fertility, due to the region's fertile red soil.



Welcome to Gin Gin

A peaceful drive north of Bundaberg is Gin Gin, nestled on the Bruce Highway. Lovely gardens divide the wide streets, and historic buildings are a reminder of Queensland's pioneering past. Visitors can explore the natural rural countryside and fields of sugarcane, with olive groves emerging as new horticultural industries.



Scan to discover what awaits in Gin Gin or visit bundabergregion.org/ gin-gin

Things to Do

Take a bite out of one of the famous, award-winning pies from 'The Travellers Rest Stop'.

Check out the local museum and visit the local gallery featuring exhibits by local artists.

Have a bush picnic at the historic Kalliwa Hut in Goodnight Scrub National Park, home to over 60 species of butterfly and 4WD up to One Tree Hill for panoramic views of the area.

Head to the small mining town of Mt Perry, which produced a fortune in minerals for many years from the 1870s. The remains of the old copper smelting works are just a short walk above the town.

Drive or walk through the Boolboonda Tunnel, the longest non-supported tunnel in the Southern Hemisphere, and a roadtripper must see.

Get Active

LAKE MONDURAN

Also known as Fred Haigh Dam, Lake Monduran Dam is located north-west of Gin Gin and is a beautiful scenic spot to relax, get close to nature or enjoy a variety of water sports.

An ideal day out or weekend getaway for fishing fanatics, with an abundance of

Barra and Bass that you can fish for in your own boat, or perhaps book a charter. A good quality concrete boat ramp provides access to this wonderful lake. There are plenty of shelters, picnic settings, and barbecues overlooking the lake. making it perfect for a freshly caught fish on the barbecue cookup!

The lake also offers many water recreation opportunities from swimming, canoeing, kayaking and water-skiing.

GIN GIN NATURE PARK

The bushland reserve with large Eucalyptus trees, deep waterholes and a running creek provides an important habitat for birds and other native wildlife on the outskirts of Gin Gin. Enjoy the short walking track and timber viewing platform near the creek.

NORTH BURNETT

Mount Walsh National Park

Welcome to the North Burnett Discover North Burnett Towns

Are you looking for fun and adventure or simply seeking solace? You will be delighted A popular picnic spot for travellers, Ban with the selection of experiences the North Burnett region has to offer.

wonderous waterways, this is the Burnett Way – where the words "live work play" easily come to mind. Come take a drive, spend some time and see for yourself what this impressive region has to offer.



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BAN BAN SPRINGS

Ban Springs sits 26km south of Gayndah on the A3 Australia's Country Way. Wakka Wakka legend exists around the Ban Ban From the impressive mountain ranges to the Springs site dating back to the Dreamtime. The Rainbow Serpent surfaced and spoke to the elders of the Wakka Wakka people, telling them about the secrets of the sacred waters and stories about the nearby Seven Sisters mountain range.

> **DID YOU KNOW?** Ban Ban Springs was the first site in Queensland to be formally recognised as culturally significant.

BIGGENDEN

The mountain ranges of Mount Walsh are the backdrop to the picturesque township of Biggenden, just over one hour's drive from Bundaberg. Biggenden is also home to the Chowey Bridge, which is one of only two of its kind in Australia. This concrete railway bridge was built in 1905 and is a popular picnic spot.

Paradise Dam is a family-friendly oasis and water sport haven with the restored historic Kalliwa Hut a scenic 5km boat trip upstream.

DID YOU KNOW? Burnett Livestock Exchange in Biggenden is the largest privately owned livestock selling centre in Oueensland?

EIDSVOLD

Just two hours west of Bundaberg, once a populous gold mining town in the 1880's, these days Eidsvold boasts a strong cattle trade. While in town, visit the Reginald Murray Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre, purpose built to honour legend RM Williams. Here visitors can learn about his skills and achievements as the centre brings to life his passion for traditional bush life. The 'Son et – Lumiere' light show is a must see when visiting and before you leave, be sure to ask their friendly visitor information team for their top local tips.

DID YOU KNOW? One of Australia's true icons, R.M. Williams, was born in South Australia and in the early 1950s moved to "Rockybar", a property west of Eidsvold.

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GAYNDAH

Gayndah lays claim to the oldest town in Queensland. A two-and-a-half-hour drive inland from Bundaberg, Gayndah offers authentic country hospitality with its quaint main street and heritage-listed buildings.

An educational haven for young families, Gayndah offers many historical points of interest including the Gayndah Art Gallery, with local and visiting exhibitions, Gayndah Museum, showcasing rural life in the 19th century with a boastful collection of vintage vehicles and rare equipment from trucks and even warships, and the Gayndah Railway now home to former long-distance Queensland train the "Sunlander" and a unique location for events.

Looking for a spot to take in everything you've discovered? McConnell Lookout showcases panoramic views of the beautiful Burnett River weaving its way through large citrus orchards. Take a stroll along the picturesque Gayndah Burnett Riverwalk or check out the historic Ideraway Upside Down Bridge.

Get your adrenaline pumping and explore the vast countryside and many railway

tunnels by bike, that connect Gayndah to Mundubbera and beyond on the Boyne Burnett Inland Rail Trail (BBIRT).

MONTO

Gateway to Cania Gorge National Park, Monto is home to a variety of cultural, historic and artistic experiences. It also is a significant part of the North Burnett Art Trail.

Stop into the Pioneer Cottage Visitor Information Centre for tips from a local, and learn about the history of the Monto Historical and Cultural Complex which houses a museum and art gallery featuring cultural displays, photography, art and historical exhibitions.

Enjoy a scenic bush getaway in Coominglah State Forest and Kalpowar State Forest and discover Mulgildie Bunyip, a testament to the legend of the Bunyip hole, historic goldfields and cemetery.

DID YOU KNOW? Monto is the most northern point on the popular silo art map with 'Three Moons', which depicts stories of gold mining, mustering and the Dreamtime.

MUNDUBBERA

Monto

Mundubbera sits at the halfway point between Brisbane and Rockhampton and the meeting point of three rivers (the Burnett, Boyne and Auburn).

Take a stroll along the banks of the Burnett River at Bicentennial Park and enjoy the Sensory Garden, designed for the visually impaired, with distinctive smelling and textured plants. Go up stream to Jones Weir, a popular venue for water skiing, fishing canoeing and bird watching. See the creative minds of local artists at work at the Mundubbera Regional Art Gallery or hit the field for the Mundubbera 7-a-side Cricket in February, a cricket-fanatics dream.

Proudly titled the citrus capital of Queensland, be sure to grab some fresh juicy produce while in town.

DID YOU KNOW? "Mundubbera" is an aboriginal word meaning both "footsteps in the trees" and "meeting place of the waters".

National Parks

Put on your hiking shoes, lather on the sunscreen and hit the dirt path. The North Burnett region has an abundance of National Parks and mountain ranges. A walking track is never far away.

Hike the sandstone wilderness at Cania Gorge National Park and Dam or the Bluff walking track at Mount Walsh to bask in panoramic views of the North Burnett. Whether you're a hiking pro or just looking for that incredible view for your next Instagram photo, the North Burnett has a hike for you.



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WELCOME TO North Burnett

Experience the unique towns of Biggenden, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Eidsvold, Mount Perry and Monto, along with iconic national parks, boating and fishing spots, agricultural festivals, historic museums and scenic drives.

All this only four hours from Brisbane, or two hours from Bundaberg, along the leisurely inland route!

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