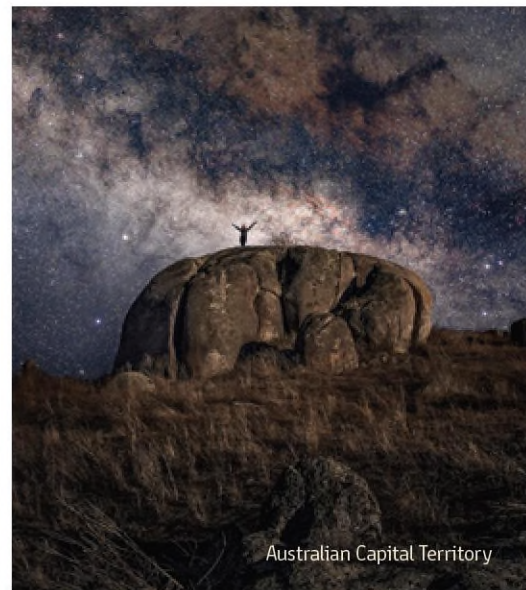




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Every great adventure starts with that one little word.  
So join us down under to a place where the water's warm and  
the welcome even warmer. Come on, what are you waiting for?  
Come and say G'day.



Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Northern Territory

# G'day

We couldn't be more excited to show you around, and share our magnificent backyard with travelers. From the dramatic desert landscapes to lush ancient rainforests and coastal cities fringed with golden beaches, Australia is known around the world for its natural beauty and dazzling cityscapes. But there's much more to our country than its good looks.

Home to the world's oldest living culture, we invite you to learn about the rich cultures and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, whose continuing connections with land and sea have much to teach us. A trip to Australia is also an opportunity to share in the values that the locals hold close to their hearts: a love for nature and wildlife, a sense of adventure and living life outdoors.

Australia's endless opportunities to get out into nature and explore places where space is abundant, have never been more precious or desirable. From the outback to the coast, from icons to undiscovered gems, there's still nothing like Australia.

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# NORTHERN TERRITORY: DIFFERENT IN EVERY SENSE



The NT isn't trying to be different. It just is.

Whether appreciating the way the sun changes the color of Uluru as it rises over the outback expanse, or listening to a thundering waterfall plunge over a rock escarpment in Kakadu National Park, the Northern Territory is a feast for the senses. Here, you'll ignite curiosities and plunge into new experiences unlike anywhere else.



Basket weaving workshop, Darwin



Outback luxury, Longitude 131



Flying over Twin Falls, Kakadu National Park

## Sense The Surreal

An adventure in the Northern Territory is like no other – you don't just see it, you feel it. You'll feel it in Kakadu National Park's wide open spaces, taste it in a freshly caught mud crab, smell it in the air as the sun rises over the West MacDonnell Ranges. You'll see it in an Aboriginal art gallery and hear it in the stories of the 65,000-year-old culture. Visit the Northern Territory and awaken your senses. Experience the freedom of wide-open spaces and dramatic, ancient landscapes, and discover Aboriginal art and culture at every turn.

## Adventure The Way You Want It

The Territory isn't a place you visit just to look around. In the NT, you'll have the freedom to explore – and this freedom is about more than the expansive landscapes and wide-open spaces. Here you'll find natural wonders that have a life of their own; the national parks and lively towns and cities are best experienced without boundaries. Adventure means lots of things to lots of people. But whether your idea of adventure is skydiving over Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park or hiking to a secluded waterfall plunge pool in Litchfield National Park, the Northern Territory provides the freedom to experience it.

## Touch History and Hear Stories

Everybody has a story to tell. Are you listening? Aboriginal elders and traditional custodians will tell you stories of the Dreamtime that have been passed down for generations. A local Darwin chef will serve an edible story on your plate about cooking traditions and influences from the tropical Top End. Ancient rock art in Arnhem Land tells of traditional ceremonies, first contact by Europeans, and so much more.

## Get a Taste of Something Different

Taste the distinct flavors of the eclectic food scene – from breakfast Laksa at Parap Village Markets in Darwin to native bush tucker foods that Aboriginal communities have foraged and hunted for centuries. The NT may not be home to Michelin-starred restaurants, but the region boasts a different kind of food culture. Food in the Top End has been heavily influenced by Southeast Asian flavors; meals in the outback might mean dining under the southern sky while enjoying foraged ingredients like bush tomatoes and fresh Barramundi. Come taste something like never before in a setting like nowhere else.

