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Though famous for its paradise-like Fraser Island and the visiting whales, the Fraser Coast offers plenty of other amazing places and adventures. This picturesque region is centred on the twin cities of Hervey Bay and Maryborough. Check out the former gold mining town of Gympie and the beautiful nature surrounding Fraser Coast, both on land and in the water. The warm and mild climate means that the Fraser Coast is perfect to explore all year around.



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The Fraser Coast Region in the Wide Bay-Burnett region of Queensland offers an amazing diversity, from the stunning Fraser Island to Hervey Bay and the Great Barrier Reef — these are just some of the world-class attraction that attracts visitors to the region every year. Experience the iconic Australian landscape, including World Heritage listed natural wonder, amazing coastline, tranquil hinterland and ancient rain-forests.

The region is located about 250 kilometres north of Brisbane and centred on the twin cities of Hervey Bay and Maryborough but also includes Fraser Island. It was in fact not until March 2008 when the City of Hervey Bay merged with the City of Maryborough, Shire of Woocoo and part of Tiaro to form the Fraser Coast Regional Council. But the name came into common use in the early 90s from a combination of Fraser Island and Cooloola Coast.

Whether you are after a calm sun and sea holiday or a more active holiday, Fraser Coast offers the best of both worlds.

DO & SEE



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The whole area is a playground for any visiting animal lover wishing to encounter the migrating whales at sea, the egg-laying and hatching of loggerhead turtles on lovely Mon Repos Beach and other abundant marine life.

Why not travel back in time to visit the charming old Victorian town of Maryborough and the gold mining museum in Gympie that re-presents the time of its golden era, which had gold diggers flocking to the town and saved Queensland from bankruptcy.

You will for sure find some favourite activities to do whether it is relaxing by the beautiful beaches or exploring the amazing nature. If you're a fan of adrenaline, the region offers plenty of activities like hang gliding from the Carlo Sand Blow, racing on the Hervey Bay Go-kart Track or jet skiing along the coast. Whatever you choose to do make sure to enjoy this stunning region.

Fraser Island



World Heritage listed Fraser Island seems like — and its suitable Aboriginal name K'gari literally calls it — a Paradise. The world's

biggest sand island is a haven for wildlife. Make

sure you take a dip in Lake McKenzie and Lake Wabby.

Photo: Masaki Norton/Shutterstock.com Address: Fraser Island, Australia Internet: www.fraserisland.net

Turtle Watching



Mon Repos Beach near Bundaberg is a large turtle rookery. Watch nesting turtles from November to February while turtle hatchlings

crack their shells and head into the sea from January to March.

Outside turtle nesting season, Mon Repos Turtle Centre will give you an informative guided tour complete with some spicy turtle facts. You can also bike along the Turtle Track, connect with the island's history or just hit the beach.

Photo: Magdalena Paluchowska/Shutterstock.com Address: 141 Mon Repos Rd, Mon Repos Opening hours: Daily 8am-5pm Phone: +61 7 4159 1652 Tickets: Free of charge Internet: parks.des.qld.gov.au

Maryborough



Maryborough, established in 1847, is one of Queensland's oldest and most charming towns, known for its beautiful colonial architecture.

Thursdays are market days.

Photo: Centophobia/flickr.com(image cropped) Address: Maryborough, Fraser Coast

Reef World Hervey Bay



See Australian wildlife in natural settings at the Hervey Bay Nature World on Maryborough Rd, Pialba. You can also admire the sea-life in the

living natural reef aquarium at Neptune's Reef World on Pulgul St, Dayman Park, Urangan.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com Address: Dayman Park Cnr Kent &, Pulgul St, Urangan Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-4pm Phone: +61 7 4128 9828 Internet: www.reefworldherveybay.com Email: reefworldherveybay@gmail.com

Tin Can Bay Dolphin Feeding



Tin Can Bay is a lovely town with only 2,000 inhabitants. It is a great holiday destination for all nature fans. For a truly unique experience, do not

miss the opportunity to feed dolphins here between 7am and 11am.

