



# Drive to HAMILTON ISLAND

9 day suggested coastal drive  
itinerary from Brisbane  
to Hamilton Island

If you are keen to escape and have a few more days than usual up your sleeve, our team have researched a great self-drive route to Hamilton Island. Avoid the airports and take the scenic route!

This suggested round trip from Brisbane gives you the chance to see some of Queensland's most beautiful coastal sites. The drive is broken up into 9 leisurely days with 4 stopovers at Town of 1770, Yeppoon, Hamilton Island and Rockhampton.



*If this is going to be a family trip, why not make it a Mystery Tour for the kids. You can create an itinerary that shows them times of departure and arrival and you can drop clues about things they might see and experience on the way. It will make the long drive much more fun for them (and you!).*





## DRIVE TO HAMILTON ISLAND | 9 Day / 8 Night Suggested Drive Itinerary

Enjoy a spectacular coastal drive exploring the southern Great Barrier Reef and the Capricorn Region through to the beautiful Whitsundays. This is a suggested itinerary only, however we've done a bit of the work for you to find what we think are the great rates and packages for each locations. In some cases we have been able to secure a discount or value-add, all you need to do is quote **SELF-DRIVE20** when you book each of the individual hotels.



### DAY 1: BRISBANE TO TOWN OF 1770 (6hrs drive)

Kick start the 9 day adventure at Town of 1770, a picturesque seaside village surrounded on three sides by the Coral Sea and Bustard Bay. Enjoy spectacular beaches and scenic vistas in every direction.

If you're staying in Town of 1770, we suggest that you stay at Sandcastles 1770 Motel & Resort. Guests travelling on this itinerary can receive a Family Studio Room for \$180 per night\*, including wifi, swimming pool and more.

To book, call (07) 4974 9428 or visit [info@sandcastles1770.com.au](mailto:info@sandcastles1770.com.au)



*As the second landing site of James Cook and the crew of the Endeavour in May 1770, Town of 1770 is rich in wildlife, natural beauty and history. This is a great place to explore the 'birthplace of Queensland' as a family.*



### DAY 2: TOWN OF 1770 TO YEPPOON (4hrs drive)

Yeppoon is the Southern Great Barrier Reef's hidden gem with its classic seaside village blend of boutiques and recreation activities.

With a picture-perfect position on Yeppoon's magnificent main beach, we suggest staying at SALT. Get a One Bedroom Ocean View Apartment for just \$240 twin share\*, including breakfast, parking and free wifi.

To book, call (07) 4925 2200 or email [salt@stayyeppoon.com.au](mailto:salt@stayyeppoon.com.au)



*Yeppoon's popular boulevard offers a state of the art waterpark facility plus an expansive list of local attractions, providing endless fun for children and families. There are also plenty of restaurants and cafes to choose from.*



### DAY 4: YEPPOON TO HAMILTON ISLAND (5.5hrs drive + 1hr ferry) | DAY 4-8: HAMILTON ISLAND

Drive to Airlie Beach and board the Cruise Whitsundays ferry to tropical Hamilton Island. Perfectly located in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, enjoy beautiful weather, unique flora and fauna, sailing, fine food and wine and more.

Take advantage of our great Pay 4, Stay 5 package from \$1,800 twin share\*. This package includes 5 nights for the price of 4 at the Reef View Hotel, breakfast daily, return airport and marina transfers, kids stay and eat free<sup>^</sup>, complimentary watersports, island shuttle service, gym and wifi. Plus, guests traveling on this itinerary also receive 2 adult return ferry transfers (valued at \$239) and a complimentary golf buggy for 24 hours (valued at \$99).

To book, call 1300 007 333, email [trade@hamiltonisland.com.au](mailto:trade@hamiltonisland.com.au), or visit [www.hamiltonisland.com.au/drive](http://www.hamiltonisland.com.au/drive)



*With over 65 tours and activities, there's something for everyone. Try our homemade gelato at the Pizzeria, visit the wildlife park, play some mini golf or take on the walking trails and be rewarded with spectacular panoramic views. Plus, take advantage of our year round babysitting and child minding services and get some much needed time to yourself.*



### DAY 8: HAMILTON ISLAND TO ROCKHAMPTON (1hr ferry +5.5hrs drive)

More and more travellers are becoming attracted to Rockhampton for its beauty and cultural heritage. We think this is the perfect place to stopover before your return back to Brisbane.

If you'd like to stay in the heart of Rockhampton, Kortès Resort looks like a great option. Step into a luxurious tropical oasis for \$143\* a night, including a Standard Queen Room, parking, wifi, and a room upgrade if available.

To book, call (07) 4936 3153 or visit [www.kortes.com.au](http://www.kortes.com.au)



*Take the kids to the Capricorn Caves, visit the Dreamtime Cultural Centre and explore the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural displays or meet some furry friends at the Rockhampton Zoo.*



### DAY 9: ROCKHAMPTON TO BRISBANE (7.5hrs drive)

Make the most of a 7-8 hour drive back to Brisbane by stopping at some great towns along the way including Gladstone, Bundaberg, Gympie or the Sunshine Coast.



*If you'd like to tick off another one of the "Big things around Australia", the Big Pineapple is a short detour off the highway at Woombye. Much like the Big Banana in Coffs Harbour, the once pineapple plantation has been redeveloped to be a tourist destination in its own right with a train, zoo and a treetop adventure park to entertain the whole family.*



**\*Terms and Conditions:** This is a suggested itinerary only for travel between 1 August 2020 until 31 March 2021. To book accommodation, contact the reservations office for each hotel quoting the booking code 'SELF-DRIVE 20' at the time of booking. Subject to availability of each hotel and blackout periods apply. Value adds/discounts are on sale until 31 August 2020. For specific terms and conditions of each hotel visit [www.sandcastles1770.com.au](http://www.sandcastles1770.com.au), [www.saltyeppoon.com.au](http://www.saltyeppoon.com.au), [www.hamiltonisland.com.au/drive](http://www.hamiltonisland.com.au/drive) and [www.kortes.com.au](http://www.kortes.com.au). **Hamilton Island specific conditions:** \*Prices are per room, twin/family share with daily breakfast is included. <sup>^</sup>Kids up to 12 years stay free at participating accommodation when sharing a room with their parents and using existing bedding, and eat free when dining with their parents at participating restaurants and choosing from the kids menu on Hamilton Island. Blackout dates apply from 22 December 2020 - 16 January 2021. \$50 per night surcharge applies for travel between 25 September - 4 October 2020. Visit [www.hamiltonisland.com.au/drive](http://www.hamiltonisland.com.au/drive) for further terms and conditions.