

Ideal for: families with children, multigenerational travelers, nature lovers Best for travel: April—October (cooler weather for outdoor exploring)
Getting around: Self-drive (2WD accessible), hire car or camper
Pace: Moderate — a mix of exciting activities and downtime

DAY ONE

SWEET TREATS AND COASTAL STAYS

Kick off your Mackay Isaac adventure with a visit to the Sarina Sugar Shed, a one-of-a-kind miniature working sugar mill and distillery. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour, learn about the sugar cane growing and harvesting process, and taste sugar can products made onsite – sweet treats for the kids, and rum and rum liqueurs for the adults.

Return to Mackay to enjoy lunch at a restaurant in the city centre, before travelling to your eco-accommodation. Sit back and relax where the rainforest meets the sea at Cape Hillsborough, then visit **Mount Jukes Family Farm** for some authentic Italian pizzas for dinner.

Stay: Cape Hillsborough Nature Tourist Park

DAYTWO

SUNRISE WITH THE WALLABIES

Set your alarms for an experience you don't want to miss. Wake up to the sight of wallabies and kangaroos on the beach at sunrise – a must-do for all ages. Afterwards, stretch your legs on the national park's rainforest trails, explore hidden rock pools, or sit back and relax on the beach or by the pool.

Return to Mackay and check in to your self-contained accommodation – enjoy beachfront access at Comfort Resort Blue Pacific or opt for inner city at Quest Mackay on Gordon.

Late afternoon, head to **Wake House Australia**, one of only 8 cable ski wakeboarding parks in Australia. Catering to beginners to pros, you can try kneeboarding or wakeboarding (ages 10+), take a stroll around the lake for gorgeous sunset views, and enjoy dinner and drinks at the Lakeside Sunset Café & Bar.

Stay: Mackay

DAYTHREE

CHASING WATERFALLS AND RAINFOREST VIEWS

Pack the car for a scenic 1-hour drive into the lush Pioneer Valley. Once you've arrived in **Eungella**, wander through pristine rainforest trails, soak up sweeping views from the **Sky Window**, and try you luck spotting platypus at **Broken River** — one of the best places in the world to see platypus in the wild.

Head down the valley for a hearty country pub lunch in Finch Hatton, before venturing into the natural beauty of **Finch Hatton Gorge**. It's the perfect place to slow down and immerse yourself in nature along rainforest walks, waterfalls and endless swimming holes to explore.

From here, return to Mackay with a 1-hour drive or continue your trip inland and experience the magic of the Isaac region.

Prefer guided experiences?

Join Mackay Adventure Tours for their Beach Sunrise with the Wallabies tour to Cape Hillsborough and/or their Platypus Paradise Tour through Finch Hatton and Eungella.