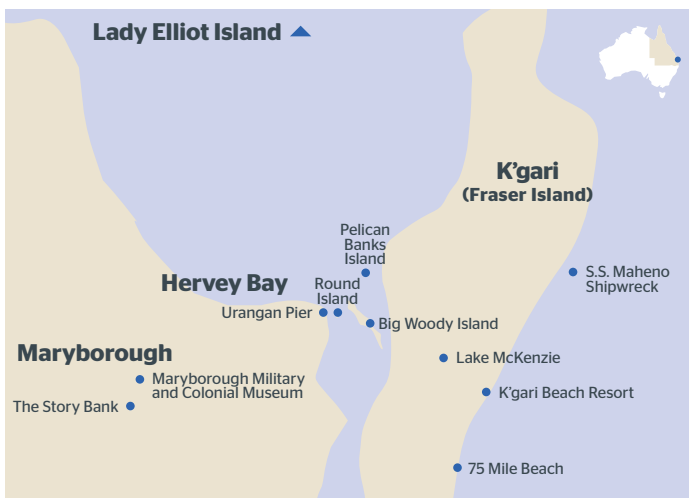


Explore the Fraser Coast in three days

Come face to face with nature and wildlife on the Fraser Coast



Home to the world's largest sand island, Mary Poppins, and the title of 'whale watching capital of the world', the Fraser Coast connects visitors with its best natural assets by land, air, and sea.

Located approximately three hours from Brisbane, the Fraser Coast can be comfortably explored in three days with this self-drive itinerary that's packed with nature-based activities, engaging cultural experiences, local dining, and wildlife interactions.

1 Day one

Morning:

Arrive mid-morning in Maryborough and start your day with a walk along the Maryborough Mural Trail and be inspired by over 30 art murals and installations scattered amongst buildings in the CBD.

From there, let your imagination run wild as you interact with the characters and settings from Mary Poppins at The Story Bank, the birthplace of its author PL Travers.

History buffs can stop by the Maryborough Military and Colonial Museum to peruse the largest collection of military artifacts outside of Canberra before heading to Hervey Bay.

Afternoon:

Arrive in Hervey Bay for lunch at Enzo's on the Beach and dine on a light meal paired with a delicious cocktail and uninterrupted sea views.

After lunch, stretch your legs on the 1.6km return walk along Urangan Pier, one of the longest piers in Australia.

During the walk, be rewarded with panoramic views of Hervey Bay and the chance to see schools of fish, stingrays, or dolphins out at sea.

Evening:

Soak up the pastel sunset skies of the Great Sandy Strait with a glass of bubbles and canapés onboard the Blue Dolphin Marine Tours' 90-minute Champagne Sunset Sail.

Continue into the evening with dinner and drinks at the Dock Bar & Restaurant, an industrial-themed venue overlooking the marina, featuring a tapas-style food menu.

Stay overnight in Hervey Bay and choose from a variety of accommodation options on offer, from hotels and resorts to holiday parks and self-contained apartments.

2 Day two

Morning/ Afternoon (full-day tour):

Rise early and get ready for an adventure-filled day exploring K'gari (Fraser Island) with K'gari Explorer Tours 4WD Day Tour.

Experience the island from the comfort of a custom-built 4WD vehicle as an experienced local K'gari expert shares local knowledge on a curated itinerary that visits awe-inspiring island highlights such as Lake McKenzie, Central Station, 75 Mile Beach, and the Maheno Shipwreck.

With lunch at Eurong Beach Resort, courtesy pick up and drop off at your Hervey Bay accommodation and return ferry transfers included, this all-inclusive tour is the perfect introduction to this enchanting island destination.

Evening:

After a day spent exploring K'gari (Fraser Island), enjoy a relaxed and casual dinner at The Bayswater Bar and Grill, situated on the Esplanade overlooking Urangan Pier.



Must see and do

World's largest sand island, K'gari (Fraser Island). Inhabited by the traditional owners, The Butchulla people, for over 5000 years, the English translation of K'gari is "paradise".



Did you know?