## Curious Creatures

Animal lovers need look no further than the Northern Territory. With a visit the Kangaroo Sanctuary in Alice Springs you'll meet Australia's national animal up-close. Cruise the Nitmiluk Gorge to see crocodiles and native bird species along the banks. Four-wheel drive alongside a herd of wild horses as they race through the Outback, kicking up the famously red dirt with each gallop. Witness sea turtles digging up their nests as baby hatchlings waddle towards the sea off the coast of the Tiwi Islands. The NT is flush with wildlife living in the waters of the billabongs, in the shade of rock escarpments and in the branches of the Eucalyptus tree.

## Outback Luxury

The Northern Territory provides the luxury of time, space and experiencing something rare. Luxury in the NT can also mean stylish stays and top-notch service. Longitude 131, one of the Northern Territory's most iconic luxury stays, is the very definition of outback glamping. With 16 exclusive tented rooms and nothing but spectacular red desert between you and the iconic Uluru, you can watch the colors of Uluru change from fiery red to deep ochre brown as the sun sets over the outback.

### GO NOW

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The awe-inspiring Field of Light art installation, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

# SPECTACULAR SYDNEY

Discover Sydney and New South Wales.

2023 is the year to visit Sydney Australia, from the most beautiful landscapes in the world to some of the biggest and most sought-after events, this is a year jam packed with adventure, excitement, and memories to be passed down for generations.



Vivid Sydney, an annual festival of light, music, ideas and food

Venture beyond Sydney into the nearby picturesque regions of New South Wales such as Port Stephens, the Southern Highlands and Byron Bay. Head deep into the Blue Mountains just 90 minutes from Sydney and discover what makes this UNESCO World Heritage-listed site so magical. Sip wine in the Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest wine region. Or simply relax and rejuvenate on the white sand beaches along the North and South Coast of NSW. There's over 1,000 miles of coastline to explore.

### Vivid Sydney:

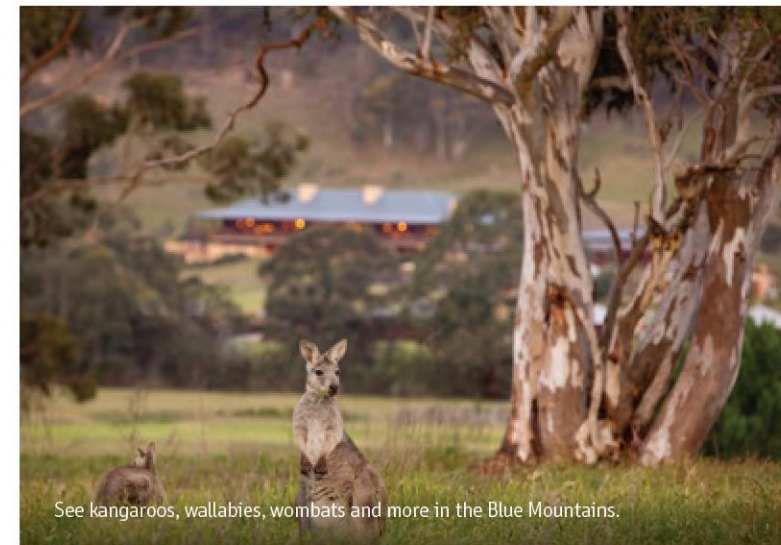
Sydney is the Crown Jewel of Australia and hosts some of the world's most spectacular events. From 26 May – 17 June 2023, **Vivid Sydney** will illuminate the harbour city with mesmerizing art displays and transform its iconic landmarks with vibrant 3D light projections. It's a jam-packed program of light, music, ideas and for the very first time, food events. Look out for a curated selection of free and ticketed events, from live music performances and late-night cabaret to talks and workshops.

### FIFA Women's World Cup:

The **FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™** will be jointly hosted by Australia and New Zealand for the first time in the Southern Hemisphere. The expanded format of 32 teams starts with the first game on 20 July 2023 and the final game on 20 August 2023 at Stadium Australia in Sydney. There's no doubt this will be one of the biggest sporting events of the year.

### Sydney Marathon:

Sign up now for the marathon, half marathon, 6.2 mile bridge run or family fun run. On 17 September 2023, thousands of participants will challenge themselves in this **Abbot World Marathon Candidate race**, which is one of the world's most scenic events, with the route stretching from the Sydney Harbour Bridge to the Sydney Opera House.



