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# Hello from Queensland

Embark on the ultimate road trip adventure and explore Queensland like never before! This stunning state is a treasure trove of natural beauty, unique experiences, and unforgettable destinations waiting to be discovered. From the world-renowned Great Barrier Reef and its turquoise waters to the lush, green rainforests teeming with life, and the raw, rugged charm of the Queensland Outback, there's something for every traveller to enjoy.

Whether you're a seasoned road tripper with a passion for the open road or a first-timer ready to embrace the thrill of adventure, this guide is your perfect companion. Packed with insider tips, must-see locations, and local insights, it's designed to help you uncover hidden gems, iconic landmarks, and the best spots for food, fun, and relaxation. Every kilometre is an opportunity for a new discovery, and every destination offers a unique story to tell.

This is your guide to the ultimate road trip - an adventure where the journey is just as exciting as the destinations. So, buckle up and let's go!

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# Gold Coast Region

Tallebudgera Creek



The subtropical Queensland climate means the sunshine is abundant and the weather is warm, even through winter. There are a variety of landscapes to explore, from the long stretches of beach and buzzing urban precincts on the gorgeous coastline to the steeply winding roads, lush rainforests and pretty villages of the Hinterland.

Gold Coast holiday parks, campgrounds and tourist parks are some of the best in Australia, and you can set up camp on a prime piece of beachside real estate for an affordable stay. Park your caravan on the banks of Tallebudgera Creek, in the heart of the action at Main Beach or Burleigh Heads, at a boaties paradise on the Broadwater or wake up to the sounds of waves at Ocean Beach or exotic bird calls echoing through the rainforest at Binna Burra.

Jacobs Well Tourist Park on the northern Gold Coast has instant access to the waterways of Moreton Bay Marine Park, and is dog-friendly, as is Kirra Beach Tourist Park. If you're planning to visit Gold Coast's iconic theme parks, there are some nearby holiday parks where you can stay for easy access such as Big4 Gold Coast Holiday Park. Plus they have their own waterparks and lagoon pools onsite, so parents can relax while the kids can enjoy non-stop fun. And if you're planning to travel the Pacific Coast

Way, the Gold Coast makes the perfect starting point or final destination on your journey down the Queensland coast from Cairns.

There's such a diverse choice of destinations to visit from the Gold Coast on a day trip, all within a two-hour drive. From the buzzing capital city of Brisbane, to quaint coastal villages and bohemian lifestyle of northern NSW to the beauty of the Scenic Rim. With world-class art and architecture, exceptional eats, picturesque settings plus waterfalls, creeks and seaside adventures all on offer, there's a lot of ground to cover.



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## Experience the Gold Coast way of life

Jacobs Well 

Broadwater

Main Beach

Ocean Beach

Burleigh Beach

Tallebudgera Creek

Kirra Beach 

South Stradbroke Island



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# Queensland Country

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Feeling the pull of country roads and wide open spaces? It might be time to recharge, reconnect and relax in Queensland Country. Jump heart first into the call of a country drive with a region that is well connected via highways and road networks including the Cunningham, New England, D'Aguiar, Brisbane Valley and Gore Highways, the Warrego Way, the Leichhardt Way, the Great Inland Way, the Adventure Way and Australia's Country Way - just to name a few.

Experience the otherworldly beauty and diversity of the culturally significant Carnarvon Gorge as you journey through the Central Queensland Highlands in the north, the flourishing crop country of the Lockyer Valley and Somerset in the east, Queensland's cotton capital of Goondiwindi in the west; the tranquil lakes and weirs and the ancient Bunya Mountains of the Western Downs, then head south to Australia's highest wine region - the Southern Downs & Granite Belt. With the beautiful Garden City of Toowoomba and surrounds right in the middle, and over 150 small quintessential country towns dotted in between, there are an abundance of bespoke experiences to unearth.

Each corner of the region is distinctly different offering the ultimate day trip, weekender, or a little longer for the get-out-of-towners, wholesome family getaway-ers, part time explorers and even the most daring of adventure-seekers. Climbing precariously balanced granite boulders,

hiking through UNESCO-listed rainforests, stunning waterfalls, fields of bright yellow sunflowers, award-winning wines, as well as museums full of foundational history and heritage - these are just some of the adventures awaiting you. Plan your trip in line with one of our many hero events featuring cultural celebrations to quirky festivals. There is something to meet everyone's tastes.

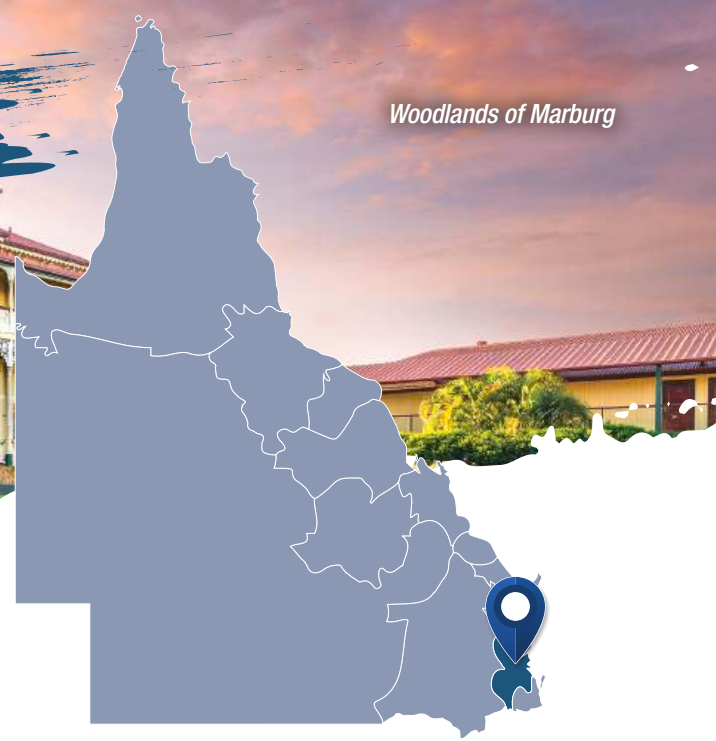
Pair these epic activities with bespoke accommodation, local artisanal produce, and friendly characters boasting country hospitality and tales to tell by the bucket loads. It's all here in Queensland Country - we look forward to welcoming you.



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# Greater Brisbane

Woodlands of Marburg



Believe a metropolitan area can't offer a great road trip experience? Then you haven't explored Greater Brisbane, where the perfect blend of dining, culture, and adventure awaits.

Let's start with Moreton Island where you'll find sand driving, dolphin feeding, snorkelling and shipwrecks - all a short ferry ride from the world-class facilities and CBD action of Brisbane itself.

Between Moreton Island and the CBD, you will find the Redlands Coast. Here you can explore local beach culture and depart for a North Stradbroke Island adventure.

North of Brisbane is Moreton Bay, a contrasting region offering anything from the aquatic playground of Bribie Island to the renowned Woodford Folk Festival. Relax on soft-sand beaches and at secluded hinterland swimming holes. Energise with high-adrenaline water sports. Eat and drink your way from the farm-gate to craft breweries and wineries. Follow an arts trail to regional galleries and artisan markets and bushwalk through rainforest and waterfalls.

Moving south of the city you will find Logan with its koalas, exotic eats and Buddhist Chung Tian Temple, and west of the city is Ipswich, a favourite for the kids. Feed a llama, meet bilbies and quolls, travel on a steam train, learn from blacksmiths and bike along a rail trail. When school holidays roll around, Ipswich doubles the fun with events and experiences designed expressly for your younger family members - and all under an hour from the Brisbane CBD.

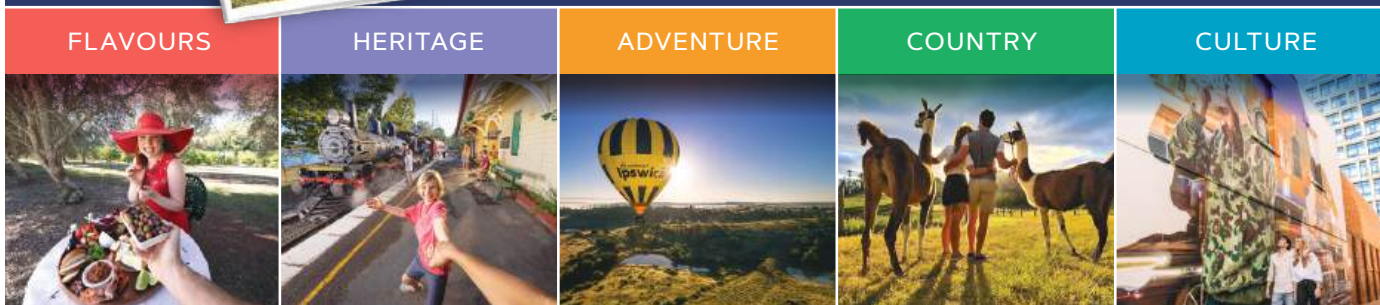
Rounding off the Greater Brisbane experience is the green paradise of the Scenic Rim, which is home to six national parks and the World-Heritage listed Gondwana Rainforest. So incredible is this region it was named in 2022 by Lonely Planet as one of the top ten Regions in the world to visit!



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# Outback Queensland

Porcupine Gorge



Australia is a land dominated by vast, expansive landscapes and Outback Queensland has some of the most stunning and unique. Queensland's beautiful backyard is ready and waiting for you to explore. And to fully appreciate this great land with all its diversity and individuality, it's time to pick up a map and take to the road.

The Outback takes us back to our roots, to the heart of what makes us Australian, reminding us of how lucky we are to live in this incredible country. A road trip through the Outback is a fantastic, and utterly iconic way to view this majestic and historical part of our country. Driving across the open roads, with the vast blue sky hugging the red earth, you can imagine a time when dinosaurs roamed here across the plains, or picture how indigenous people worked and lived for tens of thousands of years in this sacred part of the world. Add in quirky Outback events and cultural festivals, iconic attractions and museums, and our new hot springs bathing trail - and your road trip is complete.

When it comes to choosing how to drive through the Outback, you're only limited by your dreams. If you're starting from Brisbane, you can weave your way through to Birdsville, past the largest cattle yards in the southern hemisphere. From Sydney, you can traverse your way through incredible national parks to Rockhampton or Cooktown. From Melbourne, go from bush to beach, finally stopping on the Capricorn Coast. Wherever you are in Australia, Outback Queensland is waiting to reveal its secrets to you. An outback road trip adventure is the best way to discover our country.

We'll see you on the road!



## HUGHENDEN

OUTBACK TOWN, ENDLESS HORIZONS

If you are travelling in outback Queensland, chances are you will be driving through Hughenden as it is situated at the crossroads of the Kennedy Development Road and the Flinders Highway. This little town has plenty to offer, and you can easily spend a week with all the things to see and do in the area.

Flinders Discovery Centre should be your first stop to meet the friendly locals who can create an itinerary to suit your interests. The centre is also home to a museum which houses information on local landscapes, history, culture, fossils and even a life size Muttaborrasaurus. There are interactive kids' activities at the museum, and we are pet friendly too!

Ancient landscapes, dinosaurs and fossils are one of the region's drawcards, and there are several ways to explore these assets. Fossick for fossils, trek down into the 500-million-year-old Porcupine Gorge and explore the three scenic tourist drives.

Town has plenty on offer as well, with an art trail, guided tours, 10km of walking and biking trails and a recreational lake purpose built for swimming, fishing and watercraft.