The dolphin feeding is regulated and closely monitored by the Queensland Government with a group of volunteers on site to ensure it is an enjoyable experience for both humans and dolphins. Make sure to read and follow all the rules.

Photo: Stephan Kraan/Shutterstock.com Address: Norman Point, Tin Can Bay QLD Opening hours: Daily 7am-3pm Phone: +61 7 5486 4899 Internet: www.barnaclesdolphins.com.au More Info: Public Boat Ramp, Norman Point

Lady Elliott Island



These coral reefs and cays are easily accessible from the mainland and they each offer a different island experience. Diving here is simply amazing

and there are plenty of bird and turtle sanctuaries to admire. Magnificent manta rays can be spotted in the waters around the island.

Photo: Michael Smith ITWP/Shutterstock.com Address: Lady Elliott Island, Fraser Coast Phone: +61 7 4156 4444 Internet: www.ladyelliot.com.au

Lake Mckenzie



Lake McKenzie on Fraser Island is probably the most well-known freshwater lake in Australia. Located a 100 metres above the sea

level, it is classified as a "perched lake" — all of the crystal-clear water comes from the rain. High levels of acidity in the lake and the fact that all nutrients have been washed out of the shimmering white silica sand make the water unsuitable for nearly all forms of plant and fish life. It is likely the purest water you'll ever dip your toes in.

The Aboriginal name for the lake is Boorangoora, which means "waters of wisdom". It was and still is knowns as a place for decision-making.

Photo: Lucas G/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped) Address: Great Sandy National Park, Fraser Island

Hervey Bay Whale Watch



Watch some of the world's biggest and most fascinating animals. Most trips go from Hervey Bay — best enjoyed from July to November when the

whales migrate further north.

Photo: Wongymark1/Shutterstock.com

Address: Great Sandy Straits Marina, Buccaneer Dr, Urangan Phone: +61 1800 671 977 Internet: www.herveybaywhalewatch.com.au Email: whales@bigpond.net.au

Water Sports



The coastal towns along the Fraser Coast offer plenty of in, on and high above water activities like diving, jet skiing, hang gliding, deep sea fishing,

paragliding and more. You name it, it is all here!

Photo: Rich Carey/Shutterstock.com Address: Fraser Coast

Carlo Sandblow



Soak up the sun and enjoy the "moonscape" appearance of Carlo Sandblow. During the day, it's the ideal place to relax and spend some

time with the whole family. For breathtaking sunsets or endless beach strolls visit in the evening and then drop by in one of the cocktails bars or restaurants along the way.

Photo: Yannik Photography/Shutterstock.com Address: Cooloola Dr, Rainbow Beach, Queensland Phone: +61 1800 444 222 Internet: www.queensland.com/gb/en/things-to-do/attractions /p-574793ba1a7a85bb5be02bc9-carlo-sand-blow

Gympie Gold Mining and Historical Museum



Discover the region's past through its gold mining era and history. Gympie was once cited as the "Town that saved Queensland from

Bankruptcy". Learn why with over thirty display areas housed in fifteen buildings.

Try and visit the market held here every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month.

Photo: SherSS/Shutterstock.com Address: 215 Brisbane Road, Gympie QLD Opening hours: Daily 9am-4pm Phone: +61 7 5482 3995 Internet: www.gympiegoldmuseum.com.au

DINING



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The splendid climate is perfect for al fresco dining and Hervey Bay's Esplanade and marina offer plenty of great dining experiences with views to the sea, as do the towns all along the Fraser Coast.

Maryborough also has some fine dining with plenty of good restaurants overlooking the Burnett River. You can find a wide range of international cuisines but seafood is, of course, the speciality here including the famous Hervey Bay scallops.

Kingston House Impressions (Gympie)



This modern restaurant in traditional surroundings is run by a couple with a passion for food – which by the way is delicious here. They serve light

lunches and à la carte dinners. Here you can enjoy tasty dishes such as spicy seafood hot pot, szechuan pepper duck breast, grilled eye fillet mignon and pistachio crusted salmon.