See kangaroos, wallabies, wombats and more in the Blue Mountains.

### SXSW Sydney:

For the first time since 1987, the iconic SXSW® is heading out of Austin TX and making its way to Sydney from 16 – 23 October 2023. Connecting the world's most awe-inspiring thinkers, creators and innovators, **SXSW Sydney** will showcase diverse topics, people and free-roaming ideas across Music, Screen, Gaming, Technology, Innovation, and culture. Set to be the largest event of its kind in the Asia Pacific region, SXSW Sydney 2023 is for global creative professionals who seek future industry trends, adventurous new ways of thinking, and unrivalled networking opportunities. Prepare to be inspired at SXSW Sydney 2023, a destination for creative people to connect, collaborate and achieve their goals.

### GO NOW

Enter OFFER M24944 on the website on the back cover to unlock the best of Sydney.



Explore the sea caves at Booderee National Park on the NSW South Coast

# MELBOURNE IMMERSIVE



This world-leading city melds surprising experiences with proud tradition – and everyone’s welcome to share in it.



Meyers Place - Melbourne Laneway



Ponyfish Island, Yarra River

Discover Melbourne, Victoria’s creative heart, where diverse cultures flock and self-expression thrives. Experience the city’s inclusive and ever-changing energy in awarded restaurants and lauded cocktail bars. In the stands at big-name sporting events, at blockbuster art exhibitions and on pristine nature and wildlife trails get set to discover Melbourne and all of what Victoria has to offer. There’s something new around every corner.

### Epicurean experiences

Melbourne’s acclaimed dining scene celebrates local produce and creativity at some of the world’s top tables. Society and Gimlet at Cavendish House lead with exquisite fine dining, while Victoria at Farmer’s Daughters showcases regional produce of Victoria at its finest. Star chef Scott Pickett impresses at modern bistro Chancery Lane, and Torres Strait Islander Nornie Bero creates Indigenous flavours at Mabu Mabu by Big Esso.

True foodies can shift effortlessly from fine-dining to market stalls, degustation to weekend grazing. Historic Queen Victoria Market and South Melbourne Market are beloved for deli fare and produce straight from regional farms. Foodie tour experts Hidden Secrets and Walk Melbourne reveal insider spots and the latest trends, and Fitzroy’s Lune Croissanterie is a pastry-lover’s rite of passage, with pain au chocolat and danishes to die for.

### After-dark revelry

It’s all about bespoke experiences in one of the most prolific cocktail bar scenes on the planet. Award-winning mixologists and baristas, native Australian botanicals, avant-garde design, roof-top views, and laneway dens are all part of Melbourne’s innovative mix.

Seek creative menus and unforgettable atmosphere at cocktail exemplars Eau de Vie and The Everleigh. Sip champagne in 1930s glamour at Nick and Nora’s, and join astute locals for late-night muddling at Arlechin. Find seasonal flair at Farmer’s Daughters Rooftop Bar, city views and snacks at Mediterranean-inspired Fable, and sky-high sophistication at 55th-floor Lui Bar.



Melbourne skyline

### Natural adventures

Victoria's unique native wildlife and stunning natural habitats are within easy reach of Melbourne. On the iconic Great Ocean Road, conservationists at Wildlife Wonders guide visitors on bushland wildlife experiences, and work to protect endangered species. Discover majestic birds and wildlife encounters at Healesville Sanctuary in the Yarra Valley or magical nocturnal night tours at Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Park in the Mornington Peninsula.

At Wilsons Promontory, the southern tip of Australia's mainland, cruise with Pennicott Wilderness Journeys to spot Australian fur seal colonies, birdlife, and whales and dolphins in season. In the Grampians, north-west of Melbourne, enjoy a three-night guided luxury hike along the spectacular Grampians Peaks Trail, taking in spectacular views, a rich diversity of flora and fauna and the ancient Aboriginal culture of Gariwerd.

Victoria is also the home of golf in Australia, with nine of the country's top 20 courses in Melbourne alone. Test your swing on the city's famous sandbelt championship courses, with the pristine greens and magnificent fairways of Kingston Heath, The Metropolitan and The Royal Melbourne Golf Club all within close proximity.