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# Sunshine Coast Region

Glasshouse Mountains



When it comes to what makes the Sunshine Coast so special, you'll find the clue is in our name. We have a sunny disposition that radiates from the inside out, and when you're on holiday here, you'll start to feel it too. Switch screen time for green time in our lush Hinterland and swap your front yard for our great big blue one - we hope you don't mind sharing it with the locals... the humpbacks, turtles and dolphins that is.


There's plenty to seek and so much to find, from farm to fork experiences to sipping your way through our burgeoning craft beer scene (we are Australia's Craft Beer Capital after all) and discovering pinch-yourself experiences.


With more than 100km of famous coastline (ready for year-round swimming) wrapping around our lush hinterland hills, and a beautiful UNESCO Biosphere Corridor to protect, our community is committed to living sustainably, celebrating all things local, and sharing our picturesque landscapes and abundance of produce.

The Sunshine Coast is located one hour's drive (100km) north of Queensland's capital city, Brisbane. Self-driving with your own car is one of the best ways to explore the region and take in the magnificent scenery.

So what are you waiting for? Come and find your Sunshine Moment, for real, right here on the Sunshine Coast.

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# Fraser Coast / K'gari

K'gari



The Fraser Coast is Queensland's marine mecca and it all begins on the World-Heritage listed K'gari. Whether you join a guided tour of the island or pop the 4WD on the ferry, indulge in luxury resorts or camp deep in a rainforest, K'gari will become a favourite destination for all the family. With a focus on eco-tourism K'gari offers a multitude of adventures – think exploring shipwrecks, swimming in crystal-clear water and wildlife-spotting - all within a pristine natural environment.

While we're talking islands don't miss a trip to Lady Elliot Island, a coral cay on the Southern Great Barrier Reef. Dive, snorkel and swim over coral reefs, play with dolphins and manta rays and watch the miracle of baby turtles hatching and making their way across the white sands to a life in the ocean.

If larger marine creatures take your fancy then you're in luck. Hervey Bay is a holiday spot for humpback whales on their annual migration along the east coast and between July and October tour boats can get you up close and personal with these magnificent creatures. Hervey Bay is also a great place to sit back and relax. While away the hours on family-friendly beaches and top off the day with mouth-watering meals at one of the many fine-dining experiences.

But the Fraser Coast is more than marine! Dry out for a day or two at historic Maryborough, which has a proud military past that stretches from the beaches of Gallipoli to the construction of naval ships. Explore it all at the Maryborough Military and Colonial Museum.

Continue your journey along the waterways of Tiaro & Hinterland and you will discover that the Fraser Coast really does offer something for everyone. It's a Queensland driving holiday only 360km north of Brisbane!



K'gari

# Bundaberg Region

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Welcome to the Bundaberg region, where Great Care begins.

Care for our curious sea turtles, magnificent manta rays, intricate corals and giant marine life that call the Southern Great Barrier Reef home. Care for our incredible mumma turtles and adorable hatchlings who visit our shoreline every summer. And Care for our vast farmland, rich red soil and hardworking locals who provide fresh produce for the nation 365 days a year.

Bundaberg is the first city on the Southern Great Barrier Reef, and is located an easy four hour drive of Brisbane. Take the Burnett Highway (A3) as part of the alternate route from Brisbane or Sydney to Rockhampton or travel the Pacific Coast Way (Bruce Highway) north and enjoy the drive as you discover all that our region has to offer. From our sandy shores, get to know 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. Witness a miracle at Mon Repos, as the mumma turtles haul themselves up the beach and the hatchlings scurry to meet the rhythmic waves.

Come dine with us year-round with fresh, abundant produce being grown, caught, brewed and distilled 12 months of the year. Explore Australia's most awarded distillery experience at the Bundaberg Rum Visitor Service.

Learn about the history of Australia's favourite ginger beer and taste test all the great flavours of the family-owned national icon of Bundaberg Brewed Drinks. Discover where great grows.

A scenic drive inland and you'll find yourself in the North Burnett, boasting a myriad of landscapes to explore from rugged gorges, imposing mountain ranges, serene rural views and the mighty Burnett River winding its way to the ocean. Be greeted by great freshwater fishing sites and towns offering friendly country hospitality. Bundaberg has all the ingredients of the perfect holiday; accessible reef, stunning beaches, mouth-watering food and experiences to last a lifetime.



# Gladstone Region

Agnes Water

Gladstone Region, the gateway to the Southern Great Barrier Reef, boasts pristine beaches, coral cays, uninhabited islands and inland gems including untouched hinterland with breathtaking ranges, national parks, and Queensland's most fabulous fishing spots, such as Lake Awoonga.

Indulge in coffee, art, and history, whilst you browse the exhibits at The Blue Mirror Café, the Regional Art Gallery & Museum, or the Maritime Museum. Quench your thirst with a locally brewed beer at Ward's Brewery, recently revamped using recycled materials to transform the heritage space into a rustic sustainable brewpub. Stroll through the award-winning Tondoon Botanic Gardens or relish the local seafood with a view at Auckland House, Gladstone Yacht Club or the more laid-back Gladstone Fish Market.

Ferry services to the reef and nearby islands depart from the scenic Marina Parklands. Hop on a City Sites tour to discover what makes Gladstone such an influential dynamic city. Nearby Boyne Island and Tannum Sands have beautiful, patrolled beaches, an esplanade along the foreshore, and fully serviced campgrounds.

The Discovery Coast's Agnes Water and the Town of 1770, which together were awarded 2021 Queensland Top Small Tourism Town, are blessed with Queensland's most northern surf beaches, walking trails,

and picturesque waterways. They have fully serviced campgrounds with wonderful water views and easy beach access. Nearby Eurimbula National Park is a paradise for bushwalkers and boaties.

If you prefer to forego the fancy facilities and escape to a secluded spot with stunning scenery of the open ocean and coastline, rugged and isolated Curtis Island National Park will not disappoint. With its raw natural beauty, the national park is accessible via Curtis Ferry Services. Its long beaches and sweeping sand dunes provide solitude for the novice or more adventurous with 4WD-accessible camping.



Lady Musgrave

# Capricorn Coast Region

Stony Creek

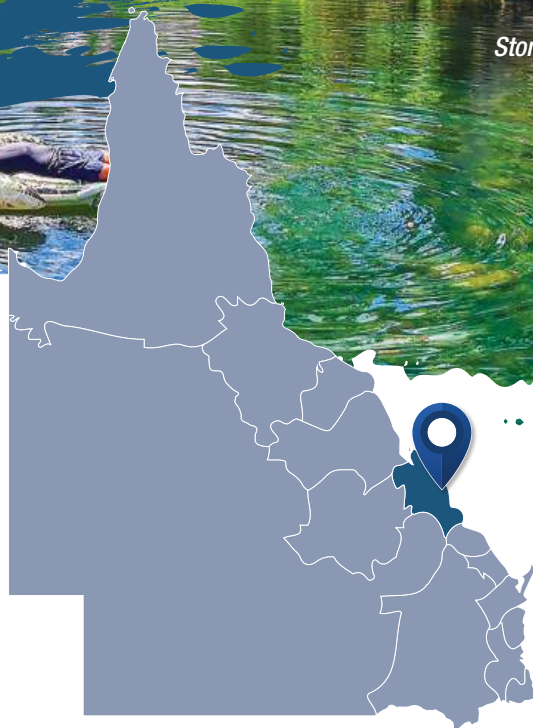
Set on the Tropic of Capricorn, in Central Queensland, the Capricorn Coast region and its hinterland of Rockhampton is a laidback holiday destination offering some of Australia's best kept secrets. From island hopping and ocean swims, to chic cafes and cultural city vibes - you will always feel welcome in this part of the world.

The Capricorn Coast is paradise. The main townships of Yeppoon and Emu Park are surrounded by beautiful stretches of coastline where subtropical waters meet uncrowded beaches. Stretching 95km from Stanage Bay in the north to the mouth of the Fitzroy River in the south, this coastline is speckled with beachside communities boasting quirky street art, classy boutiques, fantastic fishing and fresh local produce. The coastal life would not be complete without the amazing Keppel Bay Islands, just 30 minutes off the coast of Yeppoon. Be sure to take a day trip to Great Keppel Island or stay longer in the relaxed island accommodation.

For insta-worthy swimming holes and pockets of rainforest, a visit to the village of Byfield and Byfield National Park should also be at the top of your list when exploring this area, visiting Cooberrie Park Wildlife Sanctuary and Capricorn Dinosaur Park on the way. A mere 40 minute drive inland from Yeppoon, Rockhampton has reinvented itself as a city offering classy eateries and microbreweries. The city basks on the banks of the swirling Fitzroy River (Tunuba) and has a fabulous riverfront precinct. Presided over by the imposing Customs House and lined with elegantly restored Victorian buildings, you'll find yourself gravitating to this neck of the woods for dining and nightlife.

The award-winning Nurim Circuit Elevated Boardwalk at Mount Archer National Park overlooks the city and your eyes will open wide to views spanning across the region from its peak 604m above ground.

North of the city is the magnificent Capricorn Caves and east is Koorana Crocodile Farm. Located 38km west of Rockhampton, and 240m above sea level, is Mount Morgan - one of the most charming gold mining towns in Australia. Rising and falling over the hills and valleys, Mount Morgan is full of wooden houses and a history reaching back to the late 1800's. A visit to this historic township is a must!



Yeppoon

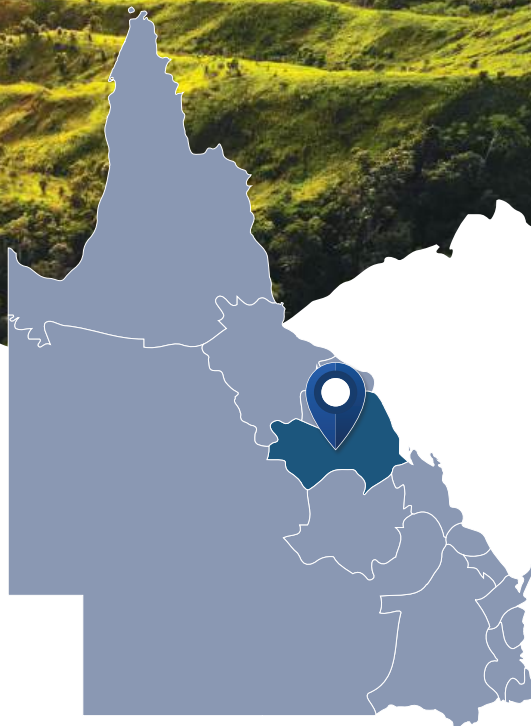
# Mackay Isaac Region

Pioneer Valley

Come face-to-face with nature

Home to Australia's longest stretch of subtropical rainforest, Mackay Isaac presents no end of opportunities to explore untouched nature and the region's multitude of breathtaking and pristine national parks.

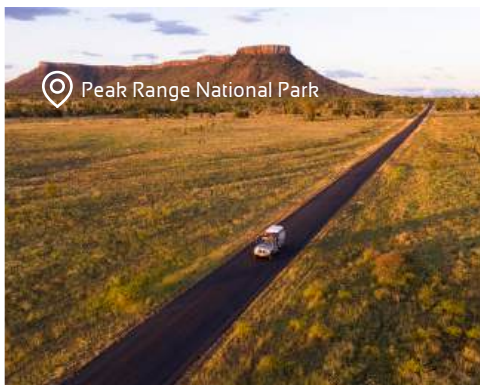
A trip to Mackay Isaac promises natural encounters that make you feel like you're chartering your own adventure - whether it be exploring secluded beaches, casting a line, discovering tropical islands just offshore or heading inland on the Peak Downs Highway to discover a diverse rugged playground, where the golden red soil of the outback contrasts with the 'black gold' extracted from the mineral-rich Isaac Plains coal mines.



