



# Northern New South Wales



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1. Lighthouse at Cape Byron
2. Dive boat launch at The Pass
3. Taste of Byron Festival

## Newcastle Port Macquarie Coffs Harbour Byron Bay

Byron attracts a colourful mix of people from all around the world, who flock like bees to the honey sand and cerulean waters of its glorious beaches. There is a friendly, laid-back village atmosphere and with over 100 different cafes and eateries to suite every taste and budget, you can spend hours sipping on your chai latté, literally watching the world go by.

There is a full calendar of major events throughout the year to keep you entertained: the Byron Easter Surf Classic, the world-class Blues and Roots Music Festival during Easter; A Taste of Byron for the 'foodies' in August; the well established Byron Bay Writer's Festival in July/August; the Byron Bay Ocean Swim Classic and the Byron Triathlon both in May; and the Basc Film Festival in February features some of the latest and greatest in cinematography.

If you're the active type why not hang-glide by the lighthouse over Wategos; take an ultralight flight; or go sea kayaking with the dolphins. You can take a surfing lesson; parachute out of a plane; horse or bike ride; snorkel or scuba dive at Julian Rocks Marine Park Reserve; play a round of golf; or practice your yoga; pilates; singing; dancing; or acting.

As Byron is a major centre of alternative healing, there is an abundance of choices for rejuvenation, pampering and therapeutic massage. Choose from one of many modalities on offer – some conventional and others less so: Acupuncture, Astrology, Ayurvedic Treatments, Intuitive Bodywork, Shiatsu, Tarot, Psychic Readings or Yoga – it's all part of the Byron experience!

For the night owls, there is a choice of some great pubs with live music every night of the week. There are also nightclub venues featuring international DJs and some of the latest music to keep you dancing into the wee hours of the night.

Discover Cape Byron, which deserves its international reputation as one of the most beautiful places in the world. It boasts rainforest, rugged cliff faces, stunning views west to the lush, green hinterland and east across the Pacific Ocean. The Cape Byron Lighthouse, built in 1901 is perched 22 metres high on the cliffs of a windswept headland, which is also a fantastic vantage point for whale and dolphin-watching. Cape Byron's five kilometre walking trail through Arakwal National Park's coastal heath, littoral rainforest, banksia forest and stunning outlooks can be conquered by a comfortable two hour walk. Other bush walks for the serious enthusiasts can be found in and around the district: Boatharbour Nature Reserve, Broken Head Nature Reserve, Brunswick Heads Nature Reserve, Mooball National Park, Mount Warning National Park, Nightcap National Park and Tyagarah Nature Reserve.



### PLACES TO GO, PEOPLE TO SEE ...

- Cape Byron Lighthouse
- Whale watching
- Julian Rocks Marine Reserve
- Byron Bay, Bangalow and The Channon Markets

### Keep your \$\$ for your holiday

#### No fruit, no veg, no fine

Fresh fruit and vegetables are great snacks when you are travelling but you cannot cross state borders in Australia or enter the Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone with them, because these items could be carrying fruit fly. Just a single apple could mean a fine and that fine could go as high as \$100,000.

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- fruiting vegetables (eg capsicum, chilli, eggplant, tomato, tamarillo)

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### Don't risk a fine!

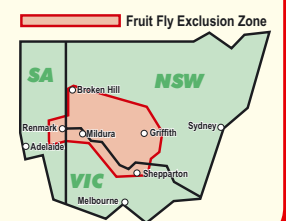
Travelling this summer? Remember, you cannot enter the Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone with any of these:

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The Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone includes areas in NSW, SA and Victoria. You cannot take any fruit or vegetables across the border into South Australia. **Fines of up to \$20,000 may apply.**



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The Byron Bay English Language School opened in 1998 to provide English language tuition in a beautiful environment. The school is fully accredited with NEAS and offers General English, Cambridge and IELTS preparation, study tours as well as English PLUS surfing/diving/activities. It is high quality English instruction with small classes and professional teachers. Students develop confidence to use English in daily situations. There's also a fantastic activities program that includes surfing and diving instruction, BBQs, drink nights, soccer and beach volleyball afternoons. With students coming from many different countries, it's a great way to make new friends from all over the world. The school motto: "Learn to Live!" Free Call 1800 808 102.

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Next destination is Coffs Harbour. Known as the action capital of the North Coast, there's plenty of adrenaline rushes to be had. Go white-water rafting, diving, whale watching or sky diving. If you still have energy left after an action packed day, check out the great nightlife. Stay at Coffs Harbour YHA, phone: (02) 6687 7636.

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