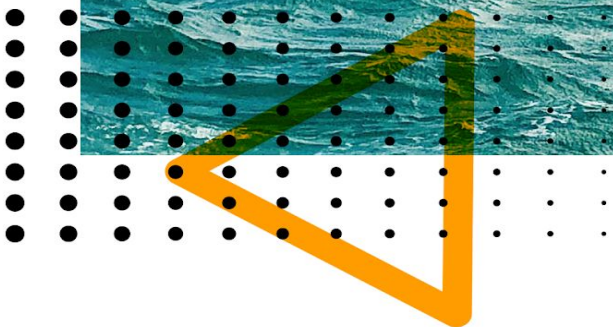
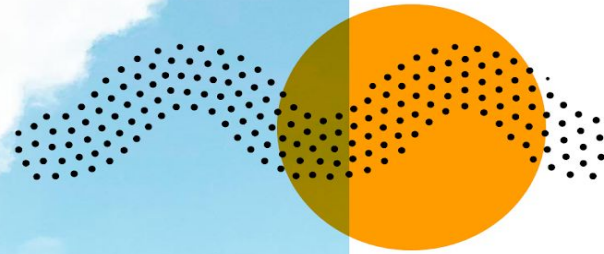


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BEFORE YOU GO

Here are some suggested stays for every wallet size, for each of the Queensland cities you will be staying in. These are located in convenient locations, so it's easy for you to get around!



Gold Coast

Budget	Hotel
USD 30/night and below	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Down Under Hostels• Palm Beach Hotel
USD 60/night and below	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Southport Studio with Water Views• Komune Resort and Beach Club Greenmount Beach
USD 100/night and below	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chateau Beachside Resort• Beachcomber Resort Surfers Paradise

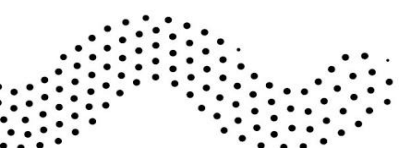
Brisbane

Budget	Hotel
USD 30/night and below	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brisbane City YHA• Breeze Lodge
USD 60/night and below	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ascot Budget Inns and Accommodations• Soho Brisbane Hotel
USD 100/night and below	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great Southern Hotel Brisbane• George Williams Hotel



DAY 1 GOLD COAST

Time	Activity	Getting there
1300-1430	Have lunch at Boatshed Currumbin	10 min drive from airport
1530-1630	Drive up to Harbour Town Outlet Shopping Centre	
1630-1900	Shop til you drop at Harbour Town Outlet Shopping Centre	
1930-2100	Dinner at Vapianos	It is a 20 min drive from Harbor Town.



DAY 1 GOLD COAST



Fill your bellies at the Boatshed Currumbin

After a long flight, refuel with a hearty brunch. The Boatshed Currumbin is located just a 10 minute drive away from the airport .

Apart from delicious brunch food, cafe opens up to the creek so you'll get to enjoy your brunch with scenic views of the river.



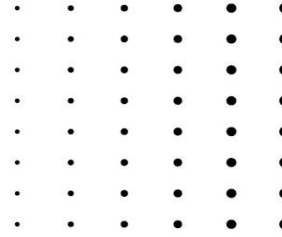
Address: 2-4 Thrower Drive, Currumbin, Qld 4223, Australia

Opening Hours: Wednesday and Thursday 7am to 3pm | Friday and Saturday 7am till late | Sunday 7am to 5pm | Closed on Mondays





DAY 1 GOLD COAST



3. Shop til you drop at Harbour Town Outlet Shopping Centre

Head over to **Harbour Town** for some retail therapy! With over 240 stores with well-known brands such as Ralph Lauren, Fila, Tommy Hilfiger, Adidas, Nike, Kate Spade and so much more, this is THE biggest outlet shopping in the whole of Australia.

Be sure to set aside some time to cover all that this shopping centre has to offer. Enjoy HUGE discounts with prices slashed by as much as 80% – this is truly a shopaholic’s haven.