Photo: Rodrigobark/Shutterstock.com

Address: CRN of Channon and Barter Street, Gympie Opening hours: Tue-Sat 11:30am-2:30pm, 5:30pm-8:30pm Phone: +61 7 5483 6733 Internet: www.kingstonhouseimpressions.com.au Email: restaurant@kingstonhouseimpressions.com.au

Beach House Hotel (Scarness)



The Beach House Hotel is justifiably popular for lunch and dinners and is — as the name suggests — located right on the beach. On the menu you

will find mouthwatering dishes like fish of the day, seafood basket, chicken parmigiana, steaks and pizzas.

Photo: Alexey Borodin/Shutterstock.com Address: 344 The Esplanade, Scarness Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-8:30pm Phone: +61 7 4196 9366 Internet: www.beachhousehotel.com.au More Info: Hotel cafe open 9am-9pm

Arkarra Gardens Café Restaurant (Dundowran Beach)



This stunning restaurant has a perfect balance between excellent food, great service, and beautiful surroundings in the form of tall trees,

birds, and other native flora and fauna. Guests will dine in their own Balinese rotundas, allowing for private, intimate or possibly romantic dining experiences. The menu offers tasty dishes like sweet chilli chicken quesadilla, grilled king prawn, grilled chicken, and calamari salad.

Photo: FusionStudio/Shutterstock.com Address: 28/34 Panorama Drive, Dundowran Beach Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-3pm, Sat-Sun 8am-3pm Phone: +61 7 4128 8069 Internet: www.arkarra.com.au Email: enquiries@arkarra.com.au

Ambrosia Indian Restaurant (Gympie)



Craving Indian food? Then Ambrosia is the restaurant for you. Let the spices and curries tickle your taste buds and enjoy some chai tea with

sweet desserts. Portions are generous and gluten free options plentiful.

Photo: Mukesh Kumar/Shutterstock.com Address: 310/5 Woolgar Road, Gympie Phone: +61 7 5482 4446 Internet: www.ambrosiaindianrestaurant.com.au Email: ambrosiacurry@gmail.com More Info: Fully covered outdoor terrace available

Paolos Pizza Bar (Torquay)



Your place for quality pizza is Paolo's restaurant. But there is more to it than just the round dough: the menu features various pasta,

lasagna and salad creations. The servings are generous and the prices affordable.

Photo: Massimofusaro/Shutterstock.com Address: 446 Charlton Esplanade, Torquay Opening hours: Thu-Monday 5-late, Tue & Wed closed Phone: +61 7 4125 3100 Internet: www.paolospizzabar.com.au

Eat at Dan & Stephs (Hervey Bay)



Enjoy an "all day menu" with smart modern Australian cuisine at this popular restaurant with a relaxed and urban vibe. While eating a

mouth-watering dish, take in the most amazing views of the bay. The menu provides dishes such as BBQ pulled pork, chicken and prawn noodles, roasted veggie salad, BBQ chicken pizza and prawn and watermelon salad.

The restaurant is run by a power couple Dan & Steph, who won Australian "My Kitchen Rules" in 2013.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com Address: Shop 1b/449 The Esplanade, Hervey Bay Phone: +61 475 850 173 Internet: www.danandsteph.com.au Email: info@danandsteph.com.au

The Sand Bar



Sand Bar's spacious decks allow glimpses of the Great Sandy Strait and poolside dining offers a true taste of the Aussie lifestyle. It's a great place

to break your boating day. The young ones will be amused in the gaming arcade and two adjacent swimming pools, while the adults can refuel with gourmet pizza, pan-fried salmon and BBQ spare ribs.

Photo: engin akyurt/unsplash.com Address: Mercure Kingfisher Bay Resort Kingfisher Bay, Fraser Island Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-8:30pm Phone: +61 7 4194 9300 Internet: www.kingfisherbay.com/food-and-wine/sand-bar.html

CAFES



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The region's sun swept weather adds on to the experience for a great stay on the Fraser Coast. Grab a coffee in the sun and enjoy a sunny day at the coast. There's plenty of opportunities here.

