

Beautiful Queensland

Queensland borders are finally opening from 10 July and we are ready to help you travel northward to warmer climates.

Whether you want to relax by a beautiful pool, snorkel in the sparkling sea, walk in an ancient rainforest, or learn more about our amazing Aboriginal art and culture, Queensland has so much to offer.

Please call us to discuss your holiday thoughts for the next 12 months. We have many suggestions to make and access to some really great value deals.

No matter how much time you have or what you want to see and do,
We are here to help you!



Island Retreats

The Great Barrier Reef has so many magnificent island retreats, which are home some of Australia's most spectacular and sought-after holiday destinations. Australian Island havens are surrounded by pristine white

beaches, and a kaleidoscope of coral and marine life. Each one is unique in its own right and caters to an array of activities, as well as accommodating all budgets.

Hot Tips:

Take a day trip from your Island Haven to explore the tranquil waters and natural beauty that surrounds it.



Qualia at Hamilton Island

This high-end resort – ranked among the world's best – occupies its own peninsula on the northern tip of Hamilton Island. Everything has been designed to blend in with the environment. Retractable walls at Long Pavilion merge the building with its setting while simultaneously celebrating the view. Lush surroundings enhance the sense of exotic escapism, as do frequent encounters with cockatoos, fruit bats and wallabies. It all adds up to a tropical hideaway with exemplary service. An "elegant resort wear" dress-code keeps things casually classy. Accommodation comprises 60 spacious pavilions, some with private plunge pools. Vegetation screens each secluded sanctuary from the

next.

Room rates from \$1300 per night



Beach Club at Hamilton Island

This small and intimate, boutique retreat on Hamilton Island's Catseye Beach is an adults-only oasis that feels far removed from the hubbub nearby. With an ocean-facing infinity pool looking over a reef towards Whitsunday Island, this is a place for memorable and relaxing, grown-up escapes. The linear, two-story structure is hidden within a palm grove setting, with rooms emanating outwards from the central pool, lounge and restaurant. Interiors embody a tasteful 'contemporary coastal' aesthetic that's big on natural materials in colours that echo the sea and sand outside. Guests may be lucky enough to spot humpback whales in the channel beyond the reef, though more commonly seen are the wallabies that graze the poolside lawns at dusk.

Room rates from \$741 per night



Orpheus Island Lodge

Accommodating just 28 people, Orpheus is an all-inclusive, private island lodge located in the Great Barrier Reef. With only 14 rooms, suites and villas, Orpheus Island is the ultimate in secluded, unspoilt tropical paradise, and stretches across 11km of immaculate turquoise coastline. The island itself, comprising more than 1,000 hectares of national park, is surrounded by pristine fringing reef you can access simply by stepping out from your accommodation. The island lodge features the main pavilion bar and alfresco-style dining area, a restaurant, a reading room, Gwandalan Day Spa and an inviting 25m x 13m infinity pool that mirrors the Coral Sea. All stays at Orpheus include three gourmet meals prepared daily by chef Paul Wilson and his team, use of water sports equipment, unlimited Australian beer and wine as well as soft beverages, and a daily Orpheus experience.

Room rates from \$2100 per night



Kingfisher Bay Resort - Fraser Island

Built into the rainforest, just metres from the beach, this eco-resort sits on the world's largest sand island, with stunning natural beauty. While it would be easy not to leave the resort at all, tours and activities lure you to explore further...something you won't regret. First impressions count, and the entrance to Kingfisher Bay Resort is designed to impress. Soaring ceilings, lots of glass and timber, and a view straight through the lobby to the pool and rainforest below give it the wow-factor in spades. Opened in 1992, the modern and natural-looking architecture remains timeless, its wood, glass and steel exterior fitting perfectly with the surrounding bush landscape.

Take advantage of the many tours and activities on offer, which include ranger-guided walks and talks, fishing, kayaking, birdwatching, four swimming pools, tennis courts, Segway tours on the beach, and (from August to October) whale-watching tours. An island tour by 4WD bus is not to be missed.

Room rates from \$149 per night



Far North Queensland

Located in Australia's Northern Tropics between two World Heritage sites - ancient rainforest, unaltered from the days of dinosaurs and the magnificent Great Barrier Reef. Here you get a real flavour of Australian life. In a beautiful part of the country, surrounded by rainforest, with the Daintree river, Mossman Gorge and of course, sensational beaches. Port Douglas has the feel of a sleepy fishing village for anyone wishing to relax and unwind. Unpretentious, understated - yet stunning in every other aspect. This region is also one of the closest gateways to the Great Barrier Reef.

Hot Tips:

Take a leisurely walk down beautiful Four Mile Beach



Thala Beach Nature Reserve

This luxury lodge-style resort, located between Cairns and Port Douglas in Queensland's tropical north, offers private retreats in the rainforest and sweeping views of the coastline, with access to two private beaches. The lodge has a timeless appeal that fits perfectly with its surroundings. The open-air lobby is the first sign that this place is charmingly different. Step straight from the driveway up a few slate stairs into the lobby, then up the sweeping timber staircase to the lounge, bar and restaurant. There are no windows here; everything is open to the surrounding forest. Gleaming polished timber, interesting artworks and a pavilion style engender a personal feel, not surprising in this family-owned property. The nature reserve is also home to a population of agile wallabies, lace monitor lizards, echidnas, geckos and sugar gliders.