### Art & culture

Culture, creativity and individuality infuse every inch of arts-obsessed Melbourne. The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia is a hub for Australian art, with an outstanding collection of Indigenous artwork. Neighbouring ACMI is the city's world-class national museum of screen culture, featuring immersive film, TV and digital exhibits and film festivals.

Time • Rone, by local mural artist Rone, is an engrossing tribute to Melbourne, set above iconic Flinders Street Station. Beyond official galleries, Melbourne's city laneways are renowned for colorful creative murals and abundant, ever-changing street art. Blender Studios tours and studios offer insight into the talented artists and their works.

Learn about Victoria's 60,000 year old Aboriginal heritage with its unique traditions and spiritual beliefs at the First Nations museum Koorie Heritage Trust. Book an interactive guided walk to learn about native plants and trees with Aboriginal Heritage Walk at the beautiful Royal Botanic Gardens.

### Events capital

Melbourne is the sports capital of Australia, with a year-round calendar of world-class events worth traveling for. Join local and international tennis fans at the Australian Open each summer in January and rub shoulders with the locals for a true Melbourne experience at the Australian Football League (AFL) Grand Final in September. Melbourne also plays host to The Formula 1® Australian Grand Prix that attracts the world's elite drivers to the track at Albert Park in spring. Prestige golfing is a must on Melbourne's sandbelt is set to once again host the President's Cup for the fourth time in 2028.

### Wellness wonders

Victoria is home to sumptuous natural mineral spa experiences. Restorative pampering amid serene surrounds await at the landscaped gardens of Alba Thermal Springs or Peninsula Hot Springs on the Mornington Peninsula.

Choose from Ocean views at the Phillip Island and Saltwater Hot Springs (opening mid-2023), or cliff-top views out over Lake King at Metung Hot Springs in Gippsland while you bathe.

From laneways to nature walks, galleries to sports stadiums, a Melbourne experience welcomes you into Victoria's diverse and creative heart.

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ACDC Lane Melbourne Laneway



Peninsula Hot Springs



Wildlife Wonders

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

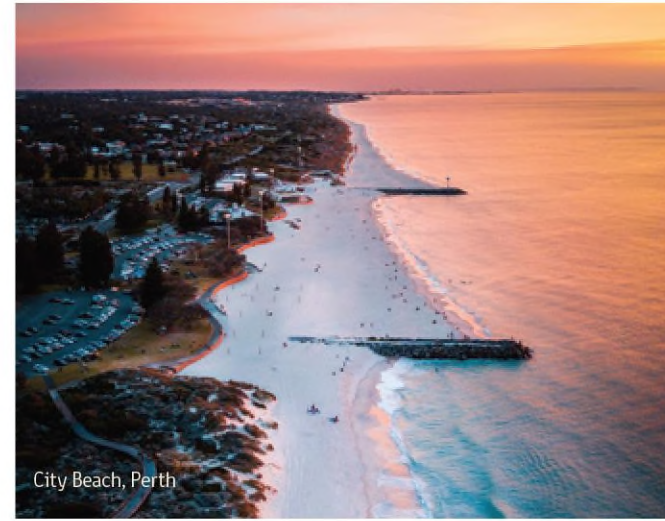


# STEP INTO A DREAM IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

An ancient land of wondrous, otherworldly and dreamlike adventures.



The Bungle Bungle Range in Purnululu National Park, Western Australia's North West



City Beach, Perth

### A City Rich with Natural Wonders

Leave the everyday behind, get away from the well-known and well-trodden, and reconnect with something unspoiled – even a little wild – in Western Australia. Boasting the nation's longest coastline and sunniest capital city of Perth, Western Australia is a place to recharge your spirit outdoors in the fresh air and wide-open spaces, where it's always summer somewhere.

Bathed in natural light, Perth sits on the banks of the glittering Swan River. The city serves as one of the primary western gateways. Get your bearings from Kings Park, where wildflowers bloom in spring and concerts ring out under starry skies.

There are 19 beautiful beaches to swim, surf and sunbathe, or watch Mother Nature paint another sensational sunset over the sparkling Indian Ocean. Culinary delights abound with new restaurants opening monthly, including Cooe. Led by Head Chef Steven Finch, the seasonal menu celebrates WA's rich abundance of local produce. There are ancient stories to be told and art to admire at the WA Museum Boola Bardip, which opened at the Perth Cultural Centre in November 2020. Woven throughout the museum are the stories and perspectives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Stay at Crown Towers Perth to drink in the unparalleled city views. This luxury hotel boasts a 15th floor lounge - the Crystal Club, a multi-tiered pool, villas offering 24-hour butler service, and access to private helicopter tours departing directly from the hotel.