Take your pick from one of these bucket list experiences to explore on your Mackay Isaac Region travels.



Barra Crab, Clairview



Peak Range National Park




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## The Mackay Isaac Region

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Discover the untouched beauty of the Mackay Isaac region, where every turn reveals nature's wonders. Stroll pristine beaches, hike lush rainforests and ancient tabletops, or relax under starry skies. From rugged outback escapes to coastal tranquility, adventure and serenity awaits in Mackay Isaac.

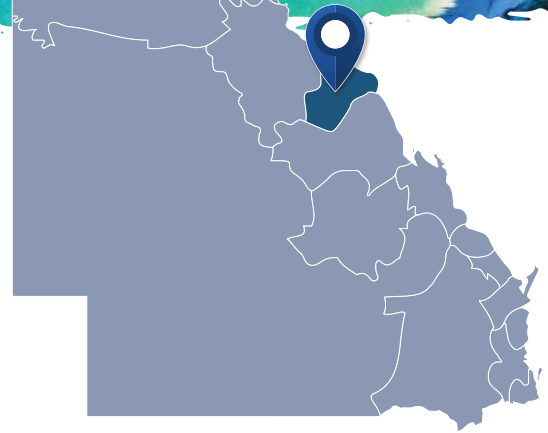
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 Mackay Region

# The Whitsundays

Hill Inlet, Whitsunday Island



Whether you're looking for a luxurious romantic getaway or an action-packed family adventure, you'll find your dream escape in The Whitsundays while snorkelling the reef, island camping, resort hopping or sailing around the 74 island wonders.

With some of the most sought-after bucket-list experiences, The Whitsundays is the ideal tropical holiday oasis. Sink your toes into the pristine white sand of the award-winning Whitehaven Beach with its crystal-clear turquoise waters, and witness the breathtaking views from Hill Inlet lookout at the island's northern tip.

Explore the Great Barrier Reef and Whitsunday Islands from above, below and in between with the opportunity to snorkel, dive, sail or fly over the magnificent Coral Sea. While you're there, make sure you don't miss Heart Reef, a stunning natural composition of coral in the perfect shape of a heart found nowhere else in the Great Barrier Reef. When you get back to the mainland, the tropical resort town of Airlie Beach is ready to welcome you; its main street is filled with delicious restaurants, bars, and specialty shops, as well as the famous Airlie Beach Lagoon, where families and couples can sit, relax and BBQ all day.

Take a trip to Bowen, home to some of the most beautiful, secluded beaches in The Whitsundays and visit the jaw-dropping Horseshoe Bay, which regularly features on Australia's best beaches lists for its huge granite boulder outcrops and stunning reef found only metres from the

shore. Don't forget to stop at the Big Mango for some of their famous Bowen Mango Sorbet!

If you're looking for country hospitality, the charming town of Proserpine has much to offer, with old-fashioned charm, Art Deco architecture and a friendly, laid-back community. Continue exploring and head west to Collinsville, the heart of the Whitsundays' Outback and witness the fascinating history of their underground mines.

Whichever adventure you choose, The Whitsundays offers a diverse and magical experience for everyone at any budget.



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# BOWEN

## The Whitsundays

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# Townsville North Queensland

Orpheus Island

A thriving urban metropolis and renowned hub for major sport and events - Townsville is the largest regional centre in Northern Australia. Lounge in modern luxury in Townsville to explore vast Australian landscapes - all within a 90 minute drive. No matter what your holiday style, Townsville North Queensland offers a diverse range of historical, military, outback, active and tranquil experiences, complete with over 300 days of sunshine each year.

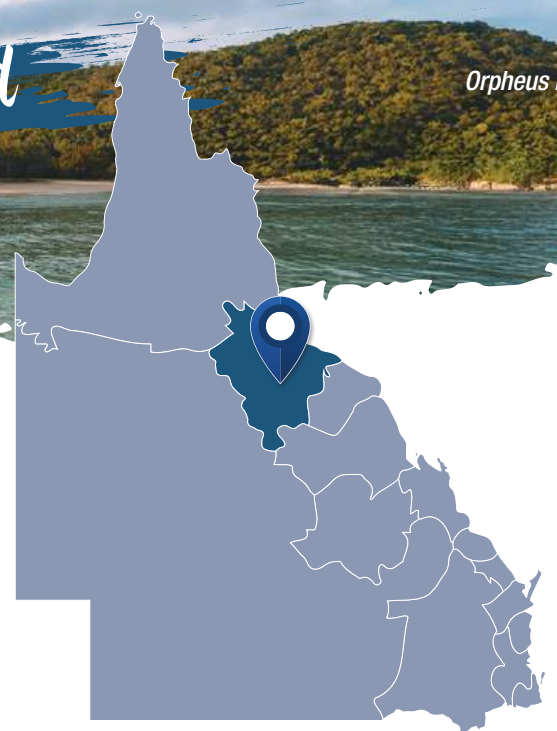
As the official headquarters of the Great Barrier Reef, Townsville is the launchpad to the central section of this natural wonder. Home to diverse coral and marine life, immerse in one of the world's most spectacular ecosystems. Exclusive to Townsville, dive deeper to appreciate the story of the reef, at the Museum of Underwater Art. The Coral Greenhouse (dive attraction), and Ocean Sentinels Snorkel Trail - located on John Brewer Reef - is an aquatic artscape with a twist, offering citizen scientists the opportunity to see reef conservation in action.

Take your car and explore Magnetic Island just 8km from Townsville. With palm-fringed beaches, large granite boulders, hoop pines, sandy beaches and fringing coral reefs, this island is a nature-lovers paradise. Home to Northern Australia's largest colony of wild koalas, and a mecca for marine science, 'Maggie' (as it's affectionately known) is a true Great Barrier Reef island experience.

Step back in time and discover the authentic 'golden' charm and elegance of Charters Towers. With unexplored waterways, remote bush camping,

and hearty meals at local cafes and eateries - your laid-back visit is sure to unearth some surprises. The Burdekin district is nestled in the delta of the mighty Burdekin River, with its two main townships - Ayr and Home Hill - linked by the iconically historic Burdekin Bridge. Well-known as the sugar cane capital of Australia, the Burdekin offers fantastic fishing, wetlands rich in biodiversity and birdlife.

The Hinchinbrook Region is the gateway to the stunning World-Heritage Wet Tropics, and home to Australia's tallest waterfall - Wallaman Falls; surrounded by ancient tropical rainforest, rugged tropical islands, and the Great Barrier Reef, this fishing mecca is rich in culture and charm.



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# Tropical North Queensland

Port Douglas



Nothing beats a good old-fashioned road trip. Whether it's a leisurely weekend drive or a lengthy getaway, hitting the road in Tropical North Queensland offers unbridled freedom. So fasten your seatbelt, shuffle your favourite playlist and settle back as you journey through the tropics.

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- Braking Systems
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- Trip Preparation.

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## 2025 Events

### JANUARY

- 7-14 Magic Millions Yearling Sales and Race Day, **Gold Coast**  
15-19 Capricorn Film Festival, **Yeppoon**  
17-19 Goldfield Ashes, **Charters Towers**  
26 Great Australia Day Beach Party, **Yeppoon**  
26 **Rockhampton** Australia Day Celebrations  
31 Jan-3 Feb Capricorn King of Kings Fishing Tournament, **Capricorn Coast**

### FEBRUARY

- 7-9 Let's Go Caravan & Outdoor Expo, **Gold Coast**  
8 Big Beer Festival, **Rockhampton**  
21-23 Blues, Roots and Rock Festival, **Agnes Water**  
22-23 Hell of the West Festival, **Goondiwindi**

### MARCH

- 7-8 Meatstock, **Toowoomba**  
8 Big Beer Festival, **Mackay**  
14-16 National 4X4 Outdoors Show, **Brisbane**  
21-23 CMC Rocks QLD, **Willowbank**  
22 Mar-22 Jun Ken Done at **Rockhampton** Museum of Art  
29 **Monto** Races  
30 Feast of the Senses, **Innisfail**

### APRIL

- 4-6 Rockynats, **Rockhampton**  
5-26 **Mackay** Isaac's Lucky Catch and Snap  
6 Waltzing Matilda Day, **Winton**  
11-13 Dirt 'n' Dust Festival, **Julia Creek**  
11-13 **Winton** celebrates 150th Anniversary  
11-13 **Kilkivan** Great Horse Ride  
11-13 Outback River Lights Festival, **Cunnamulla**  
11-13 Easter in the Country Festival, **Roma**  
17-21 **QLD Music Trails - The Outback, South West Outback Queensland**  
25-27 Outback Rock & Blues Festival, **Undara**  
26 The Caves Show, The Caves, **Rockhampton**  
27 The Archer Race 2025, **Rockhampton**

### MAY

- 1-31 GourMay Food Festival, **Mary Valley**  
2-4 **Hughenden** Festival of Outback Skies  
2-4 **Charters Towers** Country Music Festival  
2-5 **Barcaldine** Tree of Knowledge Festival  
2-9 Gem of the West Camp Draft 25th Anniversary, **Winton**  
3 Summer Salt, **Mackay**  
3-5 Planes, Trains and Autos, **Ipswich**  
4 **Hamilton Island** Hilly Half Marathon  
4-5 Golden Mount Festival, **Mount Morgan**



Eat Street Northshore

- 6-11 **Greenvale** Campdraft
- 6 **Capella** Country Music Festival
- 9-11 Paradise Lagoons Campdraft, **Rockhampton**
- 9-11 **Cairns** Expo
- 10 GourMay Festival Day, **Mary Valley**
- 11 Triple M Festival of the Wind, **Emu Park**
- 13-19 Festival of Outback Opera**, **Winton**
- 15-18 Music in the Mulga, **Thargomindah**
- 15 Broadbeach Blues Festival, **Gold Coast**
- 16-18 **Townsville** Expo
- 17 **Nebo** Rodeo
- 18 Rocky River Run, **Rockhampton**
- 18 The Great Australian Charity Cattle Drive Start, **Longreach**
- 23-25 **Port Douglas** Carnivale
- 23-25 **Mackay** Expo
- 23-25 1770 Festival, **Agnes Water**
- 23-24 The Shearers Shindig, **Thargomindah**
- 23-25 **Goomeri** Pumpkin Festival
- 30-31 Sweet Days, Hot Nights, **Burdekin**
  
- JUNE**
- 1 **Mackay** Marina Run
- 4-8 Let's Go Caravan & Camping Supershow, **Brisbane**
- 5-8 Gulf Western Oil Winternationals, **Ipswich**
- 7 Pop Up Polo, **Rockhampton**
- 7 **Winton** Show
- 7-8 **Charters Towers** Motor Show & Swap Meet
- 7-8 Australian Italian Festival, **Ingham**
- 8-14 **Rainbow Beach** Family Fishing Classic
- 12-13 **Rockhampton** Agricultural Show
- 13-15 Black Mountain Unplugged Picnic'25, **Cooktown**
- 15 **Winton** Motorsport Association 1/8 mile Drag Races
- 20-22 **Cooktown** Discovery Festival
- 21 TAB **Ipswich** Cup
- 21 Jun-27 Jul **Outback** Queensland Masters (Golf)
- 22 Great Whitehaven Beach Run, **Whitsundays**
- 24-27 Outback Writers Festival, **Winton**
- 27-28 Country Fest Queensland, **Bloomsbury**
- 27-29 **Laura** Rodeo & Races
- 27-29 **St Lawrence** Wetlands Weekend
- 27 Jun-5 Jul The Vision Splendid Outback Film Festival, **Winton**
- 28 Be Social Festival, **Mackay**
- 28-29 Fox Superflow, **Finch Hatton**
  
