



Welcome to the town the turtles call home, where beach meets reef, your plates are always filled with abundant local produce and the rum is always world-class.

Witness a miracle at Mon Repos, as the Mumma turtles haul themselves up the beach and the hatchlings scurry to meet the rhythmic waves.

Just a short boat ride, or flight, and you're on the Southern Great Barrier Reef. Spend a night with the ladies of the reef, Lady Musgrave Island and Lady Elliot Island, and swim with the giant marine life that frequent these plankton-rich waters.

Come dine with us year-round with fresh, abundant produce being grown, caught, brewed and distilled 12 months of the year. Discover where great grows.

Bundaberg has all the ingredients of the perfect holiday; accessible reef, stunning beaches, mouth-watering food and experiences to last a lifetime.

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Lady Musgrave Island

3000 acres of living reef seemingly plucked from the pages of an aspirational travel guide, Lady Musgrave Island is one of the most magical places in the world.

Situated on the Southern Great Barrier Reef, Lady Musgrave Island is just a boat ride from Bundaberg or the Town of 1770. The sun-soaked waters and effervescent coral reefs offer a surreal backdrop for an underwater experience that is like nothing on earth. Teeming with bird life above the water, and giant marine life below the water, you can swim with the turtles, dive alongside the manta rays, dance with the dolphins and witness the whales play.

DID YOU KNOW? You can take a day trip or stay overnight with Lady Musgrave Experience, departing the Bundaberg Port Marina.

Visi bundabergregion.org/lady-musgrave-island or use the QR code for more information



Lady Elliot Island

A quick 25-minute flight from the Bundaberg Airport, Lady Elliot Island, is the first island on the Great Barrier Reef, and dare we say, one of the best islands. This coral cay is world renowned as the home of the manta ray with over 700 individual manta rays known to be living in the surrounding waters. Lady Elliot Island is also teeming with turtles who lazily swim these waters year-round and don't mind the curiosity of visitors.

A selfie with a turtle is a must-do. Lady Elliot Island also offers eco-friendly accommodation, helping you sleep on the reef as-long-as you like keeping the above and below water locals safe and happy. Lady Elliot Island is an experience you'll be talking about for years to come.

DID YOU KNOW? Sir David Attenborough first visited the Southern Great Barrier Reef in 1957, before Australian Tourism Award winning Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort was even established!

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Dive The Southern Great Barrier Reef

Get up close and personal with colourful fish and turtles in pristine corals, ledges and caves of the Southern Great Barrier Reef.

Both Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort and Lady Musgrave Experience offer fully certified dive experiences, with courses to cater for all levels of experience.

Lady Elliot Island offers 20 incredible dive sites, and all dives are escorted by the experienced Dive staff. The Resort offers a minimum of two dives per day and optional night dives.*

Lady Musgrave Experience now offers access to remote and untouched dive sites within both the Bunker Group and Southern Capricorn Group of islands. The custombuilt dive boat and pontoon allows for up to 5 dives per day and night dives within the lagoon.*

Whether you're a beginner learning in the protection of the Lady Musgrave Lagoon, or a certified diver seeking new adventures, you will be spoiled for choice in the Bundaberg region.

* Dives may be subject to numbers and weather conditions

Ex-HMAS Tobruk

Since its scuttling in 2018, ex-HMAS Tobruk rests just off the coast of Bundaberg in the Great Sandy Marina Park. The ship is a unique wreck dive experience, with abundant marine life already attaching to the metal surfaces and fish, turtles and other marine creatures moving in to this new estate.

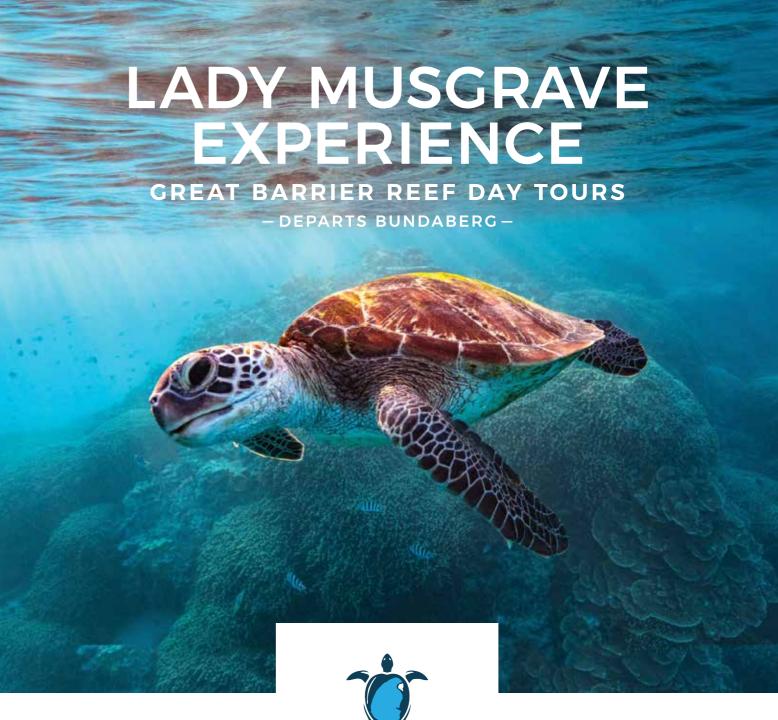
The ex-HMAS Tobruk is best experienced with a dive package through Tobruk Experience or Bundaberg Aqua Scuba. Limited public mooring permits for private divers are also available to book.

The ex-HMAS Tobruk dive wreck is a project in partnership between the Queensland Government, Bundaberg and Fraser Coast Regional Councils to create an artificial reef and world-class dive site.

DID YOU KNOW? ex-HMAS Tobruk was launched on 1 March 1980 and was the Royal Australian Navy's first purpose built amphibious heavy lift ship.

Visit bundabergregion.org/play/tobruk or use the QR code for more information





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SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF

ladymusgraveexperience.com.au 07 4151 5225

Shop 5, 15-17 Marina Drive, Burnett Heads QLD 4670





The Great 8

When exploring the Southern Great Barrier Reef, spotting 'The Great Eight' is a must-do. While they live all along the Great Barrier Reef, the planktonrich waters of the Southern Great Barrier Reef make spotting bigger marine life, like turtles and manta rays, a regular occurrence.













Reef Within Reach

Snorkel Barolin Rocks dive site at Woongarra Marine Park, or explore the coral off the beach at Elliott Heads. Bundaberg is one of the only places along the Southern Great Barrier Reef where you can access reef without leaving the mainland.

Whale Watching

Each year from July to November, the pristine waters off Bundaberg come alive with majestic southern humpback whales as thousands migrate north to mate and give birth.

The safe warm waters of the Great Barrier Reef are the ideal calving waters and for the young calves as they bond with their mothers and learn essential survival skills. Enjoy the cheeky antics of the curious juveniles, and feel the awe as mothers swim alongside their babies.

Enjoy a half-day whale watching experience from Bundaberg or listen for the sounds of whale song with an overnight stay or day trip on our Islands.

> bundabergregion.org/whale-watching or use the QR code for more information







Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort HOME OF THE MANTA RAY

SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF













COME AND EXPLORE THE WONDERS OF THE **SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF**

Lady Elliot Island is a coral cay located on the southern tip of Australia's iconic Great Barrier Reef, 80kms north-east of Bundaberg. The island is situated within a highly protected 'Green Zone' of the Marine National Park and is a sanctuary for over 1,200 species of marine life.

Lady Elliot Island is regarded as one of the best snorkelling and diving locations on the Great Barrier Reef and is renowned for its healthy coral and abundance of turtles, manta rays, reef sharks and entire cast of 'Finding Nemo'. Guests can snorkel straight from the beach and Lonely Planet has recently ranked Lady Elliot Island #2 in "The 7 best beaches for snorkelling around the world".

The island has a small unpretentious 44 room Eco Resort which strives to provide guests with a genuine ecotourism experience. Guests can enjoy a day-trip or stay for a few days to explore this incredible marine ecosystem.

Scenic flights depart daily from Bundaberg, Hervey Bay/Fraser Coast, Brisbane (Redcliffe) or Gold Coast.

Turtle Nesting Season: October—February Turtle Hatching Season: February—April Whale Migration Season: July-October







Turtles

Every year, during November to March, Mon Repos beach becomes an abstract painting of turtle tracks as Mumma turtles haul themselves up the beach for nesting and hatchlings begin the first steps of their journey as they scurry to meet the sea.

Turtle Conservation

Help save the turtles, one ticket at a time. Turtle research and conservation is paramount in saving these peaceful, ancient creatures. Funds from ticket sales of the Mon Repos Turtle Encounter go back into turtle research. Visitors can witness conservation first-hand, as every turtle that comes up to lay are measured, their tags recorded, and eggs counted. In some cases, our Mumma turtles lay below the hightide line and rangers relocate the eggs to a higher mark so that they are not washed away.

The eggs also face many other dangers such as foxes, sunburn and human disturbances. To help prevent these from occurring dogs patrol the beaches to scare off foxes, shade canopies are constructed over nests to shade the eggs, and the beach is closed to public access at night during the season.

The artificial light glow from the surrounding townships is known to effect the turtle hatchlings navigation to the sea and the Bundaberg community is committed to 'cutting-the-glow'.

Turtle sensitive lighting has been installed along the coastline, along with sensors to measure and understand the areas of light glow. QPWS Rangers run a 'Cut The Glow' program through the schools and through the Reducing Urban Glow project. Bundaberg Regional Council has educated the coastal residential and business communities on dimming business signage, shielding external lights on homes, encouraging locals to close their blinds during turtle season and switching off unnecessary lights.

This initiative has significantly improved the hatchlings chances to reach the water, but plastic bags, rubbish, fishing nets, boats and many other factors still can have a detrimental effect on the survival rates of turtles. So we ask all visitors to be mindful of their actions and impact on the environment while holidaying in and around the Southern Great Barrier Reef.

Witness A Miracle

Take an unrivalled peek behind the curtain of a natural wonder thousands of years in the making at Mon Repos Converation Park.