Enzo's on the Beach (Scarness)



Why not finish up a stroll on the beach at Hervey Bay with a cup of coffee at very cosy Enzo's? They serve a special blend of Italian coffee making this

atmosphere even more relaxing.

Photo: Julia Albul/Shutterstock.com Address: 351a Esplanade, Hervey Bay, Scarness Opening hours: Tue-Wed 6:30am-5pm, Thu 6:30am-9pm, Fri-Sat 6:30am-10pm, Sun 6:30am-9pm Phone: +61 7 4124 6375 Internet: www.enzosonthebeach.com.au Email: info@enzosonthebeach.com.au

Bayaroma Cafe (Torquay)



Situated on the Esplanade in Torquay, Bayaroma Cafe stocks heaps of homemade biscuits, cakes and tempting sweets to match

their delicious coffee.

Photo: 5 Second Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 428 The Esplanade, Torquay Opening hours: Daily 6am-2pm Phone: +61 480 269 752 Internet: www.bayaroma.com.au

Goody's on the Beach (Toogoom)



Goody's is a family-run seafood restaurant and cafe with a laid-back atmosphere, gorgeous beach views, and live music on the weekends.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com Address: 54 Moreton Street, Toogoom Opening hours: Wed-Fri 8am-3pm, Sat-Sun 7:30am-3pm Phone: +61 7 4128 0248

Internet: www.goodysonthebeach.com Email: info@goodysonthebeach.com More Info: Just off the Hervey Bay-Burrum Heads Road.

Cafe Balaena (Urangan)



This cafe offers superb views, being at the waters edge at the Urangan Marina. It provides the ideal place to hang out while waiting

for a ferry to Fraser Island or for a sunset cruise.

Photo: Kwanbenz/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7 Buccaneer Drive, Urangan, Fraser Coast Opening hours: Mon, Tue & Thu- Sat 7am-9pm, Wed 7am-2:30pm, Sun 7:30am-2:30pm Phone: +61 7 4125 4799 Internet: www.cafebalaena.com.au

Pie & Pastry Paradise (Pialba)



Pie and Pastry Paradise is a must stop for everyone craving pies. The wide-ranging menu includes everything from vegetarian to vegan to

gluten free pies and pastries. For lunch, try their award-winning Chunky Steak Pie or their Fruit Flans accompanied by a good coffee.

Photo: D. Pimborough/Shutterstock.com Address: 9 Main Street, Pialba Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6am-5pm, Sat 6am-3pm Phone: +61 7 4124 1115

Oodies Cafe (Bundaberg North)



This hidden venue, located in the outskirts of Bundaberg, has something for any guest. Leather armchairs and walls adorned with

artwork are the main features of what formerly

was nothing else then a simple garage. Take a seat and order a good coffee while waiting for the breakfast bruschetta or a home-made savoury mince. Oodies are proud to accommodate guest with dietary restrictions.

Photo: Adithep C/Shutterstock.com Address: 7 Kolan St, Bundaberg North Opening hours: Daily 6:30am-2pm Phone: +61 7 4153 5340 Internet: www.oodies.com.au Email: oodiescafebundy@gmail.com

Sea Breeze Cafe (Hervey Bay)



Sea Breeze Cafe, located by the sea, defines exactly what it means to dine with a view. The coffee shop and restaurant features

breakfast sets and for lunch, although it is famous for the seafood dishes, the menu always features vegetarian and vegan options.

Photo: Andrei Nekrassov/Shutterstock.com Address: Shop 2/363 Charlton Esplanade, Hervey Bay Opening hours: Thu-Mon 7:30am-2pm Phone: +61 7 4124 3851 Internet: www.seabreezecafe.com.au Email: seabreezecafe@bigpond.com

Portside Cafe & Restaurant (Maryborough)



Portside is situated inside the original Customs House Residence of Maryborough, built in 1899, and offers a view over the Mary River and

Queens Park. This cafe has a pretty varied menu, but most guests leave raving reviews of their authentic tacos.

