

Discover Queensland through Self-Drive Journeys

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From coastal journeys and outback adventures, an Aussie road trip is one of the best ways to explore and experience the diverse beauty and wonders of Down Under.

Take a short easy drive, go on an epic self-drive holiday or indulge in a 4WD adventure – these itineraries are sure to cover every length and landscape of Australia. So hit the road and discover the wonders of Queensland and its surrounds at your own pace.



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6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS PACIFIC COAST EXPLORER Brisbane to Sydney

Discover pristine beaches, seaside villages and natural landmarks on the drive from Brisbane to Sydney.

DAY 01: Brisbane to Fraser Island (165 km)

After collecting the vehicle and leaving Brisbane, you have a choice of two itineraries today – either via the coast, taking in the beaches along the Gold Coast, then travel along the Northern New South Wales coast through the towns of Kingscliff, Casuarina and Pottsville Beach, before joining the Pacific Highway again to reach Bryon Bay. Alternatively, you can travel via the scenic, rainforest hinterland, travelling from Nerang to Murwillumbah, via the Numinbah Valley, stopping at the beautiful Natural Bridge. For both routes, it is then on through Brunswick Heads, continuing south to Byron Bay. Byron Bay attracts surfers from near and far to Wategos Beach, on Cape Byron – its northerly aspect makes it one of the best beaches for surfboard riding on the East Coast of Australia. Nearby, Cape Byron is the most easterly point on the Australian Coast.

Day 2: Byron Bay

Today is free to spend at your leisure, enjoying Byron Bay. Enjoy the restaurants and cafes, take a surfing lesson or simply relax on the beach.

Day 3: Byron Bay to Coffs Harbour (240 km)

For early risers, it's well worth going out on the beach this morning to watch the sunrise over the Pacific Ocean. From Byron Bay travel 31 km to Ballina, and then through Woodburn to Grafton. Grafton is a graceful old country town on the banks of the mighty Clarence River. Continue on to Woolgoolga and then return to the coast and follow it south until you reach Coffs Harbour.

Day 4: Coffs Harbour to Port Stephens (418 km)

There are a couple of ways to Port Stephens but we recommend the scenic route. Follow the Lakes Way through the rainforest with spectacular views of the inland lakes and ocean beaches. Continue south to Bulahdelah, the entrance to the Myall Lakes National Park and then on to Port Stephens. There is no township of Port Stephens, rather it is the name given to the area that encompasses the towns of Nelson Bay, Corlette, Salamander Bay, Soldiers Point and Shoal Bay.

Day 5: Port Stephens to Hunter Valley (100km)

Take a stroll around the harbour or a morning cruise with the dolphins before heading on to the Hunter Valley. From the Port Stephens area continue along the Pacific Highway and then turn west through Hexham and Kurri Kurri and into the Hunter Valley. With wineries in abundance, take the opportunity to taste and purchase some of the finest wines Australia has to offer, as well as gourmet delights, art and gardens.

Day 6: Hunter Valley to Sydney (247 km)

Start the morning with a sunrise champagne flight (own expense) before heading back to Sydney stopping off at Newcastle via Maitland. Newcastle is Australia's sixth largest city; enjoy a scenic walk along its foreshore. Leaving Newcastle travel via Gosford where a visit to the Australian Reptile Park and Wildlife Sanctuary is a memorable experience. It is now an easy drive into Sydney. Your car is booked until tomorrow and should be dropped off at the city or airport, by the same time as it was picked up on Day 1, to avoid any additional charges.

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9 DAYS / 8 QUEENSLAND CLASSIC Brisbane to Cairns

**DAY 01: Brisbane to Fraser Island (300 km)**

Collect your vehicle today and head north on the Bruce Highway. This road travels inland from Caloundra to Noosa on the Sunshine Coast, skirting the hinterland region. Arriving into Hervey Bay, continue to the River Heads village for departure to Fraser Island, the world's largest Sand Island, at 123 kilometres long, and a haven for nature lovers. Check into the mainland terminal, unload luggage and then park your car (choice of car parking available – own expense). Board the Kingfisher Bay Ferry for the transfer across to Fraser Island. On arrival on Fraser Island check-in and then the rest of the day is at leisure to start exploring the Island.