Address: 147-189 Brisbane Road, Biggera Waters QLD 4216, Australia

Opening Hours: Monday to Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9am to 5.30pm | Thursday 9am to 7pm | Sunday 10am to 5pm

4. Dinner at Vapianos

Craving for some comfort food on a night out? We’re sure that you’ve whipped up an appetite after a full day of shopping at Harbour Town. Head on back to Surfers Paradise for some delicious handmade pasta from **Vapianos!**

Remember to grab your soulmates and share a night of laughter with some of the best stress medicine – pasta!



Address: Soul Boardwalk T208, Cavill Ave, Surfers Paradise QLD 4217, Australia

Opening Hours: Sun-Thurs, 11-11pm, Fri & Sat: 11-12am





DAY 2

GOLD COAST

Time	Activity	Getting there
0930-1600	Take on some of Gold Coast's best theme parks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warner Bros Movie World• DreamWorld• Whitewater World	
1600-1700	Head to Surfers Paradise	
1700-1900	Have a sunset picnic at Surfers Paradise	
1900-2000	See Gold Coast from high above at the SkyPoint Observatory	



DAY 2

GOLD COAST

1. Take on some of the Gold Coast's best theme parks!

When in the Gold Coast, you HAVE to head to its iconic theme parks

You can choose to either stick with one theme park for the whole day, or split your time between two with a [theme park combo](#). Most of the Gold Coast theme parks close around 5pm - make sure you plan your time wisely!



(a) [Warner Bros. Movie World](#)

Transport into a world of your favorite movie characters, from childhood favorites like Looney Tunes to Superman and beyond. This park has endless rides that'll get your heart pumping with adrenaline.



(b) [Dreamworld](#)

One of the most popular and biggest theme parks in Australia, Dreamworld is filled with wonder, powered by dreams and imagination! Brave the Big 9 Thrill Rides, from BuzzSaw, to Pandemonium, the Tower of Terror!



(c) [Whitewater World](#)

Head on over to the WhiteWater World and beat the summer heat with favorite water activities like Wiggle Bay, Triple Vortex and The Bro.

If you're looking to theme park-hop, we suggest [pairing this with Dreamworld in a combo](#)

DAY 2

GOLD COAST

2. Have a sunset picnic in Surfers Paradise

After stocking up at the nearest supermarket (Coles is our pick!) or picking up some food to go from one of the beachside cafes, have a sunset picnic in Surfers Paradise. Sit back, relax and enjoy the sunset - you deserve it after this long day out.

Address: 10 Beach Road, QLD 4217, Australia



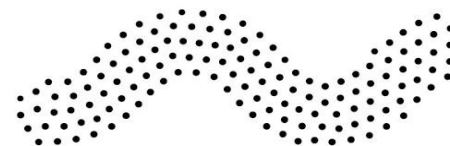
3. See Gold Coast from high above at the SkyPoint Observatory

See this coastal city in its full glory from Gold Coast's highest building, the SkyPoint Observatory. Just six minutes on foot from Surfers Paradise, the [Skypoint Observation Deck](#) provides a stunning panorama of this coastal city at sunset.



Address: Level 77 at top of the Q1 Building, 3003 Surfers Paradise Boulevard, Surfers Paradise, Gold Coast

Opening Hours: Sunday-Thursday:
7:00am-9:00pm | Friday-Saturday:
7:00am-10:00pm





DAY 3 BRISBANE

Time	Activity	Getting there
0800-0900	Drive from Gold Coast to Brisbane	
0900-1230	Check Skydiving off your bucket list	
1300-1400	Head to the Farmers Market for lunch	
1430-1630	Cuddle a furry friend at the Lone Pine Sanctuary	
1700-1830	Take a tour of Brisbane's XXXX Brewery	
1900	Dinner at Les Bubbles	