Photo: freestocks/unsplash.com Address: 103 Wharf St, Maryborough Opening hours: Wed-Sat 7am-late, Sun 7am-3pm Phone: +61 7 4122 2286 Internet: www.portsidecafeandrestaurant.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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There are plenty of bars to visit on the Fraser Coast if you want to cap off the day with a night on the town. Below are a few recommended bars you can start the night with.

The Fraser Coast does not swim in nightclubs but the warm weather turns the outdoor cafés and pubs into late night drinking and dancing spots. In Hervey Bay you can find these along the Esplanade and on the parallel-running Boat Habour Drive.

Beach House Hotel (Scarness)



Relaxed entertainment venue overlooking the Hervey bay and offering bistro meals, wraps and sandwiches along with 60 taps , cocktails, and a

huge assortment of local and imported beers and wines.

At the Beach House Hotel, there's something for everyone, including a kid's room with regular face painting and activities in the evenings as well as a gaming room for the grown-ups. Photo: Alexey Borodin/Shutterstock.com Address: 344 The Esplanade, Scarness Opening hours: Bar open daily until 2am Phone: +61 7 4196 9366 Internet: www.beachhousehotel.com.au Email: info@beachhousehotel.com.au

The Bay Central Tavern (Pialba)



The Bay Central Tavern is a laid-back rustic kind of pub with live music on Friday and Saturday nights. They have different themes

throughout the year, so check out what is on while you are in town.

Photo: PopTika/Shutterstock.com

Address: 155 Boat Harbour Drive, Pialba, Fraser Coast Opening hours: Sun-Wed 11:30am-8:30pm, Thu-Sat 11:30am-11:00pm Phone: +61 7 4124 4111 Internet: www.baycentraltavern.com.au Email: bay.central.tavern@alhgroup.com.au

The Dock Bar & Restaurant (Urangan)



The Dock is an iconic urban industrial-themed bar that offers a cool vibe, complete with funky furniture and quirky features with classy

cocktail menu, epic beer list, wicked wine list and tapas style food menu. Great hangout spot overlooking the marina.

Photo: Bob Shea/unsplash.com Address: Shop 6&7 Mantra Resort, Boat Marina, Buccaneer Drive, Urangan, Hervey Bay Opening hours: Mon & Tue 4pm-late, Wed-Sun 11:30am-late. Kitchen closes around 8:30 Internet: www.thedockherveybay.com

Crafty Cargo (Torquay)



Crafty Cargo is probably the best place for beer in the area: 10 rotating taps and roughly 80 different cans to choose from, chill atmosphere and hearty

food — the Echo Burger and chips are delicious. Graffiti covered walls, beer kegs and hanging lights add to the experience.

Photo: Sigmund/unsplash.com

Address: Shop 8, 16 Bideford St (Entrance on Truro St) Torquay, Hervey Bay Opening hours: Wed-Sat noon-late, Sun noon-6pm, Mon & Tue closed Internet: www.craftycargo.com.au Email: craftycargo@hotmail.com

19XO Wine & Cocktail (Torquay)



This a fantastic little cocktail bar with floor to ceiling windows and adds a classy element to Hervey Bay. The bartenders are lovely and

knowledgeable, and their cocktails are amazing. Try their cheese and cured meat boards or you order meals from nearby places. Drop in for afternoon or evening drinks and let your tastebuds rejoice.

Photo: Helena Lopes/unsplash.com Address: 414B Esplanade, Torquay Opening hours: Mon & Thu 5pm-10pm, Fri 5pm-midnight, Sat 2pm-midnight, Sun 2pm-7pm, Tue & Wed closed Phone: +61 477 244 844

SHOPPING



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Torquay Road in Pialba hosts the bulk of Hervey Bay's major shops, banks and a post office.

Both sides of Boat Habour Drive are lined with stores and shops. There is also the Bay Central Shopping Centre containing a Franklin supermarket, Target as well as several smaller speciality shops. The Esplanade is lined with shops in between all the cafes, restaurants and accommodations.

Maryborough Heritage City Markets



There are plenty of markets in the Fraser Coast region. The most famous is the Maryborough Heritage Market that takes place

every Thursday from 7 am till noon, sending the charming little town back in time.