Ningaloo Reef Coral Bay

### History and Heritage Meet Seaside Sunsets

Just under a 30-minute drive from Perth, the historic port city of Fremantle beckons. In 2022, TIME named Fremantle – or Freo as the locals call it – one of the world's 50 best places to travel. The city's charming streets echo with the stories of bygone eras. This is a place where convicts dared to dream and fishermen flourished; a place of enormous cultural significance for the Whadjuk people. Fremantle Tours takes visitors through Freo, from the oldest building and former prison to its newest bars and restaurants.

### Reconnect with the Land

It's easy to get lost in Perth's vibrant culture, and first-time visitors should not rush their stay in this thriving city. However, there's a lot to experience beyond Perth. As the country's largest state, Western Australia encompasses four more, very diverse regions:

- Stretching nearly 700 miles from the southern gateway of the mystical Pinnacles to the northern tip of the world's largest fringing reef, Ningaloo Reef, Australia's Coral Coast is awash with natural beauty, and it's the only place visitors can swim with whale sharks, humpback whales, and manta rays.
- The South West is one of the world's 36 biodiversity hotspots and home to Margaret River, Australia's most premium wine region that combines stunning beaches, towering forests, jewel-like caves and unique flora and fauna with world-beating wines and culinary excellence.
- Swim in emerald waters off the nation's whitest beach, Lucky Bay near Esperance, or witness one of the longest whale-watching seasons in the world in Australia's Golden Outback.
- The North West is home to one of the world's last true wilderness areas, the Kimberley region, as well as Australia's only horizontal waterfalls in red-kissed gorges. It's a sacred place where Aboriginal culture and history are inextricably bound with the land and water.

### GO NOW

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Kings Park and Botanic Garden, Perth

Queensland  
AUSTRALIA

# SAY G'DAY THE QUEENSLAND WAY



With year-round sunshine, some of the world's most revered natural attractions, and friendly locals eager to share it all with you, a Queensland vacation delivers relaxation, exploration, and fascination in spades. Full of world-famous icons and awe-inspiring experiences, nowhere else can you tick so many things off your bucket list all in one trip.

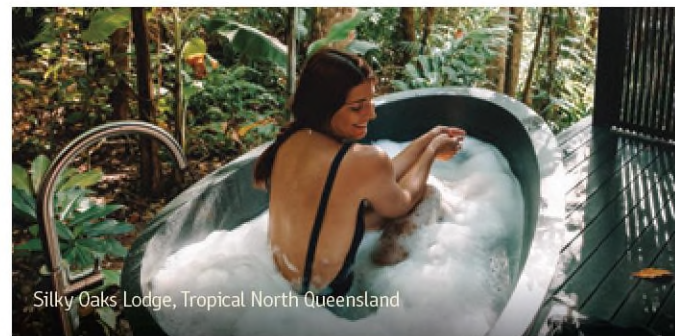
## Iconic Experiences

No matter what part of 'the Sunshine State' you're in, a jaw-dropping must-do awaits. Queensland's wide-open spaces are home to some of the most biologically diverse environments and animals on earth, one of the most significant fossil sites in the world, the planet's oldest surviving tropical rainforests, the earth's largest sand island – it can even lay claim to the world's most beautiful beach. When you visit its lush rainforests, vibrant reefs, magnificent national parks or fertile countryside, making a deep connection with nature is inevitable.

Perhaps Queensland's most famous icon, the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef, is the planet's largest coral reef system. With 3,000 separate reefs and over 900 continental islands and coral cays, it's home to marine life you won't find anywhere else. Spend your time exploring its breathtaking beauty by snorkeling off tropical islands, diving the kaleidoscope of corals and marine life of the outer reefs, or seeing the vast magnificence from above in a helicopter or seaplane.

How about the only place on earth where two World Heritage-listed sites meet? In Queensland's tropical north, you'll tick off not one, but two natural wonders in one seriously soul-enriching trip. From the edge of the Great Barrier Reef, venture deep into the tangled, lush rainforest of the Daintree to discover primordial wildlife, crystal-clear rivers, and fascinating ancient culture. Stay a while in the eco-luxury of Silky Oaks Lodge, perfectly placed to explore the region, or to simply take to your hammock to sway in the breeze of your private treehouse balcony.