DAY 3 BRISBANE

1. Drive from the Gold Coast to Brisbane

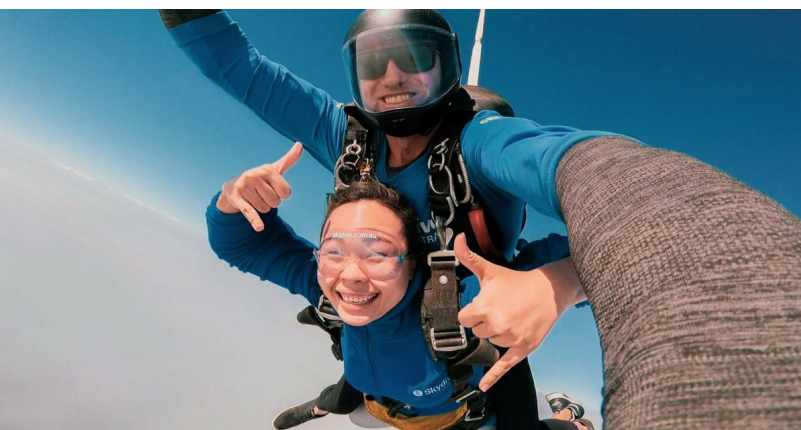
Your next stop: Brisbane! This riverside city is only about an hour's drive out from the Gold Coast. With an up-and-coming arts scene, modern architecture by the water, international dining spots and pockets of nature, Brisbane is a stop to make on your Queensland road trip.



2. Skydive Brisbane

Push your boundaries with a tandem jump at **Skydive Brisbane**. Tandem jumps are perfect for first timers as you are attached to an instructor via harness! The skydive instructors take on an average of 8 to 10 jumps daily, with some doing this for over 50 years!

[Book the activity on Klook – we strongly recommend choosing the handicam video and photo package](#) as this is one experience you will never want to forget! Talk about #bucketlistgoals





DAY 3 BRISBANE

3. Have lunch at Brisbane's farmers market

Brisbane's best farmers pops up in Brisbane Square and here's where you'll get to buy fresh produce and pastas. You'll also get to sample cheese and jams as well as get your lunch of seafood, smoked meats and more!

Address: Reddacliff Place, Queen St, Brisbane City QLD 4000, Australia

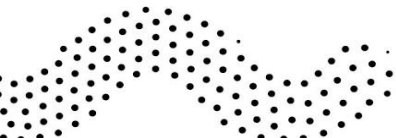


4. Cuddle a furry friend at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

Nothing is more therapeutic than hugging a fuzzy Koala, and there's no better place in Brisbane to cuddle one than at the [Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary](#). Did you know that Queensland is one of the only two states in Australia whereby one is even permitted to touch a Koala?

Address: 708 Jesmond Rd, Fig Tree Pocket QLD 4069, Australia

Opening Hours: Daily, 9-5pm



DAY 3 BRISBANE

5. Take a tour of Brisbane's XXXX Brewery - free tastings included

Beer gourmets will be familiar with XXXX, which is said to be Queensland's most iconic brew. If you've always wondered about its origin, the meaning behind its enigmatic name, how its produced, and what it tastes like straight from the brewery, this [XXXX Brewery Tour](#) is for you.

You'll get to learn about their world-class brewing methods – from ingredient selection to the perfect way to pour a glass! And of course, free tastings are included.



Address: XXXX Brewery Tours, Black St & Paten St, Milton QLD 4064, Australia

6. Dinner at Les Bubbles

Once an illegal casino and brothel, now a classy French-style bistro, **Les Bubbles** is a hidden local gem. With their neon sign board and busy crowds, this bistro is hard to miss when you're driving by the neighbourhood.

Their menu is centred around their signature dish – **Steak Frites**. Known as the national dish of France, it's served with soft leave salad, a sauce of your choice and an unlimited amount of fries!



Image Source: [Les Bubbles](#)



DAY 4 BRISBANE

Time	Activity	Getting there
0900-1100	Explore the streets of Brisbane	
1100-1230	Drive from Brisbane to Sunshine Coast	90 min drive from Brisbane
1300-1700	Visit the Australia Zoo	
1730-2300	Drive to Fraser Island	It is a 5.5 hour drive from Brisbane



DAY 4 BRISBANE

1. Explore the Brisbane city streets

With an up-and-coming arts scene, modern architecture by the water, international dining spots and pockets of nature, Queensland's capital Brisbane is a stop to make on your Queensland road trip.

Head to the City Botanic Gardens, renowned for the rare species kept inside, as well as the Parliament House to observe the influence of French Renaissance on its architectural design. You'll get a stunning view of Brisbane and the massive Story Bridge on a river cruise.



2. Drive to Sunshine Coast

Sunshine Coast is a 1 hour 30 min drive from Brisbane! We'd suggest packing some snacks and sandwiches to eat on the road so that you can get right back into the action upon reaching Sunshine Coast.

