

## DAY 1

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Sydney to Hunter Valley 180 km (112 miles) 2.5 Hours

Pick up your car and drive to the Hunter Valley, one of Australia's premium wine producing regions.

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation Voco Kirkton Park Hotel

## DAY 2

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Hunter Valley to Port Stephens 94 km (59 miles) 1.5 hours

Drive to Nelson Bay and Port Stephens. Join a dolphin cruise or 4WD tour across the sand dunes (optional) or relax on one of the beautiful beaches.

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation Anchorage Port Stephens

## DAY 3

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Port Stephens to Coffs Harbour 450 km (280 miles) 4 hours

Drive along the Pacific Highway to the former convict settlement of Port Macquarie then continue through beautiful countryside to Coffs Harbour.

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation Breakfree Aanuka Beach Resort

## DAY 4

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Coffs Harbour to Coolangatta 330km (205 miles) 4 hours

Travel via Cape Byron (Australia's most easterly point) to the stunning Gold Coast. This evening visit Jupiter's Casino.

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation Oaks Calypso Plaza Resort Coolangatta

## DAY 5

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Coolangatta

Today is at leisure to enjoy the many attractions of the Gold Coast.

## DAY 6

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Coolangatta to Brisbane 100km (61 miles) 1.5 hours

Join the Pacific Highway, northbound to Brisbane - the capital city of Queensland. You may like to spend time at South Bank on the bank of the Brisbane River.

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation The Calile Hotel Brisbane

## DAY 7

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Brisbane to Fraser Island 330km (205 miles) 4 hours

Drive past the Glass House Mountains to Montville with its delightful craft shops, then on to Hervey Bay where you park your car. Transfer by catamaran to Fraser Island.

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation Kingfisher Bay Resort Fraser Island

## DAY 8

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Fraser Island

Today is at leisure. The resort offers 4WD tours around the sand dunes and guided walks to choose from or just relax and enjoy this beautiful World Heritage listed island, an ecologist's paradise.

## DAY 9

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Fraser Island to Rockhampton 400 km (248 miles) 5 hours

Travel north to the sugar town of Childers and its interesting Pharmaceutical Museum. Cross the Tropic of Capricorn at Rockhampton and continue to your farmstay.

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation Henderson Park Farm Retreat Barmoya

## DAY 10

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Rockhampton to the Whitsundays 488 km (305 miles) 6 hours

After a hearty breakfast, enjoy a taste of the farm life with your hosts before travelling north to Mackay and continuing to Airlie Beach, the gateway to the Whitsunday Islands.

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation Coral Sea Marina Resort

## DAY 11

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### The Whitsundays

Today you may want to enjoy the facilities of the resort or take a day trip to one of the beautiful Whitsunday Passage Islands. Visit Whitehaven Beach and walk on 6 km of sweeping, pure white silica sands - voted the world's best beach.

## DAY 12

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### The Whitsundays to Townsville 286 km (147 miles) 3 hours

Fossick for gemstones at the Home Hill Gallery enroute to Townsville, gateway to Queensland's tropical north. The "Strand" is Townsville's fantastic beachfront promenade, with restaurants, cafes, a water park and picnic areas. Visit the aquarium or take a drive up the winding road to Castle Hill for spectacular views of the city. You can also visit Magnetic Island, which is only a 20 minute ferry ride away.

Duration            1 Night

Accommodation        Park Regis Anchorage

## DAY 13

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### Townsville to Mission Beach 235 km (147 miles) 3 hours

This morning spend more time in the Townsville area or leave early for your journey to Mission Beach. From Mission Beach you can pick up a water taxi and cruise across to beautiful Dunk Island or explore the national park area fringing the 14 miles of unspoiled beaches.

Duration            1 Night

Accommodation        Castaways Resort and Spa Mission Beach

## DAY 14

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### Mission Beach to Cairns 140 km (88 miles) 2 hours

Depart Mission Beach for Cairns. Visit Paranella Park and see a Spanish castle and gardens. Further along the highway stop at the Atherton Tablelands and visit Millaa Millaa Falls and the Curtin Fig Tree, a spectacular rainforest wilderness.