Welcome to the Gold Coast

The Gold Coast is the ultimate playground for fun in the sun. Whether you’re looking to soak up the sun at one of its 42 beautiful beaches, explore the rolling hills of the hinterland, or experience the vibrant city life, the Gold Coast has something for everyone. 

Come and play in Australia’s favourite playground.

Transport

Seamless accessibility is all yours with a city that gives you metropolitan infrastructure with boutique city benefits. With smooth connectivity from two international airports, train and light rail services backed up by an abundance of transfer options, you’ll feel getting about anywhere is a breeze.

Two International Airports

- Gold Coast International Airport: 30 minute drive to Surfers Paradise
- Brisbane International Airport: 60 minute drive to Surfers Paradise

Train and Light Rail Services

- Connecting train journey from Brisbane Airport into Gold Coast city centre. Find out more at airtrain.com.au
- Gold Coast light rail (G:Link): 19 major stops around the Gold Coast with frequent services running 7 days per week. The go explore card is designed for use on Translink bus, train and tram services with multiple day passes available. Find out more at translink.com.au

Transfers and Car Hire

You’ll find every mode of transport you need on the Gold Coast with coaches, buses, taxi transfers, taxis and hire cars easily arranged. With hotels and resorts in close proximity to restaurants, activities and the beaches, it’s a compact city that makes you feel like a local and ready to explore whatever it offers.

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BEACHES

With an expansive 57km of unparalleled coastline from the Broadwater in the city’s Northern region to Coolangatta beach in the South, broken up by a few isolated headlands, national parks and sandy white sandy inlets and bays, the Gold Coast is truly like no other. Bask in the sand and froth it in the sun in the year-round balmy weather, or take a dip and try your hand at the many watersports on offer like stand up paddle boarding (SUPing), surfing, kayaking, scuba diving and much more – all thanks to Australia’s favourite playground.

SHOPPING

Shopping on the Gold Coast reflects the city’s relaxed coastal lifestyle and aesthetic with collegiate boutiques, high-end designers, specialty stores and regional shopping and outlet centres. From the city’s own Palm Beach to Burleigh Heads, let's not forget the popular beachside outlet shopping.  Both can be conveniently booked online.

THEME PARKS

Many great childhood memories of the sunny Gold Coast often involve a theme park or two – from the thrill of the rides to the smell of fresh popcorn and fairy floss, there’s always a great day to be had. As both Australia’s and the Southern Hemisphere’s most concentrated number of the biggest and best collection of theme parks, creating great memories on the Gold Coast is as good as guaranteed. Explore Dreamworld, Movie World, Wet ’N’ Wild, Sea World and the US newcomer, Topgolf, where cafes, treats, merchandise, souvenirs, photo booths, animal encounters, water slides and experiences are plentiful and the fun is endless.

ARTS & CULTURE

The Gold Coast is overflowing with creatives and history and it’s certainly making a mark on this beautiful city. From street art murals bringing colour to concrete and live performances bringing music and open mic forums to public spaces, it’s easy to get involved in the Coast’s arts and cultural movement. Immense yourself in popular art spaces, like Tjin Keran – the largest contemporary art gallery on the Gold Coast, and arts and cultural inclusions like the Gold Coast Cultural Centre in Broadbeach, or the Gold Coast Cultural Centre in Southport.

DINING

The Gold Coast is fast becoming a destination for superior casual and fine dining products with not only quality eats, but equally for chilled, local coastal vibes and stylish locations. Settle your palate with a range of culinary options including bars, pub or pub club meals, or enjoy an experience of fresh local eats and drinks from the many blown-out, local haunts, bars or rooftop dining selections and more. Simple takeaway dining will also allow you to experience eats and drinks from the many breweries, restaurants, bars or rooftop dining vibes and stellar locations. Satisfy your palate with a range of culinary options dining precincts with not only quality eats, but equally for chilled, local coastal vibes and stylish locations. Satisfy your palate with a range of culinary options.

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Australia is known for its many cute and cuddly native friends like the billy, koala, emu, wallaby, kangaroo, platypus, echidna, and kangaroo. With many of these species inhabiting open woodlands and reserves across the Gold Coast, the city is also proud to be home to several coastal conservation and re habilitation products and places – most of which offer unforgettable up close and personal experiences. Popular animal encounter hot spots include Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Sea World, Paradise Country, Dreamworld Pinnacles, Whale Watch, and Sanctuary’s Tiger Island. When visiting coastal ecosystems like Burleigh Headland on the Broadwater located at Main Beach, you may even be fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of migrating humpback whales in the cooler months, between June and November each year.

SAFETY

The Gold Coast has some of Australia’s most celebrated and awarded swimming beaches, crowded streets and surfing spots. Whenever you are along the Gold Coast’s vast coastline and riding surf and sand, our iconic surf lifesavers and volunteer lifesavers will be patrolling a spot close by. Be sure to look for them when choosing your place on the beach in the warmer months, and always obey the red and yellow flags. Accredited beach lifeguards are also available for wheelchairs at a number of popular beach locations including Southport Broadwater Parklands and Burleigh Heads Minyungbal Park Surf Life Saving Club. Please contact the relevant surf lifesaving club or community group for more information or to book.

NIGHTLIFE

The famous glitter strip of Surfers Paradise is the hub for entertainment, but not as you may know it. The redefined, vibrant precinct of Cavill Avenue in Surfers Paradise invites families, locals and travellers alike to enjoy a large range of dining options, as well as live music, attractions and live event good times. In recent years, this dining and entertainment offering has grown exponentially across the Coast, spawning from Surfers, Coolangatta in the North, right down to the outdoor dining and rooftop avenues of Broadbeach, Palm Beach and Coolangatta in the South. Many of which open early and stay open late.

HINTERLAND

Just a short drive from the beaches, get in touch with nature in the World Heritage listed Gold Coast Rainforest, the most extensive sub-tropical rainforest in the world. To experience the pristine beauty of the bushland rainforest in a safe and exciting way, head to Tjambalarni Rainforest Gondwana – a 1.6kmFind walking experience which includes the Tjambalarni Bridge and the Currumbin Crossing Pathway – joined by a walking pathway along the coastal rainforest. Enjoy your visit.

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