DAY 4 BRISBANE

3. Visit the Irwin legacy - Australia Zoo

We all remember watching Steve Irwin on TV as a kid, seeing him captivate the audience with his daring interactions with some of the most ferocious animals on earth. His passion and love for wildlife could be felt even from the screens, and it's heartening to witness how his legacy continues to live on at the **Australia Zoo**.

The Australia Zoo, approximately the size of 76 football fields, is the biggest zoo in Australia. It is home to the best wildlife conservation facilities in the entire world! [Skip-the-queues when you pre-purchase your Australia Zoo ticket on Klook!](#)

Address: Australia Zoo, 1638 Steve Irwin Way, Beerwah QLD 4519, Australia

Opening Hours: Daily 9:00am-5:00pm





DAY 5 FRASER ISLAND

Time	Activity	Getting there
0750	Meet the guide at Kingfisher Shopping Village	
0800-1630	Explore Fraser Island <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lake McKenzie• Wanggoolba Creek• 75 Mile Beach• Maheno Shipwreck	
	Head to Seabelle Restaurant for dinner	
1700-1830	Enjoy dinner at Seabelle Restaurant	
	Fly to Cairns	



DAY 5 FRASER ISLAND

5. Fraser Island Day Trip

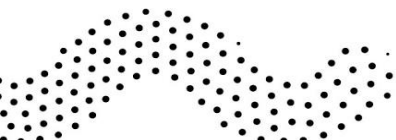
On this [full day ranger guided tour](#), discover Fraser Island's iconic natural attractions, also known as the “Beauty Spots”. Start off with a visit to Lake McKenzie where you can take a dip in the crystal clear waters or relax on the sandy white beaches, before heading to Central Station and the Wanggoobla Creek, where you’ll find yourself surrounded by all types of flora.

There’s much more included in this tour and we won’t spoil too much - but it does include a drive along the famous 75 Mile Beach where you might spot some humpback whales!

Meet Up Location:

Kingfisher Shopping Village (opposite of the Kingfisher Bay Resort hotel lobby)

Address: Kingfisher Bay, Fraser Island QLD 4581, Australia



DAY 5
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Credit: [Kingfisher Bay Resort](#)

Dinner at Seabelle Restaurant

Head over to the Seabelle Restaurant in Kingfisher Bay Resort for some fresh seafood!

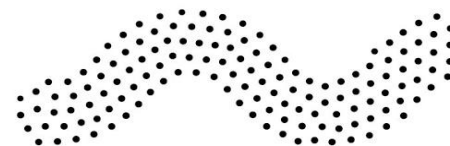
The restaurant grows their own herbs and garnishes in house and they only use fresh local produce in all their meals.

Address: Mercure Kingfisher Bay Resort, Fraser Island QLD 4655, Australia

Opening hours: 6am to 10pm

Take a red eye flight to Cairns


After you've filled your bellies, get ready to set off to your next city, Cairns! Drive to Hervey Bay Airport and catch a 4 hour 30 min plane ride to Cairns.





DAY 6 CAIRNS

Time	Activity	Getting there
1000-1200	Visit the Cairns Aquarium	
1215-1315	Lunch at Caffiend	9 min walk from the aquarium
1345-1700	Take a ride on the Skyrail Cableway	It is a 20 min drive from the cafe
1730-1900	Swim in the Cairns lagoon Saltwater pool	It is a 20 min drive from the cableway
1915	Have a seafood dinner on the pier at Prawn Star	It is a 7 min drive from the pool.



DAY 6 CAIRNS

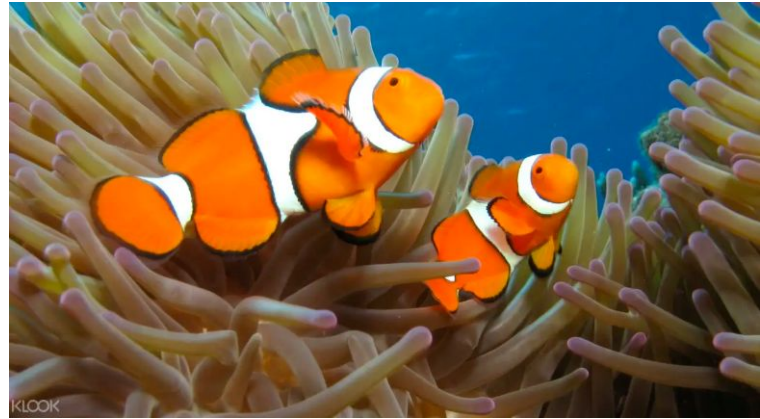
1. See different marine critters up-close at the Cairns Aquarium