Watch as Mumma turtles lay their clutches of eggs from November – January on a ranger-guided tour at the Mon Repos Turtle Encounter. In January – March form a tunnel of lights to the ocean for the baby turtles as they begin their journey into adolescence with only 1 in 1000 turtles making it to maturity.

Mon Repos Turtle Encounter is the only ranger-guided turtle encounter available on the East-Coast and is instrumental in the research into turtle conservation, specifically the endangered Loggerhead turtles that frequent this beach.

Come witness a miracle at the Mon Repos Turtle Encounter and create memories to last a lifetime.

Visit **bundabergregion.org/turtles** or use the QR code for more information



Swim With The Turtles

Seeing the turtles nest and hatch can cause a severe case of turtle-fever. The only known cure? To venture out to our Islands on the Southern Great Barrier Reef and swim with the turtles.

The waters off Lady Musgrave Island and Lady Elliot Island are home to turtles year-round including the endangered Loggerhead turtle, Green Sea turtle and the Flatback turtle, all which nest and hatch on Mon Repos Beach. Swimming with the turtles is a rite of passage, and a bucket list item you can tick off right here in region.

DID YOU KNOW? The local Indigenous word for turtle is "milbi"

Visit **bundabergregion.org/turtles#swim** or use the QR code for more information





Tasty Heroes

When you think Bundaberg, your first thought is probably Bundaberg Rum or Bundaberg Ginger Beer, and these icons deliver on taste and experience.

Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience

Head to the Bundaberg Rum Distillery and learn the secrets of Australia's favourite rum on a guided Bundaberg Rum Distillery Experience and uncover the behind-the-scenes distilling process that forms this iconic beverage. Want to experience more? Try the exclusive Blend Your Own Experience and become a master blender for a day, creating your own signature taste to take home.

Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience won the Australian Tourism Award for best Tourism Wineries, Distilleries and Breweries in 2018 & 2019.

DID YOU KNOW? The first batch of Bundaberg Rum rolled off the production line in 1889 and in its 130+ years, the famous distillery has survived not one but two devisating fires.

Bundaberg Brewed Drinks

Take the kids to the distinctive Bundaberg Brewed Drinks Barrel, the home of Bundaberg Ginger Beer, which is still proudly owned by the local Fleming family after more than 50 years.

Explore the interactive centre and discover how your favourite flavour was made. Taste test all of the famous flavours, letting the fruity, sparkling flavours dance on your taste buds. Grab a mixed carton or two to share with your family back home or better still, next time you visit, bring them with you, and allow them to experience this for themselves.

DID YOU KNOW? You can find the Bundaberg Brewed Drinks range in over 30 countries worldwide.

Visit **bundabergregion.org/taste/drink** or use the QR code to view more on our growing tipple tourism industry





Wineries, Breweries & Distilleries

Bundaberg and the North Burnett are full to the brim with local-brewers, artisan-distillers and master blenders. Take a guided tour with the artisans themselves or take it at your own pace and stop in to see behind the scenes at a micro-brewery, artisan gin makers distillery, and a world-famous rum distillery. Sip and swirl your way through family-owned wineries in Childers. No matter your drink of choice, we have something for everyone!



Childers Winery Trail

Rich with its multicultural heritage Childers' wineries pays homage to the area's past.

Meet Mary and Terry, for whom the Hill of Promise Winery is a time capsule for the multicultural, multi-generational Childers family, with every glass holding a new story to be told. The award-winning wines have no additives or preservatives, keeping with an "old world" style used for centuries, and bed and breakfast cottages on-site mean you can watch the sunset with your favourite cellar door selection.

Discover the peaceful gardens, rolling hills and green vines of **Vintner's Secret Winery**, where retired-teachers-turned-winemakers Marianne and Ed have welcomed world travellers for over a decade.

Family owned and operated, **Brierley Wines'** picturesque vineyard and boutique winery is nestled on a volcanic sandstone ridge with spectacular views of Kullogum State Forest and showcases estate-grown and produced, hand-made, preservative free wines.

Visit **bundabergregion.org/cellar-doors** or use the QR code to view the digital Cellar Door Trail



Bundaberg Cellar Door Trail

Uncover the home of your most loved drinks on a Bundy Cellar Door Trail. Sample award-winning drinks and uncover new flavours, before taking your new tasty favourites home with you.

Start with Australia's most awarded rum distillery, and taste Australia's most popular rum at the **Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience**. See behind the scenes of the working distillery or develop your own bespoke bottle on a Blend Your Own Rum Experience, before browsing the retail experience and bar area where you can purchase exclusive and limited edition products only available from the distillery.

Head just down the road to **Waterview Distillery**, and then try the many flavours of handmade ciders, fruit wines and fortified delights at **Ohana Cider House**.

Move on to world-renowned **Bundaberg Brewed Drinks**, to taste the whole range of flavours made from local ingredients, including lemons and blood oranges from the North Burnett and ginger from Bundaberg itself.

Each Saturday, cult-favourite bakery The Pocket Storehouse opens its doors, with **HOTI Kombucha** selling their incredible range of hand-crafted fermented tastiness.

Your next stop is the **Bargara Brewhouse** to taste quality brews from local fruit and vegetable seconds that are enjoyed internationally.

Complete your tour at Kalki Moon Distilling & Brewing Co., with guided mini tours and tastings of their award winning gin, liqueurs and rum range.







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Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience

Hills Street, Bundaberg P: 07 4131 2999







Australia's best Distillery, Winery or Brewery Experience, the Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience is a bucket list ticker that should be at the top of the list for true lovers of all things rum and fun. Explore the Distillery for yourself through a range of one-of-a-kind tour options, including:

The Distillery Experience: Journey deep into the beating heart of the Distillery and explore the inner workings of the rum-making process with one of the expert distillery guides. Learn about molasses, fermentation, distillation as well as some of the 'secrets' behind maturation and crafting the World's Best Rum in the Barrel House.

Blend Your Own Rum Experience: In an Australian first, pour rich rum reserves straight out of the legendary Bundy Barrels to craft your very own unique rum concoction, with a little help from expert guides who know their way around rum like no-one else. Using five rums never before released to the public, there is something to suit every palate. When complete, not only will you take home two personalised bottles of your handcrafted rum, your secret recipe will be kept on file in case you want to re-order – we reckon you will!

TOUR TIMES

Distillery Experience tours run on the hour every hour from:

- Monday Friday: 10am 3pm
- Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays: 10am 2pm

Blend Your Own Rum tours run on Monday, Wednesday, Friday ϑ Saturday.

- E: distillery@bundabergrum.com
- W: www.bundabergrum.com.au/distillery

Kalki Moon Distilling & Brewing Co

22 Commercial Street, Bundaberg QLD 4670 P: 07 4151 0396





Born out of the Bundaberg cane fields, Kalki Moon is the region's multi award winning Artisan Distillery. Founded in 2017, Kalki Moon is 100% family owned and operated company focusing on quality over quantity. The award-winning portfolio includes Gin, Vodka, Liqueurs, with the highly anticipated first rum release pencilled in for late-2020. Come and experience a sample of what a day in the life at Kalki Moon is like. We love sharing our passion for crafting artisan spirits and offer guided tours of our distillery followed by the opportunity to have a taste of your choice of 2 of our products.

Operates Daily Monday 10.00am - 3.00pm, Tuesday - Friday 10.00am - 5.30pm Saturday – Sunday 10am – 3.00pm.

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Produce Driven, Farmer Delivered

Foodies, you have come to the right place! Bundaberg and the North Burnett's rich red soil, abundant rivers and surrounding seas are the source of a never ending seasonal and varied produce, you will taste the difference in our region.

Explore the red dirt roads connecting Bundaberg to Childers, Moore Park Beach, Bargara and beyond, where roadside farmgate stalls boast an abundance of produce available for purchase.

Do your shopping at the local markets, where locally grown produce is hand-picked by local farmers. From sweet, juicy strawberries, zesty limes, and honeyroasted macadamia nuts, to fresh, flavour-filled ginger, and humongous sweet potatoes, the shopping list goes on and on.

Explore the local bakeries experimenting with local produce to create tantalising treats. Stop in to see our butchers for the best eye-fillet or their homemade prosciutto, bacon and sausages.

DID YOU KNOW? The region grows 25% of Australia's fresh produce!

Visit bundabergregion.org/fresh-produce for our Regional Produce Guides



Meet Our Rockstars

From our passionate growers who spend their days feeding the nation, to the visionary distillers and brewers who craft the latest award-winning drinks and the enthusiastic chefs who take the phrase 'paddock to plate' to a whole new level, we are so proud to have these incredible people in our backyard, helping to create a true foodie paradise.

DID YOU KNOW? The Bundaberg region is the largest producer of native macadamia nuts in Australia.





Sensational Seafood

Bundaberg's river-to-reef waterways are brimming with fresh seafood. From prawns trawled in the Burnett River to fresh coral trout caught on the Southern Great Barrier Reef, the seafood is rich, fresh and abundant. Why not try our seafood restaurants, offering dishes showcasing fresh, local seafood? Check out the seafood markets and grab your favourite fillet and cook up a storm or take a cold seafood platter to enjoy by the river as the sun sets.



Sweet Treats

Satisfy your tastebuds with a delectable dessert from one of our many boutiques.

You can't go past taste testing our region's delicious home-made gourmet ice-cream and gelato. Stop at Nana's Pantry, Mammino's Gourmet Ice Cream, Tinaberries, Alowishus Delicious The Windmill Cafe Bargara and The Beach Mill, for turtle-y awesome flavours all year round.

Don't forget, to grab yourselves a pack of Macadamia Australia's vanilla infused, chocolate coated and roasted macadamias for a tasty on-the-go treat or to share back home, or step inside Cha Cha Chocolate and discover a magical world within this exquisite chocolate shop.

DID YOU KNOW? You can pick your own strawberries in late winter / early spring each year at Tinaberries



Tinaberries Strawberry Farm

15 Zinks Road, Bundaberg **P**: 07 4159 3001

- PYO strawberries August September
- Buy your own strawberries June September
- Real fruit ice-cream all year round
 Visit our website or head to our Facebook

page for more info
E: info@tinaberries.com.au
W: www.tinaberries.com.au



Cafes, Restaurants & Eateries

Prepare your forks for a unique farm gate-to-plate experience featuring fresh local produce delivered straight from the farm to your plate.

