

# Fraser Coast & Bundaberg Itineraries

Welcome to the Fraser Coast and Bundaberg, Southern Great Barrier Reef!

Just north of Queensland's capital of Brisbane lies the World Heritage-listed icons of Fraser Island (K'Gari) and the Southern Great Barrier Reef, where white sands meet rich red soil to produce the greatest adventure you've always meant to take.

Prep your palate to taste fresh like you never knew existed. From Australia's best seafood to world-lauded drinks, graze your way through the nation's richest food bowl and sample iconic and artisan beverages with the producers themselves.

From white sand islands to coral cays, from unspoiled beaches to laid-back beachside villages to lush hinterland, the regions await you. Get your toes in the sand and rediscover Queensland holidays as they should be – unspoiled, uncomplicated, unforgettable.

## Wreck & Reef

*Fly/Drive Ex Brisbane 5 days - 4 nights*

### DAY 1 - BUNDABERG RUM

A quick 50-minute flight will have you landing in Bundaberg. After collecting your hire car from **Budget Car Rentals** spend time exploring the picturesque Bundaberg Region. Visit Bundaberg Rum for the **Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience** where you will experience an award-winning, fully operational rum distillery and product tastings.

### DAY 2 - DIVE THE SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF

Departing at 7.00 am with **Lady Musgrave Experience Day Cruise and Double Outer Reef Dive**. Explore the Southern Great Barrier Reef in style onboard a luxury high speed catamaran. Experience a double dive on the outer reef & surrounding islands of Lady Musgrave Island.

### DAY 3 - DIVE THE HMAS TOBRUK

Experience the wonderful Bargara hospitality as you enjoy your breakfast at the award-winning **Windmill Cafe Bargara**.

Drive the quick 90-minutes to Hervey Bay and **Dive the HMAS Tobruk (PM dive)**. Explore the cavernous main tank deck for a full length dive like no other. Experienced divers may find several species on the sea floor including grouper, wobbegong sharks and rays.



### DAY 4- KAYAK & WHALES

Partake in an adventure kayak and snorkel tour with **Hervey Bay Eco Marine Tours** around some of Hervey Bay's popular local reefs and beaches (Dec-May) or experience the amazing whales on a full day Whale Watch (June-Oct).

Enjoy a cocktail and dinner overlooking the beautiful Bay at **Enzo's on the Beach**.

### DAY 5 - DEPART

Enjoy a hearty breakfast at one of the seaside cafes.

Visit the **Discovery sphere** to learn more about our amazing whales and K'Gari (**Fraser Island**) Fly from Hervey Bay to Brisbane.

## Food & Drink

*Self Drive Ex Brisbane 6 days - 5 nights*

### DAY 1. HERITAGE EXPLORATION

A 3-hour drive north from Brisbane lands you in Maryborough. Drop in at **Lychee Divine** to sample Lychee Liqueurs or Lychee Ice Cream.

Check out Maryborough's **Portside Heritage area** to partake in the **Walk of the ANZACS**.

Lunch at one of Maryborough's great cafes, **Alowishus Delicious**.

Take the 25-minute drive to Hervey Bay to visit the **Discovery Sphere** where you will learn about the amazing humpback whales and the majestic K'Gari.

For dinner sample some local seafood at **Waters Edge Seafood Restaurant**.

### DAY 2 - FRASER ISLAND

Rise early for a walk along **Urangan Pier** and watch the sun rise as people fish off the pier – grab a coffee and some breakfast before your tour departs to K'Gari.

Enjoy a **Premium Day Tour of K'Gari with K'Gari Explorer Tours**– overnight at **Kingfisher Bay Resort** with the **Bush Tucker Talk and Taste** experience available Mon/Wed/Fri.

Dinner at the resort restaurant.

### DAY 3 - WINE TASTING

Breakfast at **Kingfisher Bay Resort** then head back to Hervey Bay.

Lunch and drinks at **Cauldron Brewing** to sample the local brew.

