

Ideal for: Solo travellers, FITs, adventure seekers, nature lovers

Best for travel: April—October (comfortable for outdoor activities and wildlife encounters)

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

Pace: Active — perfect for travellers who love variety and freedom to explore

DAY ONE

ON-WATER ACTION

Ease into your Mackay Isaac adventure by checking into your lakeside accommodation at Mackay Adventure Lodge. Don't get too comfortable – one of only 8 cable ski wakeboarding parks in Australia is just outside! Wake House Australia caters from first-timers to professionals, or if relaxing is more your scene, sit back and spectate at the Lakeside Café and Sunset Bar.

If you want the heart-pounding thrills to keep coming, head out onto the water with a **Purple Thunder** jet boat ride where you can expect adrenaline-pumping drifts and turns along the beautiful blue Pioneer River.

Stay: Mackay Adventure Lodge



DAYTWO

CHASING WATERFALLS & RAINFOREST VIEWS

Pack the car for the ultimate day out exploring! Enjoy a scenic 1-hour drive through the Pioneer Valley to visit Finch Hatton Gorge, a local favourite for rainforest walks and cooling off in one of the many swimming holes. Want to speed things up? You can hit the mountain bike trails at Finch Hatton MTB, with transfers and bike hire available in town.

Refuel at a local country pub before making your way further up the valley to **Eungella National Park**. Visit **Broken River** to try your luck at spotting the elusive platypus in the wild, enjoy a treetop walk at the **Sky Window** and visit the picture-perfect tree arch.

In the afternoon, venture to the coast for your beachside accommodation at **Cape Hillsborough National Park** and set your alarms for an experience you don't want to miss.

Stay: Cape Hillsborough Nature Tourist Park

DAYTHREE

SUNRISE WITH THE WALLABIES

Wake up to the sight of wallabies and kangaroos on the beach at sunrise – an absolute must-do in Mackay Isaac. Afterwards, stretch your legs exploring the national park's rainforest trails, explore tidal rock pools, or sit back and relax on the beach.

In the afternoon, return to Mackay for your onwards travels or keep the fun coming with a visit to the **Bluewater Lagoon**, explore inner-city art trails, or head out west to experience the true-blue hospitality on an authentic country road trip.

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.