

# 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**. Located on Bundaberg's coastline, 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

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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 with two expert rum blending guides. 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 in safe waters with turtles, manta rays and the abundance of marine animals who call the islands home. (See below for full island details)

### 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. Grab your favourites for the road and maybe a souvenir or two from the picture-perfect Barrel.

## Suggested Accommodation

### BARGARA

Grand Mercure C Bargara Resort

★★★★ Self Rated

Situated on the Esplanade, where every apartment enjoys spectacular ocean views.

C Bargara Resort is a franchise of the ACCOR group.

Kellys Beach Resort

★★★★ Self Catering AAA Rated

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

### BUNDABERG

Burnett Riverside Hotel

★★★★ 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

★★★★ AAA Rated

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

## Getting Here

From	Drive	Fly	Distance
Brisbane	4 hours	45 mins	350 kms
Noosa Heads	3 hours 10 mins	-	255 kms
Hervey Bay	1 hour 20 mins	-	110 kms
Town of 1770	1 hour 40 mins	-	130 kms
Yeppoon	4 hours 15 mins	-	330 kms

## 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