The year-round seasonality makes for ever-changing local menus and creative dishes as chefs aim to showcase the best and freshest produce the region has to offer.

Taste the freshness on the tip of your tongue, as local farmers hand-deliver freshly picked produce to the kitchens of the region. Take the time to sit back and enjoy some of our favourite cafes and eateries scattered throughout the region, from beachside cafes to riverfront restaurants to hinterland coffee shops.

It's not just locally grown produce that grace the pages of menus, but also caught-that-day seafood, locally-brewed beers, cheeky ciders and artisan-distilled gin, vodka and, of course, rum.

Sustainability, healthier food habits, and dietary requirements underpins much of our regional foodie experience. Permanently showcased across menus are dishes to suit all dietary requirements and preferences.

You are guaranteed to go home with a full tummy when you visit our food bowl.

Visit **bundabergregion.org/taste/eat** or use the QR code for more information



Farm Gate Trails

Explore the red dirt roads connecting Bundaberg to Childers, Moore Park Beach, Bargara and beyond, where roadside stalls boast an abundance of produce available for purchase. Do your shopping at the local markets where shelves are overflowing with locally-grown produce, hand-picked by local farmers.

DID YOU KNOW? Bundaberg is home to the only year-round fig producer, Forbidden Figs

Visit **bundabergregion.org/foodie-trails** or use the QR code to view the digital Farm Gate Trails of the region



Picnic Spots

Grab your picnic baskets and gather the troops, the Bundaberg region has some of the best family-friendly and picture-perfect picnic areas in Queensland. From seaside escapes to hinterland views and botanic garden surrounds, you'll be spoiled for choice with these picnic paradise spots:

- The Hummock
- Kellys Beach, Bargara
- Palmers Creek Park, Innes Park
- Bundaberg Botanic Gardens
- Moore Park Beach
- Baldwin Swamp Environmental Park, Bundaberg
- Elliott Heads

Visit **bundabergregion.org/stories** or use the QR code to view all of the details on our top picnic spots







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Pitch The Tent, Set Up The Camper

Set up camp by the sea, on the river or in the bush, and enjoy a nostalgic family holiday. Whether you are looking for an easy-breezy, amenity-filled campsite on the water or a secluded bush getaway where the closest amenities are only accessible by a dirt path, we have you covered. Why not grab a camping permit and head to one of our many National Parks, or pack up the kids and enjoy beach-living over the summer holidays along our whole coastline?

Coastal Pathways

TURTLE TRAIL

Ilkm I Grade I (Easy) Venture along one of the regions most loved walking and cycling tracks, following the coastline path. Enjoy a scenic journey along Bargara's esplanade, Nielson Beach, Mon Repos Turtle Rookery, local hidden gem Oaks Beach and finally, Burnett Heads Headland, where the historical South Head Lighthouse stands. Fall in love with the Bargara and Coral Coast beaches, and discover the national park reserve, where hundreds of turtles come to nest and hatch each year.

ELLIOTT HEADS COASTAL PATHWAY

2km I Easy Elliott Heads Beach is known as a haven for kite-surfers, and surfers alike whilst also offering calmer waters perfect for swimming at the mouth of the Elliott River. Follow the pathways that line the coast from Life Savers Park featuring views of Elliott River, through to Bill Stockwell Park overlooking rural pastures, towards Seagulls Park perfect for a park-side picnic.

MOORE PARK BEACH COASTAL PATHWAY

4km I Easy Take a scenic stroll along the Moore Park Beach coastal trail listening to the sound of the waves as they meet the shore while enjoying natures flora and fauna along the way. Starting at the entrance of Moore Park lookout precinct, follow the pathways through the parks to find your perfect picnic spot.

BANKSIA TRACK BOARDWALK (BURRUM COAST)

5km I Easy Adventure along the shaded boardwalk for 400m. If you continue at its end, you will find yourself surrounded by abundant wetlands and woodlands featuring wildflowers and native plants.

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Walking & Hiking

BALDWIN SWAMP ENVIRONMENTAL PARK

This beautiful area of freshwater wetlands and rainforest is close to the centre of Bundaberg, providing an important habitat for waterbirds and other wildlife. A network of walking tracks, boardwalks and bridges makes it easy to explore Baldwin Swamp.

At the western end is a children's playground at Lake Ellen, with toilets, picnic tables and barbecues. Baldwin Swamp is very popular with birdwatchers, artists, walkers, cyclists, school groups and anyone who enjoys the beauty of nature.

FACILITIES

- Toilets
- Scenic walks & formed tracks
- Playground
- Barbecues
- Picnic areas & shelters
- Car parking
- Wheelchair accessible*

GETTING THERE

- Main Entrance including wheelchair access -Steindl Street, Bundaberg East
- Lake Ellen Playground via Princess Street or George Street

BAROLIN NATURE RESERVE

Featuring natural bush, grassy plains and wetlands right next to the coastal town of Bargara, the Reserve has pockets of rainforest, an abundance of bird life and a fascinating history.

Its long history of cattle grazing is slowly being reduced to encourage the high conservation value of its plant communities. With over 300 hectares of land to explore, it's easy to feel like you are far from civilisation. Discover the beauty of the bush on 4km of paths for walking and bike riding.

Car parking

FACILITIES

- Toilets
- Scenic walks & formed tracks

GETTING THERE

- Via Bargara Road near the Bargara State School Please note: Stay on the walking track and do not enter the historic cattle yards.
- Via the Turtle Trail from Mon Repos Environmental Park or Nielson Park off Fred Courtice Avenue

BUNDABERG BOTANIC GARDENS

The Bundaberg Botanic Gardens covers 27 hectares of land and features a variety of 10,000 trees and shrubs.

A magnificent lake attracting many birds is the centrepiece of the Gardens, and network of boardwalks and pathways encourage visitors to enjoy the Japanese and Chinese Gardens, Australian rainforest, prehistoric garden, fern garden, bamboo, sclerophyll woodland, bromeliad garden, rare fruit tree orchard, and friendship grove.

The Gardens are also home to a range of attractions including Hinkler Hall of Aviation, Fairymead House Sugar History Museum, Bundaberg and District Historical Museum, Cafe 1928 and the Australian Sugar Cane Railway, making the Gardens a key tourist destination.

FACILITIES

- Toilets
- Themed gardens
- Scenic walks & formed tracks
- Playground
- Barbecues
- Picnic areas
- Café
- Car parking
- Wheelchair accessible*

GETTING THERE

Mount Perry Rd, North Bundaberg

THE HUMMOCK

Affectionately known as Bundaberg's only hill, "The Hummock" is a low-lying remnant of a volcano 96 meters above sea-level. The largest remnant of Woongarra Scrub, a dry rainforest plant community is located here in the Hummock Reserve and the nearby Maureen Schmitt Park contains regenerating rainforest.

The main lookout on Turners Way offers visitors outstanding panoramic views of the ocean, city and the patchwork of sugar cane fields. Further along on Bowden Street is Heathwood Park and the Hummock Reserve, which is a popular family

A well maintained timber boardwalk takes you through the Woongarra Scrub remnant. At the end of the boardwalk, a lookout on top of a water reservoir offers views of the surrounding district.

FACILITIES

picnic spot.

- Toilets
- Scenic walks & formed tracks
- Playground

GETTING THERE

- Barbecues
- Picnic areas & shelters
- Car parking
- Wheelchair accessible*

- Via Bargara Road Via F E Walker Street

RUSSO ENVIRONMENTAL PARK

Located near Childers, Russo Environmental Park gives visitors a chance to explore along the picturesque Stockyard Creek. The Park contains three walking tracks to the lookout and a rainforest by the creek.

FACILITIES

Formed tracks

Seating

GETTING THERE

Via Park Road, North Isis

SHARON GORGE

A peaceful area with rainforest, ferns, palms and orchids, Sharon Gorge is an important habitat area for wildlife and rare plants such as the vulnerable Wedgeleaf Tuckeroo, including up to 50 kinds of birds such as Eastern Yellow Robins and Golden Whistlers.

A walkway follows the Gorge for around 900m down to the Burnett River. As you walk along, take the time to admire the wide diversity of plants with over 140 of these species identified. At the end of the walkway is a viewing deck and seat to sit under the gum trees and view the Burnett River.

FACILITIES

- Toilets
- Scenic walks & formed
- tracks

- Barbecues
- Picnic areas & shelters
- Car parking

GETTING THERE

Via Bundaberg Gin Gin Road

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^{*} Wheelchair accessibility may be limited to certain sections of parks,



Put It In 4WD

Let some air out of your tyres and settle in for some serious 4WDing. A unique combination of beach and bush provides many exciting options suitable for first-times and Cordalba State Forest. With its rugged hills and varying for experienced thrill seekers.

Goodnight Scrub National Park

Head 14km south from Gin Gin to the peaceful Good Night Scrub National Park. An easy gravel road suitable for conventional vehicles in dry weather, however, it can be treacherous for even 4WD vehicles in the wet. Head up to One Tree Hill Lookout for panoramic views of the region.

Burrum Coast National Park

Where bush and beach overlap seamlessly, Burrum Coast National Park is the place to be.

The Kinkuna section of the park boasts the best 4WDing suitable for both beginners and veterans. Corrugated tracks and sandy trails wind through the bush, leading to sections of beach to sink your tyres in the sand.

Woodgate Beach and Burrum Point also boast many good rough tracks and beach access.

Littabella National Park

Just east of Rosedale, Littabella National Park provides a challenging medium-difficult drive. A short winding road, this track is mostly dirt and with rocky sections which feature decent-sized hills making a challenging drive for even the most experienced.

Cordalba State Forest

Between Childers and Gin Gin in the Burnett Valley sits track conditions making for an interesting drive, this patch of wilderness paradise is a 4WD-lovers dream, as well as being a well loved mountain biking destination.

Manar Tourist Park, Gayndah

Set up on a 15,000 acre working cattle farm to give riders and 4WDers a safe and exciting place to go, Manar Tourist Park offers 80kms of bush tracks for both the novice and the experienced.

Watalgan State Forest

The forest south of Rosedale has some challenging rocky tracks meandering around and over some decent sized hills.

