

# 7 day - 6 night Coast to Country for families



**Ideal for:** families, extended holidays, multi-generational groups, international FITs

**Best for travel:** April–October (comfortable for inland and coastal touring)

**Getting around:** Self-drive (2WD accessible), hire car or camper

**Pace:** Steady – balance of coast, rainforest and country with varied activities for kids

## DAY ONE

### MEET MACKAY

Get to know your holiday base! Make a splash at the **Bluewater Lagoon** leisure facility, explore the street art and hidden gems of the city centre, or wander through the beautiful **Mackay Region Botanic Gardens**.

Speed things up with a ride on **Purple Thunder** (ages 6+) for heart-pounding drifts and turns as you speed along the beautiful Pioneer River. Or for a more active adventure, join an intro class at **Wake House Australia** (ages 10+), one of only 8 cable ski wakeboarding parks in Australia, and refuel at the Lakeside Sunset Café & Bar.

For your stay, enjoy beachfront access at **Comfort Resort Blue Pacific**, or opt to stay in the city center at **Rydges Mackay Suites** or **Quest Mackay on Gordon**.

**Stay:** Mackay

## DAY TWO

### ISLAND EXPLORER

Immerse yourself in a day of exploration and relaxation, where you can do as much or as little as you'd like! Join **Endless Days Private Charters** for a full-day island adventure where you can snorkel, swim and sightsee along the pristine coastline, visiting islands like Keswick and St Bees. Cap it off with a delicious dinner at the Mackay Marina.

**Stay:** Mantra Mackay

## DAY THREE

### PADDOCK TO PLATE

Get to know our growers with a visit to **Oh Deere Farm Stay**. Enjoy an authentic behind-the-scenes tour of a working sugar cane farm, learning about local farming operations while admiring the countryside views.

In the afternoon, check into your coastal eco-accommodation at **Cape Hillsborough Nature Tourist Park**. Enjoying a dip in the family-friendly pool, walk along the beach, and venture 20 minutes down the road to **Mount Jukes Family Farm** for some authentic Italian pizzas on a working farm.

**Stay:** Cape Hillsborough Nature Tourist Park

### 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.



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## DAY FOUR

### SUNRISE WITH THE WALLABIES

Set your alarms and bring your camera – it's time to join wallabies and kangaroos on the beach for the ultimate sunrise experience. Get up close to our cutest furry locals, before spending the day exploring the National Park trails and lookouts. Beach hop along the coast to nearby Halliday Bay, Ball Bay and Seaforth, and keen anglers can cast a line straight from the beach.

**Stay:** Cape Hillsborough Nature Tourist Park

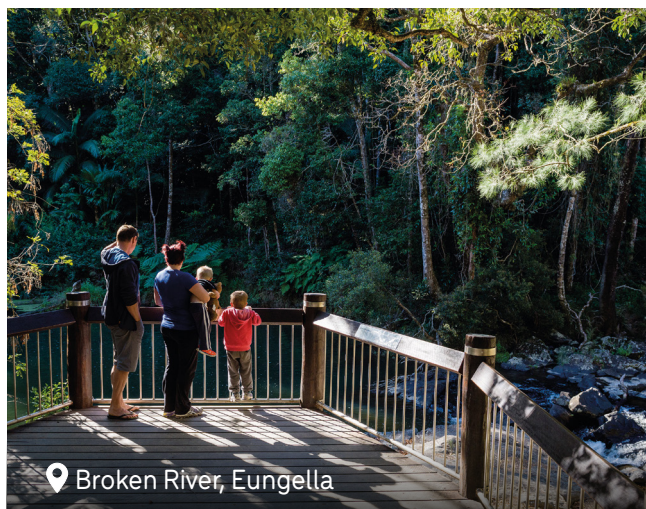
## DAY FIVE

### RAINFOREST ROAD TRIP

Enjoy a scenic 1-hour drive through the Pioneer Valley, with its winding country roads and lush rainforest views. Visit **Finch Hatton Gorge** for a rainforest walk and swim or hit the mountain biking trails with **Off Camber Mountain Biking, Tours and Transfers**.

Refuel at a local country pub before making your way further up the valley to Eungella. Visit Broken River to try your luck at spotting the elusive platypus in the wild and enjoy a treetop walk at the Sky Window.

**Stay:** Eungella Cabins



## DAY SIX

### COUNTRY CHARM

Drive 1.5 hours to the welcoming country town of Nebo. Explore the historic **Nebo Museum**, take a stroll along the Bill Bruce Nature Walk, and grab some lunch from the heritage-listed **Nebo Hotel**.

In the afternoon, continue to drive 1 hour inland to Moranbah and check in to your country accommodation. Explore the town square, browse country cafes and pubs, and don't miss a fun photo opportunity with the Big Bucket!

**Stay:** Moranbah (accommodation may not be Trade Ready)

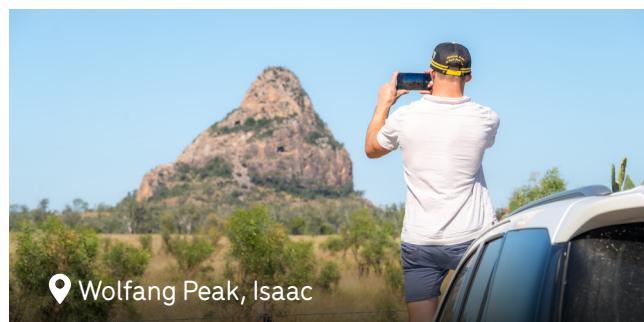
## DAY SEVEN

### STRIKE GOLD IN CLERMONT

Journey 1.5 hours inland to the historic town of Clermont, passing changing scenery with views of the Gemini Peaks, Wolfgang Peak, and seasonal cotton fields.

Once you've arrived, the **Clermont Museum** is a must-do to learn about the rich history of the area, from the gold rush to the devastating flood that saw the town relocated. Visit Hoods Lagoon, take a short 20 minute drive to visit Theresa Creek Dam, explore relics of yesteryear at the Copperfield Chimney and General Store, and enjoy a hearty meal at a local pub.

From here, return to Mackay with a 3.5hr drive or continue your trip on the Great Inland Way.



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