

3 Days on the Gold Coast

Golden beaches and good times await



Surfers Paradise Beach



Dreamworld



Harbour Town Premium Outlets



Welcome to the Gold Coast where the sand is golden, the water is warm and the sun is shining. With beautiful beaches, adventurous theme parks, award-winning restaurants and more, there is always something to experience, eat and enjoy. This region is a must-do on any trip to Queensland.

1 Day one

Morning:

What better way to start your Gold Coast getaway than a surfing lesson? The gentle waves of the shallows along the 57km of beaches are the ideal place to find your feet. **Get Wet Surf School** at Main Beach and **Go Ride A Wave** at Surfers Paradise offer private and group learn to surf and SUP experiences. Surfboards and wetsuits are supplied – just bring your sense of adventure.

Afternoon:

Australia's largest and favourite outlet destination. **Harbour Town** is a 15-minute drive from Surfers Paradise and the place seasoned bargain-hunters know they'll find that special something at a jaw-droppingly low price. With over 240 stores, an alfresco dining area and a

cinema complex, a few hours at Harbour Town is time well spent.

Alternatively visit **Pacific Fair** shopping centre for an afternoon wandering your favourite designer and luxury stores – you can even catch the free shuttle bus from as far north as Main Beach and far south as Burleigh Heads!

Shopping not your scene? Embrace an afternoon of culture and creativity and head to **Home of the Arts** for an immersion into art, entertainment and lifestyle. It's an iconic Gold Coast destination that locals love and a must-see for visitors.

Evening:

It's time for a drink and dinner, and you'll want to enjoy both with a view of the sea. Almost every beach has its own Surf Lifesaving Club with outdoor dining areas, friendly service and tasty meals – a great option for families. For something fancier, **Rick Shores** or **Burleigh Pavilion** are so close to the waves you can almost taste the salty spray – but book ahead if you want to be sure of a table in prime position.

For somewhere to stay, there's no end of options. From penthouse apartments atop skyscrapers to quirky retro flats to five-star hotels and golf resorts you'll find **accommodation** to suit.

2 Day two

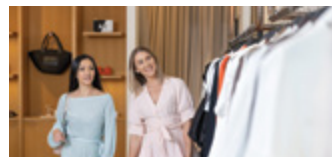
Morning/Afternoon:

Ready for a different perspective? Take to the skies with **Gold Coast Helitours**, flying alongside the skyscrapers, over the waterways, to the hills of the hinterland. Keep your camera open to capture the sights and the expressions of those lucky enough to be with you.

The Gold Coast is synonymous with theme parks, and Australia's best are all here. But how to choose? Take a little time to decide whether you want the adrenalin of rollercoasters at **Dreamworld**, the magic of movie characters at **Warner Bros. MovieWorld**, the tranquil company of lorikeets at **Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary**, the infectious joy of the **Sea World** dolphin show or an authentic Aussie farm experience at **Paradise Country**.



Start your hinterland day with an early morning hot air balloon ride over the mountains, followed by a champagne breakfast. After your morning adventure, spend the rest of the day at **O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat** where you can pat an alpaca or enjoy a stroll on suspension bridges in the treetops.



Did you know?

The bikini as we know it was invented by Gold Coast woman Paula Stafford in 1943 whose two-piece design was first worn on Surfers Paradise beach. Today, the Gold Coast is a hub of beach fashion and surf-wear and home to many globally recognised brands.

As one of Australia's most famous holiday destinations, Gold Coast days begin with golden sand and rolling surf and end with great food, and good times. Theme parks, a lush hinterland and iconic headlands provide endless options for the hours in between. Experience the best of the Gold Coast over three days with this specially created itinerary.

3 Days
2 Nights

How to get there
and get around

One hour drive south from Brisbane

Gold Coast Airport and Brisbane Airport service the region

Train from Brisbane using the Translink service

Traveller type

Couple, Solo or Family

Wildlife calendar

The Gold Coast is home to 600 native species. Koalas, platypus and echidna can be spotted year-round and cockatoos, lorikeets and long-beaked honeyeaters are common. Look for dolphins in the waves, particularly at headlands.

Whale season
July to October

Best time to visit

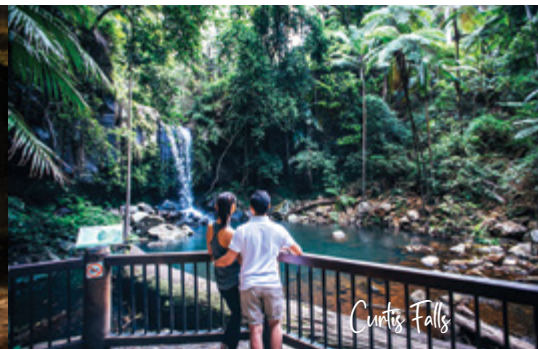
The Gold Coast enjoys warm weather year-round. The winter months are generally drier.

Summer (Oct – March): 26°C (82°F)
Winter (April – Sept) 22° (71°F)

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If all that seems a little too energetic, grab a hat, towel and sunscreen and laze the afternoon away on any of the Gold Coast's 21 beaches.

Evening:

For a night of exciting entertainment, amazing animals, and fine food and wine, head to **Outback Spectacular**. Be enthralled with an emotional story about the Aussie bush, all presented in a transformative arena, using mesmerising Australian animals and immersive technology - it's sure to be a show you won't forget! You won't go hungry throughout the evening, thanks to the delicious three-course meal provided during the show, so be prepared to sit back, relax and enjoy.

Spend the night at your choice of **accommodation**. From simple to luxurious, you'll find a place to suit your style.

3 Day three

Morning/Afternoon:

Recharge for re-entry into the real world with a tour of the hinterland with **Southern Cross Day Tours**.

Part of the World Heritage-listed Gondwana Rainforests, the Lamington and Tamborine National Parks are home to an extraordinary variety of wildlife, and the cascading creeks and waterfalls will keep photographers busy. With guided walks, freshly baked treats for morning tea and a generous barbecue lunch, it's a wonderful way to end your Gold Coast getaway.

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Food

From a bacon and egg burger after your first dip of the day, to oysters and Champagne at sunset, you'll find something to satisfy every mood and moment. Over the past decade the region has attracted growers, producers and chefs from across Australia and around the world, making it a foodie's paradise as well as one for surfers.



Did you know?

More whales than ever are visiting the Gold Coast. Since commercial whaling was banned in 1978, numbers of humpback whales are increasing by ten percent every year. Look for sprays and splashes from these gentle giants between July and October.



Must see and do

When the surf's up, the boardwalk around Burleigh Heads is the place to see surfing at its best. World champions and locals are equals here in the endless quest for the perfect wave.



Local Tip

Nobby's Beach is home to a new kind of café culture. For serious coffee, innovative restaurants, bakeries, and ice-cream like you've never tasted before, the stretch between Miami and Mermaid Beaches is the place to be.