Mt Walsh National Park

The prominent Biggenden mountain is surrounded by steep forested slopes, sheltered gullies, rugged ridge lines and mountain areas with spectacular exposed granite outcrops and cliffs supporting an amazing diversity of vegetation. Explore the park by 4WD and discover the stunning granite monolith at Coongarra Rock.

There are many more parks in the region with 4WD access.

Beach Driving

Moore Park Beach has 4WD access at the northern 10kms of beach as far as the mouth of the Kolan River. Approximately 50kms north of Bundaberg, Norval Park Beach offers 20kms of beach 4WDing along the southern section towards Miara. Approximately 70kms north of Bundaberg, Rules Beach has several tracks suitable for 4WDing through Deepwater National Park, eventually emerging at Agnes Water.

CastAline

Bundaberg region is a fisherman's best friend with its river-to-reef fishing options.

Boat Ramps

Public boat ramps can be found throughout the region, including at Burnett Heads, Bargara, Innes Park, Riverview, Woodgate Beach, Miara and Booyan, and along the Burnett River.

Offshore Fishing

The Bundaberg region has a wide range of offshore fishing spots for both line and spear fishing. Marine Park Zoning helps to manage and protect the values of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and surrounding areas, so ensure you adopt responsible fishing practices and adhere to all rules.

Fishing Charters

Full and half-day charters are available both offshore and on the Burnett River.

Locals Tips

Key spots to cast a line while you're in region, whether a keen angler or a budding beginner, include:

The Mouth of the Burnett River

The mouth of the Burnett River is a haven for mackerel and tuna so drop some metal slugs, barra spoons or squid skirts and start catching. You can also try the north wall for moses perch, bream, flathead and whiting.

Bundaberg Port

Try your luck and cast a line for the elusive mangrove jack, barramundi and fingermark.

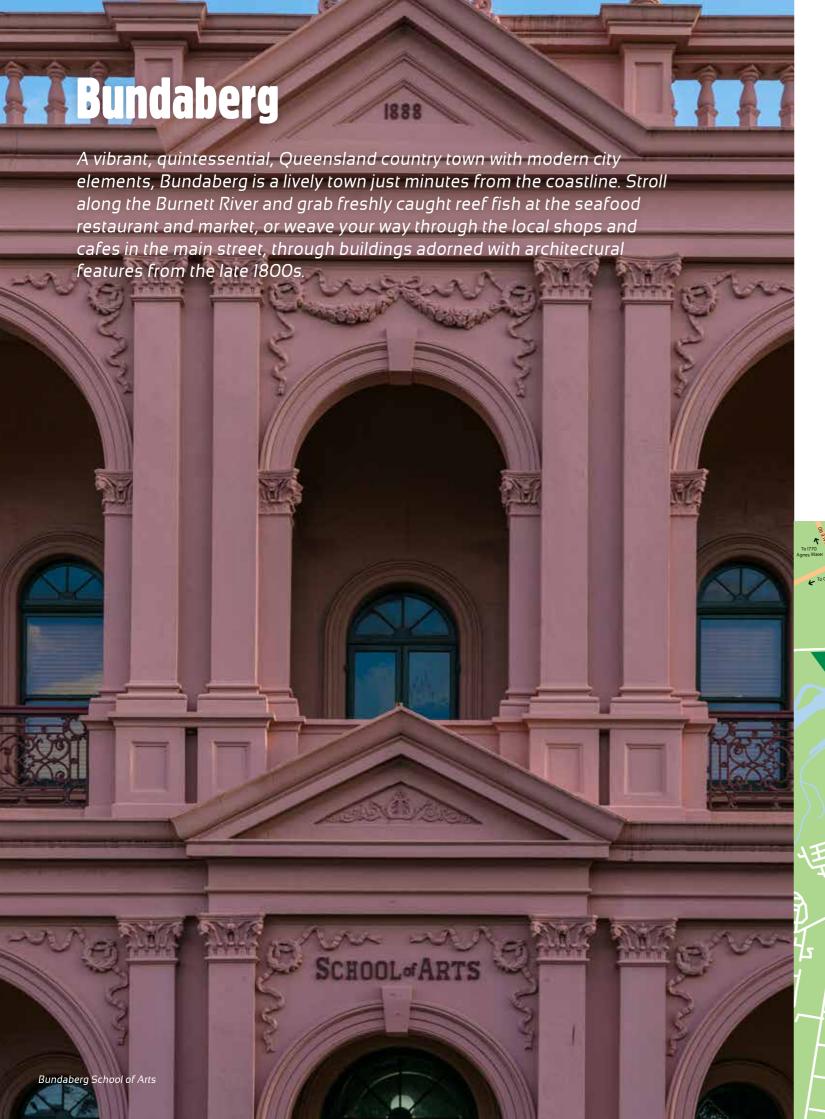
Town Reach

A prime area for trevally and queenfish, town reach is best fished at the hightide mark. A hot water outlet behind Millaguin Mill where structures are riddled with oysters giving soft plastic anglers quite the challenge.

Lake Monduran

Lake Monduran, near Gin Gin, is a world renowned barra-





Bundy Icons

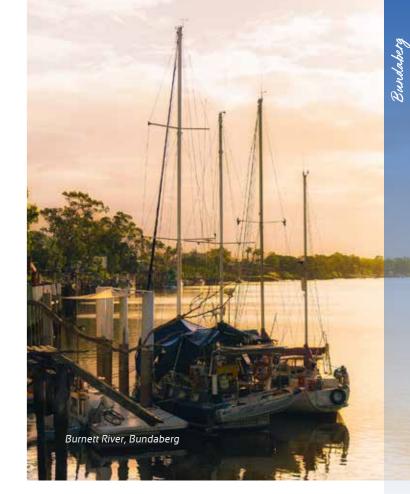
Ask a local what the iconic things to do in Bundaberg are and they will tell you four things: the Bundaberg Rum Distillery, Bundaberg Brewed Drinks, the Mon Repos Turtle Encounter and Hinkler Hall of Aviation.

Uncover the adventurous life of aviation extraordinaire, Bert Hinkler, at the impressive Hinkler Hall of Aviation.

Discover the international, award-winning Bundaberg Rum Distillery Tour and become an expert in everything fizzy at the family-owned Bundaberg Brewed Drinks.

Meet our turtles who have people coming back time and time again with nesting season November – January and hatching season January – March.

DID YOU KNOW? Bert Hinkler started his pioneering aviation career in a glider fashioned from his mother's ironing board and launched off the dunes of Mon Repos beach.







Attractions

Never be bored in Bundaberg with a plethora of activities and attractions at your fingertips.

Explore the art scene with a trip to the Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery or put on your walking shoes and explore our colourful street art trail. Catch the latest release or a live show at Moncrieff Entertainment Centre.

Learn about the past at Hinkler Hall of Aviation, Fairymead Sugar Museum, and the Bundaberg Railway Museum. Stroll the Riverside Parklands walking path or take a river cruise with Bundy Belle.

Wear the kids out at Alexandra Park and Zoo or fill your tummy at Riverfeast, or explore Splitters Farm, a working farm and haven for rescued barnyard animals and native Australian fauna set amongst lush tropical bushland just minutes from town.

DID YOU KNOW? The tree-lined main street Bourbong St was once named Bourbon St, but local legend claimed it was changed to honour Bundaberg's drink of choice, rum.

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Cafe Culture

Taste the abundance of Bundaberg's year-round produce calendar on your plate at a local café or restaurant. Pioneers of the locavore movement, cafes adorn their menus with fresh, regional produce grown minutes from your plate. Tantalize your taste buds with intriguing flavour combinations that will leave even the most well-travelled foodie wanting more of what Bundaberg has on offer.

From old-school diners to loungy coffee houses to modern eateries, we have a dining experience that will satisfy any craving. Enjoy a peaceful coffee and cake with a good book by the Burnett River, or a social cuppa with friends and family in the relaxed café atmosphere that Bundaberg is known for.

Boutique Magic

With all the conveniences of a big city and all of the charm of a regional town, Bundaberg offers a variety of shopping experiences - whether for neccessities or for

Explore the leafy CBD and discover local institutions like Avenell Bros, established in 1898; invest in a statement piece from some of Australia's top designer or a handcrafted jewel from a local artisan; and indulge your inner child at Cha Cha Chocolate. Or opt for air conditioned comfort at Hinkler Central shopping centre.

Bundaberg Heritage Walk

An easy stroll around the CBD presents Bundaberg's rich

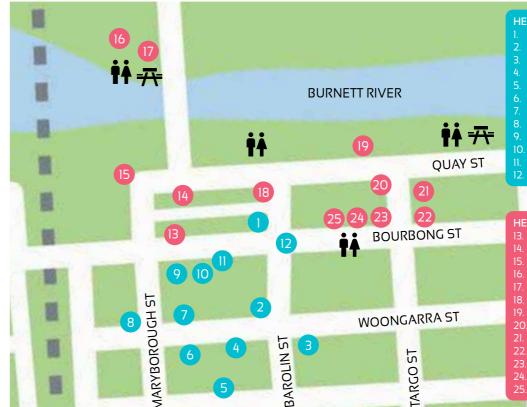
The Old National Australia Bank is a colonial design building built in 1891. The wide colonial verandas are embellished with cast iron lace balustrades, a distinctive feature of buildings of that period.

The School of Arts Building in Bourbong Street is the oldest public building still standing in Bundaberg, built in 1888/89 and features late Victorian architecture.

The Post Office building and tower was opened in 1890 and the exterior has remained virtually unchanged since its construction. The ground floor features wonderful pillars and arches and the upper floor is dominated by colonial verandas with cast-iron balustrades.