DAY 02: Fraser Island

Today is at your leisure, to explore the natural beauty of Fraser Island.

DAY 03: Fraser Island to Bargara (140 km)

Depart Fraser Island and return to River Heads village by ferry. On arrival, collect your rental car and continue along on the Bruce Highway toward Childers. Take step back in history and visit the town's many historical buildings and stop by one of the cafes and sample famous local ice cream. Continue back towards the coast to Bargara to where you'll find beautiful beaches, stunning rocky coastlines and the beginning of the Great Barrier Reef!

DAY 04: Bargara to Rockhampton (301 km)

Depart Bargara and continue on the highway north to Gladstone and continue travelling a further 110 kilometres to Rockhampton, which marks the exact line of the Tropic of Capricorn. 45 kilometres from Rockhampton is Yeppoon a seaside resort located on the coast overlooking Great Keppel Island.

DAY 05: Rockhampton to Airlie Beach (481 km)

Depart Rockhampton and return to the Bruce Highway and travel north towards Marlborough and onto Mackay. Just outside of Mackay detour to the Cape Hillsborough National Park, where the rainforest meets the reef. The headland area contains several good walking trails. Continue onto Proserpine and turn off to Airlie Beach, the gateway to the Whitsundays, Queensland's pristine 74 islands. It is a cosmopolitan and vibrant town filled with palm-fringed beaches and waterfront parks.

DAY 06: Airlie Beach

Today is at your leisure to enjoy the beautiful Whitsundays and what better way to do this than with a full day Whitehaven Beach and Three Island Cruise (own expense).

DAY 07: Airlie Beach to Townsville (273 km)

Depart Airlie Beach and head back to Proserpine and continue north on the Bruce Highway towards Townsville. Detour through Bowen and the towns of Home Hill and Ayr before arriving in the coastal town of Townsville, which is the administrative capital of North Queensland. A visit to the Great Barrier Reef Wonderland is recommended; it houses the world's largest living coral reef aquarium.

DAY 08: Townsville

Townsville is a great point to base to explore the old gold town at Charter Towers or an island experience at Magnetic Island. Catamaran transfers to Magnetic Island operate regularly throughout the day from Breakwater Terminal.

DAY 09: Townsville to Cairns (348 km)

Today your journey takes you to the far North, into the heart of the tropics and gateway to the Great Barrier Reef - Cairns and Palm Cove. Travel via Innisfail to Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, the tropical rainforest of the World Heritage region and the rugged outback of the Cape York Peninsula and the Gulf of Carpentaria.

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7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS GREAT SUNSHINE WAY EXPRESS Brisbane to Brisbane



Discover the picturesque beauty of Lamington National Park, relax on pristine beaches at Noosa and explore the world's largest sand island, Fraser Island.

Day 1: Brisbane to Lamington National Park (84 km)

Leaving Brisbane you will follow the Pacific Motorway until reaching Beenleigh. Once in Beenleigh you will travel south, travelling through stunning landscapes as you climb the ranges to Mount Tamborine. Enjoy scenic views of the Gold Coast as you do so and stop at Gallery Walk to explore the many arts and crafts shops which make up the premier Art and Craft centre of South East Queensland. Continue your journey through to the Canungra Valley, with its historic buildings and rural setting. Sample the fruits of the vine at Canungra Valley Vineyards, or explore the grounds and search for platypus in the Canungra Creek, before taking the final winding stretch of road into the Lamington National Park.

Day 2: Lamington National Park

Today is a day at leisure to explore this beautiful National Park, with over 20 000 hectares of sub tropical rainforest. Hear the calls of native birds as you walk through the tree tops, 16 metres above the rainforest floor. Take a hike or bush walk along the many trails which wind through the ancient Antarctic Beech forest. Or relax and unwind in the Lost World Spa for a day of pampering (at own expense).