- JULY**
- 1-31 **Mackay** Festival of Arts
- 4-6 Rally Queensland, **Gympie**
- 5 Rockhana Gem & Mineral Festival, **Cloncurry**



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- 5-6 Mackay Motor Show
- 5-6 Heritage Makers Fair, **Gympie**
- 8 Big Red Sunset Concert, **Birdsville**
- 8-13 **Cloncurry** Stockmans Challenge & Campdraft
- 11-13 NTI Supercars, **Townsville**
- 11-13 Country on Keppel, **Great Keppel Island**
- 11-13 **Rockhampton** Expo
- 11-20 SPARK **Ipswich**
- 12 **Rockhampton** Cup Race Day
- 12-13 **Winton** Opal Festival
- 14-20 Channel Country Music Muster, **Thargomindah**
- 17-27 Jumpers and Jazz in July, **Warwick**
- 18-19 **Charters Towers** Rodeo
- 18-20 **Hughenden** Country Music Festival
- 18-20 **Boulia** Camel Races
- 18-27 **Noosa** Alive
- 19-20 Gold Rush Hill Sprint, **Mount Morgan**
- 19-26 Ephemera Art Festival, **Townsville**
- 24-27 **Childers** Festival
- 25-27 **Rockhampton** River Festival
- 25-27 Outdoor Adventure Expo, **Toowoomba**
- 25 Jul-2 Aug Australian Festival of Chamber Music, **Townsville**
- 26 Camel Races, **Winton**
- 26-27 **Yeppoon** Running Festival

**AUGUST**

- 1-3 Great Barrier Reef Festival, **Airlie Beach**
- 1-3 Curry Merry Muster Festival, **Cloncurry**
- 2 Corfield Races, **Winton**
- 6 Isa Street Festival, **Mount Isa**
- 7-14 **Airlie Beach** Race Week & Whitsundays Festival of Sailing
- 7 **Mount Isa** Mines Indigenous Rodeo Championships
- 8-10 **Mount Isa** Mines Rodeo
- 8-10 **Ipswich** Super 440
- 9-10 Diamantina Open Golf Championships, **Winton**
- 9-17 The Ekka (**Brisbane** Royal Show)
- 13-17 Black Mountain Unplugged, **Cooktown**
- 14-17 Better in Blackall Festival, **Blackall**
- 15-17 North Queensland Elite Rodeo, **Townsville**
- 15-17 **Townsville** Triathlon and Multisport Festival
- 16 The Great Australian Charity Cattle Drive Finish, **Roma**
- 16-17 **Airlie Beach** Triathlon Festival
- 15-16 **Moura** Coal Country Festival
- 16-23 **Hamilton Island** Race Week
- 23 Taste of the World Cultural Festival, **Rockhampton**
- 23-24 Historic **Leyburn** Sprints
- 26-27 Bronco Branding, **Camooweal**
- 28-31 **Gympie** Music Muster



Savannah in the Round

28 Aug-3 Sep SeaLink **Magnetic Island Race Week**  
 30 CapriCon, **Rockhampton**  
 30 Aug-13 Sep Simpson Desert Racing Carnival, **Betoota, Birdsville and Bedourie**

**SEPTEMBER**

4-7 Capricorn Food and Wine Festival, **Rockhampton**  
 5-6 Swim Around **Keppel**  
 5-6 **Birdsville Races**  
 5-7 Don River Dash, **Bowen**  
 5-14 Galvanized - A Festival of Heritage, **Ipswich**  
 6 **Mount Morgan Wattle Day Festival**  
 12 Sep-6 Oct **Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers**  
 12 WBTA Junior Bush Poetry Competition, **Winton**  
 12 Beat the Heat Festival, **Cloncurry**  
 12-13 White on Whitehaven Long Lunch, **Whitsundays**  
 13 North Gregory Turf Club Races, **Winton**  
 13-14 Whitsundays Writers Festival, **Airlie Beach**  
 14 **Winton Motorsport Association 1/8 mile Drag Races**  
 19 **Ewan Cup**  
 19-21 Mitchell Creek Rock N Blues Fest, **Mary Valley**  
 19-21 Mushroom Valley Festival, **Mackay**  
 20 **Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Parade**  
 20-21 Cunnamulla Fella Round Up, **Cunnamulla**  
 23-27 Outback Festival, Whip Out to **Winton**  
 23-27 Youth Sail QLD (national sailing regatta), **Yeppoon**  
 24 Sep-12 Oct North Australia Festival of Arts, **Townsville**  
 26-27 Rumble on the Reef, **Mackay**  
 26-28 Wallaby Creek Festival, **Tropical North Queensland**

**OCTOBER**

4-5 Conquer the Corrugations, **Cape York Peninsula**  
 10-12 **Savannah in the Round, Mareeba**  
 11 Oktoberfest **Rockhampton**  
 20-26 **Warwick Rodeo and Gold Cup Campdraft**  
 28-31 Fitzroy River Barra Bash, **Rockhampton**  
 31 Oct-2 Nov Camp and sCare Halloween Weekend, **Airlie Beach**

**NOVEMBER**

1 Halloween and Dia de Los Muertos, **Gladstone**  
 7-9 **Airlie Beach Festival of Music**  
 8 **Cooktown Races**  
 29 **Nindigully Pig Races**  
 31 Oct-1 Nov Professional Bull Riding Australia Grand Final, **Townsville**

**DECEMBER**

31 **Cameron Corner New Year's Eve Party**  
 31 Northerlies New Year's Eve, **Airlie Beach**

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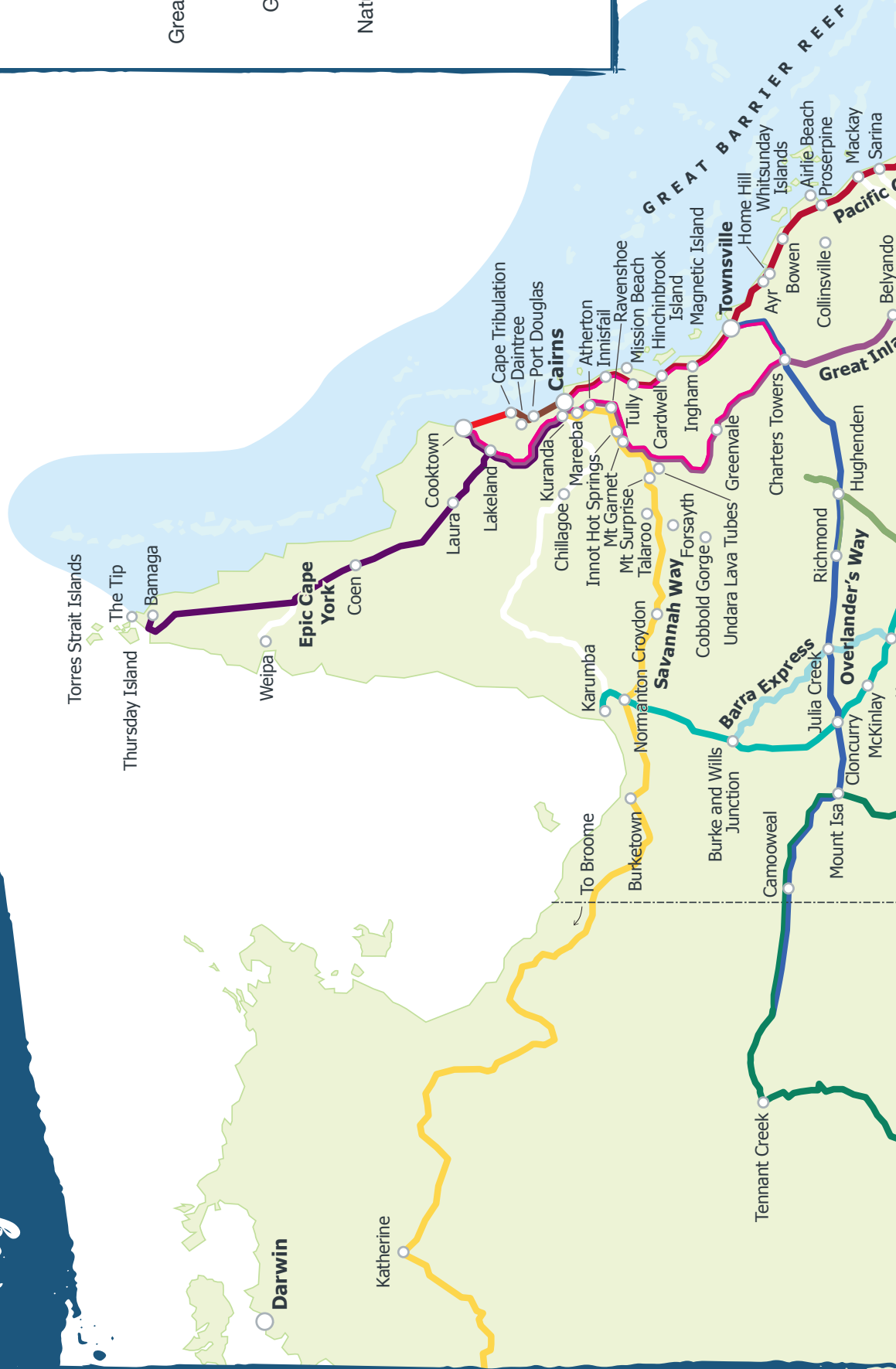
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# Drive Queensland Highway Map

## LEGEND

- Adventure Way
- Australia's Country Way
- Australian Dinosaur Trail
- Barra Express
- Bloomfield Track
- Capricorn Way
- Dawson Highway
- Epic Cape York
- Great Barrier Reef Drive
- Great Beach Drive
- Great Inland Way
- Great Tropical Drive
- Leichhardt Way
- Matilda Way
- Natural Sciences Loop
- Outback Lap
- Overlander's Way
- Pacific Coast Way
- Rural Getaway
- Savannah Way
- The Outback Way
- Warrego Way





# Q DRIVE QUEENSLAND



# Epic Cape York

1430km



Cairns - Kuranda - Lakeland - Cooktown - Coen - Bamaga

**Condition:** 4WD, unsealed

**Best Months to Travel:** May to October

One of Australia's epic adventures, a trip to *The Tip* is a must for the well-prepared

## Ten of the Best:

1. Experience koalas in **Kuranda**; stay at Honeybee House
2. Take an interpretive river cruise on Barron River, **Kuranda**
3. Admire the view and Lighthouse from Grassy Hill, **Cooktown**
4. Visit **Cooktown's** History Centre and James Cook Museum
5. Wander through **Cooktown's** Botanical Gardens
6. Detour to **Weipa**; take a river cruise; try offshore fishing
7. Stay a night, be entertained at **Bramwell Station**
8. Cool off at Fruit Bat Falls, Twin Falls and Elliot Falls in **Jardine River NP**
9. Set up camp at **Punsand Bay** and relax by the Arafura Sea
10. Take a selfie at **The Tip** - the northernmost point of the Australian Continent



