

Spend three days exploring Bundaberg

Let paradise unravel along the tropical coast of Bundaberg



Lady Elliot Island



Bundaberg sugar cane fields



The Windmill Cafe



Discover world-class rum to turtle sanctuaries, luscious local produce and a whole lot of history, there's more to Bundaberg than just reef and beach. Be sure to pack your swimmers, a mighty thirst, and a sense of adventure for three epic days spent exploring Bundaberg.

1 Day one

Morning:

Spend time exploring the city of Bundaberg and tasting the flavours of the region.

Enjoy brunch at one of the many local cafes treating your tastebuds to rotating menus filled with fresh and seasonal ingredients alongside barista-made coffee like Alowishus Delicious. For a tasty seafood experience, head to **Grunsk's By The River** specialising in wild-caught cooked prawns, Bundaberg sea scallops, fresh reef and estuary fish. For something a little fancier, **Water Street Kitchen** presents a fine-dining experience paired with a tasty paddock-to-plate philosophy.

After fueling up on fresh produce, get your step count up by taking to the North Bundaberg Story Walk or CBD Walk and uncover the local history and architecture of the town using QR codes at each location to access the stories of the region.

Learn all about the history of Bundaberg's rich sugar industry and pioneering farming families at the **Fairymead House Sugar History Museum** overlooking the Bundaberg Botanic Garden or discover

the adventures and achievements of Australia's famous pioneer solo aviator Bert Hinkler at the **Hinkler Hall of Aviation**.

Afternoon:

Forget farm to table, it's all about 'tree to table' appreciation at **Macadamias Australia Visitor Experience**. Take a self-guided interactive tour through the Steinhart family's multi-generational farm, learning about the family's firsthand insight into Bundaberg's agricultural history and how they drive sustainable, carbon-friendly farming practices to produce the highest quality nuts.

During harvest season, February to August, collect macadamias straight from the tree and crack them at the onsite cracking stations before enjoying a complimentary tasting. Secure some take-home goodies from the Farmgate Shop perusing their range of premium single origin macadamias, grafted macadamia tree seedlings and jars of orchard honey alongside a selection of locally sourced products.

Be sure to treat yourself to delicious macadamia-inspired dishes at **The Orchard Table Cafe** and enjoy a scoop of gourmet ice cream made from local macadamias.

For a truly special encounter, head to **Mon Repos** where the secluded cove is transformed into turtle nesting and hatching grounds for five months of the year (November to March). Getting up close and personal with the ancient mariners on a Mon Repos Turtle Encounter during the turtle season is a must for any visitor.

Evening:

Whichever your accommodation experience, Bundaberg will have you spoilt for choice. For those with their own accommodation in tow, spend the night at one of the many family holiday parks, or caravan and camping sites. Alternatively, stay at one of the multiple hotel, motel, holiday home or self-contained unit options with an ocean breeze or close to the city centre.



Did you know?

Bundaberg is the gateway to the **Great Barrier Reef**, making it the ideal location to base yourself and explore Lady Musgrave Island, Lady Elliot Island and snorkel the Great Barrier Reef. Swim with turtles, and manta rays and spot seabirds with water conditions perfect for snorkelling and diving the reef all year round.



Must see and do

Dabble in rum-making with a tour, tasting and mixing class at the iconic Bundaberg Rum Distillery.



Wildlife calendar

November to March is turtle hatching season, with Mon Repos Turtle Centre transforming into a sanctuary for the hatchlings and up-close encounters as they scurry towards the water.

From enchanting underwater coral gardens beneath crystal-clear water, turtle hatchlings, world-famous liquor, sugar cane, macadamia farms and a rich history in aviation, there's plenty to discover in Bundaberg, the gateway to the Southern Great Barrier Reef.