Day 3: Lamington National Park to Noosa (230 km)

On your way to Noosa you will be able to bypass the city streets of Brisbane taking the Gateway Motorway to cross the city. When heading north on the Bruce Highway you will come across Beerburrum State Forest. Exotic pine plantations, open forest, rainforest and coastal wallum remnants and the scenic Glass House Mountains make Beerburrum State Forest and Forest Reserve in the Sunshine Coast lowlands a picturesque place to visit. Enjoy magnificent views over the coastal lowlands from the Glass House Mountains or Beerburrum Mountain Lookouts. Walk through scribbly gum and wet sclerophyll forests around Glass House Mountains Lookout.

Day 4: Noosa

Explore all that Noosa has to offer whether you enjoy the coastal charm, sophisticated dining and/or stylish boutiques. It is also a destination blessed with a diverse, distinctive and accessible natural environment, ideal base for any kind of outdoor experience. You can explore more beaches south of Noosa, such as Coolum and Peregrin.

Day 5: Noosa to Fraser Island (199 km)

Travel along the Bruce Highway again to the north making your way to Hervey Bay. Continue onto the River Heads village for the departure to Fraser Island, the world's largest sand island, at 123 kilometres long, and a haven for nature lovers. Check into the mainland terminal, unload luggage and then park your car (choice of car parking available – own expense). Board the Kingfisher Bay Ferry for the transfer across to Fraser Island. On arrival on Fraser Island check-in and then the rest of the day is at leisure to start exploring the Island.

Day 6: Fraser Island

Today enjoy a full day ranger guided Beauty Spots Tour of Fraser Island, including lunch. Learn about the natural and cultural history of the island, swim in clear freshwater lakes, walk through towering rainforest and drive along the amazing Seventy-Five Mile Beach. Other highlights include Lake McKenzie, Wanggoolba Creek, Eli Creek and Maheno Shipwreck. This evening perhaps join an optional ranger guided activity, slideshow or go exploring on a spotlighting walk.

Day 7: Fraser Island to Brisbane (300km)

Depart Fraser Island and return to River Heads village by ferry. On arrival, collect your rental car and continue south down the Bruce Highway enjoying much of the same scenery as before. The eye catching views of National Parks, rolling hills, and Queensland Bushland areas. About halfway you'll come across a lovely old mining town called Gympie. In Gympie you'll find museums and statues dedicated to the miners who worked during the gold rush days. Stop to explore more of the Sunshine Coast, including the hinterland towns of Montville and Maleny, before continuing south along the Bruce Highway back to the bustling city of Brisbane. Your car is booked until tomorrow and should be dropped off at the city or airport, by the same time as it was picked up on Day 1, to avoid any additional charges.

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14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS GREAT SUNSHINE WAY & BEYOND Brisbane to Cairns

Travelling north from Brisbane to Cairns discover the diversity, scenery and beauty of the Queensland coast.

Day 01: Brisbane to Noosa (142 km)

Departing Brisbane for Noosa on the Sunshine Coast, you will drive along the M1. This is a short drive so you have time to stop at the Australia Zoo (own expense) along the way and spend a half day with a few of Australia's natives, before arriving in the relaxed beach side town of Noosa.

Day 02: Noosa to Fraser Island (196 km)

Another easy day on the road today will have you travelling to River Heads, the departure point for Fraser Island. From here you will board the Kingfisher Bay Catamaran and be transported to the stunning Fraser Island.

Day 3: Lamington National Park to Noosa (230 km)

World Heritage-listed Fraser Island is the largest sand island in the world, and today you are free to explore all its glory! You can join a Whale Watching tour between the months of August to March or the Beauty Spots Tour operates year round which lets you discover all the best that Fraser has to offer.