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HERITAGE WALK ONE

- Holy Rosary Church
- Senior Citizens Community Centre
- Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Buss Park & Hinkler Memorial
 Council Chambers and Civic Centre
- Anzac Monument

HERITAGE WALK TWO

- 3. Old Commercial Bank of Sydney

- 16. Railway Bridge17. Burnett Traffic Bridge
- Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery
- 20. Old Union Bank Bundaberg

- 24. Black's Building





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Hinkler Hall of Aviation and Fairymead House Sugar History Museum

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Bundaberg Botanic Gardens, Bundaberg North, Queensland





Step back in time and experience two great visitor attractions within the beautiful Bundaberg Botanic Gardens. The Hinkler Hall of Aviation celebrates the adventures and achievements of Australia's pioneer solo aviator Bert Hinkler. Become part of the story through glide and flight simulators, movie theatrettes, six display aircraft and a vintage motor vehicle, and the many unique museum exhibits and interactive displays right at your fingertips. Explore beautiful Hinkler House, Bert's relocated English home, aptly named 'Mon Repos' and be suitably impressed as you view the immaculately restored original Armstrong Siddeley vehicle from his Tour of Triumph in 1928.

Make your way along the garden lined pathways and be enchanted by Indian bungalow architecture at Fairymead House. Explore the grand plantation house and imagine life on a sugar cane plantation back in the late 1800s. Here you will share in the history of the pioneer sugar families from Bundaberg, uncover the enormous contribution by the South Sea Islander community and discover the process of producing sugar, from cane to crystal.

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Bundy Belle

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W: discoverbundaberg.com.au/bundaberg-zoo The free Bundaberg Zoo was established in 1911 and is one of Queensland's oldest continuously running zoos. Come and meet the cotton-top tamarins, parrots, wallabies, quolls, emus dingos and more!



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Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery (BRAG)

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W: www.artsbundaberg.com.au/galleries BRAG boasts a year-round program of local, touring and national art exhibitions, visiting artists, workshops, artist talks, educational programs, kids activities, guided tours, gift shop facilities and much more.





Bargara

Showcasing regional produce with oceanfront dining and local gelati, butcheries, bakeries, and fish and chip shops, this beachside oasis is a popular holiday hotspot for families and adventure seekers alike.

Live like the locals: put on your togs, grab your board and hit the waves in the morning, enjoy a morning stroll then stop into your favourite cafe and say hi to your local barista who makes your coffee 'oh so good'.

Explore the resort-style boutiques, discover the lavendar farm and artisan markets, and watch the sunrise over the ocean each morning.

Whether you are looking for playgrounds, BBQ spots, surf beaches or beaches for young kids, Bargara has something for everyone.

DID YOU KNOW? The Queensland Tourism Awardwinning Windmill Cafe in the centre of Bargara is inside an actual windmill.

Elliott Heads

At the mouth of the Elliott River, Elliott Heads' picturesque foreshore is welcoming sight to families and adreneline seekers alike. The township is home to a shady, landscaped caravan park adjacent to the patrolled beach and picnic spots with BBQ and toilet facilities.

A sand island, known as Dr May's Island, is located at the mouth of the Elliott River and is used by migratory birds for nesting and roosting. Please be mindful of seasonal closures of the island to protect the rare shorebirds which visit from as far as Siberia and Alaska.

You can easily spend a day, week or month at Elliott Heads so why not dust off your kite, or, if you're feeling adventurous, your kite surfer, and get your adrenaline racing at Elliott Heads.



Where river and ocean meet at the mouth of the Burnett River sits Burnett Heads and Port Bundaberg. Lady Musgrave Experience departs from the Port Marina, and the pretty town centre offers cute cafes, local shops and a pub.

Landmarked by the Burnet Heads Lighthouse (c.1873), Burnett Heads' laidback atmosphere will help you find your calm. Hire a boat for a spot of deep sea fishing or take a tinny down the river and try and catch a Barramundi.

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Woodgate Beach Bargara Beach

A 16km stretch of protected beach offering calm clear your chair to watch the waves softly lap the shore. At the northern end of the township is Theodolite Creek, a popular spot for stand-up-paddle boarding, kayaking and fishing.

Elliott Heads

Located at the mouth of the Elliott River, Elliott Heads offers both surf-beach swimming and the calmer waters skate park, and an outdoor half court basketball court of the river mouth. Bundaberg's equivalent to Whitehaven Also available are toilets, showers, change facilities, Beach, this picturesque coastal gem offers sweeping

white sand, effervescent blue waters full of fringing coral and swimmable rock pools and is a haven for kite surfers and jet skiers. Mon Repos

Nestled on the northern bank of the Elliott River estuary, Riverview provides an array of opportunity to get out on the water. This area is renowned for its great fishing with a boat ramp and pontoon to cast a line and catch tonight's tea or watch the fish weave through the mangroves from

Innes Park and Coral Cove

Innes Park offers creek swimming and reef within reach Palmers Creek provides shady picnic areas with safe swimming spots perfect for a Sunday family outing. Barolin Rocks offers reef within reach with colourful coral, reef fish and other underwater wildlife you can access from the mainland. You may even spot a dugong!

Kelly's Beach

Kelly's Beach offers a popular, surf lifesaver-patrolled beach, as well as 'The Basin', a protected, calm swimming spot popular for families. with young kids. Put on your snorkels and check out the fish that swim in these waters or catch the tide into the causeway. This popular swimming hole is also home

Bargara Beach is a family friendly beach offering winding waters, oceanview properties, and ample space to set up board walks, eateries, cafes and the popular Turtle Park playground. Dogs are welcome (on leash) and toilets, showers, shaded tables and BBQs are available.

Nielson's Beach

Located at the northern end of Bargara, Nielson's Beach offers patrolled swimming, a playground, skating rink and shaded tables, picnic areas, bbg's, cafe at the Surf Club and Shop at the Caravan Park just across the road

Home of the nesting and hatching turtles six months of the year this 6km stretch of beach is a secluded cove of beautiful coastline. Closed off to the public at night during turtle season, November – March, you can get up close and personal with these ancient mariners on a Mon Repos Turtle Encounter, a must for any visitor. Out of turtle season, the beach is enjoyed for swimming, sailing, and your kayak. other water sports.

Oaks Beach

This small beach in Burnett Heads is good for snorkelling, fishing, rock walking, swimming or surfing.

Check out the South Head Parklands where you will find playground equipment for all ages, skate park, wide spaces to kick a ball around and barbecue and picnic facilities.

Moore Park Beach

Moore Park Beach is a 20km stretch of sandy beach and is perfect for every member of the family, even the four-legged kind, with the southern end of the beach dog-friendly. The beach is patrolled by the Surf Lifesaving Club during the summer and there is a caravan park, motel and holiday units to cater for all your accommodation needs.

Baffle Creek

The furthest point north along the coast sits Baffle Creek. Baffle Creek provides many kilometres of waterways for to many shaded beach BBQ spots, a playground, and fishing, crabbing and boating, so why not drop a line and family-friendly accommodations just a short, leisurely try your luck? Grab the kids, or your mates and enjoy a picnic in the shade or drag out the kayaks for a paddle.

Our Canine Guests

Dogs are welcome on most of our region's beaches as long as they are kept on a leash at all times (unless otherwise signed) while being exercised. Please do the right thing as a responsible dog owner and clean up after

- Dogs are prohibited on the following beaches:
- Oaks Beach Burnett Heads
- Kelly's Beach Bargara (including the Basin and Moneys Creek)
- Nielson Park Beach Bargara (both the main beach and the northern beach adjacent to Jayteens Park)
- Moore Park Beach from Palm View Drive to Lassia Street
- Mon Repos Beach
- Elliott Heads Beach
- Elliott River Beach area within 500 metres west of the boat ramp
- Coonarr Beach (entire 17km length)

Patrolled Beaches

During summer, Surf Life Savers patrol specific beaches in the Bundaberg region. The beach is a dynamic environment which, while fun, can be unpredictable and dangerous. Red and yellow flags indicate that a area of the beach is supervised by a lifesaving service.

The following beaches are patrolled for your safety, but please check times and seasons.

- Kelly's Beach Bargara
- Nielson Park Beach Bargara
- Oaks Beach Burnett Heads Moore Park Beach
- Elliott Heads Beach

- Lady Musgrave **Cellys Beach Resor**
- Nielson's Beach
- Coral Cove



stroll away.

Waterfront Seclusion

A 16km stretch of protected beach offering calm clear waters, ocean-view properties, and ample space to set up your chair to watch the sun go down over the water. The seclusion and safety of the town make it an ideal place for family vacations with an array of accommodation options from caravan parks 20m from the beach to ocean view holiday rentals. Spend your afternoon with fresh caught reef fish and chips on the beach and watch the sun go down. Woodgate Beach is a holiday destination that will have you coming back year after year.

Water-Based Activities

Get wet and wild in the protected blue waters of Woodgate Beach. Try your luck out on the water, take the boat deep sea fishing, try for mud crabs in Theodolite Creek or set up your camp chair on the beach and cast a line.

Make the most of the calmer waters and learn to stand up paddleboard in Theodolite Creek on hire from Woodgate Beach Toys. Take a kayak tour with the whole family and snap that perfect early-morning sunrise shot. Hit the beach for a swim and have a sandcastle competition. Wrap up your day with fish and chips, a milkshake and your toes in the sand.

Outdoor Adventure

Woodgate Beach is an amazing holiday destination for the outdoor enthusiast. Surrounded by Burrum Coast National Park, you can take the Banksia Boardwalk which offers wheelchair access or go hiking to campsites and waterways.

Take the road less travelled and enjoy 4WDing at the Kinkuna section and beach access at the southern end of the Woodgate Beach Esplanade. You can also pretend you're Bear Grylls for the night and test your survival skills at campsites only accessible by 4WD. Go a little wild on your next holiday to Woodgate Beach.

