

# Gold Coast City Guide

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The Gold Coast is a collection of 81 diverse coastal and hinterland areas, stretching from Coolangatta in the south to the South Moreton Islands in the north and Cedar Creek in the west. At its heart is the iconic Surfers Paradise, a two-kilometre stretch of golden sand and rolling surf, bordered by a lively dining and entertainment precinct known for its nightlife.

It's conveniently located for travellers, with Gold Coast International Airport servicing all regions and Ballina/Byron Airport just across the border in Northern NSW, ideal for those going to the southern areas of Coolangatta, Kirra Beach and surrounds.

You can arrange transfers to and from either airport with Hughes.

# Climate

The Gold Coast has a sub-tropical climate, typical of southern Queensland and northern NSW. The region enjoys around 300 days of sunshine a year, which is just one of the reasons Queensland is colloquially known as the Sunshine State.

Month	Low	High	Rainfall
Jan	16°C/60.8°F	26°C/78.8°F	5 days
Feb	16°C/60.8°F	27°C/80.6°F	4 days
Mar	15°C/59°F	24°C/75.2°F	5 days
Apr	12°C/53.6°F	21°C/69.8°F	7 days
May	10°C/50°F	17°C/62.6°F	8 days
Jun	8°C/46.4°F	15°C/59°F	7 days
Jul	7°C/44.6°F	14°C/57.2°F	8 days
Aug	8°C/46.4°F	16°C/60.8°F	9 days
Sept	9°C/48.2°F	18°C/64.4°F	9 days
Oct	11°C/51.8°F	20°C/68°F	8 days
Nov	12°C/53.6°F	20°C/71.6°F	7 days
Dec	14°C/57.2°F	24°C/75.2°F	6 days





# What to Do

The Gold Coast has a relaxed atmosphere, particularly in the coastal suburbs that lie to the north and south of bustling Surfers Paradise. Despite the relaxed vibe, there is plenty to do and see, from beaches and natural beauty to museums and entertainment venues.



## Visit the theme parks

No visit to the Gold Coast is complete without visiting one of the theme parks the region has become known for. Popular parks include Movie World, Sea World, and Wet and Wild. You can visit all three on the same pass available at [themeparks.com.au](http://themeparks.com.au).



## Choose your beach experience

The Gold Coast is all about the beach lifestyle, with many to choose from, each offering a different vibe. Some to check out include Kirra Beach, known for its great surf and laid-back vibe, Surfers Paradise, where it's bustling and there's always something to see, and Tallebudgera Creek, offering calm waters and a family-friendly feel.



## Get back to nature in Tamborine Mountain

Tamborine Mountain is a village nestled in lush green surroundings, just a 30-minute drive from the Gold Coast beaches. It's home to a number of stunning natural attractions, including national parks, waterfalls and swimming holes. It even boasts a Glow Worm Cave located at Cedar Creek Estates.



## Visit HOTA

A hub for art, culture, entertainment and lifestyle, the Gold Coast's Home of the Arts (HOTA) has a packed event schedule, from music to art exhibitions. It's also home to Palette Restaurant, a fine dining experience where art and food collide. Find out more at [hota.com.au](http://hota.com.au).



## Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Popular with people of all ages, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is home to a diverse range of animals, from koalas and kangaroos to red pandas and iguanas. It also offers a range of interactive experiences and shows for the whole family. Explore at [currumbinsanctuary.com.au](http://currumbinsanctuary.com.au)



## Pacific Fair, Broadbeach Waters

The largest shopping centre in regional Queensland, Pacific Fair is the perfect place to get your retail fix. It offers a blend of local and major retailers and brands, ranging from high street to high end, as well as restaurants and cinemas. Learn more at [pacificfair.com.au](http://pacificfair.com.au).

# Where to Eat

The Gold Coast offers a range of dining experiences, from casual, family-friendly eateries to fine dining. Here are some of the diverse offerings for all budgets and tastes.

## The Oracle Boulevard, Broadbeach

The Oracle Boulevard is a popular dining spot in Broadbeach, with a range of eateries offering diverse cuisines, from Italian to Asian Fusion, German to Moroccan. With a thriving regular dining scene, the precinct also hosts special event dining experiences.

## Paradise Centre, Surfers Paradise

Located mere steps from the golden sands of Surfers Paradise Beach, the Paradise Centre offers beachfront dining from major national and international chains, including El Camino, Wahlburgers and TGI Fridays.

## Chinatown, Southport

Southport's Chinatown precinct comprises menus from across Asia, including Thai, Korean, Malaysian and Japanese, and BBQ-style eatery JFX, a popular choice for a cheap and cheerful meal.

## Fine Dining, The Star

The Gold Coast is home to several unmissable fine dining experiences, with a number of them located at The Star. Two-hatted venue Kiyomi offers modern, indulgent Japanese, and neighbours Uncle Su and Nineteen offer one-hatted Cantonese and Modern Australian, respectively.



# Getting Around

Your Hughes driver can take you around the Gold Coast's many popular attractions, including:

- Sea World – Main Beach
- Dreamworld – Coomera
- Warner Bros. Movie World – Oxenford
- Wet'n'Wild – Oxenford
- Australian Outback Spectacular – Oxenford
- WhiteWater World – Coomera
- Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary – Currumbin
- Paradise Country – Oxenford

Or choose your own adventure to experience the Gold Coast your way. Our local drivers know all the popular attractions as well as the hidden gems, and are happy to recommend an experience to suit your style.

# Personal Sightseeing Tours

Your Hughes Chauffeur can take you on a sightseeing tour of the Gold Coast and surrounds. We can create an itinerary that suits you, with popular options, including:

- Mount Tamborine: Visit wineries, restaurants and quirky shops, take a rainforest walk and check out the Glow Worm Caves. Stop for lunch at Cedar Creek Estate or pack a picnic to enjoy nature and stunning views.
- Byron Bay: On the NSW side of the border, spectacular Byron Bay is a must-visit. From world-famous beaches to the iconic lighthouse, trendy restaurants and bars to local farms and artisan shops, Byron Bay has it all.
- O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat in the Gold Coast Hinterland gets you away from the tourist hubs and into nature, boasting magnificent walks, breathtaking views and fantastic eateries.

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