Room rates from \$249 per night



Niramaya Villas and Spa

Luxury Self Contained Accommodation nestled in lush tropical surrounds. Architecturally designed for all your senses, you will feel Niramaya's subtle energy and swim in its natural beauty. The fragrance of frangipani floats on the light breeze - through soaring pavilions, into private courtyards and over the lily pad dotted lakes. Niramaya, is literally, a rejuvenation of the body through returning oneself to nature, a boutique sanctuary of exclusive villas set amongst 15 hectares of gardens in Australia's tropical north. Have a workout in the gym, or unwind with a few laps in the 30m infinity edge pool. For something more relaxing, disappear in the pages of a book or indulge in a soothing massage or facial in the privacy of your own villa, Niramaya is luxurious and intensely private. A short stroll takes you to the coconut fringed sands of Four Mile Beach - and leads all the way to the chic village of Port Douglas where the region's famous cuisine, culture and character awaits.

Room rates from \$855 per villa per night



Daintree Eco Lodge

This unique boutique accommodation is nestled in the heart of the World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest and offers 15 eco-friendly 'bayans' (treehouses) immersed in the canopy. Boasting majestic Bull Kauri trees, a private waterfall and dedicated walks. The Daintree Ecolodge is the perfect destination to reconnect with nature and the people you love. Believed to be over 180 million years old, and the oldest tropical lowland rainforest on Earth, the Daintree Rainforest is a rare jewel in the crown of Mother Nature, where lush tropical rainforest meets sweeping white sand beaches and fringing coral reefs. The Ecolodge features a main lodge with a bar, a rainforest restaurant and dining area overlooking the onsite lagoon, the Daintree Wellness Spa, an inviting swimming pool, private and pristine onsite waterfall and swimming hole and a multitude of quiet areas amongst the lush tropical rainforest to relax and unwind. Fresh, clean water from the purest source combined with organic, healthy foods guarantee an uplifting and sustainable getaway.

Room rates from \$380 per room per night



Mount Mulligan Lodge

This luxury outback lodge is situated on a secluded, entirely private 28,000-hectare working cattle station and heritage site, offering boutique accommodation in the shadow of majestic Mount Mulligan. The main pavilion is a generous, luxurious take on pastoral living, with its shimmering roof, high ceilings, recycled timber beams and lavish camp-style chairs. Here guests enjoy exceptional locally sourced, caught and foraged seasonal dishes accented with native and bush foods, and complemented with boutique Australian wines. Four pavilions accommodate a maximum of 16 guests. Guests are immersed in the region's rich coal and gold rush history through daily excursions. Experiences include a 4WD safari to one of the country's most productive historical goldmines, fishing for Barramundi, stargazing, sunset drinks overlooking the escarpment, scenic helicopter flights, wildlife spotting, signature dining and chef-prepared gourmet picnic hampers.

Room rates from \$1700 per room per night



Sunshine Coast

Pristine beaches, tropical rainforests and fresh local seafood is what the Sunshine Coast is renowned for. It is not all sand and surf. Hidden amongst the surrounding hills are quaint villages nestled inside a lush tropical rainforest. The region is a place where you will feel like a local from the moment you arrive.

From sun-kissed surfers to bohemian artists, there is no shortage of friendly people with easy smiles. It's no surprise they are happy, as the region enjoys a subtropical climate with plenty of warmth – in fact an average of 300 days of sunshine per year. This guarantees a big sunny welcome!

Hot Tips:

Visit the atmospheric Glass House Mountains, named by Captain James Cook after the glass furnaces of Yorkshire.



Netanya Noosa

Escape to laid-back luxury in the heart of Noosa. With direct access and views over Noosa Main Beach, Netanya is a haven for laid-back luxury. Open the gate and step straight on to Noosa Main Beach or find yourself just footsteps away from National Park walks and the boutique shopping and dining of Hastings Street. From studio apartments right through to three-bedroom villas Netanya Noosa is privileged to be positioned on some of the best beachfront in Noosa, if not Australia. Perfect for couples, families or even solo travellers, each beautifully-appointed room has a personality all of its own and comes complete with generous amenities, spacious comfort and thoughtful extras.

Room rates from \$399 per night



Eumarella Shores Noosa Lake Retreat

Located only minutes from the very best of Noosa, this lakeside retreat offers a choice of beautiful self-contained luxury accommodation options. Choose from an intimate and romantic cottage designed exclusively for couples or, if there are more of you, opt for a luxurious and spacious Lake House for a group of up to six people. Enjoy the great outdoors with a bush walk in the surrounding nature reserve, explore Lake Weyba in a complimentary canoe, or head to some of Australia's favourite beaches - all only minutes away from your accommodation. This eco-certified retreat is ideally located close enough to all of the attractions, but far enough away from the crowds to ensure peace and privacy.

