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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. 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 REGION



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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 are just some of the world-class attraction that attracts visitors to the region every year. When in Fraser Coast one can experience the iconic Australian landscape, including the World Heritage listed natural wonder, amazing coastline, tranquil hinterland and the ancient rain-forests.

The region is located about 250 kilometres (160 mi) 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 holiday with sun and sea or a more active holiday, the Fraser Coast offers the best of both worlds and when in Fraser coast there is no need to rush, the only pace required is laid-back and relaxed and just having fun.

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 explore the amazing nature or why not get your adrenaline going? The region offers plenty of activities such as 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



The World Heritage listed Fraser Island seems - as its suitable Aboriginal name K'gari means - like 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 QLD 4581, 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

are from January to March.

Photo: Magdalena Paluchowska/Shutterstock.com Address: 141 Mon Repos Rd, Mon Repos QLD

Opening hours: Open daily 8am-5pm

Phone: +61 7 4159 1652 Tickets: Free of charge

Internet: https://parks.des.qld.gov.au

More Info: Parking lot

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: Open daily 9:30am-4pm

Phone: +61 7 4128 9828

Tickets: Children (3 to 14 years) \$10, Adults \$20

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 that you can feed dolphins here between 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Photo: Stephan Kraan/Shutterstock.com Address: Norman Point, Tin Can Bay QLD Opening hours: Open 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. The diving is amazing and

there are plenty of bird and turtle sanctuaries to admire.

Photo: Michael Smith ITWP/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lady Elliott Island, Fraser Coast

Phone: +61 7 4156 4444

Internet: www.ladyelliot.com.au



Hervey Bay Whale Watch



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

whales migrate further north.

Photo: Wongymark1/Shutterstock.com

Address: Great Sandy Straits Marina, Buccaneer Dr, Urangan

Opening hours: Open daily 6:30am-6:30pm

Phone: +61 1800 671 977

Internet: www.herveybaywhalewatch.com.au

Email: whales@bigpond.net.au

More Info: Chance to book online the Whale Watch Cruise

Water Sports



The coastal towns along the Fraser Coast offer plenty of water and air 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 Sand Blow



Soak up the sun and enjoy a day and Carlo Sand Blow. During day times its the ideal place to relax and spend some time with the whole

family. For breathtaking sunsets or endless beach strolls visit during 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

Opening hours: Open 24/7

Phone: +61 1800 444 222

Internet: https://findapark.npsr.gld.gov.au

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.

Photo: SherSS/Shutterstock.com

Address: 215 Brisbane Road, Gympie QLD

Opening hours: Open daily 9am-4pm, on Friday until 5pm

Phone: +61 7 5482 3995

Internet: www.gympiegoldmuseum.com.au

DINING



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The splendid climate is perfect for alfresco 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



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



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 mouth-watering dishes like fish of the day, seafood basket, chicken parmigiana, different steaks and pizzas.

Photo: Alexey Borodin/Shutterstock.com Address: 344 The Esplanade, Scarness Opening hours: Daily 10am-2am

Phone: +61 7 4196 9366

Internet: www.beachhousehotel.com.au

Arkarra Restaurant and Balinese Tea Gardens



Located at 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



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.

Photo: Mukesh Kumar/Shutterstock.com Address: 310/5 Woolgar Road, Gympie

Opening hours: Mon 4pm-8:30pm, Tue 4-9pm, Wed-Fri

11:30am-2pm, 4-9pm, Sat 4-9pm

Phone: +61 7 5482 4446

Internet: www.ambrosiaindianrestaurant.com.au

Email: ambrosiacurry@gmail.com

Paolos Pizza Bar



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-Mon 5-9pm

Phone: +61 7 4125 3100

Internet: www.paolospizzabar.com.au

Eat at Dan & Stephs



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.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com

Address: Shop 1b/449 The Esplanade, Hervey Bay

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 7am-2pm

Phone: +61 475 850 173

Internet: www.danandsteph.com.au Email: info@danandsteph.com.au

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



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 Café



Situated on the
Esplanade in Torquay,
Bayaroma Café 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



Seafood restaurant and cafe with a laid-back atmosphere, stunning 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

Destination: Fraser Coast Publishing date: 2021-04-25



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

Cafe Balaena



This café offers superb views, being at the waters edge at the Urangan Marina. It provides an 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 7am-9pm, Wed 7am-2pm, Thu-Sat

7am-9pm, Sun 7am-2pm Phone: +61 7 4125 4799

Internet: www.cafebalaena.com.au

Pie & Pastry Paradise



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 multi-winning award 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 Café



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 for the home-made savoury mince.

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 Café



Sea Breeze Café, located near 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: Mon-Sat 7am-1:30pm

Phone: +61 7 4124 3851

Internet: www.seabreezecafe.com.au Email: seabreezecafe@bigpond.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



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: Mon-Wed 10am-10pm, Thu 10am-11pm, Fri

10am-2am, Sat 9am-2am, Sun 9am-10pm

Phone: +61 7 4196 9366

Internet: www.beachhousehotel.com.au Email: info@beachhousehotel.com.au

The Bay Central Tavern



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: Daily 10am-4am

Phone: +61 7 4124 4111

Internet: www.baycentraltavern.com.au Email: bay.central.tavern@alhgroup.com.au

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 cafés, 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 between 8am - 1:30pm, sending the charming little town back in time.

Photo: kikovic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Adelaide St, Maryborough, Fraser Coast Opening hours: Every Thursday 8am-1:30pm

Phone: +61 7 4190 5744 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-12am, 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&3rd Sunday of each month 6am-12am

Phone: +61 7 4128 9305 / +61 412 689 863 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.

Photo: Andresr/Shutterstock.com

Address: Old Maryborough Rd & Hunter St, Pialba, Fraser

Coast

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 9:30am-5:30pm, Thu 9am-9pm,

Fri-Sat 9:30am-5:30pm, Sun from 10am-4pm

Phone: +61 7 4191 3444

Internet: www.pialbaplace.com.au Email: info@pialbaplace.com.au

Cotton On Hinkler Central



A heaven for fashionistas, Cotton ON Hinkler Central is easily accessible for visitors. It 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, Tues, 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 products are 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

Internet: http://uranganfisheries.com.au

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Airport - Hervey Bay



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 have. If you fancy an emission-free way of transport, you can rent a bicycle from Bay Bicycle Hire, which has free delivery and pick-up.

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 on:

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:

- Hervey Bay Annexe
- Torqay Lpo

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm, Sat 8:30am-12pm,

closed on Sunday

Internet: www.auspost.com.au

Pharmacy



Nova Discount Pharmacy is open also on Public Holidays, Christmas and Anzac Day.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 1/46 Main St Pialba, QLD

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-6:30pm, Sat 8am-4pm, Sun

9am-4pm

Phone: +61 7 4128 1492

Internet: www.novapharmacy.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).

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

101,104 (2016)

Currency

Australian Dollar (AUD) \$1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Opening hours are varied but most shops are open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with large Supermarket chains open until 9:00 p.m weekdays, Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. with the major centres open until 5.00 p.m. and on Sundays some bigger shopping centres are open from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. Many of the bigger centres have Thursday night shopping until 9:00 p.m.

Newspapers

Maryborough Herald Fraser Coast Chronicle

Emergency numbers

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

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Tourist information

- Hervey Bay Visitor Information Centre Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- +61 1800 811 728
- Maryborough Fraser Island Visitor Information Centre Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- +61 1800 214 789