Photo: kikovic/Shutterstock.com Address: Adelaide Street, Maryborough, Fraser Coast Opening hours: Thu 7am-noon Phone: +61 7 4190 5744 Internet: www.maryboroughqldbusiness.com.au/markets.html Email: markets@fcte.com.au

Koala Market



The Koala Market is held on every second, fourth and fifth Sunday at Kruger Court, Urangan in Hervey Bay between 6am and noon, with stalls

selling arts and crafts, trash and treasures, and cakes and jams.

The same can be found at the Tin Bay Market held every third Saturday.

Photo: Jack Frog/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kruger Court, Urangan, Hervey Bay, Fraser Coast Opening hours: 2nd & 4rd (and 5th) Sun of each month 6am-noon

Phone: +61 7 4128 9305 / +61 412 689 863 Internet: www.visitfrasercoast.com/product/koala-markets Email: koalamarkets@yahoo.com.au

Aboriginal Scrub Hill Community Farm



The Aboriginal Scrub Hill Community Farm located 2,5 kilometres outside of Hervey Bay sells organic vegetables, tea tree oil and native art work.

Photo: hlphoto/Shutterstock.com Address: Scrub Hill Road, Hervey Bay, Fraser Coast Public Transport: Hervey Bay Industrial Estate on Bus No 1A Phone: +61 7 4124 6908

Pialba Place



Pialba Place Shopping Centre houses numerous speciality shops. You can easily spend a whole afternoon of shopping and drinking coffee

within this cosy mall. Here you will find everything from fashion to home wares, shoes and fresh Australian produce. Mon 9AM - 5.30PM Tue 9AM - 5.30PM Wed 9AM - 5.30PM Thu 9AM - 9PM Fri 9AM - 5.30PM Sat 9AM - 5.30PM Sun 10AM - 4PM

Photo: Andresr/Shutterstock.com

Address: Old Maryborough Rd & Hunter St, Pialba, Fraser Coast Opening hours: Mon-Wed, Fri & Sat 9:30am-5:30pm; Thu 9am-9pm, Sun 10am-4pm Phone: +61 7 4191 3444 Internet: www.pialbaplace.com.au Email: info@pialbaplace.com.au

Cotton On Hinkler Central



This casual wear chain is a shopping opportunity for the whole family and offers the latest trends for him, her and the little ones.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com Address: 25/16 Maryborough St, Bundaberg, Fraser Coast Opening hours: Mon-Wed, Fri 9am-5:30pm; Thu 9am-9pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-3pm Phone: +61 7 4152 0607 Internet: www.cottonon.com/AU

Urangan Fisheries



Urangan Fisheries, 600 metres from the harbour, features local and fresh seafood caught in the crystal-clear waters of the Pacific Ocean. In this

wholesale fishery you will find the famous Queensland scallops, whiting fillets, the black-tip reef shark and more; all the produce is wild-caught.

Photo: Vladimir Krupenkin/Shutterstock.com Address: 860 Boat Harbour Dr, Urangan QLD Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am-5:30pm, Sun 9am-3pm Phone: +61 7 4125 2621

Wally's Book Exchange



Nestled in a corner of Melory Place is this wonderful book store with seemingly endless shelves filled to the brim with books from every

genre. Wally is knowledgeable and friendly, happy to help you navigate the extensive collection or quickly source a book she doesn't have on hand.

Photo: Janko Ferlič/unsplash.com Address: 10/53 Torquay Rd, Pialba Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, Sat 9am-noon, Sun closed Phone: +61 487 319 745 Internet: wallys-book-exchange.myshopify.com Email: wallysbookexchange@gmail.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Hervey Bay Airport (HVB)



The nearest airport, Fraser Coast Airport/Hervey Bay Airport, is located 2 kilometres south of Urungan on Booral Rd.

