

# Bundaberg Itineraries

The closest access point to the Great Barrier Reef from Brisbane, Bundaberg is the town the turtles call home, where the reef touches the beach, where plates overflow with local produce and the rum is always world class. There are so many incredible experiences, here is a sample of our overnight itineraries.

## 2 Days - 1 Night

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Bundaberg Rum and Mon Repos Turtle Centre

### DAY 1 - DISCOVER THE TASTES OF BUNDABERG

Arrive in region in time for lunch at one of our many farm-gate-to-plate cafes.

Then head to the **Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience** for your tour of Australia's most awarded rum distillery, and the home of Bundaberg Rum. After exploring the museum, join one of their expert distillery guides on a guided journey deep into the heart of the fully operational Distillery.

The region is undergoing an artisan drink revolution with local-brewers, artisan-distillers, wine-makers and master blenders pouring into town. Take a guided tour with the artisans themselves or take it at your own pace and stop in to see behind the scenes on a cellar door trail.

### DAY 2 - TURTLE CONSERVATION

After breakfast, visit the **Mon Repos Turtle Centre**. The Conservation Park's beach supports the largest concentration of nesting marine turtles on the eastern Australian mainland and has the most significant loggerhead turtle nesting population in the South Pacific region.

At this globally-significant site you can learn all about these extraordinary animals and the conservation and research programs that are protecting them.

In season (November to March) join a ranger-guided Turtle Encounter, when visitors have a unique opportunity to witness majestic sea turtles nesting, or hatchlings making their perilous journey to the sea!

## 3 Days - 2 Nights

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Bundaberg Rum & Brewed Drinks and a Southern Great Barrier Reef Island Day Trip

### DAY 1 - GO BEHIND THE SCENES AT A WORKING DISTILLERY

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For those that want to try their hand at becoming a Master Blender, the Blend Your Own Rum Experience allows you to learn the art of blending. Each guest will craft their unique blend, pour it direct from the barrel, and leave the very same day with two personalized bottles. One to keep, and one to enjoy!

### DAY 2 - DAY TRIP TO THE SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF

Enjoy a day trip to Lady Musgrave or Lady Elliot Islands, the southern-most islands of the Great Barrier Reef. Immerse yourself in the pristine playgrounds around the coral cays as you snorkel in safe waters with turtles, manta rays and the abundance of marine animals who call the islands home. (See below for full island details)

During turtle tour season (Nov-March) a nightly Turtle Encounter tour at **Mon Repos Turtle Centre** is a must.

### DAY 3 - BUNDABERG BREWED DRINKS

Before departing the region, take the True Brew tour to learn about the history of Australia's favourite ginger beer and international icon, **Bundaberg Brewed Drinks**. When you are finished enjoy a taste testing of all of the great flavours and a 6 pack of your choice is included for your road trip.

## 4 Days - 3 Nights

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Queensland country hospitality & a Southern Great Barrier Reef Island Day Trip

### DAY 1 - WILD LIFE ENCOUNTERS

Arrive in the storybook town of Childers located 60kms north of Hervey Bay in time for your 10am **Snakes Down Under & Reptile Park** experience. With over 45 species and sub-species of Australian reptiles, amphibians and marsupials, this family owned and operated zoo is the place to have some one on one time with some Aussie animals.

Before driving 50kms to Bundaberg make sure you visit the historic hot spots and wineries of Childers.

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### DAY 3 - A DAY ON THE FARM

Set amongst lush tropical bushland, **Splitters Farm** is a 160 acre property bordered by Splitters Creek, a fresh water nature reserve that feeds into Bundaberg's beautiful Burnett River.

Splitters Farm offers a unique rural farm tour experience, kyacking, swimming & fishing. It's also home to native Australian animals including wallabies, platypus, barramundi, prehistoric lung fish and boasts over 150 documented species of Australian bird life

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### DAY 4 - RUM FOR THE ROAD

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## 6 Days - 5 Nights

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Meeting the locals on the land and the reef

### DAY 1 - TASTE BUNDABERG

The region is undergoing an artisan drink revolution with local-brewers, artisan-distillers, wine-makers and master blenders pouring into town. Stop into the various cellar doors throughout our region, you will be greeted and taken on a guided tour with the artisans themselves and be able to take a piece of the Bundaberg Region home with you.