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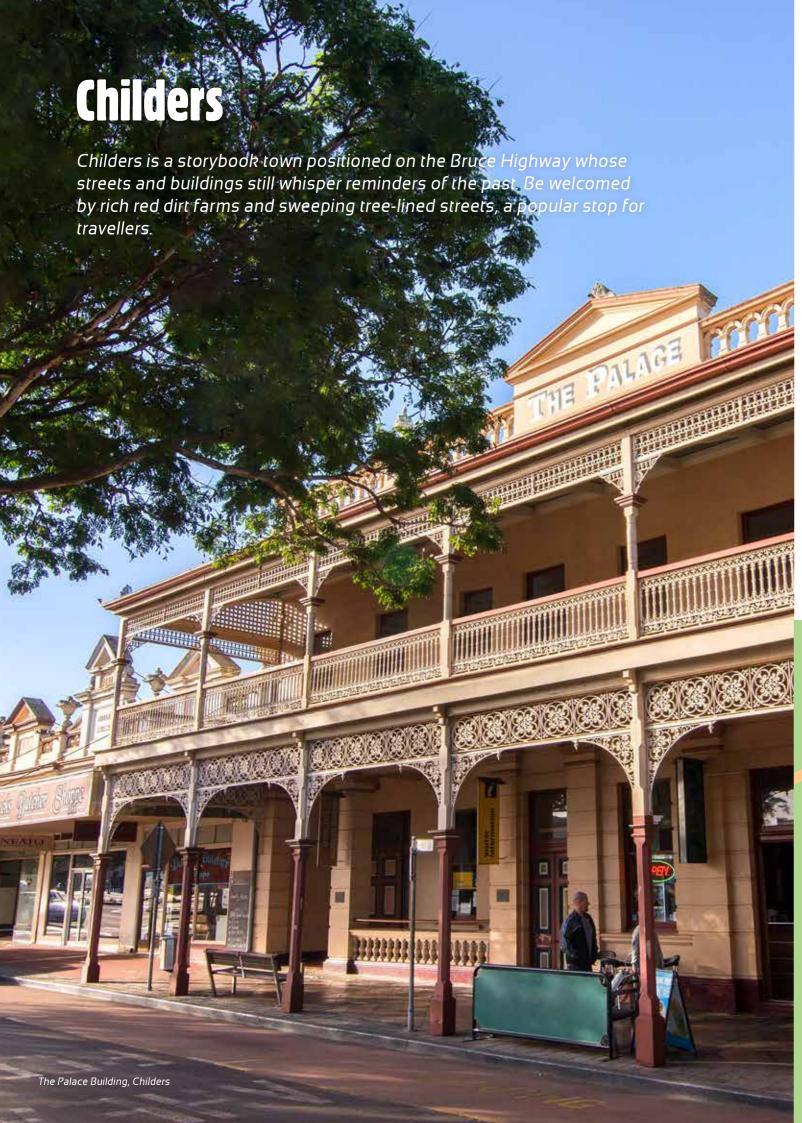




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A Hinterland Escape

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the city and spend a few days touring the picturesque town of Childers. Nestled in the hinterlands, take time to discover its unique history, its award-winning wineries and get up-close and personal to our iconic wildlife.

Take a trip down memory lane and explore the historical hotspots of Childers. Laced with beautiful, masonry buildings, you'll truly feel as though you've stepped back in time.

Local Stories, Many Generations

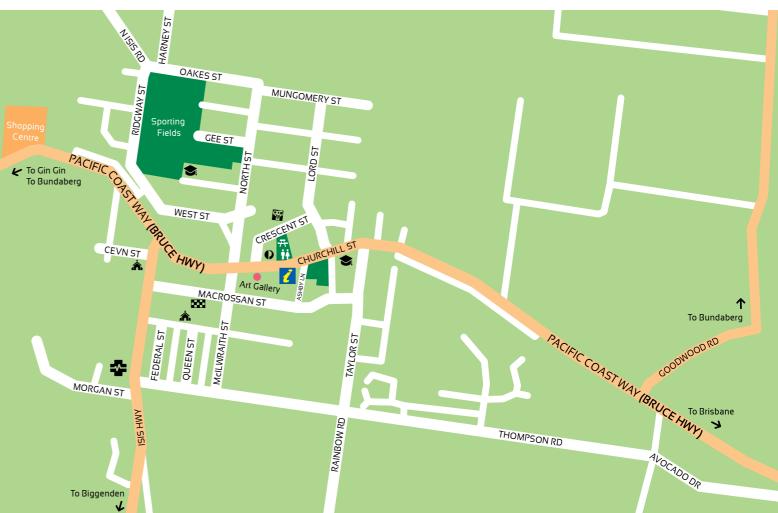
Meet Merissa Craft, who had a dream of bringing her family's magnificent Paragon Theatre back to life and has dedicated her days to restoring the Childers icon that welcomes everyone into town with coffee and local specialty Mammino's icecream.

Take time with historian and fifth-generation local, Scott Stedman, who has been involved with The Old Pharmacy, one of the town's most time-honoured icons. Established over 125 years ago, it is now one of Australia's largest pharmaceutical displays, with wondrous medicinal marvels and incredible rare specimens you would be lucky to see elsewhere in the world.



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Childers region







Visit Ian Jenkins at Snakes Downunder Reptile Park & Zoo, the living embodiment of a long-held dream which has grown over 20 years from a small but specialized reptile park, featuring snakes, crocodiles and other reptiles, to a thriving zoo, home to koalas, meerkats and kangaroos.

Pop into Childers Arts Space (CHARTS), a hub for local artists to showcase the works they are so passionate about. A true representation of the colour and diversity of the regional art scene, the space hosts a number of exhibitions a year, the devoted team members spend their days sharing the stories behind the artworks to fascinated visitors.

Chat with Allan Baker, OAM, who has been collecting and sharing history through the Military and Memorabilia Museum, a lifetime's work sparked by reading the passionate letters between his war-torn parents.

DID YOU KNOW? Childers has long been a part of the Isis shire, which visitors will see on signage throughout the town. There is conjecture about whether it was named after the Isis River in England or after the Egyptian goddess of fertility, due to the region's fertile red soil.





Historical Hotspots

The Palace Building

The former Backpacker Hostel where 15 young backpackers died following a deliberately lit fire on June 23rd 2000. The building now houses the Childers Visitor Centre, Art Gallery (Charts), and the Backpacker Memorial. From the verandah the view along the heritage listed facades is superb.

Military and Memorabilia Museum

A wonderful collection including military, police, ambulance, fire brigade and much more.

The Old Pharmacy Museum

The museum is the only one of its kind in Australia. This unique award winning museum is highly recommended. With its original red cedar fittings, gold leaf signage, leather-bound prescription books and ground glass bottles of herbs and more. Check out the selection of old fashioned sweets available for purchase, as well as some wonderful art & craft.

Grand Hotel

This building was relocated to the site from Horton, 4kms from Childers in the 1880's.

Federal Hotel

With its much photographed original swing doors and iron lace, the hotel was built in 1907 for 1250 pounds. Many cane-cutters, bullockies and timber-getters quenched their thirst here.

The Old Butcher Shop

No longer a butchery, this building constructed in 1896, was the first fully-tiled butcher shop outside of Brisbane.

Royal Hotel

The Hotel was built in 1894 and timber cut to make way for the rail lines was used in its construction.

Post Office

Built in 1896, the building houses the Post Office, Gift shop and Cafe.

Millennium Park & Kanaka Memorial

This park recognises the contribution and history of the South Sea Islander people who worked in the canefields in the early 1900's.

National Bank

Built in 1895, was originally the Bank of North Queensland.

Returned Services League (RSL)

This fine two story building was built in 1901 as the CBC bank. Note the tile motifs on the footpath.

WW1 Krupp Cannon & Soldiers Memorial Room

The room houses many photographs of young men who lost their lives during the wars.

Council Service Centre & Bicentennial Quilt

The quilt was made and presented to the people of the former Isis Shire by the local Quilter group.

Historical Village

The cottage and school [1890] formerly at Isis Central Mill, as well as the old shop were restored by volunteers. The village houses a collection of local memorabilia as well as Aboriginal artifacts and an original slab hut.

Masonic Hall

Built in 1895, the top floor was added in 1911. The timber was cut from the Isis Scrub rainforest and is all tongue and groove.

Paragon Theatre

Heritage listed ArtDeco building, built in the 1920's and restored in 2014.

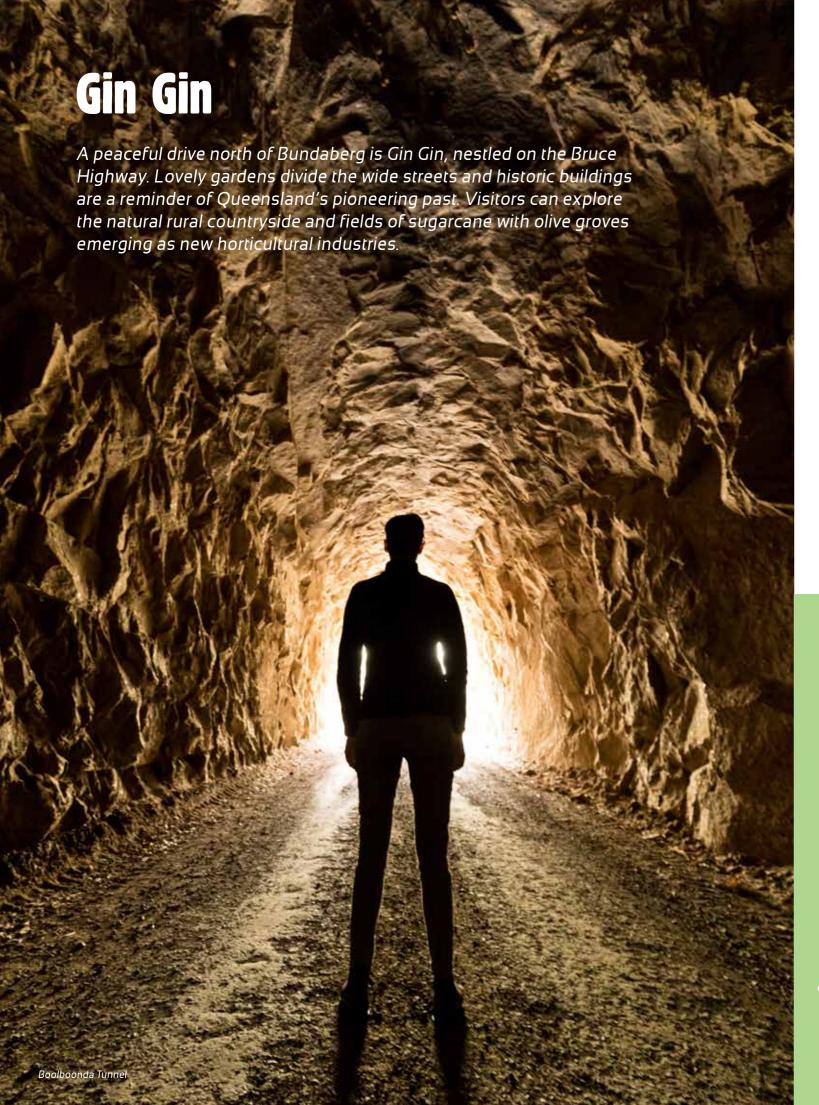


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- Centre 24. Swimming Pool

- Paragon Theatre 80. Snakes Down
- Park & Zoo
- 32. Hill of Promise
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Things To Do

Stop in at the Visitor Information Centre and browse the local produce available.

