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Population

470 000

Currency

Australian Dollar (AUD) \$1 = 100 cents

Internet

www.visitgoldcoast.com
www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au
www.bestofthegoldcoast.com.au
www.surfersparadise.com
www.broadbeachtourism.com.au

Newspapers

The Gold Coast Bulletin
The Gold Coast Sun
Gold Coast Mail

Emergency numbers

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Lifeline: 13 11 14

Tourist information

Surfers Paradise Visitor Information Centre
2 Cavill Avenue, Surfers Paradise
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Open Monday to Saturday 8.30 am-5.00 pm, Sunday 9 am-4 pm
www.visitgoldcoast.com

GOLD COAST

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Australia's Gold Coast is a fun and diverse city, offering action packed days and fun filled nights that are enjoyed by more than 10 million visitors each year. Families, couples, business delegates and solo travellers will all find an experience to suit their needs and budget, as the Gold Coast serves up more attractions and venues than any other destination in the southern hemisphere. Get into the Gold Coast's easy living lifestyle with 70 kilometers of sun, sand and surf at your doorstep plus 100,000 hectares of world heritage listed rainforest just a short drive away.

THE CITY



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This is where it happens. Excitement beckons at every corner and there is action to be had on every wave along the 70 km of white sand beaches. The region is the theme park capital of Australia offering plenty of hours (or even days) of fun and entertainment. If adrenaline is your thing try Dreamworld's Giant Drop, if you fancy kissing a seal, head to Seaworld and get a smooch on the cheek, pretend to be a Hollywood star at Movieworld or fling yourself down tubes of gushing water for relief from the Queensland heat at Wet'n'Wild. Surfers Paradise in the north has round-the-clock entertainment with glitz, glamour and heaps of nightclubs and shops. Coolangatta and Tweed Heads in the south have some of Australia's best breaks and the area is increasingly becoming more popular with surfers. The Gold Coast is whatever you want it to be.

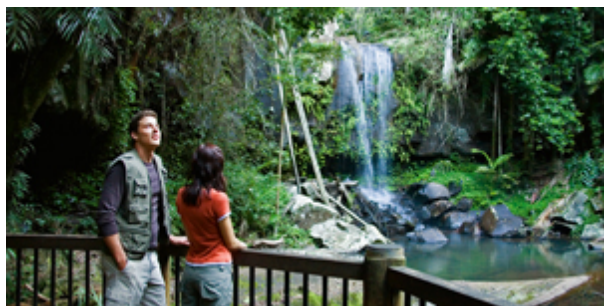


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DO & SEE



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No matter if you spend 1 week or 3 weeks here- you will not get bored! The Gold Coast has more to offer than the lovely beach, best surfing and great places for a good night out. Visit for example the fun amusement parks, an art gallery or Tamborine Mountain.

Qdeck

The Q1 building is a popular destination for tourists and locals alike. The observation deck at levels 77 and 78 offer exceptional views in all directions.

Address: Surfers Paradise Blvd, Surfers Paradise
Phone: +61 7 5582 2700
Internet: www.qdeck.com.au

Theme Parks

Check out the adrenaline shocks, the wildlife or fantasy rides at the Australian Outback Spectacular! Discover Dreamworld, David Fleays Wildlife Park, Paradise Country, Sea World, the Wet'n'Wild Water World and the new White Water World. To save money, get the Three Pass Supersaver from the Gold Coast tourism visitor information centre.

Internet: www.tourismgoldcoast.com/theme-parks

Warner Brothers Movie World

Movie World has something for everyone, it is a world of fantasy and fun entertainment. Here you will find thrilling rides like Superman Escape, a rollercoaster where you travel 100km/h in just two seconds. At Movie World you can also enjoy stunning shows and movie attractions.

Address: Pacific Motorway, Oxenford

Phone: +61 7 5573 3999
Internet: www.movieworld.myfun.com.au

Surfing and Kite-surfing

Some of the world's best surfing beaches are here on the Gold Coast – every day there are rideable waves somewhere along the coast both for the experienced and for the beginners. Kite-surfing is also a popular and fun sport on this beach. For beginners' lessons or kit rental visit www.surfaris.com.

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Here you find forest, lakes and native animals in beautiful scenery. It is fantastic to observe tree kangaroos, koalas and birds from the elevated walkways.