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## Bloomfield Track

150km



Cooktown  
Wujal Wujal  
Daintree  
Cape Tribulation  
Cairns

Cape Tribulation

Daintree - Cape Tribulation - Wujal Wujal - Cooktown

**Condition:** 4WD, unsealed

**Best Months to Travel:** May to October

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### Ten of the Best:

1. Motor your 4WD onto the **Daintree** River Ferry
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4. Relax under shade trees at the Daintree Ice Cream Co
5. Take a pic at the **Bloomfield (Wujal Wujal)** Falls
6. Grab some lunch at the historic **Lion's Den Hotel**
7. Make a 20-minute detour through **Archer Point** Conservation Park
8. Discover Mary Watson's grave and read her story in **Cooktown**
9. Call in to the James Cook Museum, **Cooktown**
10. Enjoy the sunset and a 360-degree view from Grassy Hill, **Cooktown**

## Great Barrier Reef Drive

140km



Daintree  
Cape Tribulation  
Port Douglas  
Cairns

Port Douglas

Cairns - Port Douglas - Daintree - Cape Tribulation

**Condition:** 2WD, sealed

**Best Months to Travel:** All year

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### Ten of the Best:

1. Snorkel on the Great Barrier Reef, **Cairns**
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3. Get close to the crocs at **Hartley's Crocodile Adventures, Wangetti**
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**Condition:** 2WD, sealed

**Best Months to Travel:** All year

From bush to beach, the Great Tropical Drive gives you a true taste of northern Queensland

**Ten of the Best:**

1. Follow ecosystems from Creek to Reef at **Cairns Aquarium**
2. Enjoy a cocktail at **Salt House**, overlooking **Trinity Inlet**
3. Discover art deco and historical buildings in **Innisfail**
4. Book a tour of **Tully Sugar Mill** during cane cutting season
5. Stop for a coffee and admire the Mercer Lane mosaics in **Ingham**
6. Take a walk along the Strand in **Townsville** and discover the Ocean Siren
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# Pacific Coast Way

1800km



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**Condition:** 2WD, sealed

**Best Months to Travel:** All year

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### Ten of the Best:

1. Start your trip at a **Gold Coast Holiday Park**
2. Travel past volcanic Glass House Mountains, **Sunshine Coast**
3. Jump on board the Mary Valley Rattler at historic **Gympie** Railway Station
4. Detour into **Hervey Bay** for seasonal whale watching
5. Discover secrets at the **Bundaberg** Rum Distillery
6. Enjoy a mouthwatering steak dinner in **Rockhampton**
7. Indulge in a paddock-to-plate-to-bottle sugar experience at the **Sarina Sugar Shed**
8. Discover sweeping views of the Barrier Reef from Flagstaff Hill, **Bowen**
9. Dive down to a marine wreck at **Yongala, Townsville**
10. Experience the exhilaration of white-water rafting, **Tully River**

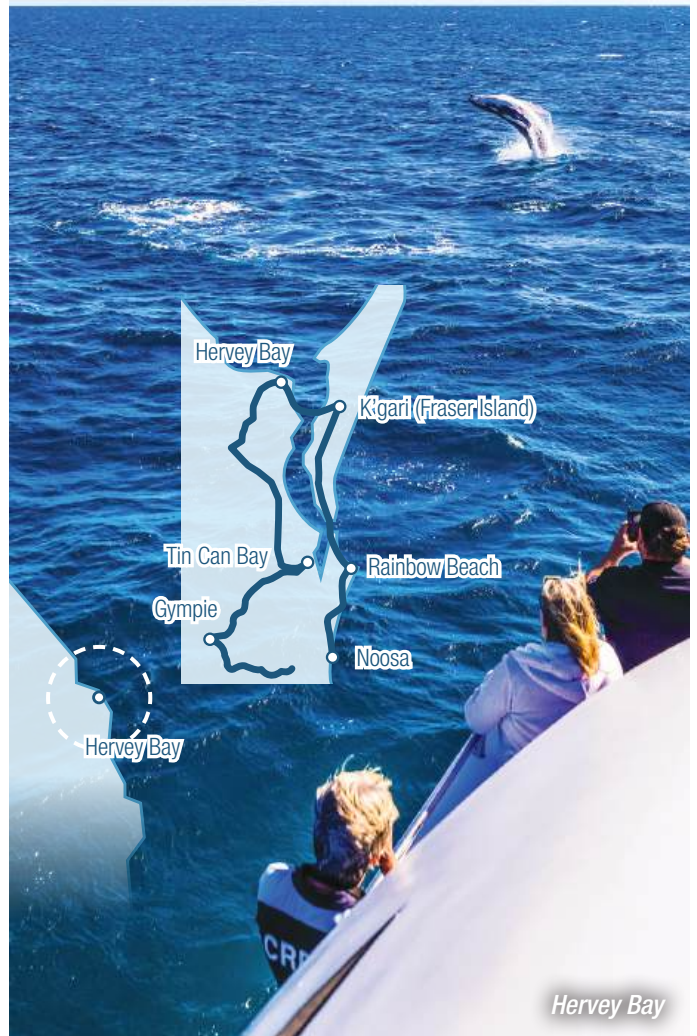


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# Great Beach Drive

450km



Noosa - K'gari - Hervey Bay - Tin Can Bay

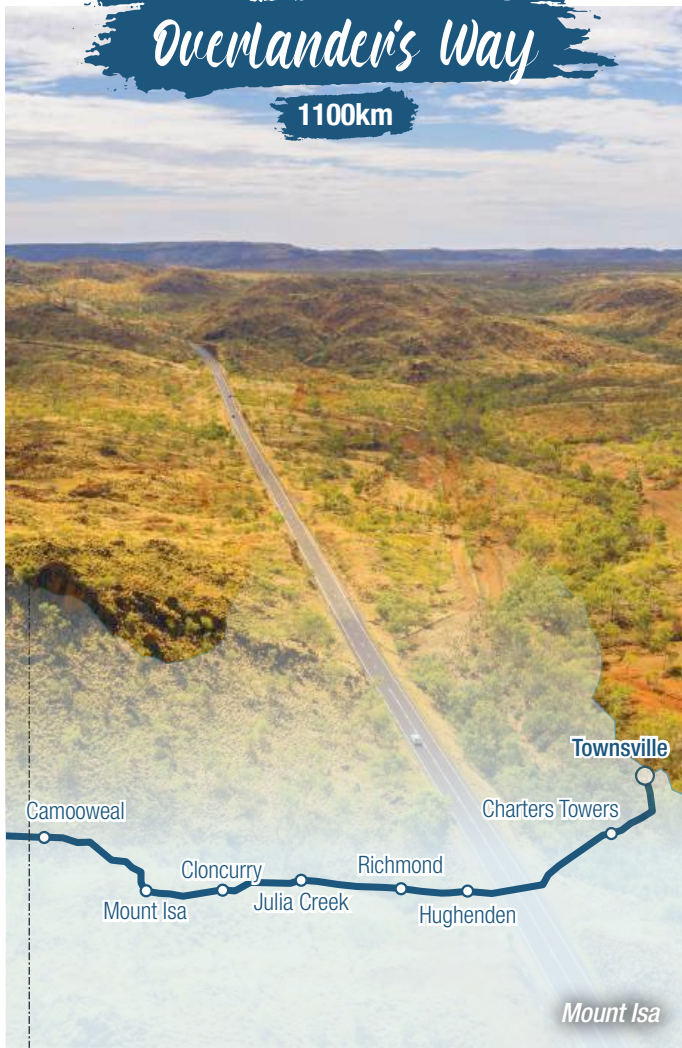
**Condition:** 4WD, sealed/sand

**Best Months to Travel:** All year

Take the 4WD for a spin in Queensland's sandy playground

### Ten of the Best:

1. Visit Great Sandy Information Centre, **Noosa**; stay at a **Sunshine Coast Van Park**
2. Eco camp or glamp at **Habitat Noosa** and explore the everglades
3. Catch the vehicle ferry to **Noosa North Shore**
4. Drive along the white sand beaches in **Great Sandy National Park**
5. Picnic at the coloured sands, **Teewah Beach**
6. Climb to the Lighthouse, **Double Island Point**
7. Board the barge and cross to **K'gari (Fraser Island)**
8. Stay at Kingfisher Bay Resort, **K'Gari (Fraser Island)**
9. Watch for whales in **Hervey Bay**
10. Feed the humpback dolphins in **Tin Can Bay**



# Overlander's Way

1100km

Camooweal - Mount Isa - Cloncurry - Julia Creek - Richmond - Hughenden - Charters Towers - Townsville

**Condition:** 2WD, sealed

**Best Months to Travel:** All year

Follow in the footsteps of the droving pioneers and feel the freedom of the open road as you traverse the breadth of Queensland

### Ten of the Best:

1. Learn Australian history at Drovers Heritage Centre, **Camooweal**
2. Gain insight into **Mount Isa** mining on the Hard Times Underground Mine tour
3. Stay at **Sunset Tourist Park, Mount Isa**; grab a meal at the **Bufs Club**
4. Visit John Flynn Place Museum and Fred McKay Art Gallery, **Cloncurry**
5. Indulge in the artesian baths; visit Visitor Info Centre, **Julia Creek**
6. Discover the unique world of marine fossils, **Richmond**
7. Travel north of **Hughenden** to Porcupine Gorge National Park
8. Hire Ghosts of Gold CD/USB from **Charters Towers** Information Centre
9. Use QR codes to unlock First World War Digital Heritage Trail, **Charters Towers**
10. Take a 45-minute hike up Castle Hill, **Townsville**