Heart Reef, Whitsundays



Silky Oaks Lodge, Tropical North Queensland



Surfers Paradise, Gold Coast, Queensland



Mossman Gorge Cultural Center, Tropical North Queensland

If it's island life that appeals, you've come to the right place. Dotted all the way down the state's coast, Queensland's many islands offer an idyllic escape from the everyday.

Each is unique and offers something for every type of traveler, from remote, pristine wilderness to indulgent luxury. Take Australia's iconic private island resort, the **Intercontinental Hayman Island**: a tropical paradise nestled within the Great Barrier Reef's breathtaking Whitsunday archipelago. Relish in spectacular dining experiences, surrender to a spa treatment, explore private beaches, and immerse yourself in captivating underwater adventures. Further north, the secluded **Lizard Island** is a designated national park home to an incredible luxury resort and an internationally-recognized Great Barrier Reef research station, which runs tours for guests wanting to learn more about this complex and diverse natural treasure.

Down in the south of the state, the world-famous Gold Coast lives up to its name with a shimmering sandy stretch of beaches, each encapsulating that famous laid-back energy so quintessential to Queensland. Cool down in 'the green behind the gold' – the region's expansive hinterland of ancient rainforest, walking trails, and thundering waterfalls, just a short drive from the salty bustle of the coastline.

Nearby, the state's capital Brisbane is a welcoming, modern river city that alchemizes the perfect mix of outdoor living and urban appeal. Green spaces and a picturesque river intersect with modern art galleries, museums and theaters, alongside dining options on par with some of the best in the world.

## Cultural Connections

Surviving over 65,000 years, Australia's Indigenous culture is the oldest living cultural history in the world – and Queensland, the only place where both of Australia's Indigenous cultures meet. Whether it's through dance, art or

traditional feasts, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people proudly practice and preserve their cultures by sharing it with others, like you.

Connecting with nature is best experienced through the eyes of Queensland's Traditional Owners, who have used their knowledge of the land for thousands of years. Soothe your body, mind and soul with a traditional healing treatment under the mist of a sacred waterfall; forage for bush tucker through coastal wilderness with an Indigenous guide; witness ancient rock art in sandstone caves; or be moved by a traditional smoking ceremony and stories of the Dreamtime.

## World-class Cuisine

In Queensland, it's not just the friendly locals that will greet you, but food and drinks to match. The culinary scene has elevated significantly in recent years, with world-renowned chefs and fine dining restaurants flourishing – all served with relaxed Queensland charm.

With an average of 260 days a year of sunshine, dining al fresco is part of Queensland's DNA, as is its abundant local produce. From tropical fruit to ultra-fresh seafood, there's no shortage to be sampled at the many cafes, restaurants, markets, food festivals and tours on offer.

If the warm weather has you working up a thirst, Queensland is brimming with vineyards, craft breweries and boutique distilleries. Head to one of its many bars to sip on something deliciously cold on a rooftop overlooking sparkling city lights, in a hidden laneway speakeasy, or at a laid-back beachside joint while you watch surfers glide over the tumbling waves.

## GO NOW

Enter OFFER M24946 to get prepped for your Queensland adventure.



# G'DAY BRISBANE!

The city with Australia's biggest backyard.

## Introduction to Brisbane

Welcome to Brisbane, Queensland's thriving subtropical capital city. Enjoying year round sunshine and warm weather, embrace the city's outdoor lifestyle and endless adventures, sip spritzes on a rooftop, island hop by helicopter or picnic by boat. Explore Brisbane's natural surrounds, immerse yourself in First Nations culture or simply relax poolside in stunning new hotels.

## Brisbane Food Scene

Food and drink is something we take seriously in Brisbane – whether it's a steak at a pub, a great coffee or a five-star degustation. Our year-round outdoor climate and abundance of fresh produce mean we often eat al fresco-style, and our menus feature delicious locally sourced ingredients. From Moreton Bay prawns to greens from the Lockyer Valley, you'll discover Queensland's largest collection of Good Food Guide-awarded restaurants, cafes and bars in the region Brisbane's foodie faves include:

- Felons Brewing Co, Howard Smith Wharves
- Opa Bar + Mezze, The City
- Eat Street, Hamilton
- Maya Mexican, Fortitude Valley
- Southside Restaurant, Fish Lane

## Top Experiences

### 1. Cruise the Brisbane River

The iconic Brisbane River is the perfect backdrop to this city of lifestyle and leisure. Being on the water is one of the best ways to enjoy a Brisbane sightseeing adventure. For dining and entertainment, **Miramar Cruises** host a range of trips from the Koala Cruise that takes you to **Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary**.