Drive a short 45-minutes to Childers and enjoy a afternoon tea at **Whispers Café – Vinter's Secret Winery** while you sample some of the best wines in the region.

Make your way to the seaside town of Bargara under an hours drive away to enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants on the Bargara Esplanade.

### DAY 4 - TASTE BUNDABERG

Breakfast at the award-winning **Windmill Cafe Bargara** kick back and enjoy amazing food, coffee and outstanding service.

Head to Bundaberg where you can learn the history of Bundaberg Rum with the **Bundaberg Rum Distillery Tour** and **Blend Your Own Rum Experience**.

Call into **Tinaberries** for one of their beautiful ice-creams and from August to early October you can even pick your own strawberries!

Dine at **Water St Kitchen**, the city's most acclaimed fine dining restaurant.

### DAY 5. SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF

**Full Day Island Tour with Lady Musgrave Experience**. Explore the Southern Great Barrier Reef in style onboard a luxury high speed catamaran. Enjoy a glass bottom boat tour, fully guided island walk and snorkel in the sheltered lagoon with the resident turtles. Morning tea, full buffet lunch and afternoon tea are provided, the boat is licenced so you can enjoy a refreshing beverage while you enjoy the view of the pristine lagoon.

Dine at the relaxing **Kellys Beach Resort** (Bargara).

### DAY 6 - DEPART

Depart to Bundaberg and enjoy a beautiful breakfast at **Water St Kitchen** before you embark on your drive back to Brisbane.



## Suggested Accommodation

Comfort Inn on Main, Hervey Bay

★★★★ AAA Rated

Emeraldene Inn and Eco Lodge, Hervey Bay

★★★★ AAA Rated

Mantra Hervey Bay, Hervey Bay

★★★★★ Self Rated

Oaks Hervey Bay Resort and Spa, Hervey Bay

★★★★★ Self Rated

Remada Resort by Wyndham, Hervey Bay

★★★★ Self Rated

Grand Mercure C Bargara Resort, Bargara

★★★★ Self Rated

Kellys Beach Resort, Bargara

★★★★ Self Catering AAA Rated

Burnett Riverside Hotel, Bundaberg

★★★★ Self Rated

Splitters Farm, Bundaberg

★★★★★ Self Rated

Villa Mirasol Motor Inn, Bundaberg

★★★★ AAA Rated

## Natural Encounters

*Self Drive 5 days - 4 nights*

Starting in Hervey Bay, discover the 2 region's coastal country culture

### DAY 1 - HERITAGE EXPLORATION

Take the easy 3.5-hour drive from Brisbane to Hervey Bay along the Pacific Coast Way.

Enjoy lunch at one of Hervey Bays many outstanding cafes, such as **Bayaroma**.

After lunch you can visit the **Cultural Centre** and check out the **Discovery Sphere** where you can learn more about the legendary whales and the historic K'Gari

When in season (July-Nov) take an afternoon **Whale Watch Tour with Tasman Adventure**

Enjoy a dinner of fish and chips at one of the picturesque picnic spots on the esplanade and take a leisurely stroll on the historic **Urangan Pier** which was built in the 1900's and perfect for an evening stroll.



### DAY 2 - FRASER ISLAND

**Premium Day Tour of K'Gari with K'Gari Explorer Tours** to experience amazing sites such as Lake McKenzie and Eli Creek.

Enjoy a cocktail and dinner overlooking the beautiful Bay at **Enzo's on the Beach**.

### DAY 3 - BEACHES OF BUNDABERG

Visit one of Hervey Bay's many popular breakfast spots and set off to Bundaberg just a short 90-minute drive north.

Visit the beautiful beaches at Elliott Heads and Bargara and enjoy a lazy lunch at the **Windmill Café, Bargara** where the region's amazing produce is showcased to perfection.

Spend the afternoon exploring **Splitters Farm** one of Bundaberg's newest attractions and offers a unique rural camping and farm stay experience.

