



Bundaberg, Coral Coast & country

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1. 1770 Environmental Tours – The Larcs on Beach
2. Feeding birds at Monto
3. Bourbong Street, Bundaberg
4. Night tours to see Loggerhead Turtles hatching

Bundaberg

A trip to Bundaberg is a wonderful way to experience several of Australia's greatest natural gifts.

Bundaberg has the colour and beauty of the Great Barrier Reef right on its doorstep and from January to the end of March, tiny turtle hatchlings can be seen emerging from their shells at Mon Repos Beach. Whale watching, scuba diving, national parks – Bundaberg boasts a wide range of attractions that will make your visit one you'll want to repeat!

Mon Repos Beach, the largest and most accessible turtle rookery in mainland Australia, is just 14km from Bundaberg. Loggerhead, green, leatherback and flatback turtles come ashore from November to February to lay their eggs. The tiny hatchlings emerge from their sandy nests between early January and mid-March. Mon Repos is an environmental park designed to protect the turtles and ensure their ongoing use of the area. Access to the beach is limited during the season and rangers conduct guided walks each night.

Every year from July to mid-October, humpback whales pass close to Bundaberg en route to the northern end of Fraser Island. Whale watching cruises operate from Port Bundaberg in-season and whales can also be seen from Lady Elliot Island.

There's no need to travel all the way to Cairns to enjoy the beauty of the Great Barrier Reef. The most spectacular parts of the southern reef can be found around Lady Elliot and Lady Musgrave Islands. The reef can be seen on fine, calm days by snorkelling just a metre or two from the shore.

If it's lazy days on the sand you're after then Bargara and Woodgate offer some of the state's most picturesque beaches. To the south of Bargara Beach is Kelly's Beach which has a safe swimming area called the Basin. Kelly's Beach has quality accommodation and a waterway designed to encourage bird life. South of Kelly's are Innes Park and Elliott Heads beaches where there's plenty of sand and sea to explore. The Hummock, an extinct volcano core halfway between Bundaberg and Bargara, is the district's highest point and offers 360° views of the area and coastline.

The golden sands of Woodgate Beach stretch for almost 20km. Woodgate is the first surf beach north of the Sunshine Coast. A National Park backs on to the surf offering walking tracks that are a great way to discover the local flora and prolific numbers of birds, kangaroos, wallabies and reptiles.

The white beaches and crystal clear waters of The Town of 1770 have changed little since the day Cook landed in May 1770. Other attractions include the Bert Hinkler Museum in Bundaberg's Botanic Gardens. Go fishing in the breaches of Round Hill Creek or out on the offshore reefs or on a Great Barrier Reef fishing cruise. And take a ride on the LARC, an environmental tour not to be missed! For more information visit www.bundabergregion.info or call (07) 4153 8888.



PLACES TO GO, PEOPLE TO SEE ...

- Mon Repos Beach
- Southern Great Barrier Reef
- Bundaberg Botanic Gardens
- Lady Musgrave Island
- Woodgate National Park

Welcome to The Federal Backpackers

Situated in the very heart of Bundaberg, we mainly cater for the working backpacker, but also have rooms for overnight travellers and tourists as well, with many brochures and tour deals available for selection. The Federal is located directly opposite the train station, only three minutes walk from the city centre and eight minutes walk from the bus terminal. We operate a courtesy bus for prior arranged pickups at the bus station, just call us when you arrive! We pride ourselves on being the best opportunity in the Bundaberg region for backpackers to find work. We have several farms that come to us first for workers and can have as many as 15+ farms working at any one time. We provide transport to and from farms. Anyone can pick fruit! What a great way to earn an income and have a great time.

Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery

Be creative at The Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery.
The Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery is located in the heart of the Bundaberg CBD, and is the regions hub of cultural activities.

The Gallery showcases exhibitions from local, national and International artists in three unique exhibition spaces throughout the significant heritage building. Explore the Public Art Trail, or come in and discover the wide range of unique artworks and gifts crafted by local artists at the Gallery Gift Shop.

The Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery is open seven days a week, 10am – 5pm weekdays and 11am – 3pm weekends. Entry is free. For details of the current exhibition program, workshops and other events, please visit www.brag-brc.org.au or phone (07) 4130 4750.