### 2. Howard Smith Wharves

At the heart of Brisbane's dining and entertainment hub is Howard Smith Wharves. Enjoy the best seat in the house right under the **Story Bridge**, on the edge of the sparkling Brisbane

River. It's a place where you're spoilt for choice with some of Brisbane's best restaurants and bars, and it just keeps getting better! Your first stop has to be **Felon's Brewing Co.** and their new beer hall - a freshly renovated, old wool shed that opens onto the river. Sample the beers brewed on the premises, which are even more refreshing with a gentle river breeze. Just a few feet away is the effortlessly cool, **Mr. Percival's**. This is the place to sip cocktails and watch the sparkling city skyline work its twilight magic.

### 3. The Scenic Rim

Named in Lonely Planet's Top 10 regions to visit in the world for 2022, the **Scenic Rim's** spectacular scenery of sweeping valleys and mountain ranges, combines the best of both worlds: brimming paddock-to-plate foodie experiences, eco-escapes and great outdoor adventure activities.

### 4. Island Getaways

Get on island time and explore Brisbane's idyllic islands located just an hour from the city. From glistening white-sand beaches of **Tangalooma Island Resort**, native wildlife and breathtaking natural wonders, there's an abundance of activities and tours available; your sense of discovery won't go unsatisfied.



Snorkeling shipwrecks at Tangalooma Island Resort



# NOOSA

Immerse yourself in nature.

A haven for outdoor experiences and sustainable travel, Noosa's credentials as a green travel destination are in check, and there are multiple ways to experience a slow Noosa vacation. With one of Australia's best-known national parks in the heart of town, world-famous surf beaches enveloping the region's villages, and a diverse tapestry of hinterland, an escape to Noosa will get you back into nature. Noosa is the ideal wellness destination, dotted with hidden gems that will soothe your soul and reset your senses.

## Green Travel

Noosa is a designated UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, and the 10th World Surfing Reserve, meaning the town's environmental harmony and iconic waves will be protected for generations to come. It is also home to one of only two everglades systems on earth, a 37 mile long stretch of waterways in the upper reaches of the Noosa River, which boasts over 40 per cent of Australia's bird species. Cruise the mirrored glass-like waters with **Everglades Eco Safari** and see native species in the wild (kangaroo sightings are guaranteed!) or take a serene, self-guided kayak tour with **Kanu Kapers**. Explore the rocky trails that intertwine across the Noosa National Park and hug the spectacular coastline, or learn to surf in crystal clear waters where the team at **Go Ride A Wave** will teach you to catch your first wave.

## Noosa Food Scene

Noosa's foodie scene has exploded with an influx of inventive new restaurants and bars, sitting alongside long-time favourites. Local produce and sustainable practices are in abundance here, and menus are brimming with locally caught seafood and organic produce. Dine beachfront at **Sails**, in neutral, subtly nautical interiors that let the front-row views shine. Arrive by ferry at the riverside **Ricky's**, which serves sustainable fare in the kind of relaxed, coastal-chic surrounds Noosa is famous for. Or wander Hastings Street and discover inventive modern-Asian share plates at **Bang Bang**, and authentic Italian food and service at **Locale Noosa**. At Sunshine Beach, discover **Humble on Duke**, a tiny 14-seater serving Middle Eastern-inspired plates with homely service.



## Top Experiences

From the coastal villages to the hinterland, there is so much to explore in Noosa. Leave the details to the experts and join a guided expedition. Delve into the burgeoning distillery and brewing scene, on a gourmet tour with **Creative Tours**. Take in the world's longest beach drive and witness majestic, coloured sand cliffs and up-close turtle and dolphin encounters with **Epic Ocean Adventures**. Get the best view in town, on a scenic helicopter tour with **Salt Air Aviation**, or up your skills with a hands-on cooking class at multi-venue space **ALBA by Kuruvita**, owned by celebrity chef, Peter Kuruvita.