[bundabergregion.org/cellar-doors](http://bundabergregion.org/cellar-doors)



### DAY 2 & 3 - SLEEP ON THE REEF

Imagine waking up in the pristine playground of the Southern Great Barrier Reef. Snorkel in safe waters with turtles, manta rays and the abundance of marine animals who call the islands home. Choose between reef units or glamping tents on **Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort** and underwater dormitory accommodation or roof top swags on **Lady Musgrave Island HQ's pontoon**.

### DAY 4. FARM GATE TRAILS

Explore the red dirt roads connecting Bundaberg to Childers, Moore Park Beach, Bargarra and beyond, where roadside 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.

[bundabergregion.org/taste/farm-gate-hotspots](http://bundabergregion.org/taste/farm-gate-hotspots)



### DAY 5 - FIND A SECLUDED BEACH

The Bundaberg Region is home to some of the most secluded and untouched beaches on the east coast of Australia. The must visit's are Elliot Heads Beach, home to Dr Mays Island, Woodgate Beach, Kellys Beach & Coonaar Beach.

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### DAY 6 - HINTERLAND NORTH AND SOUTH

After a farm-gate-to-plate breakfast wether your next destination is north or south the Bundaberg Region has hinterlands and country towns to explore. To the north a 3 hour drive will take you to the sandstone wilderness of **Cania Gorge** and **Kroombit Tops National Park**. If your direction is south a 2.5 hour drive will take you to the **RM Williams Bush Learning Centre** and Mount Walsh National Park.

## Getting Here

From	Drive	Fly	Dist.
Brisbane	4 hrs	45 mins	350 km
Noosa Heads	3 hrs 10 mins	-	255 km
Hervey Bay	1 hr 20 mins	-	110 km
Town of 1770	1 hr 40 mins	-	130 km
Yeppoon	3 hrs 50 mins	-	328km

## Suggested Accommodation

### BARGARA

**Grand Mercure C Bargarra Resort**

★★★★ *Self Rated*

A franchise of the ACCOR group, situated on the Esplanade, where every apartment enjoys spectacular ocean views.

**Kellys Beach Resort, Bargarra**

★★★ *Self Catering AAA Rated*

Eco-Certified resort located a block back from the beach, in Bargarra.

### BUNDABERG

**Burnett Riverside Hotel, Bundaberg**

★★★★ *Self Rated*

Located in the heart of the Bundaberg CBD and perched on the banks of the Burnett River, with hotel, restaurant and function facilities.

**Villa Mirasol, Bundaberg**

★★★★ *AAA Rated*

Centrally located motel accommodation only a short walk to restaurants, shopping centers, theatres, art galleries, and CBD.

## ISLANDS

From exotic island escapes to day trips to efferent coral reefs, your Southern Great Barrier Reef isn't complete without time on one of our many island paradises.

### LADY ELLIOT ISLAND

Visit the most southern point of the Great Barrier Reef at Lady Elliot Island. Renowned as 'Home of the Manta Ray', the island is regarded as one of the best diving and snorkelling locations on the Great Barrier Reef and is famous for its unspoilt coral reef and amazing array of spectacular marine life. Access to Lady Elliot Island is via a scenic flight departing Bundaberg Airport.

**ACCOMMODATION & DAY TRIPS**  
Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort

### LADY MUSGRAVE ISLAND

Lady Musgrave Island is set on 3000 acres of living reef with a protected lagoon, making it a perfect spot for snorkelling and diving, with day trips and overnight accommodation on the pontoon (from early 2021) departing from the Port of Bundaberg via luxury catamaran. 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.

**ACCOMMODATION & DAY TRIPS**  
Lady Musgrave Experience