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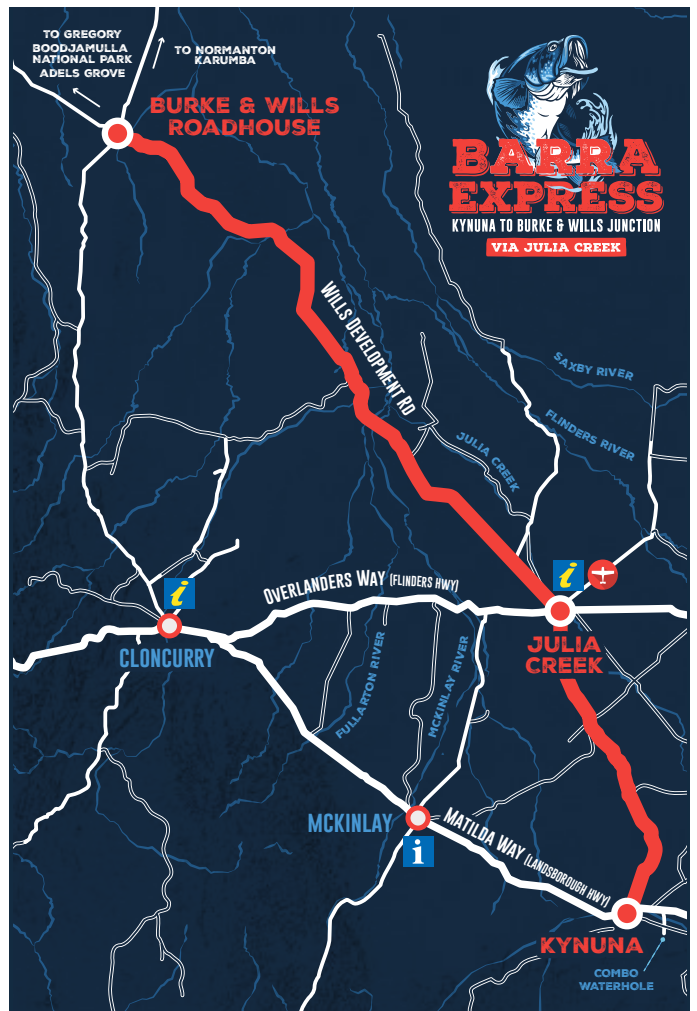
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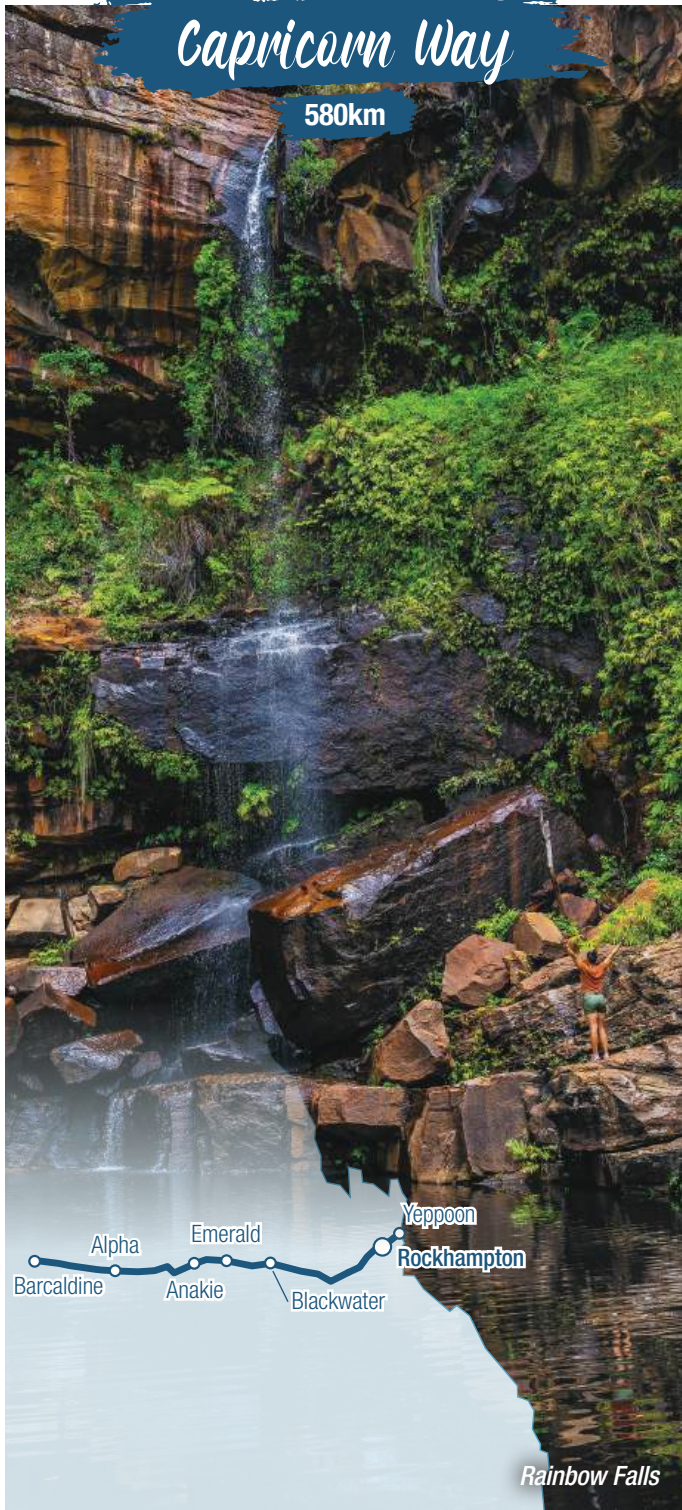
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Rainbow Falls

Barcaldine - Alpha - Anakie - Emerald - Blackwater - Rockhampton - Yeppoon

**Condition:** 2WD, sealed

**Best Months to Travel:** All year

Follow the Tropic of Capricorn and discover a geological drive trail

**Ten of the Best:**

1. Visit the Australian Workers Heritage Centre, **Barcaldine**
2. Taste indigenous tucker at Ridgee Didge Cafe, **Barcaldine**
3. Bush camp and bird watch at Lara Wetlands, **Barcaldine**
4. Explore 27 murals in **Alpha**
5. Fossick in the oldest town on the Sapphire Gemfields at **Anakie**
6. Enjoy a stroll through **Emerald's** Botanic Gardens
7. Throw a line, catch a fish at Lake Maraboon, **Emerald**
8. Discover waterfalls, lookouts and rock pools in Blackdown NP, **Blackwater**
9. Go underground at Capricorn Caves, north of **Rockhampton**
10. Snorkel the Southern Great Barrier Reef at **Yeppoon**



Hebel - St George - Roma - Carnarvon Gorge - Emerald - Charters Towers - Mareeba - Cooktown

**Condition:** 2WD, sealed

**Best Months to Travel:** All year

From the southern states to north Queensland this is the ultimate Aussie road trip

**Ten of the Best:**

1. Enjoy a beer at the historic hotel in **Hebel**
2. Go on a guided cotton tour at **Dirranbandi**
3. Enjoy a river cruise on the Balonne River, **St George**
4. Visit the Cobb & Co Changing Station in **Surat**
5. Tour Australia's largest cattle selling centre, **Roma**
6. Encounter natural and indigenous features in **Carnarvon Gorge**
7. Spot historical landmark, Virgin Rock, at **Springsure**
8. Enjoy the scenery, step back into history, **Capella**
9. Walk the nighttime streets on a ghost tour, **Charters Towers**
10. Follow the waterfall trail on the **Atherton Tablelands**

# Savannah Way

1070km (QLD portion)



Hell's Gate - Burketown - Normanton - Croydon - Georgetown - Mt Surprise - Undara - Ravenshoe - Cairns

**Condition:** 2WD with caution, sealed/unsealed **Best Months to Travel:** April to October

A road trip for the ages, the Savannah Way combines thrills and excitement across northern Australia from Broome in WA to Cairns in QLD

### Ten of the Best:

1. Enjoy a relaxing river boat tour on the Barron River, **Kuranda**
2. Join the excitement at Savannah in the Round, **Mareeba**
3. Walk through the oldest lava tube system on earth at **Undara**
4. Cross the glass bridge at **Cobbold Gorge**
5. Take a guided tour to access the **Talaroo** Hot Springs
6. Travel to **Georgetown**, see mineral collection at TerrEstrial centre
7. Unwind at Lake Belmore, the Gulf Savannah's freshwater jewel; **Croydon**
8. Visit the historic gold mining museum; **Croydon**
9. Experience a sunset cruise with Yagurli Tours, **Burketown**
10. Go aloft in a hot air balloon with Yagurli Tours, **Burketown**



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-  Sealed section
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-  Sealed section
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## Matilda Way

1670km (QLD portion)

Cunnamulla - Charleville - Blackall - Barcaldine - Longreach - Winton - Cloncurry - Burke and Wills Junction - Normanton - Kurumba

**Condition:** 2WD, sealed

**Best Months to Travel:** March to November

Continuing on from NSW's Kidman Way, the Matilda Way waltzes through western Queensland

### Ten of the Best:

1. Soak in artesian waters at the Hot Springs, **Cunnamulla**
2. Star gaze at the Cosmos Centre, **Charleville**
3. Go chicken racing in the oldest town in the west, **Tambo**
4. Experience living history at the Woolscour, **Blackall**
5. Make a nighttime visit to the Tree of Knowledge, **Barcaldine**
6. Visit the Stockman's Hall of Fame and Qantas Museum, **Longreach**
7. Jump on board the Cobb and Co Stagecoach, **Longreach**
8. Dig for dinosaurs at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs, **Winton**
9. Wander through John Flynn Place Museum and Art Gallery, **Cloncurry**
10. Feast on fresh seafood, **Karumba**



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## Leichhardt Way

700km (QLD portion)

Goondiwindi - Moonie - Miles - Taroom - Theodore - Mt Morgan - Rockhampton - Yeppoon

**Condition:** 2WD; sealed

**Best Months to Travel:** All year

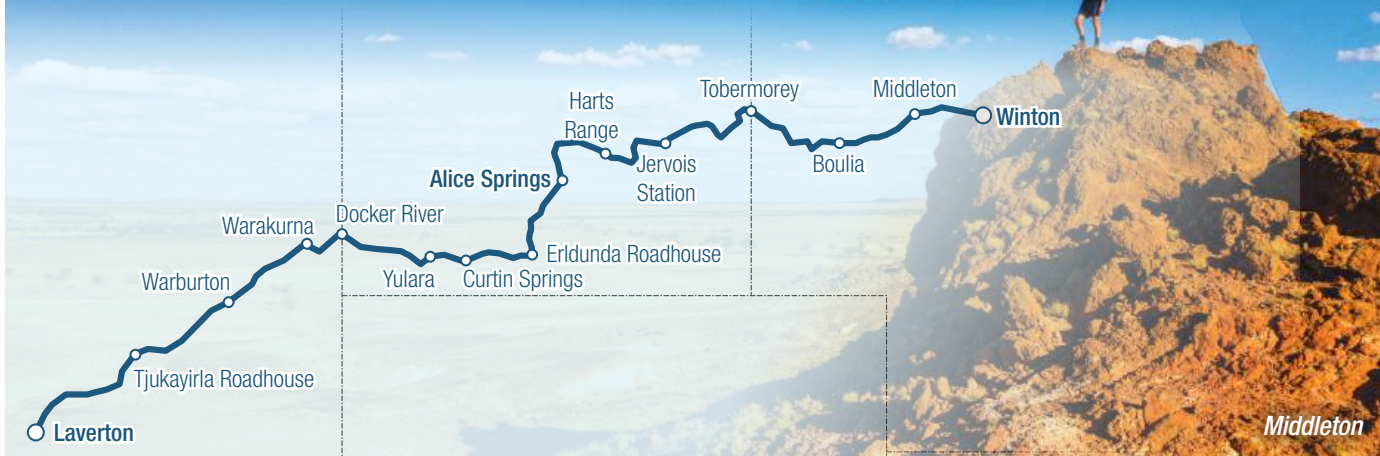
Forge a deep connection with explorer Ludwig Leichhardt on this drive, which continues on from NSW's Newell Highway

### Ten of the Best:

1. Say G'day to legendary racehorse, Gunsynd, **Goondiwindi**
2. Go on the Condamine Bell Self Drive Tour, **Condamine**
3. Step back in time at the Historical Village Museum, **Miles**
4. Find the heritage listed Leichhardt Tree in **Taroom**
5. Have a cold beer, stay the night at **Theodore**
6. Just outside **Theodore**, be stunned by views at Isla Gorge NP
7. Stop in **Banana**; read the poem that explains the name
8. Fossick for gold in **Mount Morgan**
9. Go underground at Capricorn Caves, north of **Rockhampton**
10. Relax by the sea and catch a feed of reef fish, **Yeppoon**

# The Outback Way

615km (QLD portion)



Winton - Middleton - Boulia - Tobermorey Station

**Condition:** 2WD, sealed/unsealed **Best Months to Travel:** March to October

Travel Australia's Longest Shortcut on a journey from Winton west to Laverton in Western Australia