Discover Australia's incredibly diverse marine life at Cairns Aquarium, located in the heart of the city not far from the Lagoon. The [Cairns Aquarium](#) houses over 15,000 marine and land animals from two World Heritage listed areas - the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics Rainforest. up close and in any weather conditions.

You are guaranteed to learn plenty of interesting facts about the underwater world. Consider this the teaser to your big Great Barrier Reef adventure the next day!

2. Lunch at Caffiend

One of Cairns's hottest cafes, **Caffiend** is just the place for brunch in the city. With excellent coffee, colorful brunch plates and generous portions, you'll definitely be refuelled for the rest of your day's activities! Their chilli jam is delicious.



Address: 5 Florence St Cairns, Queensland, 4870 Australia

Opening Hours: daily 9:00am-5:00pm



Address: 5/72-74 Grafton St, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Opening hours: 7am to 3pm

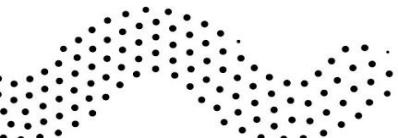


DAY 6 CAIRNS

3. Fly above Australia's World Heritage listed Tropical Rainforest on the Rainforest Skyrail Cableway

A must-experience Cairns attraction, the [Skyrail Cableway](#) provides a truly unique perspective of Australia's World Heritage listed tropical rainforest. Glide just metres above the pristine rainforest canopy, before descending to explore the forest floor at the Red Peak and Barron Falls.

The Skyrail experience is 7.5 kilometres long and will take approximately 1.5 hours each way, including time spent at two rainforest stations. Ensure you get the most out of your experience by downloading Skyrail's multilingual Interpretive App and Audio Guide that places the story of Queensland's ancient tropical rainforest directly in your hands.



DAY 6 CAIRNS

4. Take a dip in Cairns Esplanade Saltwater Swimming Lagoon

The **Cairns Esplanade Swimming Lagoon** is the perfect place to soak up some late afternoon sun and enjoy a safe swim with no worries in the world! Take in the views of the stunning Trinity Inlet and mountains that line the horizon of Cairns city from your comfy spot by the Lagoon.



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Address: 52/54 Esplanade, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Opening hours : 6am to 12pm

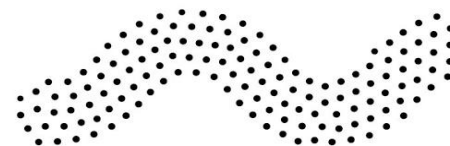
5. Have a seafood dinner on the pier at Prawn Star

This trawler restaurant **Prawn Star** is where you'll find the freshest seafood in town. Serving up prawns, mud crabs, oysters and whatever else was caught in the day, you'll get to enjoy views of the harbor while you dine!



Address: E-Finger, Berth 31, Marlin Marina

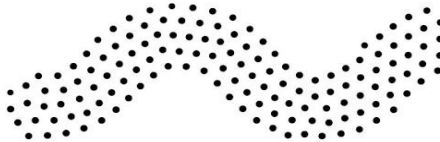
Opening hours: 10am to 9pm





DAY 7 CAIRNS

Time	Activity	Getting there
0930	Check in for your Great Barrier Reef tour	
1030-1730	Explore the outer Great Barrier Reef	
	Head to the airport	



DAY 7 CAIRNS

1. Take a Great Barrier Reef Adventure

Submerge yourself into the world of the [Great Barrier Reef on this day cruise](#) to the outer reef platform! Take in the ocean views as you journey out to sea. You have the option to snorkel in some of the world's clearest water, or you can choose to stay on the boat and observe this magical world from the underwater observatory instead.

Meetup location: Great Adventures counter at the Cairns Reef Fleet Terminal, located at 1 Spence St, Cairns