Take a bite out of one of the famous, award-winning pies at 'The Travellers Rest Stop'.

Check out the local museum and learn about the past, and the gallery featuring exhibits by local artists.

Lake Monduran is a great day out or weekend getaway for fishing fanatics, with an abundance of Barra and Base.

Have a bush picnic at the historic Kalliwa Hut in Goodnight Scrub National Park, home to over 60 species of butterfly. Take a 4WD up to One Tree Hill for panoramic views of the area.

Head to the small mining town of Mt Perry, which produced a fortune in minerals that also included gold and silver for many years from the 1870s. The remains of the old copper smelting works are a short walk above the town, and admire the historic buildings.

Drive or walk through the Boolboonda Tunnel, the longest non-supported tunnel in the Southern Hemisphere.

Discover Wallaville, where the first trial crush of locally grown sugar cane was made at the Wallaville Mill on 8th July 1896.

Get Active

AKE MONDURAN

Also known as Fred Haigh Dam, Lake Monduran Dam is located north-west of Gin Gin. This is a beautiful scenic spot to relax, get close to nature or enjoy a variety of water sports.

Lake Monduran is a great day out or weekend getaway for fishing fanatics, with an abundance of Barra and Bass that you can fish for in your own boat, or perhaps hire a Barramundi charter. A good quality concrete boat ramp provides access to this wonderful lake. There are plenty of shelters and picnic settings, along with barbecues, overlooking the lake. And what could be more perfect than freshly caught fish on the barbecue for lunch!

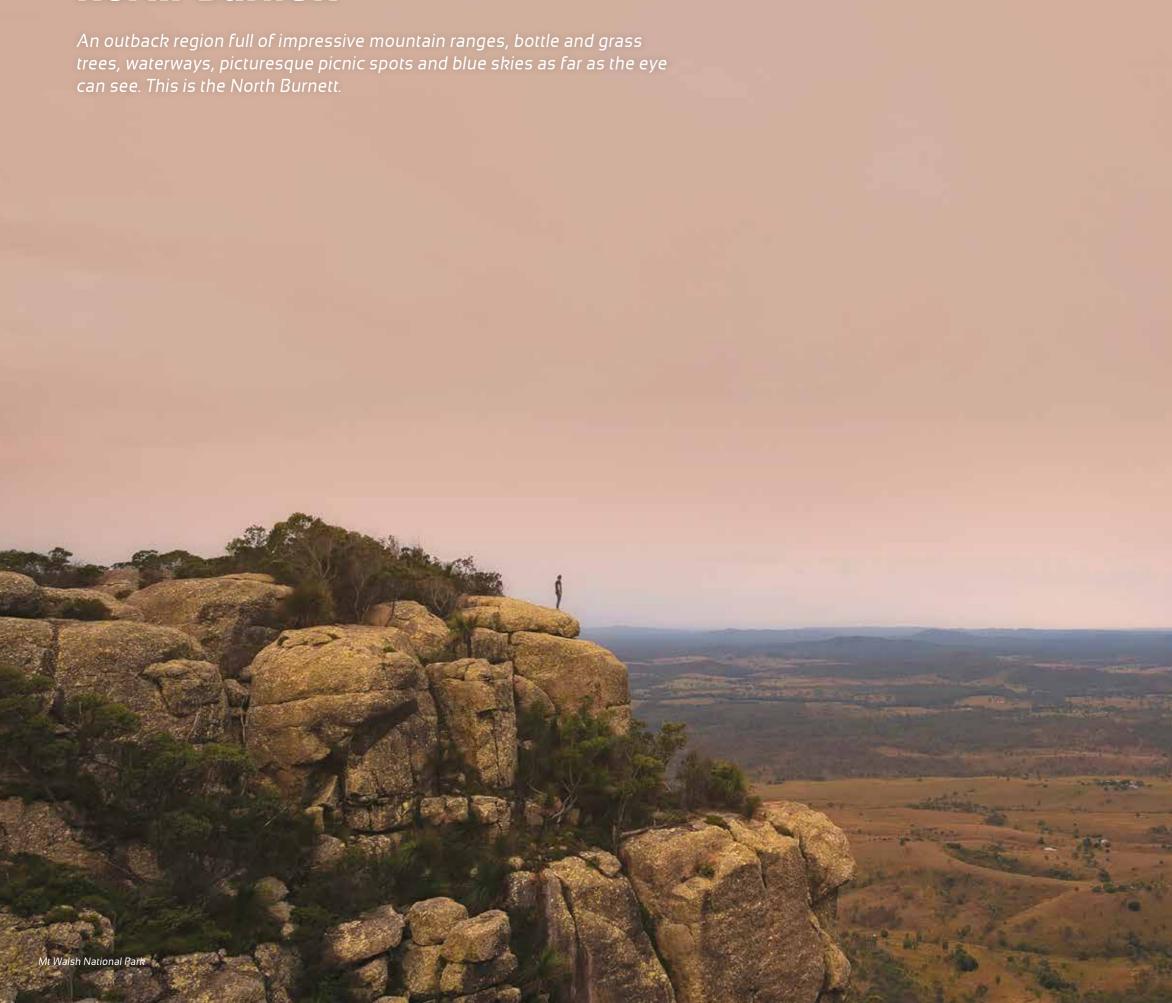
The lake also offers many water recreation opportunities from swimming, canoeing, kayaking and water-skiing.

GIN GIN NATURE PARK

The bushland reserve with large Eucalyptus trees, deep waterholes and a running creek provides an important habitat for birds and other native wildlife on the outskirts of Gin Gin. Enjoy the short walking track and timber viewing platform near the creek.



North Burnett



Welcome To The North Burnett

Are you looking for fun and adventure or simply seeking solace? You will be delighted with the selection of experiences the North Burnett region has to offer.

From the impressive mountain ranges to the wonderous waterways, this is the Burnett Way – where the words "live work play" easily come to mind. Come take a drive, spend some time and see for yourself what this impressive region has to offer.

Ban Ban Springs

A popular picnic spot for travellers, Ban Ban Springs sits 26km south of Gayndah on the A3 Australia's Country Way. Wakka Wakka legend exists around the Ban Ban Springs site dating back to the Dreamtime. The Rainbow Serpent surfaced there and spoke to the elders of the Wakka Wakka people, telling them about the secrets of the sacred waters and stories about the nearby Seven Sisters mountain range.

DID YOU KNOW? Ban Ban Springs was the first site in Queensland to be formally recognised as culturally significant.

Biggenden

The mountain ranges of Mount Walsh are the backdrop to the picturesque township of Biggenden, just over one hour's drive from Bundaberg. Biggenden is home to the Chowey Bridge, which is one of only two of its kind in Australia. This concrete railway bridge was built in 1905 and is a popular picnic hot spot.

Paradise Dam is a family-friendly oasis and water sport haven with the restored historic Kalliwa Hut a scenic 5km boat trip upstream. With access to Mount Walsh the impressive Waterfall Creek Rock Pools Utopia are just a stone throw away with the deep pools offering a refreshing escape after big rains. Why not pack up the kids and hit the water?

DID YOU KNOW? Burnett Livestock Exchange in Biggenden is the largest privately owned livestock selling centre in Queensland?

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Eidsvold

Just two hours west of Bundaberg, Eidsvold was first settled in 1848 and the discovery of gold in 1887 made the town a populous centre for miners. These days the town boasts a strong cattle trade and visitors can see live cattle auctions every second Wednesday, a must-do outback experience for the family.

Visit the RM Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre. Purpose built to honour legend RM Williams, the centre showcases his skills and achievements, and brings to life his passion for traditional bush life. The Centre is a place where all people can connect to their history, heritage and their land.

While you are visiting the Center make sure you stay for the 'Son et – Lumiere' light show, a customised steel sculpture that comes to life with illuminated local stories. Here you will learn more of our Australian icon and locals that lived, loved and worked in the area. Hear their stories of bushcrafts, bush antics and poetry.

DID YOU KNOW? One of this country's true icons, R.M. Williams, was born in South Australia and in the early 1950s moved to "Rockybar", a property west of Eidsvold

Learn something new about the pioneer settlers from Norway, the Archer Brothers, at the Archer Homestead or check out Alice Maslen's Hitching Rail in the main street where she would tie her horse when in town.

DID YOU KNOW? The town takes its name from Eidsvoll, Norway.

Gayndah

Gayndah lays claim to the oldest town in Queensland.

A two-and-a-half-hour drive inland from Bundaberg Gayndah offers an authentic Australian outback experience with its quaint main street and heritage-listed buildings. An educational haven for young families, Gayndah offers many historical points of interest including the Gayndah Art Gallery, with local and visiting exhibitions, Gayndah Museum, showcasing rural life in the 19th century with a boastful collection of vintage vehicles and rare equipment from trucks and even warships, and the Gayndah Railway now home to former long-distance Queensland train the "Sunlander" and a unique location for events.

Looking for a spot to take in everything you've discovered? McConnell Lookout showcases panoramic views of the beautiful Burnett River weaving its way through large citrus orchards or check out the Historic Iderway Upside Down Bridge.

DID YOU KNOW? Gayndah was the centre of scientific studies surrounding the protected Queensland Lungfish known as Ceratodus, which is only found alive in the Burnett and Mary Rivers.

Monto

Gateway to Cania Gorge National Park, Monto is home to an abundant dairy industry and a variety of cultural, historic and artistic experiences. It also is a significant part of the North Burnett Art Trail.