Address: 28 Tomewin St, Currumbin Beach
Subway: 700, 760 & 765
Phone: +61 7 5534 1266
Internet: www.cws.org.au

Burleigh Head National Park

Climb the park's highest point, an ancient volcano, to see the 20 kilometres of unbroken white beach stretching far into the distance – what a sight!

Address: 1711 Gold Coast Hwy, Burleigh Heads
Phone: +61 13 0013 0372

Gold Coast Art Gallery

Housed in the Gold Coast Arts Centre, the gallery has an impressive collection of Australian art. The arts centre also hosts major performances and cultural events.

Address: 135 Bundall Rd
Phone: +61 7 5588 4000
Internet: www.gcac.com.au

South Stradbroke Island

The tranquil beaches of the narrow and 20 km long South Stradbroke Island are a treat. It is worth exploring the wildlife of the island on a guided kayaking tour.

Phone: +61 4 1294 0135
Internet: www.australiankayakingadventures.com.au

Tamborine Mountain

This national park is an attractive escape inland from the coast and has picturesque settlements and scenery with waterfalls, teahouses and arts and craft galleries. Various tours are available – ask at the tourist office.

Internet: www.visitgoldcoast.com/mt-tamborine

EATING



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The multicultural nature of the Gold Coast has brought about a deliciously successful food and wine industry, cultivating everything from soft-shell crabs and goat cheese to locally bred Wagyu beef and award-winning boutique wines. The Gold Coast has attracted prominent restaurateurs and operators from the southern capitals and around the world to progress this dynamic region. This has ensured locations such as Main Beach, Surfers Paradise, Broadbeach, Coolangatta and the Hinterland to remain highly regarded for their delectable choice of dining options. Similarly, beachside cafes, snack bars and budget priced eateries are in abundance to ensure a taste to suit every style.

Lemongrass on Tedder

This delicious Thai restaurant is very popular on the coast that it's best to book ahead. Well worth the wait!

Address: 6/26 Tedder Ave, Main Beach
Phone: +61 7 5528 0289
Internet: www.thailemongrass.com.au

Melbas

This restaurant/nightclub serves Mediterranean style meals and the Moroccan duck is absolutely delicious! Have a lovely dinner and stay a bit longer to the night club begins!

Address: 46 Cavill Ave, Surfers Paradise
Phone: +61 7 5538 7411
Internet: www.melbas.net.au

Fables Restaurant

Enjoy well-mixed flavours from around the world at Fables amongst tropical gardens and cascading waterfalls. If you are a bigger company private dining rooms are available.

Address: Crn Goldcoast Hwy & Laycock St
Phone: +61 7 5588 7888
Internet: www.legendshotel.com.au

Donto Sapporo

Donto Sapporo is an award winning Japanese restaurant with flavoursome dishes. One of the hidden treasures of the Gold Coast.

Address: 2763 Gold Coast Hwy
Phone: +61 7 5539 9933
Internet: www.dontosapporo.com.au

Bavarian Haus Restaurant

Specialties include German cuisine, grain fed char-grilled steak and fresh seafood served in German-like atmosphere. Try some of their wide range of beer.

Address: 41 Cavill Ave
Phone: +61 7 5531 7150
Internet: www.bavarianhaus.com.au

Palm Beach SLSC

Palm Beach SLSC offers great value pub meals with a magnificent view of the coast. This is a nice lunch spot!

Address: 31-32 Ocean Road
Phone: +61 2 9974 1288
Internet: www.palmbeachslsc.com

Fish Mongers

Fish Mongers is one of the best places to get fish'n'chips at the Gold Coast. They have the perfect, deliciously light batter and crunchy chips!

Address: 7-9 James St
Phone: +61 7 5535 2927
More Info: Burleigh Heads

Pancakes in Paradise

They have an all-you-can-eat pancake deal offering sweet & savoury pancakes & crepes – enough said!

Address: 8 Trickett Street
Phone: +61 7 5538 4748
Internet: www.aztecmontezuma.com.au/pancakes.html
More Info: Aloha Building

CAFES



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With the laid back atmosphere on the Gold Coast you have many places to choose from when you are in the mood for coffee, juice or something a bit sweeter.

