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

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.



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**PLACES TO GO, PEOPLE TO SEE ...**

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

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.

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Nomads Odyssey is situated at 1 Lawson Lane, Byron Bay (behind the Great Northern Hotel on Jonson St). Telephone (International): +61 2 6680 7966 or FREECALL: 1800 766 673. Email: [info@nomadsodyssey.com](mailto:info@nomadsodyssey.com).



### Cape Byron Lodge

Cape Byron Lodge is small and owner-operated with accommodation to suit your requirements from private rooms through to eight share dorms – depending on your budget. The atmosphere is casual and laid-back with hammocks and grassy areas to relax in. The service is hands-on and willing, so you'll find yourself well looked after. Cape Byron Lodge also operates sunrise trips to the Cape Byron headland for whale watching.

For further information Free Call 1800 111 030 or you can visit [www.capebyronlodge.com](http://www.capebyronlodge.com).

### The Byron Bay English Language School

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!"

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### Northern NSW with YHA

Travelling up the east coast? Don't just rush straight up to Byron. Stop off along the way and enjoy some of northern NSW's best locations with YHA – without blowing your budget!

Spend some time at Newcastle, two hours north of Sydney, and stay at the fantastic Newcastle Beach YHA, phone: (02) 4925 3544. This restored heritage building includes a huge ballroom with chandeliers, leather armchairs and open fires. Surf and body board hire, plus free pub meals.

Take a pit stop at Port Macquarie, the halfway point between Sydney and Byron Bay. Here you can kick back and relax or take part in activities like camel riding along the beach, sea kayaking, 4WD tours, water sports or tandem skydiving. For accommodation contact Port Macquarie YHA, phone: (02) 6583 5512.

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.

Or take a side trip to Bellingen 'the cruisiest place on earth' where you can go night canoeing, or try the tour to nearby Dorrigo Rainforest. Bellingen YHA, ph: (02) 6655 1116.

South of Byron is the brand new Yamba YHA, set in the heart of town and minutes from world famous surf breaks, this hostel offers high quality facilities such as a roof top pool, bar, restaurant and private rooms with ensembles. Make a booking at Yamba YHA today, phone: (02) 6646 3997.

Once in Byron, you've got a choice between two fantastic YHAs. Byron Bay YHA, phone: (02) 6685 8853 and Cape Byron YHA, phone: (02) 6685 8788. Both properties have swimming pools, activities and other great facilities.

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coffs harbour

### Hotting up down underwater

As spring turns to summer, warm equatorial waters push down the east coast of Australia mixing with southern currents, meeting in the Solitary Islands Marine Park along Coffs Coast. Here you can discover over 500 fish species and 90 coral types. And the best way to discover the underwater world is with a tank of air, a pair of fins, a mask and some mates.

You can bring your own or hire at Coffs Harbour (oh, by the way, mates are free). The boat ride from the marina to the main dive sites at Split Solitary Island and South Solitary Island is around 20 and 40 minutes respectively. Below awaits fields of plate coral and underwater arches, endangered grey nurse shark, big blue gropers, colourful banded anemone fish (remember Nemo?), moray eels, wobbielongs, wrass, bull and eagle rays, turtles, dolphins, giant cuttlefish, lion fish, flying fish and many many more colourful creatures.

In Coffs Harbour, Jetty Dive operates scuba dive and snorkelling excursions to both islands. Their twelve metre boat is large and spacious with room to move – when gearing up and relaxing between dives and planning your onshore excursions to places like; the World Heritage rainforests at Dorrigo, the obligatory photo at the Big Banana, seeing kangaroos in the wild at Look At Me Now Headland, spotting koalas in Bongil Bongil National Park, white water rafting on the Nymboida River or sipping a long cool drink in a pub or pool-side.

If you are experienced and hold a PADI licence, you can book a dive and head out on the next excursion. But if not, then book a short course and get your licence so you too can discover Downunder on Coffs Coast.

For more information contact Jetty Dive (Coffs Harbour near the marina) on 6651 1611 or visit [www.jettydive.com.au](http://www.jettydive.com.au), or the Coffs Coast Visitor Information Centre (Corner McLean St and Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour) on 6648 4990 or [www.coffiscoast.com.au](http://www.coffiscoast.com.au).



### Coffs City Skydivers

#### Why skydive at Coffs City Skydivers?

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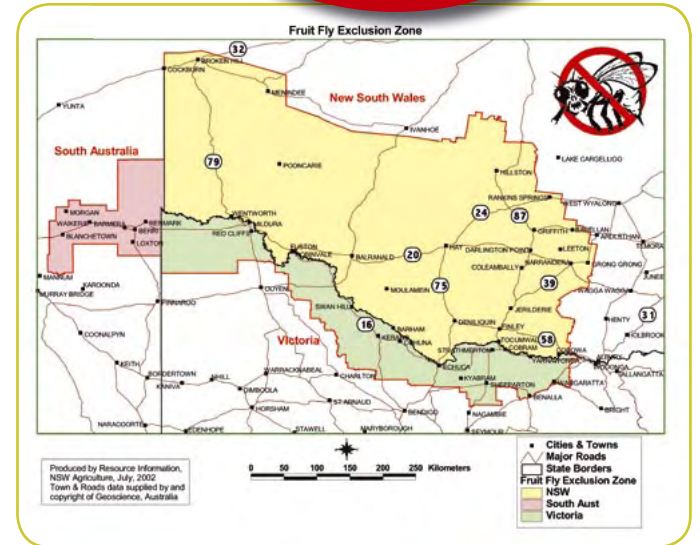
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