## Don't Miss in 2023

Iconic Noosa events are dotted across the calendar, with a little something for everyone. It's hard to beat the famed **Noosa Triathlon Festival**, for world-class events and party atmosphere. Or experience Noosa's legendary surf culture, at the **Noosa Festival of Surfing**. Cycling enthusiasts can ride the rolling hills of the hinterland at the **Noosa Classic** or hit the gravel trails at the **Noosa Enduro**. Experience a display of rare and desirable cars at the **Noosa Concours d'Elegance** or get amongst the foodie scene at the **Noosa Eat & Drink Festival**.

## Tips from the Locals

Escape to the wilderness to get up close with native Australian wildlife at Habitat Noosa. Venture to the coastal village of Peregrin Beach, for laidback boutiques and excellent eats. Spend your afternoon sipping a drink with million dollar views and a bustling atmosphere at the **Sunshine Beach Surf Club**, and hop aboard the Noosa Ferry and watch the sun dip down over the Noosa River and hinterland.

AUSTRALIA'S  
**GOLDCOAST.**

# GOLD COAST

Australia's Favorite Vacation Playground.

## Gold Coast Food Scene

With a rising reputation as one of Australia's hottest new foodie destinations, the Gold Coast is a gourmet playground with a diverse and delicious range of dining options. From fine dining at hatted restaurants to fresh produce from local farmers markets, succulent seafood, boutique distilleries and an enviable café culture, Gold Coast serves up some seriously mouthwatering menus. For fine dining with incredible coastal views try **Rick Shores** or The Tropic in Burleigh heads. For a seafood feast book a table at **Gods of the Sea** or **Glass Dining & Lounge**. And no Gold Coast gastronomy guide would be complete without mentioning **Social Eating House**, **Restaurant Labart**, **Uncle Su** or **T'ang Court**.

## Top Experiences

Did you know, the Gold Coast offers over 160 experiences all within a 30 minute radius? With so much ground to cover, joining a guided tour is the best way to get to know the Gold Coast. For those who love getting active and going fast, a jet ski tour or a scenic flight on a helicopter will get the adrenaline pumping. If a slower pace appeals, stand up paddle boarding or kayaking in calm water creeks is a very zen way to explore. Head for the mountainous hinterland on a 4WD adventure with **Southern Cross Tours** to discover ancient rainforests, waterfalls and an entirely different experience to the sun, surf and sand. Foodies will have a fantastic time on a **Kiff & Culture** food and wine tour, visiting some of the city's iconic eateries, distilleries and breweries. During winter and autumn, get up close and personal with some of the world's largest creatures on a whale watching tour - combine it with breakfast onboard and enjoy views of the stunning coastline as the humpbacks put on a display. And to learn about our Indigenous culture and heritage, join **Jellurgal Walkabout Tour** by the banks of Tallebudgera Creek with a First Nations guide who will share stories from the Dreamtime and fascinating facts about the Yugambah speaking people and the traditional ways of life practiced for thousands of years.

## Don't Miss In 2023

With an incredible subtropical climate and 300 days of sunshine each year, the Gold Coast is ideal for outdoor events and this city sure knows how to celebrate! In August 2023 the inaugural Pacific Airshow is due to take off over the Gold Coast. This will

be a must-see spectacle with the three-day family-friendly festival transforming the skies over iconic Surfers Paradise beach into Australia's biggest stage. Each September, Currumbin Beach becomes an interactive outdoor gallery during the **Swell Sculpture Festival** where large-scale artworks are displayed on the sand. The annual **Bleach Festival\*** celebrates arts and culture in all forms with an eclectic mix of storytellers, place makers, performers and musicians bringing out-of-the-box experiences to eager audiences. And for music lovers, the Gold Coast has an exciting lineup of free festivals including **Blues on Broadbeach**, **Groundwater Country Music Festival** and **Springtime** when live music fills the streets, beaches and parks in precincts across the city. Come and enjoy the unique collaboration between the arts and the outdoors for a distinctly Gold Coast experience.

## Tips from the Locals

Enjoy a delicious bug roll from the iconic beachfront locale **Rick Shores**. Or pack a picnic and enjoy the views from Burleigh Headland looking out over the ocean towards the Surfers Paradise skyline. For a quintessential Queensland morning, grab a takeaway coffee and pastry from beside Tallebudgera Creek, or breakkie (breakfast) from one of the many surf clubs dotted along the coastline.



Tallebudgera Creek



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