Day 04: Fraser Island to Agnes Water (252 km)

After your morning catamaran transfer back to River Heads, you can travel along the Isis Highway towards Agnes Water. This will take you through the historic town of Bundaberg, the home of Bundaberg Rum. Lush green cane fields line the roads as you arrive into the quaint Agnes Waters town of 1770 (Seventeen Seventy). Take a walk along the serene 7kms of beach and enjoy one of the 267 days of sunshine!

Day 05: Agnes Water to Capricorn Caves (253 km)

This morning's drive will take you along the Bruce Highway to the country retreat at Henderson Park Farm. Leave time to stop at one of the small towns, like Boyne Island, along the way for lunch before arriving at Capricorn Caves. Here you can explore spectacular caves set in a limestone ridge.

Day 06: Capricorn Caves to Airlie Beach (461 km)

Follow the Bruce Highway along the coast as you head towards Airlie Beach. Again cane fields are a prominent feature along the roads heading into the farming hub of Mackay, before arriving in Airlie Beach, the gateway to the Whitsundays.

Day 07: Airlie Beach

A day at leisure to enjoy what the beautiful Whitsundays has to offer. We suggest you take a sailing trip & spend the day on one of the beautiful Whitsunday Islands.

Day 08: Airlie Beach to Townsville (274 km)

Travel north passing through Bowen and the twin towns of Home Hill and Ayr. Townsville is a modern, tropical city and the administrative capital of North Queensland. A visit to the Great Barrier Reef Wonderland is recommended; it houses the world's largest living coral reef aquarium. This evening join in with the locals for a walk along the waterfront esplanade, known as "The Strand".

Day 09: Townsville to Mission Beach (235 km)

Continue following the picturesque Queensland coast line, through the towns of Ingham, known as "little Italy" for its Italian settlers heritage and Cardwell. You will see the rainforest meet the sea at the stunning little town of Mission Beach.

Day 10: Mission Beach

Take time to walk along the beach, visit the Mission Beach Markets (held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month) or take a drive out to visit Paronella Park, a beautiful semi-ruined Spanish Castle built in 1913 on 5 Hectares of lush ground next to a waterfall.

Day 11: Mission Beach to Port Douglas (204 Km)

Today you will drive through the country town of Innisfail and small city of Cairns before arriving into laid back tropical oasis that is Port Douglas. Enjoy the humidity with a cold drink at one of the local bars, or even by the pool.

Day 12: Port Douglas

Spend a day at leisure in Port Douglas, take a cruise to the Great Barrier Reef or explore the nearby Mossman Gorge.

Day 13: Port Douglas to Cape Tribulation (86 km)

A quick drive into the rainforest today will lead you to Cape Tribulation. This is where the rainforest truly meets the sea in a spectacular style. Stop at the Mossman Gorge Centre and hear about the aboriginal dreamtime stories on the Dreamtime Legend Walk tour that is included.

Day 14: Cape Tribulation to Cairns (139 km)

The last day of your itinerary takes you on a scenic coastal drive back to Cairns where you can indulge in a spot of shopping, a walk around the lagoon or even take a side trip up to the small town of Kuranda and experience the local daily markets.

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CAR RENTAL



- Car rental rate includes airport / city depot pick-up and drop-off, Unlimited kms, VRF (Vehicle Registration fee), CRF (Concession Recovery Fee), PLS (Premium Location Surcharge), LDW (Loss Damage Waiver), Super Excess Reduction (NIL Excess), 24 Hour Emergency Roadside Service, one way fee (if applicable), admin fees and GST @10%
- Excludes fuel and optional extras

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Subject to availability
- All prices quoted are per person, in Australian Dollars (AUD) based on twin sharing, ground content only and subject to change without prior notice
- Breakfast is not included, hotel seasonal surcharges; blackout dates; supplements and minimum night stay apply
- Single / 3rd traveler are not applicable
- Itineraries are suggested itineraries only
- Travel Period: 01 Apr to 30 Nov 2019
- Other terms & conditions apply



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