K'gari (Fraser Island) is truly remarkable - 120km long, 22km wide, and made of 113 cubic kilometres of sand. It's also the only place in the world where rainforests grow out of sand dunes.

Laying claim to World Heritage-listed natural sites, secluded beaches, humpback whale watching, and rich cultural experiences, look no further than Queensland's Fraser Coast for your next holiday.

3 Days
2 Nights

Weather

Average temperature
30° Summer months,
October to March | 22°C
Winter months, April to
September

How to get there and get around

3.5 hour drive from Brisbane,
car hire recommended
Hervey Bay Airport
services the region

Traveller type

Couple, Solo or Family

Wildlife calendar

Whale season
July to October

Best time to visit

Fraser Coast enjoys a subtropical climate, with warm weather year-round. In fact, winter temperatures rarely dip below 18°C.

Events

Relish Food & Wine Festival
Mary Poppins Festival

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3 Day three

Morning:

Embrace the day with an early morning breakfast and coffee at Salt Café, a local favourite, where you can revel in the tranquil views overlooking the bay.

Morning/Afternoon (Half Day Tour): July to October

If visiting during whale watching season, head out onto the water after breakfast for a Half Day Whale Watching Encounter Tour with Tasman Venture.

Departing from the Hervey Bay Marina, the luxurious catamaran will take you swiftly to the whale watching grounds so that you have more time to view these gentle giants of the sea off the calm waters of K'gari (Fraser Island).

Enjoy unobstructed whale watching from the renowned water level viewing platform, which put you face-to-face with giant humpback whales for an up-close and personal interaction you won't forget.

If you're feeling peckish, sate your hunger with morning tea served on the deck or an antipasto platter on the return trip.

Morning/Afternoon (Half Day Tour): November to June

If visiting outside whale watching season, explore the Great Sandy Strait Marine Park and hear the legendary tales of the Butchulla people from a local Indigenous guide on the Turtle Discovery Tour by Hervey Bay Eco Marine Tours.

Depart mid-morning on board a glass-bottom boat and weave through Weenadin (Round Island), Pelican Banks Island, and Big Woody Island, where you are likely to see fish habitat among the coral reef, turtles, dolphins, and sea bird colonies.

After a morning spent exploring, enjoy a light lunch served with fruit platters and complimentary coffee, tea, and biscuits. In the afternoon, relax on the sandy beaches, snorkel the coral gardens and luxuriate in the peaceful surroundings before making the return trip back to Hervey Bay.

Afternoon

Arrive back at your Hervey Bay accommodation and begin your onward journey or extend your trip with an overnight stay and depart the following day.

Add an extra night

If one day in K'gari wasn't enough, extend your Fraser Coast trip and experience the remote west coast of the island and marvel at humpback whales on the full-day Tasman Venture Remote Fraser Island and Whale Experience Tour.

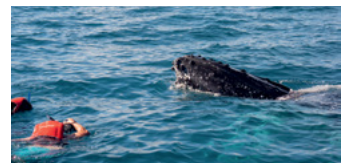
Alternatively, the Great Barrier Reef Day Trip to Lady Elliot Island is a must-do for snorkeling and diving enthusiasts. Extend your trip and explore the reef and abundant marine wildlife from the air, a glass-bottom boat, and the water, all in one action-packed day.

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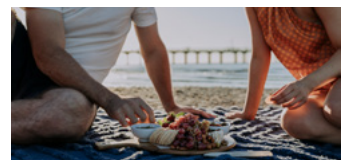
Local Tip

Visit Hervey Bay between July to October and catch the majestic humpback whales during their annual migration to the warmer waters of the Great Barrier Reef where they birth their young.



Did you know?

Hervey Bay is the world's first World Whale Heritage site and considered the humpback capital of the world as the warm and calm waters provide the ideal environment for female whales to escape the harsh Antarctic winter and let their newborn calves explore, play and learn.



Food

Enzo's on the Beach, Hervey Bay
The Dock Bar & Restaurant, Hervey Bay
The Bayswater Bar and Grill, Hervey Bay
Salt Café, Urangan