 **3 Days
2 Nights**

 **Weather**

25-30°C (77-86°F) Summer months, December to February 16-23°C (60.8 - 73.4°F) Winter months, June to August

 **How to get there and get around**

From Brisbane: approx 4.5 hours, 370 kms (230mi).
From Sunshine Coast: approx 3.5 hours, 300 kms (185mi).
From Rockhampton: approx 3.5 hours, 290 kms (180mi).
Bundaberg is serviced by Bundaberg Airport

 **Traveller type**
Couple or Family

Wildlife calendar

 **Whale season**
July to November
 **Turtle season**
November to March

Best time to visit
April - October

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2 Day two

Morning:

Grab your swimmers and set your sight to the ocean, it's time for a beach day spent taking in the breathtaking coastline of the Southern Great Barrier Reef. Just a 15-minute drive from Bundaberg's town centre, find yourself in the tropical paradise of **Bargara**.

If you've got food on your mind, grab a feed at the **Windmill Café Bargara** situated inside a Dutch windmill or savour fresh strawberries at **Tinaberries** or **Bargara Berries**. Enjoy farm fresh strawberries with a pick-your-own experience from August until October.

Stroll the esplanade for coastal views or grab a bike and hit the pedals along the Turtle Trail, an 11km (7mi) pathway from Nielson Beach to Mon Repos Turtle Rookery, Oaks Beach and finally, Burnett Heads Headland. Keep an eye out for turtles, particularly during the nesting and hatching season when cycling through the national park reserve.

Afternoon:

Cool down after a morning of exploring at from Bundaberg. Beach hop your way along the coastline or hire a SUP or kayak and opt for a relaxing paddle at Theodolite Creek. For those who love to drop a line, Woodgate is known to be a fisherman's paradise with countless fishing spots and ideal locations for prawning and crabs.

Stretch your legs and take to one of the many bush tracks and walking trails keeping an eye out for some of the 300 different types of bird species that call the Burrum Coast National Park home. Four-wheel drive enthusiasts will find plenty of tracks to test their limits gifting secluded beach fronts and camp areas.

Evening:

Choose from the range of Bundaberg accommodation experiences.

3 Day three

Morning:

For your final day in Bundaberg, it's time to deep dive into the 'true brew' of the region at the **Bundaberg Barrel**. Book a Tasting and Self-Guided Tour and take your taste buds along for the ride, sampling a full range of brews, before mixing your own six pack. Play 'guess the flavour' on the smellography wall, and unlock the secret to Bundaberg's great tasting drinks with a glimpse into the brewery using 360-degree cameras.

Afternoon

Take your tastebuds on one final adventure at the home of Bundaberg Rum. Explore the museum, head behind the scenes and enjoy the opportunity to blend your own rum.

Start your distillery journey by visiting the molasses well, holding up to five million litres (13 million gallons) of molasses, fresh

from the Bundaberg sugar mill. Next up is the fermentation tanks, learning about the double distillation process and then onto the grand Barrel House where the rum is aged and matured for a minimum of two years before making its way into a bottle.

Once you've learned the ins and outs of the rum making process it's time to head to the Bundaberg Rum Tasting Bar, sampling their range of top shelf rums.

Put your newly found rum expertise to the test with a Blend Your Own Rum Experience, and taste rum straight from the barrel. Once you've selected your favourites, craft your very own blend, before pouring it direct from the barrel to take home as a delicious memento.

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Did you know?

Dugongs can be spotted at the Great Sandy Marine Park in Bargara located in the Bundaberg region.



Did you know?

You can 4WD and camp right on the beach behind the dunes in Burrum Coast National Park exploring unspoiled beaches for a secluded camping escape.



Wildlife calendar

Discover an abundance of marine life on the Southern Great Barrier Reef, from humpback whales to turtles and a large variety of fish species. On land, spot curious kangaroos and bring your binoculars for bird watching all year round.



Food

With an emphasis on locally grown produce, you'll find the flavours of Bundaberg delicious all year round. Check out the local cafes and restaurants and enjoy expertly crafted dishes featuring local ingredients across menus that rotate with the seasons like Bert's Restaurant and Bar and Water Street Kitchen.



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