Stroll through Lister Street Parkland viewing the metal and sandstone sculptures by local and visiting artists. Stop into the Pioneer Cottage Visitor Information Centre for tips from a local on what to and spend the weekend at the RV 72-hour stopover area. Learn about the history of at the Monto Historical and Cultural Complex which houses a museum and art gallery featuring cultural displays, photography, art from local artists, and historical exhibitions. The complex also extends outside to a group of pioneer buildings.

You can also enjoy a scenic bush getaway in Coominglah State Forest and Kalpowar State Forest and discover Mulgildie Bunyip, a testament to the legend of the Bunyip hole, historic goldfields and cemetery.

Go off-grid at Kroombit Tops. Hit the path less travelled to see the remains of WWII Liberator bomber, Beautiful Betsy that crashed at Kroombit Tops in 1945. Kroombit Tops is only accessible by 4WD in dry weather, so let some air out your tyres and get exploring.

DID YOU KNOW? Monto is the most northern point on the popular silo art map with 'Three Moons', which depicts stories of gold mining, mustering and the Dreamtime.

Mount Perry

Mount Perry, just 100km north-west of Bundaberg, was founded on the mining and timber industry. Visitors can learn about the history of Mount Perry at the Mount Perry Museum.

Mount Perry is also home to the Boolboonda Tunnel, the southern hemisphere's longest hand-cut unsupported tunnel, an engineering masterpiece. Mingo Crossing offers the ideal family-friendly holiday with access to Paradise Dam, camping facilities, boat ramp access, and barbeque areas. Mount Perry's peak sits 750 metres above sea level and is a haven for mountain bikers and avid hikers with an array of different tracks on offer.

DID YOU KNOW? Mount Perry was the birthplace of famous Australian painter and textile designer, Florence Broadhurst, in 1899.



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Mundubbera

Mundubbera sits at the halfway point between Brisbane and Rockhampton and the meeting point of three rivers (the Burnett, Boyne and Auburn).

Take a stroll along the banks of the Burnett River at Bicentennial Park and enjoy the Sensory Garden, designed for the visually impaired, with distinctive smelling and textured plants. Go up stream to Jones Weir, a popular venue for water skiing, fishing canoeing and bird watching.

See the creative minds of local artists at work at the Mundubbera Regional Art Gallery or hit the field for the Mundubbera 7-a-side Cricket in February, a cricket-fanatics dream.

Make sure you stop and pick up some fresh produce while you are in town with Mundubbera proudly titled the citrus capital of Queensland.

DID YOU KNOW? The word "Mundubbera" is an aboriginal word meaning both "footsteps in the trees" and "meeting place of the waters"

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National Parks

Put on your hiking shoes, lather on the sunscreen and hit the dirt path. The North Burnett region has an abundance of National Parks and mountain ranges. A walking track is never far away.

Hike the sandstone wilderness at Cania Gorge National Park and Dam or the Bluff walking track at Mount Walsh to panoramic views of the North Burnett. Whether you're a hiking pro or just looking for that incredible view for your next Instagram photo, the North Burnett has a hike for you.

Cania Gorge National Park

Discover Aboriginal free-hand art along towering cliffs, in ancient caves and sheltered gorges in the Cania Gorge National Park. Take one (or more) of the eight walking tracks. Stroll by the creek or test your fitness skills with a strenuous climb to the Giant's Chair Lookout. Enjoy stunning views at Castle Mountain Lookout.

Mount Walsh National Park

A landmark in the North Burnett this towering National Park is a sight to behold. Stop for an all Aussie family BBQ under the impressive granite Bluff, take on a challenge setting off early morning to walk to the summit or grab your bathers for a swim in the Waterfall Creek Rock Pools Utopia. Explore the park by 4WD and discover the stunning granite monolith at Coongara Rock. Mount Walsh National Park is a must-do hike for the experienced and the beginner. Experience Altitude offers guided hikes of the Park and district.

Coalstoun Lakes National Park

Formed over 600,000 years ago Mount Le Brum is one of the youngest volcanic formations in Australia. Not for the faint hearted this short but sharp hike up leads to two craters which form shallow lakes throughout the year. From the top enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding landscape.

Auburn River National Park

Discover a contrasting landscape of snaking river against the jagged steep-sided magnificent water-sculpted granite. Set up camp in the picturesque bush setting next to the Auburn River. Bring your binoculars to birdwatch and keep an eye out for wallabies.

Good Night Scrub National Park

Protecting a once impenetrable and extensive hoop pine rainforest, Good Night Scrub National Park is a peaceful bush retreat. Have a bush picnic in a picturesque bushland setting at Kalliwa Hut. Picnic tables are provided. Keep an eye out for the 166 bird species and the 60 species of butterflies spotted in the park. Take a drive up to One Tree Hill Lookout and listen to the local folklore detailing how if you lost your cattle in the scrub you could 'kiss your cattle goodnight', giving the place its name, Good Night Scrub.

Woowoonga National Park

Looking for a challenge? Take a bushwalk at Woowoonga National Park. This rugged landscape is a taxing walk even for the fit and experienced hiker. Enjoy a picnic or BBQ beside the rocky creek or take the five-hour hike to the summit for breathtaking views of the region.

Southern Great Barrier Reef

Explore the southern-most 300km of one of the world's most iconic destination. North of the Bundaberg region are the Gladstone and Capricorn regions, where the major centres of Gladstone, Rockhampton and Capricorn Coast await intrepid explorers.

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Agnes Water & Town of 1770

Just 90 minutes north of Bundaberg, Agnes Water boasts a laid-back surfer lifestyle with the sets rolling in daily. The beachside town is the perfect location to learn how to surf or test your surfing prowess. Neighbouring sister-town, 1770, is known as Captain Cook's first landing. Take some time off and drive up to Agnes Water or 1770 enjoying the hospitable accommodation, tours and locals.



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Getting Here

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Bundaberg, the gateway to the Southern Great Barrier Reef, is a four hour drive north of Brisbane along the Pacific Coast Way (Bruce Highway). Or take the inland route along the scenic Australia's Country Way directly into the North Burnett.

Air

Qantas flies into Bundaberg from Brisbane. Visit qantas.com.au for more information

Rail

Queensland Rail offers multiple north- and southbound services daily on the Tilt Train and the Spirit of Queensland to and from the Bundaberg CBD. Visit queenslandrailtravel.com.au or phone 1300 783 553

Bus

Major buslines offer regular north- and south-bound services to and from Bundaberg.

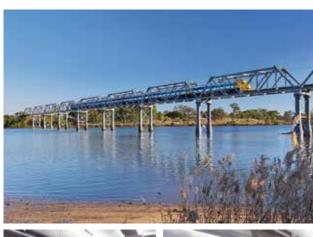
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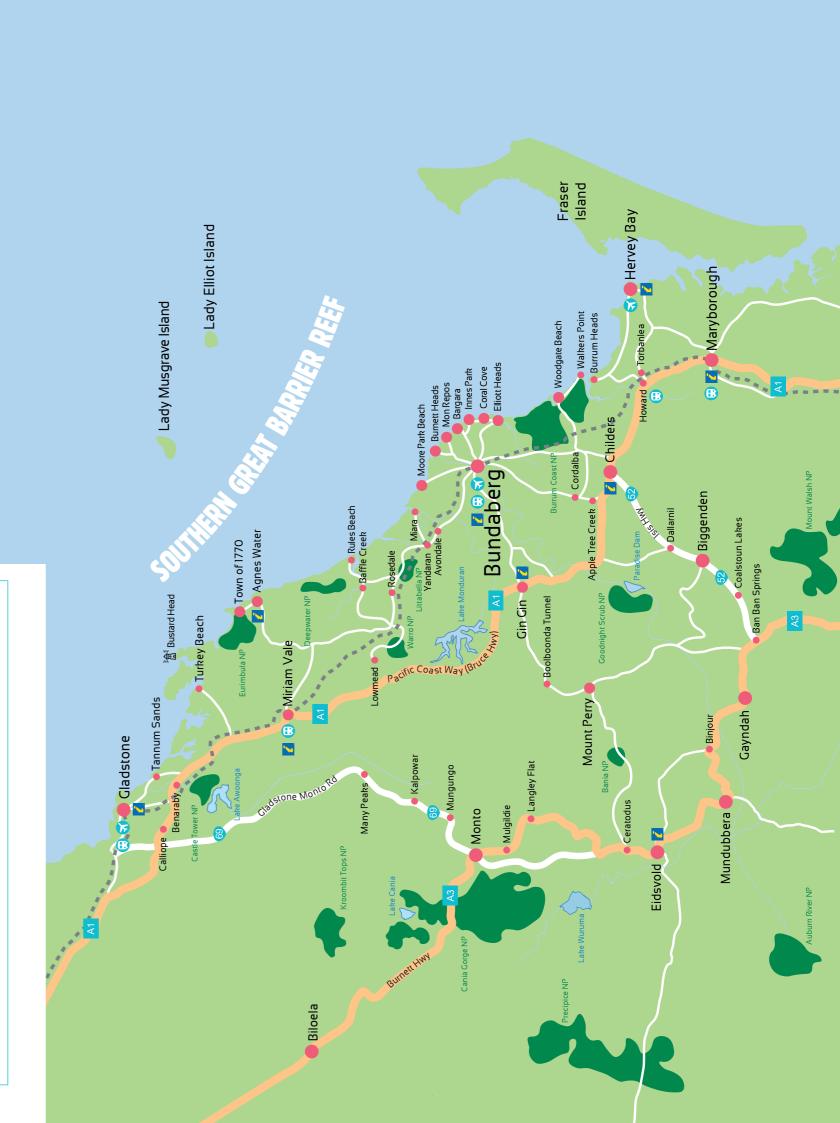
Skip the traffic and take the Tilt Train to your next Queensland getaway. With regular services operating between Brisbane and Bundaberg each week, you can enjoy hassle-free travel, while conveniently avoiding navigating the highway.

You can take a relaxing trip to the Southern Great Barrier Reef, watch the turtles nest at Mon Repos, eat your way through Australia's largest and freshest food bowl at Bundaberg, or simply stop off and visit friends and family along the way.

Sit back in a reclinable Economy Seat or upgrade to the comfort of a Business Seat, before visiting the Galley for a selection of meals and refreshments with a focus on Queensland produce.

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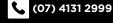
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