When in season (Nov-Mar) you can take a guided **Nightly Turtle Encounter Tour** at **Mon Repos Turtle Centre** for your chance to see nesting turtles (Nov-Jan) and hatchlings emerging from nests (Jan-Mar).

### DAY 4 - LADY MUSGRAVE ISLAND

Enjoy a day trip to **Lady Musgrave** or **Lady Elliot Island**, 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.

Dine at **Red Chilli Thai Bargara**.

### DAY 5 - DEPART

Have a hearty breakfast by the water at **Rick's Cafe** before departing on the 4.5-hour journey back to Brisbane.

## Regional Heritage

*Self Drive 6 days - 5 nights*

Starting in Bundaberg, discover the 2 region's coastal country culture

### DAY 1 - HERITAGE EXPLORATION

Drive to the agricultural town of Bundaberg a 4 hour drive from Brisbane.

Visit **Hinkler Hall of Aviation** which brings to life the adventures and achievements of Australia's famous pioneer solo aviator Bert Hinkler. Move onto visit **Fairymead House Sugar History Museum** where you can share in the history of the pioneer sugar families of Bundaberg.

Enjoy lunch at **Grunskes on the River** which showcases Bundaberg's amazing seafood.

Take a tour of the famous **Bundaberg Rum Distillery** and learn the history of this iconic product and if you like, you can partake in a **Blend Your Own Rum Experience** which allows you to blend you very own unique rum!

During the months November through to March, visit the **Mon Repos Turtle Centre** where you can take a guided **Nightly Turtle Encounter Tour** for your chance to see nesting turtles (Nov-Jan) and hatchlings emerging from nests (Jan-Mar).

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

Situated off the coast of Bundaberg sit two of the Southern Great Barrier Reef's most pristine and untouched island gems, **Lady Elliot Island** and **Lady Musgrave Island**. Spend the day exploring secluded paradises as you snorkel in safe waters with turtles, manta rays and the abundance of marine animals who call the islands home.

### DAY 3 - MARYBOROUGH'S HERITAGE

Just over 90-minutes down the road will have you arriving in **Maryborough's Portside Heritage Precinct**.

Visit the **Military Museum** and meet an ambassador for a guided tour to the **Walk of the Anzacs (Gallipoli to Armistice)** in Queens Park, then grab a bite to eat in the open air.

Wander through the various Portside sites including **Customs House, The Bond Store and Storybank**.

Check in to your accommodation in Hervey Bay and later enjoy a beautiful dinner at **The Fraser Coast Artisan Pasta Bar**

### DAY 4 - HERVEY BAY'S HERITAGE

Breakfast on the esplanade at **Eat at Dan and Steph's**.

Check out the **Hervey Bay Historical Village and museum**. Visit some of the Military Trail sites in Hervey Bay such as the **Lighthorseman** on his Waler in Freedom Park or the **Krait Memorial** in Dayman Park overlooking **Fraser Island**. Next will be a **Djinang Cultural walking Tour** to learn about the local Butchulla people.

Dinner at one of Hervey Bays great restaurants or pubs.

### DAY 5 - FRASER ISLAND

**Premium One Day tour of K'Gari with K'Gari Explorer Tours** - explore the islands amazing sites including Lake McKenzie and Eli Creek departs 8.30 am.

Enjoy a casual dinner at **Santini Pizza e Cucina**.

### DAY 6 - DEPART

Sleep in and enjoy brunch at **Bayaroma Café** before heading back to Brisbane a short 3.5 hours away.



## Getting Here

From	Hervey Bay	Bundaberg
Brisbane	2 hrs 30 mins	4 hrs
Noosa Heads	2. hrs 30 mins	3 hrs 10 mins
Hervey Bay	-	1 hr 20 mins
Town of 1770	3 hrs 10 mins	1 hr 40 mins
Rockhampton	4 hrs 30 mins	3 hrs 30 mins
Fly Brisbane	40 mins	50 mins



*From Southern Great Barrier Reef  
to Fraser Island in a day*