

Ideal for: families, international FITs, active travellers

Best for travel: April-October (cooler weather for exploring rainforests to beaches)

Getting around: Self-drive (2WD accessible), hire car or camper **Pace:** Moderate – mix of early mornings, day trips and downtime

DAY ONE

CITY EXPLORERS

Arrive in Mackay and start exploring! Make a splash with a swim at the **Bluewater Lagoon**, stroll through the **Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens**, and stop at the café for a relaxed lunch. Wander the laneways of the city centre to admire the colourful **Fifth Lane** street art murals.

In the afternoon, take a scenic 45-minute drive north to Cape Hillsborough National Park to check into your coastal eco-accommodation and visit the nearby **Mount Jukes Family Farm** for some authentic Italian pizzas for dinner.

Stay: Cape Hillsborough Nature Tourist Park



DAYTWO

SUNRISE WITH THE WALLABIES

Rise and shine — greet the day alongside friendly wallabies and kangaroos on the beach at Cape Hillsborough, an unforgettable experience. Afterwards, explore the coastal lookouts and rainforest walking trails of the National Park.

On your way to Eungella National Park, stop in at **Oh Deere Farm Stay** for an interactive and family-friendly tour of a working sugar cane farm - the ultimate paddock-to-plate experience.

Continue onwards to **Eungella National Park**. Visit the **Sky Window** for sweeping valley views, enjoy a rainforest walk to the Tree Arch for an epic photo opportunity, and visit **Broken River** to try your luck at spotting a platypus in the wild.

Stay: Eungella Cabins

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.



5 day - 4 Night | Family adventure escape



DAYTHREE

HIT THE TRAILS

Wake up in the rainforest and travel down into Finch Hatton for a day of adventure. Active travellers can hit the mountain biking trails with **Off Camber Mountain Biking, Tours and Transfers**, while others may prefer a refreshing rainforest walk to waterfalls and swimming holes in Finch Hatton Gorge.

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.

Stay: Mackay



DAY FOUR

ON THE WATER

Choose your own adventure on Mackay's waterways! Join Endless Days Private Charters for a full-day island-hopping and snorkelling, or try wakeboarding and cable skiing at Wake House Australia (ages 10+).

Fishing enthusiasts can also cast a line along the Pioneer River, known for its prized barramundi. If you don't catch dinner, try some local brews and bites at one of the many restaurants in the city's CBD.

Stay: Mackay

DAY FIVE

SWEET ENDINGS & CITY THRILLS

Head south to Sarina Sugar Shed for a paddock-to-bottle experience at a miniature working sugar mill and distillery. Enjoy a guided tour, learn about the harvesting process, and taste some sweet treats before returning to Mackay.

If you've still got energy to spare, feel the thrill of **Purple Thunder** jet boating along the Pioneer River (ages 6+), the perfect way to mark the end of your Mackay adventures.

From here, you can continue your trip inland and experience the country charm of the Isaac region.