They have regular transfers between Brisbane, Sydney and local Tourist destinations.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Don Adams Drive, Hervey Bay, Fraser Coast Phone: +61 7 4194 8100 Internet: www.frasercoastairport.com.au Email: info@frasercoastairport.com.au

Passport/Visa



Unless you are a New Zealand citizen granted visa exemption on arrival (in most cases), you will need to obtain a visa prior to visiting Australia.

Citizens of all European Union countries, as well as Andorra, Norway, Iceland, San Marino, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, and Vatican City are eligible for an eVisitor visa, which can be applied for online. For citizens of the United States, Canada, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Brunei, South Korea and Malaysia, the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) entry permit is available, which can be applied for online and grants holders the right to enter Australia an ulimited amount of times for stays of no longer than 3 months per visit.

Citizens of all other world countries (with the exception of Somalia) are also able to apply for a visitor visa online. For more information, visit the official website of the Australian government's department of home affairs: https:/ /www.homeaffairs.gov.au/lega/lega/form/immi-fa

qs/what-visa-do-i-need-to-visit-australia

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com

Best Time to Visit



Fraser Coast, with its sub-tropical climate, can be enjoyed all year round. In summer, temperatures reach a maximum average of 30°C, offering

extremely hot days with cooling sea breezes. Winter, the driest season of the year, has a maximum average of 22°C. The coldest month is July with a maximum average of about 15°C and the warmest one is January with 30°C.

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Public Transport



Hervey Bay has a good local bus service that circulates town from the main bus station at the Bay Central shopping centre on Boat Harbour

Drive. Buses also go to the surrounding towns. It is worth checking, though, whether your accommodation has a pick-up service, which many places do have. If you fancy an emission-free means of getting around, you can rent a bicycle from Hervey Bay Bike Hire (www.herveybaybikehire.com.au).

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair Address: PO Box 149, Maryborough 4650 Phone: +61 7 4121 3719 Internet: www.widebaytransit.com.au Email: admin@widebaytransit.com.au

Taxi



Hervey Bay Taxi Service can be reached at:

Photo: ArrivalGuides Phone: +61 131 008 Internet: www.131008.com

Post



Australian Post Office features services such as postal services, parcels and stamps, as well as banking, foreign currency, travel

insurance and more. Main post offices in Hervey Bay are in:

- Stockland Hervey Bay Shopping Centre (open on Saturdays)

- Torquay LPO (weekdays only)

Photo: Andy Fuchs Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 8:30am-noon, Sun closed

Internet: www.auspost.com.au

Pharmacy

Direct Chemist Outlet



Pialba:

Photo: Gemma Garner Address: 1/46 Main St Pialba, QLD Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-06:30pm, Sat 8am-4pm, Sun 9am-4pm Phone: +61 7 4128 1492 Internet: www.directchemistoutlet.com.au

Telephone



Country code: +61 Area code: 07

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



Electricity comes mostly from solar panels located on the rooftop. It is 240 Volts in 50 Hz and power plugs have two flat pins in a V-shape as well as a

grounding pin (type I used in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Argentina and others).

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

111,032 (2021)

Currency Australian Dollar (AUD) \$1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Opening hours vary but most shops are open from 9 am to 5:30 pm, with large supermarket chains open until 9 pm on weekdays and Saturdays from 9 am to noon. On Sundays some bigger shopping centres are open from 10 am to 4 pm. Many of the bigger centres have Thursday night shopping until 9 pm.

Internet

www.visitfrasercoast.com www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au

Newspapers

Fraser Coast Chronicle (part of The Courier Mail) www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/fraser-coast

Emergency numbers

Police/Fire/Ambulance: 000 Poison information: 13 11 26 Lifeline: 13 11 14

Tourist information

Hervey Bay Visitor Information Centre 227 Maryborough Hervey Bay Road, Urraween www.visitfrasercoast.com Open daily 9am–5pm +61 1800 811 728

Maryborough Fraser Island Visitor Information Centre 388 Kent Street, Maryborough Open Mon–Fri 8:30am–4:30pm, Sat & Sun 8:30am–12:30pm +61 1800 214 789

Tiaro Visitor Information Centre Mayne Street, Tiaro Open daily 9am–4:30pm +61 7 4129 2599