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B.R.A.G is an arts and cultural initiative of the BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL

Agnes Waters & the Town of 1770

Agnes Water and its sister township of 1770 offer a range of activities and holiday ideas – from relaxing at the beach, four-wheel driving through rugged coastal national parks, and estuary, beach and deep sea fishing – to enjoying a soft adventure tour aboard an amphibious LARC vessel.

Agnes Water is Queensland's northern-most surf beach and is last in a line of beautiful, unspoilt beaches that sweep up the coast from Bundaberg. Agnes Water and the Town of 1770 are also one of the closest points on the mainland to the outer Great Barrier Reef, with three tours departing to either Lady Musgrave Island or Fitzroy Reef.

Agnes Water offers accommodation, shops and eateries and services – all with a beachside atmosphere. The Agnes Water Museum houses local history with interesting information of Cook and his voyage. Many architect-designed homes dot the cabbage palm covered hillsides all with a look reminiscent of the tropics of far north Queensland.

The surfing fraternity have long visited Agnes Water and a major surfing event, the 1770 Longboard Classic, is held in March each year at Agnes Water beach. From Agnes Water, four-wheel drive trails extend south into Deepwater National Park and north into Eurimbula National Park, opening up coastal wilderness for camping and fishing.

The Town Of 1770 is a picturesque seaside village surrounded on three sides by the Coral Sea and Bustard Bay. Historic as the second landing site of Lieutenant James Cook and the crew of the Endeavour in May 1770, the area is rich in wildlife and natural beauty and offers scenic vistas in every direction. A completely sealed and tarred road reaches the Town of 1770 from Bundaberg, 120 kilometres to the south, with a partially sealed and tarred road access the town from Miriam Vale in the north.

Scooter Roo Tours

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Spectacular Sunset tours and Eco tours are all on offer here for you to enjoy and experience. Cool Bananas is the only hostel in town with a communal TV and free videos, free boogie boards, free transfers to 1770. We also offer the cheapest surf lessons on the East Coast at \$16.50 per student (groups of four) coached by quality local instructors. Discounts on reef trips and other activities available to guests from our in-house travel desk. For the adventurous, scenic flights with a twist will surely get your blood pumping. This is a new operation and has limited spots available so bookings are essential. Deep-sea fishing tours are also available for the not so faint-hearted. Or if that's not your thing then try a hand at sailing ocean kayaks.

The 2004 edition of Lonely Planet Australia guide book lists Cool Bananas as the only hostel to stay in while visiting the area. Page 337 of the guide quotes, "somewhat of a Shangri-la for backpackers". Cool Bananas recently received the thumbs up from Let's Go 2003 as being "hands down the friendliest new hostel on the East Coast". So come

and check the area out and stay in an award-winning environment. Comments from recent guest Melanie Crowe, "Most definitely the coolest hostel I have visited in my eight months of travelling. Friendly, relaxed, great staff, great rooms, clean and great value."

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While you're here you can learn to surf at just \$22 for 3hrs, go on the famous Scooteroo tour at \$50 for 3hrs, watch the sunset whilst ocean kayaking for \$44 for 3.5hrs, see 1770 from the sky and have a go at being a pilot for \$85 for 1.5hrs, go on the Thundercat adrenalin tour for \$69, visit the colourful Great Barrier Reef for \$160, plus so much more!

Our staff genuinely love working here at 1770 Backpackers and want you to enjoy yourself, have fun or just relax, it's up to you. We will help you in any way possible, so come and see us at 1770 Backpackers!

The Mango Tree Motel & Restaurant

The Mango Tree Motel & Restaurant is a great place to stay for people without private transport as it is so conveniently located. Situated right next to Agnes Water Surf Beach which is a patrolled beach and only 300 metres from the Greyhound bus stop. Agnes Water shops and cafes are only a few minutes walk away. Rooms are on ground level and have kitchenettes with indoor and outdoor table settings and sleep one to six people. There is also a BBQ area and restaurant. Laundry facilities are available for guests. The Mango Tree is three-star and great value with clean and comfortable rooms. Most activities in the area have transfer pick-up available for guests. Lonely Planet Guide 2008 lists "Mango Tree Motel is only 100m from the beach, this good-value motel offers large self-contained rooms". Stay a while and relax in a unique part of Australia.

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