



Drive to HAMILTON ISLAND

10 day suggested drive itinerary
from Brisbane to Hamilton Island
via Fraser 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 inland country. The drive is broken up into 10 leisurely days with 4 stopovers at Fraser Island, 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 | 10 Day / 9 Night Suggested Drive Itinerary

Combine two of Australia's most iconic World Heritage listed sites on a spectacular coastal drive. This is a suggested itinerary only, however we've done a bit of research to guide you with hotel choices. 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.



DAY 1: BRISBANE TO FRASER ISLAND (4hrs drive + 50min ferry) | DAY 1&2: FRASER ISLAND

Take a leisurely 4 hour drive to River Heads, then board the River Heads Ferry to Fraser Island. On the first two nights, we suggest you immerse yourself in the wild beauty of Fraser Island by staying at Kingfisher Bay Resort.

Guests travelling on this itinerary can receive the Sunset Adventure 2 night package from \$540 per person, twin share* which includes 2 nights' accommodation in a Wallum Resort room, return ferry transfers from River Heads, a Sea Explorer Sunset Cruise, a full day guided 4WD tour of Fraser Island plus more.

To book, call 1800 372 737 or email reservations@kingfisherbay.com



There are so many great and immersive activities to keep the family occupied including 4WD tours, bush tucker talk and taste classes, day spa, beach sports, campfires, stargazing, night walk adventures and more.



DAY 3: FRASER ISLAND TO YEPPOON (50min ferry + 5hrs drive)

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



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[^], 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, or visit 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 9: 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



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 10: 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.kingfisherbay.com, www.saltyeppoon.com.au, www.hamiltonisland.com.au/drive and www.kortes.com.au. **Hamilton Island specific conditions:** *Prices are per room, ttwin/family share with daily breakfast included. ^^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 for further terms and conditions.