Elephant Rock Café

This place is a gem! Elephant Rock café has beautiful views and serves delicious Australian food breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Address: 776 Pacific Pde
Phone: +61 7 5598 2133
Internet: www.elephantrock.com.au
More Info: Currumbin Beach

Hard Rock Cafe

Hard Rock Cafe is a good old familiar one, but definitely worth a visit to explore the Surfers Paradise atmosphere.

Address: Cnr Cavill Ave & Surfers Paradise Blvd
Phone: +61 7 5539 9377
Internet: www.hardrock.com

Skinnydippers

This lively cafe close to the beach is good for drinks and yummy food for a post-swim breakfast, lunch or afternoon energy burst. Despite the name, most guests manage to keep their clothes on.

Address: 5 Woodraffie Avenue
Phone: +61 7 5527 0488
More Info: Main Beach, Shop 2

Hard Coffee

Hard Coffee is a popular modern Australian restaurant-bar in the middle of the resort's buzziest restaurant and nightlife area, a long standing favourite with local residents.

Address: Corner of Tedder & Peak Avenue
Phone: +61 7 5526 3326
Internet: www.hardcoffee.net.au
More Info: Main Beach

The Coffee Club

The Coffee Club has over 270 stores around the country! It has been voted number 4 for best coffee on the Gold Coast, so this is the place to go to when you feel the urge for coffee.

Address: Shop C85 Harbour Town
Phone: +61 7 5563 922 22
Internet: www.coffeeclub.com.au

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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That ambience of true bustling seaside culture, contrasted by a groovy night time buzz makes the Gold Coast a distinctively active area and a true party destination. Of course a sampling of the all-night entertainment will ensure an experience to remember with a plentiful supply of opportunities. Surfers Paradise defined by it's after-dark assortment continues to redefine the parameters of choice. Broadbeach also has an expanding mall area which provides a 24-hour epicentre of activity that is supported by an assortment of entertainment offerings which include the iconic Conrad Jupiters Casino and its range of cabaret shows, gambling facilities and newly established bars and restaurants.

SkyPoint Bar

This is the Gold Coast highest altitude lounge bar and the view alone makes this bar well worth a visit before a good night out.

Address: Surfers Paradise Blvd
Phone: +61 7 5582 2700
Internet: www.qdeck.com.au

Amalfi Wine Bar

Amalfi wine bar is the ideal setting for a quiet drink – how about a glass of wine from the region or a beer from almost anywhere in the world?

Address: 3032 Surfers Paradise Blvd
Phone: +61 7 5588 8305
Internet: www.watermarkhotelgoldcoast.com.au
More Info: Cnr Gold Coast Hwy & Hamilton Ave

Surfers Paradise RSL Club

There's always plenty of people and nightlife in the Surfers' club. Enjoy a drink on The Deck after a day of surfing.

Address: 9 Beach Rd
Phone: +61 7 5539 8966
Internet: www.surfersrsl.com.au
More Info: Surfers Paradise

Melbas

Melbas is one of the most established nightclubs on the Gold Coast and not without reason. It has an inspiring

cocktail bar and a big dance floor.

Address: 46 Cavill Ave
Phone: +61 7 5538 7411
Internet: www.melbas.com.au
More Info: Surfers Paradise

My Bar

My Bar is an exclusive and intimate bar where the dress code is 'sophisticated and stylish.' Brush of the sand and get dressed for a night.

Address: 3 Orchid Avenue
Phone: +61 7 5592 4111
More Info: Lower level. The Mark Complex

Vanity Nightclub

This upmarket nightclub is a major party place and regularly hosts live events. Do not miss this party place!

Address: 26 Orchid Ave
Phone: +61 7 55 826 188
Internet: www.vanitynightclub.com.au
More Info: Surfers Paradise

Platinum Nightclub

Platinum is one of the best nightclubs on the Gold Coast and full of action plus live events. You can email them and get both you and your friends on the guest list!

Address: 19 Victoria Ave
Internet: www.platinumnightclub.com.au
More Info: info@platinumnightclub.com.au

Elsewhere

Elsewhere is the area's most stylish and intimate night time venue, embellished by cutting edge design, cool ambience and the latest grooves from leading resident and imported DJs.