### Ten of the Best:

1. Dig for dinosaurs at Australian Age of Dinosaurs, **Winton**
2. Detour to **Lark Quarry**, see the Dinosaur Stampede National Monument
3. Detour to the legendary Old Cork Station, south of **Winton**
4. Enjoy a cold beer at the iconic **Middleton Hotel**
5. See spectacular views from Cawnpore Lookout, 51kms west of **Middleton**
6. Learn about the mysterious Min Min Lights at Min Min Encounter, **Boulia**
7. Discover marine fossils at the Boulia Heritage Centre, **Boulia**
8. Cross the NT Border; settle in at the **Tobermorey Roadhouse**
9. Take a tour of **Tobermorey** cattle station; share a beer with station hands
10. Bird-watch and walk the bush trails at **Tobermorey**

# Warrego Way

1580km



Birdsville - Windorah - Quilpie - Charleville - Roma - Miles - Dalby - Toowoomba - Brisbane

**Condition:** 2WD with caution; sealed/unsealed **Best Months to Travel:** March to November

From Brisbane to Birdsville, the memorable Warrego Way takes you from city lights to star lights

### Ten of the Best:

1. Be part of the fabulous **Birdsville Races**
2. Venture into Channel Country at **Windorah**, enjoy stunning vistas
3. Meet Cooper the dinosaur at **Eromanga**
4. Climb Baldy Top, watch the sunset in **Quilpie**
5. Tour a secret WWII Base in **Charleville**
6. Star gaze at Cosmos Centre and Observatory, **Charleville**
7. Search for **Roma's** largest bottle tree
8. Fossick for petrified wood, **Chinchilla**
9. Take a tour through historic Jimbour House, **Dalby**
10. Be sure to experience **Toowoomba's Carnival of Flowers**

# Australia's Country Way

775km (QLD portion)



Stanthorpe - Warwick - Toowoomba - Kingaroy - Gayndah - Biloela - Mt Morgan - Rockhampton - Yeppoon

**Condition:** 2WD; sealed

**Best Months to Travel:** All year

Follow the Great Dividing Range from NSW through Queensland on Australia's Country Way

## Ten of the Best:

1. Taste delicious cold climate food and wine, **Stanthorpe**
2. Smell the roses, admire original architecture in **Warwick**
3. Experience **Warwick** Rodeo, Australia's most famous
4. Make your way to **Toowoomba's** Picnic Point Parklands
5. Learn about peanuts, even pick some in **Kingaroy**
6. Enjoy fresh juice and take a selfie at the Big Orange, **Gayndah**
7. Wander through the RM Williams Bush Learning Centre, **Eidsvold**
8. Discover amazing Silo Art at the MungBean Company, **Biloela**
9. Delight in the **Lady Musgrave Experience, Southern Great Barrier Reef**
10. Enjoy a steak in Australia's beef capital, **Rockhampton**

# Outback Lap

875km (QLD portion)



Birdsville - Bedourie - Boulia - Dajarra - Mount Isa - Camooweal

**Condition:** 2WD with caution; sealed/unsealed

**Best Months to Travel:** April to October

The Queensland portion of this epic outback drive follows the trail of the drovers and cameleers

## Ten of the Best:

1. Go racing in **Birdsville** with the horses or camels
2. Have a beer at the famous **Birdsville** Hotel
3. Immerse your body in the **Bedourie** Artesian Spa
4. Delve into the mysterious lights at **Boulia** Min Min Encounter
5. Discover Indigenous culture in **Dajarra**
6. Experience breathtaking thrills at the **Mount Isa** Rodeo
7. Book an underground mine tour; visit Outback at Isa Café, **Mount Isa**
8. Enjoy a delicious meal at the **Bufs Club, Mount Isa**
9. Take a guided tour through the Droving Heritage Centre, **Camooweal**
10. Explore the **Camooweal** Caves National Park



Cunnamulla

Innamincka - Thargomindah - Cunnamulla - St George - Moonie - Dalby - Toowoomba - Brisbane

**Condition:** 2WD; sealed to the QLD border

**Best Months to Travel:** April to October

Explore diverse cultures and experience sustainable tourism on this 1300km of adventure

**Ten of the Best:**

1. View the Bourke and Wills Dig Tree, take a selfie, at **Innamincka**
2. Access **Thargomindah** Artesian Hydro Plant Tour through Visitor Info Centre
3. Take a seven-day Desert Gateway Dirt Bike tour, **Thargomindah**
4. Swim, fish, fossick; take a mud bath; camp under the stars in **Eulo**
5. Say G'day to the **Cunnamulla** Fellow; go soak in the Hot Springs
6. Explore Indigenous culture with Nullawokka Tours, **Bollon**
7. Catch a cod in the Inland Fishing Capital, **St George**
8. Grab a selfie alongside the Big Yabbe in **Moonie**
9. Set up camp at the delightful **Lake Broadwater**
10. Treat yourself in Queensland's Garden City, **Toowoomba**



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Cunnamulla Hot Springs

## Barra Express

355km



Kynuna - Julia Creek - Burke & Wills Junction

**Condition:** Sealed

**Best Months to Travel:** March to November

Spend more time fishing and less time driving by hopping on 'The Barra Express', the fastest fully-sealed inland route to the Gulf of Carpentaria.

### Ten of the Best:

1. Join Banjo Paterson's ghost and step into Matilda country at **Kynuna**
2. Recite the famous poem at Swagman's Billabong, 1.8km east of **Kynuna**
3. Grab a cold drink at the famous Blue Heeler Hotel, **Kynuna**
4. Visit **Combo Waterhole** Conservation Park, 160 km further south
5. Indulge in an artesian bath, **Julia Creek**
6. Have some fun at **Julia Creek** swimming pool and water park
7. Feed an endangered dunnart at **Julia Creek**
8. Take part in a virtual helicopter muster at **Julia Creek**
9. Enjoy a Bush Dinner at **Julia Creek** Caravan Park
10. Meet outback truckers at the **Burke and Wills Roadhouse**

## Rural Getaway

420km (QLD portion)



Texas - Millmerran - Dalby - Mundubbera

**Condition:** Sealed

**Best Months to Travel:** All year

Stretching from Warialda in northern NSW to Mundubbera in QLD, the Rural Getaway is the quiet alternative, perfect for slowing down and enjoying the ride

### Ten of the Best:

1. Stop at the inspiring Spirit of **Texas** sculpture
2. Call into the interactive **Texas** Rabbit Works Museum
3. Cool off at Lake Coolmunda, **Inglewood**
4. Step back in time at the **Inglewood** Heritage Centre and Tobacco Museum
5. Head out from **Dalby** to the pristine Bunya Mountains
6. Take a tour of the heritage listed Jimbour Homestead near **Dalby**
7. Fish for yellow belly and bass at **Lake Boondooma**
8. See three rivers meet at **Mundubbera**
9. Admire the **Mundubbera** Pump Station Art
10. Hike through the Auburn River National Park 40kms from **Mundubbera**

# Dawson Highway

500km



Rockhampton - Biloela - Banana - Moura - Rolleston - Springsure - Emerald

**Condition:** Sealed

**Best Months to Travel:** All year

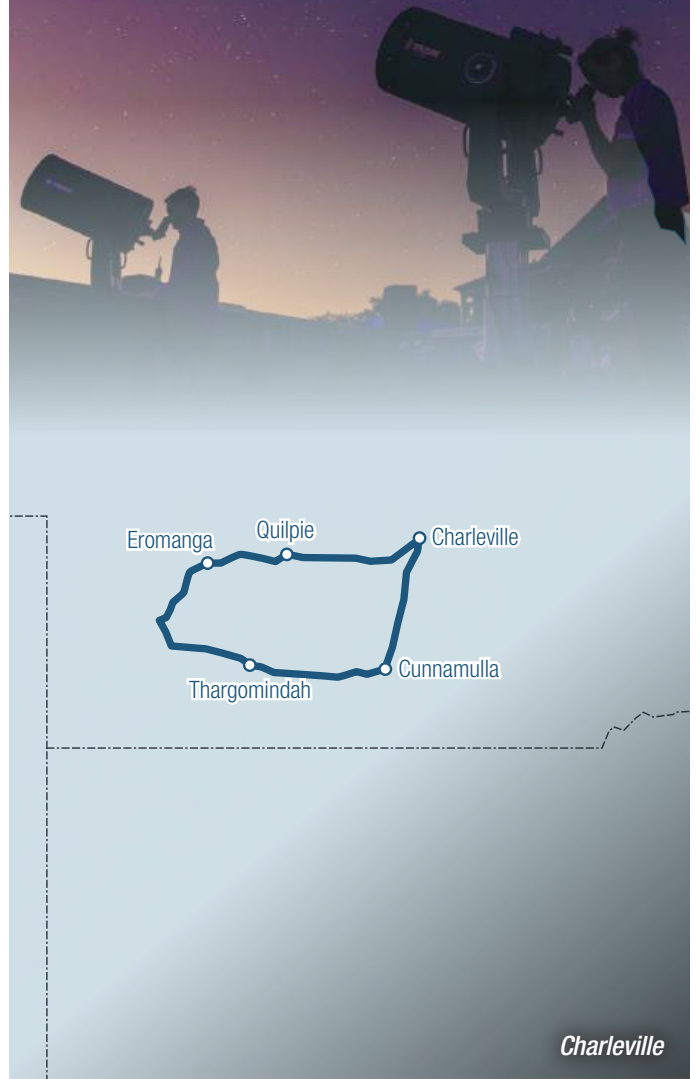
Take in the magnificent sandstone wonders on a wandering road trip from Rockhampton to Emerald

## Ten of the Best:

1. Catch live bull riding at **Rockhampton's** Great Western Hotel
2. Step back in time at the mining village of **Mt Morgan**
3. Visit historic Kilburnie and Greycliffe Homesteads near **Biloela**
4. Detour to **Monto** and **Three Moons** for amazing silo art
5. Camp on the banks of the Dawson River at **Moura**
6. Travel from **Rolleston** to the sandstone wonders of Carnarvon NP
7. Explore the Old Rainworth Fort and Stone Store south of **Springsure**
8. Check out the world's largest sunflower painting in **Emerald**
9. Relax in the beautiful Botanic Gardens in **Emerald**
10. Go fishing at Lake Maraboon near **Emerald**

# Natural Sciences Loop

995km



Charleville - Quilpie - Eromanga - Thargomindah - Cunnamulla - Charleville

**Condition:** 2WD with caution; sealed/minor unsealed

**Best Months to Travel:** April to October

Be inspired by the natural beauty of central Queensland

## Ten of the Best:

1. Have an up-close Bilby encounter at **Charleville** Bilby Experience
2. Star gaze at the **Charleville** Cosmos Centre and Observatory
3. Picnic and fish for a yellow belly at Bulloo River, **Quilpie**
4. Take in the sunset from Baldy Rock, **Quilpie**
5. Meet huge dinosaur Cooper at **Eromanga** Natural History Museum
6. Detour for a cold beer at heritage listed **Noccundra** Hotel
7. Discover the historical hydro power plant in **Thargomindah**
8. Visit the Old Hospital and Old Gaol on a heritage walk, **Thargomindah**
9. Soak in artesian waters at **Cunnamulla** Hot Springs
10. Go birdwatching, kayaking and fishing at Warrego River, **Cunnamulla**

# Australian Dinosaur Trail

470km



Winton - Hughenden - Richmond

**Condition:** 2WD with caution; sealed/unsealed

**Best Months to Travel:** April to October

*This is a must-drive for all dinosaur enthusiasts and budding palaeontologists*

### Ten of the Best:

1. Visit the Dinosaur Stampede National Monument, **Lark Quarry** south of Winton
2. Sing at the Waltzing Matilda Centre, **Winton**
3. Explore the Age of Dinosaurs Museum, **Winton**
4. Meet Hughie the Muttaborrasaurus at the Flinders Discovery Centre, **Hughenden**
5. Discover Porcupine Gorge on the Galah Creek, **Hughenden**
6. Take in the sunset from Mt Walker, **Hughenden**
7. Try hunting at one of **Richmond's** fossil hunting sites
8. Learn more dinosaur facts at Kronosaurus Korner, **Richmond**
9. Join a cattle station tour, **Richmond**
10. Call in to Cambridge Downs Heritage Display Centre, **Richmond**

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# Travelling with Pets



Pets are part of our family so of course we want to take them on our great Queensland driving adventure and the good news is there are a growing number of accommodation options that are pet friendly. Here are our tips for enjoyable travel with your furred (or feathered or scaled) friend.

