



Great Keppel Island

Images: Emus Beach Resort

New Destination to Emu Beach

The coastal town of Emu Park is set for an influx of tourists after Greyhound Australia began operating a detour to the coastal haven on its popular Brisbane to Cairns travel route.

In a win for local tourism operators, passengers will be able to visit the gateway to Great Keppel Island by purchasing their ticket online on www.greyhound.com.au. Passengers travelling on a Greyhound Pass between Brisbane and Cairns can now visit Emu Park at no extra cost.

Chief Executive Officer Robert Thomas said thousands of travellers caught a Greyhound bus along the popular Brisbane to Cairns route every year.

"This detour will help these travellers discover the virgin lands of Emu Park and the southern tip of the Great Barrier Reef, one of Queensland's most iconic natural attractions," Mr Thomas said.

"Summer is peak season for the Queensland tourism market and this detour will help stimulate the local economy.

"A recent Tourism Australia survey found the majority of people on long-distance coaches were international tourists so this free optional trip will help our overseas visitors to see even more of the Sunshine State."

Mr Thomas said it was previously difficult for international travellers to visit the small town due to limited public transport access.

"Despite its proximity to the popular backpacker trail along the state's coastline, many travellers in the past have missed out on the experience of Emu Park and headed to the larger tourist hubs of Yeppoon and Airlie Beach," he said.

"Emu Park however has plenty of natural attractions of its own and has won plenty of tourism awards for its unspoiled beaches and fishing, surfing and boating amenities."

Greyhound Australia is now the only national coach company operating in Australia after the acquirement of other competing coach brands such as McCafferty's, Pioneer and Bus Australia.

For more information visit the Greyhound website at www.greyhound.com.au or call 1300GREYHOUND (1300 473 946).

Capricorn Coast

When you come to the Capricorn Coast come prepared for choice.

Set on the Tropic of Capricorn in Central Queensland, the Capricorn Coast is an undiscovered gem. With an average daily temperature of 25°C, the Capricorn Coast is a haven for long days in the warm sun all year round. Pristine coastline stretching 95km from Stanage Bay to the mighty mouth of the Fitzroy River is speckled with small townships, beautiful beaches, fantastic fishing and much more.

If unspoilt beaches, seaside villages, clean white sand and sparkling ocean are your thing, then you're coming to the right place. We'll also throw in paradise with the Keppel Islands, and would you believe it, the Great Barrier Reef is right at hand. How about paddling a canoe in an inlet surrounded by beautiful rainforest known as Byfield. Coming face to face with the local wildlife as you take an afternoon bushwalk on one of the many tracks within the Capricorn Coast National Park. Or why not simply relax at the tranquil seaside township of Yeppoon, the heart of the Capricorn Coast and the starting point to Central Queensland's Great Barrier Reef.

Want a beach all to yourself? Easy. 13 glorious beaches stretch along the 16km of Scenic Highway between Yeppoon and Emu Park. When it comes to variety at the Capricorn Coast, they have it all. Choose to relax on over 20 secluded sandy beaches including Farmborough Beach, just north of main beach Yeppoon, offers a good beach break for surfers, Five Rocks Beach is north of Byfield is also good for surfing but also is a fishermans paradise. Lamamermoor beach is a peaceful simming area with barbeque and picnic facilities for the entire family to enjoy.



Emus Beach Resort & Backpackers

Just over a year old and fast becoming one of the new destinations in Australia, Emus Beach Resort provides that touch of class that only a new budget resort can. Already in Lonely Planet and winner of the Best Backpackers Tourism Award for Central Queensland and Southern Great Barrier Reef.

With the new Greyhound service running to the door it has now become possible to travel direct to the Capricorn Coast and then on to Great Keppel Island with minimal fuss and cost. Situated across the road from the beautiful beach that overlooks Great Keppel Island, and only half an hour from Rockhampton, Emus Beach Resort is the ideal destination to experience the best of the Southern Great Barrier Reef and Central Queensland.

Enjoy resort-style accommodation and facilities from only \$24 pppn, fantastic local sights and friendly staff that love to meet people from all walks of life. Emus Beach Resort offers 12 brand new motel-style rooms with private ensuites, balconies overlooking the swimming pool and flat screen TVs. These rooms accommodate doubles, triples, quads and can also be dorm shared rooms with a maximum of four people in each. Emus also offers dorm rooms with shared facilities for those on a tighter budget, with a maximum of three in each room.

All the rooms surround a large swimming pool, entertainment deck and licensed bar. Emus Beach Resort has onsite parking, in-house laundry facilities, an Internet cafe (wifi), a large communal kitchen, dining and TV area, as well as a travel desk that is renowned for going out of their way to help you with all your travel needs.

Emus can also organise tours to enjoy the local attractions, with one of the best being Koorana Crocodile Farm. Get up close and personal with a 1,000kg crocodile and watch the experts hand-feed the giant beasts. You can also hold one of the smaller crocs yourself.

The friendly staff at Emus are more than happy to help you in any way they can. Just call 1800 333 349 or email mandy@emusbeachresort.com to book your stay.

The most common comments on departure: "This is the best backpackers that I have ever stayed at" or "This is more like a hotel for Backpackers".



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Champions Brock Experience

Champions Brock Experience is the latest award-winning attraction to open on the CQ Capricorn Coast. What began as a private car collection of owner Peter Champion, at the insistence of his friend Peter Brock, the collection opened to the public in Dec 2007. Champions Brock Experience is the largest collection of Peter Brock road and race cars in the country. Housed in a unique setting, you can view this collection by general admission, guided tour or join us for the amazing Light and Sound Show, which includes a guided tour. Experience the life of this Australian sporting Icon through his cars. Recently voted winner of 2009 Significant Tourist Attraction in the regional tourism awards, Champions Brock Experience will not disappoint. Open six days week, Mon-Sat.

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