Address: 23 Cavill Avenue
Phone: +61 7 5592 6880
Internet: www.elsewherebar.com

Surf Club Kurrawa

Founded in 1958, the Surf Club is a pillar of the Gold Coast, with some of the best views of the beach, excellent food (try the 'surf and turf') and a welcoming atmosphere.

Address: Old Burleigh Road
Phone: +61 7 5527 5660
Internet: www.surfclubkurrawa.com.au

SHOPPING



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With some of Australia's largest retail centres and most stylish fashion precincts, even grocery shopping on the Gold Coast is an enticing prospect. Browse the generous complexes, take a shopping tour, peruse the boutiques, wander through the piazzas and pay particular attention to the factory outlet precincts. This grand assortment of Gold Coast retail experiences will surely satisfy every taste in fashion. Among the host of opportunities available to willing travellers are several key shopping precincts that are an essential feature of the Gold Coast retail trail and all within easy reach of accommodation outlets.

Carrara Markets

The biggest market on the Gold Coast is the Carrara Markets in Surfers Paradise held every weekend. There is a beachfront night market on the Esplanade every Friday from 5.30 pm, while several markets are held across the Gold Coast region on the weekends in places like Broadbeach, Burleigh Heads and Coolangatta.

Address: Surfers Paradise
Internet: www.carraramarkets.com.au

Robina Town Centre

Robina Town Centre is Gold Coast's largest shopping centre. Located just 15 minutes by car from Surfers Paradise, Robina Town Centre features over 350 stores including all the exclusive brands and Gold Coast's only David Jones as well as lakeside dining and a state-of-the-art cinema and entertainment precinct.

Address: Robina Town Centre Drive
Phone: +61 7 5575 0480
Internet: www.robinatowncentre.com.au

Pacific Fair

When visiting the Gold Coast, you must save a day for Pacific Fair, the Gold Coast's premier shopping experience which is located only five minutes drive from Surfers Paradise and just opposite Jupiters Casino. Pacific Fair's resort style setting is home to around 300 stores and the Gold Coast's largest Myer department store. Upon arrival, visit the Customer Service Desk to collect an Exclusive Visitor Discount Guide, your key to discounts of up to 20% off and special offers at over 100 stores.

Address: Hooker Blvd
Internet: www.pacificfair.com.au

Harbour Town

Harbour Town on Brisbane Rd is an outlet-type shopping centre with many of the top Australian labels there. It also houses the Gold Coast's largest cinema complex.

Address: Brisbane Road
Internet: www.harbourtown.com.au

The Oasis Shopping Centre

The Oasis Shopping Centre on Victoria Ave is a small centre with practical shops such as supermarkets, a post office and banks.

Address: Victoria Avenue
Internet: www.oasisshoppingcentre.com

Australia Fair

Australia Fair is located 2 km north of Surfers Paradise on Scarborough St in Southport and houses heaps of high street shops.

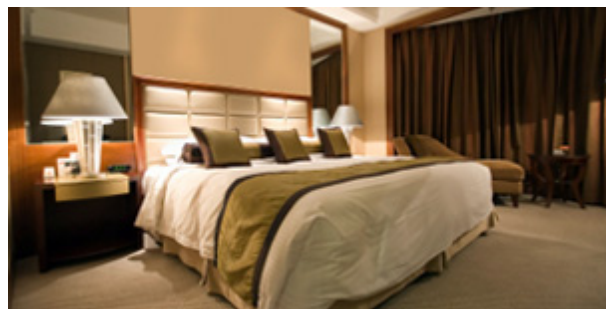
Address: Scarborough Street
Internet: www.australiafair.com.au

Marina Mirage

If you really feel like splashing out, then head for the Marina Mirage shopping centre on Seaworld Dr, Main Beach.

Address: Seaworld Drive
Internet: www.marinamirage.com.au

SLEEPING



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Australia's Gold Coast allows you to choose the style, location and level of accommodation to suit your holiday needs. Indulge at one of many luxury hotels, stay for a while in one of Australia's best apartment resorts, forget about the world in a hinterland retreat or grab a beach shack and some friends for the ultimate short break. The region's wonderful year round weather ensures an unforgettable stay whether basking in secluded opulence, pitching a tent on top of a mountain or taking a houseboat to a myriad of island getaways. As Australia's favourite holiday destination there are literally thousands of places to stay, it's just a matter of deciding upon your own special space.