## Keep them safe

Queensland can be a hot place and dogs feel the heat more than us so keep them hydrated, don't leave them in a vehicle and protect their feet from hot pavements and sand (yes, you can even buy boots for your dog). In northern Queensland be mindful of crocodiles and keep your pets away from the water's edge. Other nasties to watch out for are Ehrlichiosis - a deadly tick-borne virus present in northern Queensland and poisons laid on rural properties for vermin control.

## Keep them out

National Parks, for example, do not allow any pets, nor do many private landholders - please ask before taking your pet. During the months of November to April some Queensland beaches are closed to pets because of turtle nesting. Monitoring the nesting and then hatching of endangered turtles is a wonder to behold and no-one wants a dog inadvertently

digging up a nest. Always heed local warnings and advice.

## Be Responsible

You know the drill: clean up after your pet, keep the noise down and respect the privacy of others.

## Find a dog-sitter

Your dog may not be allowed in a National Park but that doesn't mean you should miss out. Pet-sitting, AKA Doggy Daycare, is becoming more and more popular with a growing number of services in towns across Queensland. Book your pet in for a day or two and give them a holiday of their own.

## Have fun

From dog friendly beaches to offshore islands and from river cruises to public gardens there are many ways to incorporate your family friend into your holiday. You can even take them on the dinosaur trail at Hughenden or find dedicated agility/exercise parks in the smallest of towns such as at Barkly Park at Bororen.

**TRAVELLING WITH YOUR PET?**

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Heading south to north is Australia's Country Way stretching 1380km from Sydney to Rockhampton along the Great Dividing Range. Want to then head west from Rocky? How about the 580km Capricorn Way to Barcaldine, the gateway to dinosaurs.

Or if you'd prefer an epic east west road trip we can recommend the Adventure Way, 1397km from Brisbane to Innamincka in South Australia.

And while you're in the western part of Queensland why not discover Thargomindah on a 20km loop road? You'll soon find out what Paris, London and Thargo have in common (hint, it's got to do with street lighting).

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Bunya Mountains National Park



Girraween National Park



Tree of Knowledge, Barcaldine

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# QLD Wildlife

## WILDLIFE SAFETY

Queensland is rich with an abundance of wildlife, from the cuddly to the bitey, and while most encounters with our native animals will be memorable for all the right reasons here are a few that could pose a threat.



Cassowaries

### CASSOWARIES

These tall (up to 180cm), flightless birds of the tropics are resplendent in jet-black plumage with bright blue and purple neck feathers (wattles). Make sure you are "cass-o-wary" when exploring their habitat and keep a safe distance if you're lucky enough to see one as they can be unpredictable and territorial.



Crocodiles

### CROCODILES

Did you know saltwater crocodiles can grow up to 6m long? Or that they can hold their breath underwater for an hour and a half? Crocodiles are an ancient and fascinating species, but they can also be dangerous so be croc-wise: obey warning signs, don't swim where crocodiles are present and when fishing stand a few metres back from the water's edge.



Snakes

### SNAKES

Yes, Australia has the most venomous snakes in the world, but you are unlikely to see one in your travels. However, you can take precautions to avoid bites. Wear boots and long pants and stick to cleared paths when walking and if you see a snake, stop and let it slither away. If bitten apply a pressure bandage and seek immediate medical help.



Dingoes

### DINGOES

They're just cuddly dogs right? Wrong. Our beautiful yellow dingoes can be dangerous. K'gari (Fraser Island) is famous for its dingoes, where it is a pleasure to see them in their natural environment, but it is also important to be dingo-safe. Stay close to children, do not walk alone, do not run or jog and never attempt to feed a dingo.



Kangaroos

### KANGAROOS

Our kangaroos are generally harmless. However, they pose a risk to drivers. Kangaroos are most active at dawn and dusk, so avoid driving after sunset and before sunrise where possible, to prevent accidents on the road



Jellyfish

### JELLYFISH

Northern Australia's oceans are home to some dangerous marine stingers, such as the box jellyfish and Irukandji. Found from Tropical North Queensland to Gladstone between October/November and May/June, swimmers should wear protective suits to minimise the risk. If stung, use vinegar, remove tentacles, and seek medical advice.

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# Tips to The Tip



From ten days to three weeks a trip to The Tip is a journey that will put your 4WD skills to the test on the adventure of a life-time. To fully enjoy the experience (and to keep safe) remember the military expression: "Proper Planning and Preparation Prevents Piss Poor Performance"!

Before you even pack do your **research**. This may involve watching videos, reading reviews, studying maps and talking to others who have travelled these roads. Learn all you can so when the unexpected happens ... well you've been expecting it.

Next you need to get your vehicle **off-road ready**. Pay particular attention to suspension (there will be lots of bumps), brakes, tyres and engine water-protection (for all those creek crossings). Then add recovery gear, an extra tyre and spare air filters because dust is going to get EVERYWHERE.

The Cape has **limited mobile reception** so installing a UHF is a top idea for communication. Because you won't get internet most of the time it's a good idea to carry paper maps as well as electronic ones. Also carry cash - when patchy internet services fail remote services may not be able to accept your credit card.

Time to pack? Not quite. What **time of year** are you travelling? To avoid the wet season (when roads may be closed) it's advised to travel between May and October. The countryside may be greener in May, but the water crossings may be shallower in October. July school holidays will be crowded.

OK, let's hit the road (you are packed aren't you?). Although it is possible to take your 2WD along the Peninsula Development Road to Weipa, heading further north to The Tip will require a 4WD. But don't let videos of crossing the infamous Gunshot Creek put you off – there are **alternate routes** around the most challenging sections.

There are some beautiful **swimming holes** along the Cape (Fruit Bat Falls is stunning), however there are crocodiles found throughout the region. Be croc wise and obey all warning signs.

And before you know it, you're at Pajinka. Congratulations, you've made it to the **northernmost tip** of Australia and crossed off that major bucket-list item.

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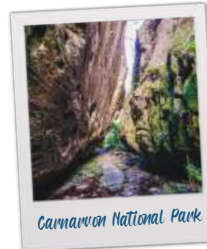
Taking your 4WD on one of Queensland's epic off-road adventures is almost a rite of passage for the Aussie road-tripper. Other than Cape York (see page 36) here are six of our favourites.



Moreton Island

## MORETON ISLAND

As the third largest sand island in the world Moreton Island is sure to satisfy your 4WD desires. Must see hot spots include the Big and Little Sandhills, the Eastern Beach and the Desert. The Desert provides a 4WD challenge no matter how many times you've been to the island as the winds constantly move the sands and change the shape of the dunes.



Carnarvon National Park

## CARNARVON NATIONAL PARK

Carnarvon Gorge is the showpiece attraction of this National Park but those with a 4WD and love of the road less travelled will find other delights. Visit the Mount Moffatt, Salvator Rosa and Ka Ka Mundi sections of the Park for soaring sandstone cliffs, hidden caves, mahogany forests and the legend of the Kenniffs - Australia's last bushrangers.



Kroombit Tops

## KROOMBIT TOPS

At Kroombit Tops, southwest of Gladstone, you will find narrow and steep dirt roads leading to old gold mining areas, unmarked graves, wild horses, secluded camp spots and spectacular mountain views. What are you waiting for? With track names such as Razorback you know you'll be in wild country and there's even the wreck of a WWII Liberator bomber to explore.



Simpson Desert

## SIMPSON DESERT

For real desert, the Simpson Desert, in the far west of the state, is a bucket-list item. Heading west from Birdsville the adventure kicks off with the Simpson's largest sand-dune - Big Red - and then hops over hundreds more via the QAA line to Poeppel Corner where Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory converge.



QLD's Wild Country

## QUEENSLAND'S WILD COUNTRY

Find some of Queensland's best wild country driving in Southern Downs. Challenge yourself in the remote Sundown National Park south-west of Stanthorpe or undertake a wild adventure near the Goomburra section of Main Range National Park, north of Warwick. Thrill seekers can also enjoy 4-wheel driving at a number of well-maintained private properties in the region.




CREB Track

## CREB TRACK

An alternative route between Daintree and Cooktown is the muddy and slippery CREB track, suitable only for experienced off-roaders. Rain will make this track even more of a challenge but with picturesque creek crossings, verdant rainforest and the Roaring Meg Falls, it is also a stunning part of the country to experience.

## Find your next adventure in QLD'S Wild COUNTRY

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# Travel Tips

Queensland is a BIG place and on the coast and in major towns you will have all the comforts of home but as you venture into rural and remote areas distances between services will increase. Here are our best tips for a worry-free road trip:

- Buy a Telstra SIM card. Mobile and internet can be patchy and often the only service provider is Telstra.
- Carry a satellite phone in remote areas where there is often no mobile service at all.
- Equip your vehicle with a UHF radio. This can act as another form of communication.
- Give way to trucks and large vehicles when travelling on one-lane bitumen roads.
- Beware of wandering cattle on unfenced roads especially at night.
- Realise that unsealed roads may be closed after rain.
- Be prepared for corrugations and loose rocks on unsealed roads.
- Keep your fuel tank full. It can be a long way between service stations.
- Ensure your vehicle is mechanically sound and investigate roadside/vehicle insurance.
- Check the weather before you leave.

- Always ask permission before entering private (including Indigenous) land.
- Do not leave toilet paper or empty toilet cassettes in the bush.
- Tell someone where you are going - especially if travelling solo.
- Book accommodation and tours ahead to avoid disappointment.
- Carry water on every drive.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

- Caravanning Queensland - [caravanqld.com.au](http://caravanqld.com.au)
- Caravan & Camping Information - [lets gocaravanandcamping.com.au](http://lets gocaravanandcamping.com.au)
- Department Transport & Main Roads - [tmr.qld.gov.au](http://tmr.qld.gov.au)
- Drive Queensland - [drivequeensland.com](http://drivequeensland.com)
- Queensland Fire & Emergency Services - [qfes.qld.gov.au](http://qfes.qld.gov.au)
- Queensland Health - [health.qld.gov.au](http://health.qld.gov.au)
- Queensland National Parks - [qld.gov.au/camping](http://qld.gov.au/camping)
- Toll Roads - [linkt.com.au](http://linkt.com.au)
- Towing Information - [caravantowingguide.com.au](http://caravantowingguide.com.au)
- Traffic & Travel Information - [qldtraffic.qld.gov.au](http://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au)
- Weather - [bom.gov.au/qld](http://bom.gov.au/qld)
- Plugshare App - [plugshare.com](http://plugshare.com)
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