Chateau Beachside

This hotel is located right by the beach and close to restaurants and shops. Well appreciated for their amazing breakfast.

Address: Elkhorn Ave
Phone: +61 7 5538 1022
Internet: www.chateaubeachside.com.au
More Info: Cnr The Esplanade & Elkhorn Ave

Browns at Broadbeach

Browns at Broadbeach is perfectly situated close to the beach, Broadbeach town and not too far away from the Paradise party hub. Just opposite you can find the Pacific Fair shopping centre.

Address: 2591 Gold Coast Hwy
Phone: +61 18 0006 7788
Internet: www.brownsatbroadbeach.com.au

Sleeping Inn Surfers

Sleeping Inn Surfers is famous for its free pick up service in a stretch limousine and has been voted as one of the best hostels on the Gold Coast. They have both a cinema room and a gaming room!

Address: 26 Peninsular Drive
Phone: +61 7 5592 4455
Internet: www.sleepinginn.com.au

Sheraton Mirage Resort and Spa

A lush expanse of landscaped grounds and gardens surrounds this exclusive resort poised between busy Main Beach and slightly calmer Broadwater. The hotel has all the facilities and service standards expected of a property managed by this leading brand name.

Address: Sea World Drive
Phone: +61 7 5577 000
Internet: www.starwoodhotels.com

Radisson Resort Gold Coast

Relaxation is the keynote of this secluded resort hotel, with spacious rooms that feature either a private courtyard or balcony with views of the pool or the fairways of two adjacent Championship golf courses.

Address: Palm Meadows Drive, Carrara
Phone: +61 7 5555 7700
Internet: www.radisson.com

Vibe Hotel Surfers Paradise

This chic and colourful boutique hotel has just undergone a top to bottom refurbishment programme and is more attractive than ever. Located in the heart of Surfers Paradise.

Address: 42 Ferny Avenue
Phone: +61 7 5539 0444
Internet: www.vibehotels.com.au

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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<http://www.forex.se/sv/Om-FOREX/Bankbutiker/>

Airport

Gold Coast Airport is located at Coolangatta, 22 kilometres south of Surfers Paradise. Gold Coast Airport has a transport and information desk right outside international arrivals.

Web: www.goldcoastairport.com.au

The Gold Coast Tourist Shuttle meets all flights and takes passengers to Surfers Paradise. To buy tickets in advance online.

Web: www.surfside.com.au

You can save considerably, though, if you use the free Airport Link shuttle out to the Gold Coast Highway where you can catch bus 700, 760 or 765 into Surfers Paradise or to Coolangatta. Buses go several times an hour all day and night.

Taxis are also available immediately outside the terminal.

Public transport

The Gold Coast has a range of public transport options including trains and buses. The local bus operator is Surfside Buslines, which provides regular services and a network covering most locations. Weekly tickets for unlimited travelling with busses are available for between \$17.60–38.40 depending on how many zones you need to travel in. The company also provides shuttle busses between the theme parks.

Citytrain operates a rail line in the hinterland that connects to the Brisbane suburban rail network. The main stations on the Gold Coast are Coomera, Nerang and Robina.

Web: www.citytrain.com.au

Ferries and water taxis connect islands and canal estates.

Gold Coast Ferries

Phone: +61 4 1171 1274

Web: www.goldcoastferries.com.au

Taxi

Gold Coast Water Taxis

Phone: +61 4 03 58 78 04

Regent Taxis

Phone: +61 13 10 08

Web: www.regenttaxis.com.au

Post

Centro Centre

Address: Cavill Avenue, Surfers Paradise

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9 am-5 pm and Saturday 9 am-12.30 am

Phone: +61 4 13 13 18

Pharmacy

Surfers Paradise Day & Night Pharmacy

Address: 14/3221 Surfers Paradise Blvd

Phone: +61 7 5592 1321

Dentist

Australia Fair Dental Care at The Australia Fair West shopping center.

Address: Young street

Phone: +61 7 5591 2661

More Info: Cnr Scarborough and Young streets

Telephone

Country code: +61

Area code: 07

Electricity

240 V / 50 Hz