Room rates from \$350 per night



Spicers Clovelly Estate

Set on a gentle rise in the tranquil Sunshine Coast Hinterland hills, Spicers Clovelly Estate offers French inspired luxury in a wonderfully charming and relaxed atmosphere. The French call it joie de vivre, a feeling that life isn't just good, it's something to be embraced and enjoyed every day. It's a feeling you'll appreciate from the moment you pass between the grand figs, shaded jacarandas and groves of magnolias and gardenias that frame the stunning French-provincial architecture of the main guest house. Spicers Clovelly Estate is the ideal place to celebrate everything that's special in life.

Room rates from \$479 per night



Glass on Glasshouse

Situated in the Glass House Mountains in the scenic Sunshine Coast Hinterland, Glass On Glasshouse is a stylish and romantic country retreat designed specifically for couples. Located just 45 minutes from Brisbane, these luxury and secluded cottages are an ideal honeymoon retreat or a perfect romantic getaway for those looking to escape the city. Beautifully designed, the three freestanding cottages have two walls of floor to ceiling glass windows and an open plan living space that creates the impression of outdoor living - allowing not only natural light to enter but also the stunning views of both Mount Beerwah and Mount Coonowrin.

Room rates from \$340 per night



Gold Coast

The Gold Coast's star attraction is its beaches, including the world-renowned stretch of sand at Surfers Paradise. Beyond the beaches, discover laid-back neighbourhoods, a booming culinary scene and the Gold Coast's famous theme parks. And be sure to leave enough time for a trip into the subtropical Hinterland for rainforest walks and waterfalls.

Hot Tips:

Take a surfing lesson at Australia's legendary surfing hero Cheyne Horan's School of Surf



Palazzo Versace

It's almost 20 years since Palazzo Versace opened its doors on Australia's Gold Coast as the world's first fashion-branded hotel and the epitome of glamour and luxury. A refurbishment of the 200-room hotel has toned down some of the over-the-top glitz, while retaining the opulence it is famed for. From the intricate pebble mosaic in the porte cochere — hand-laid by six elderly tilers brought in from Italy along with the stones — to the towering marble Roman columns and vaulted ceilings hand-detailed in gold, this is Versace all the way.

A Medusa mosaic set into the gleaming Italian marble floors greets new arrivals, and the lobby centrepiece is a massive chandelier that once graced the State Library of Milan. Guest corridors are lined with arty fashion photography of famous faces including Paris Hilton, Linda Evangelista, and The Rolling Stones.

Yes, it's a palace.

Room rates from \$325 per night



Spicers Peak Lodge

Offering a wilderness experience like no other, this architecturally designed lodge is an eclectic mix of contemporary and classic design, and has been created with its stunning natural environment in mind. Century old Scottish blue stone and recycled timber, along with signature design elements, bespoke furnishings and local landscape photography add a touch of style and sophistication to the relaxing ambience. With ten luxurious suites and two Private Lodges, Spicers Peak Lodge serves as an intimate and relaxing accommodation experience. All meals and beverages, including the celebrated tasting menu are included at The Peak Restaurant where guests experience privacy, intimacy and very high levels of service at the 2 chef hatted restaurant.

Created around the paddock to plate philosophy, the menu features the very best from the property and the region. Enjoy experiences such as guided nature walks, guided mountain bike adventures, 4WD discovery tours, night nocturnal walks, yoga and local history presentations. With ten eco-systems represented onsite, guests can spot iconic Australian native animals including the rare glossy black cockatoo, bushy tail rock wallaby, kangaroo, dingo and koala.

Room rates from \$1349 per night



Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat

In a world of busy, Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat stands apart as the wellness destination to soothe your soul and inspire you to live a healthier life. Ecotourism certified, connect with supportive professionals who will teach you resilience in the modern world, and choose how much or how little you wish to do. A health retreat stay here combines organic living, spa, movement and relaxation with delicious organic cuisine and vital wellness seminars in a dedicated low tech environment. Fully Inclusive packages are from two to seven days in length. Gwinganna provides scenic views of the coast and surrounding valleys and a casual relaxed atmosphere. Located in the beautiful Tallebudgera Valley in Queensland.

2 night Packages from \$1120 per person



Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort

The epitome of luxury when it opened three decades ago, the Mirage remains the only absolute beachfront resort on the Gold Coast. A favourite with Australians, it retains much of its charm along with some of the largest rooms around. There's an instant visual impact as you enter the wide-open lobby, looking past the lounge area and the cascading fountain through the windows to the pool area, palm trees and the beach beyond. The sense of space is wonderful, with high ceilings adding to the effect. It's all white, bright and minimalist. Two wings of this four-storey resort create a horseshoe effect, with fountains, pools, gardens and terraces in the centre, opening out through a gate to the beach (patrolled year-round). Floor-to-ceiling windows on all the public areas of the resort and the use of extensive water features, lagoons, and waterfalls add to the holiday atmosphere. The resort is linked by a pedestrian overpass to the upmarket Marina Mirage shopping plaza on the other side of the street.

Room rates from \$269 per night

Specials!

New Queensland promotions are coming out daily.
We have access to these and we are happy to forward these to you for your
specific travel dates.

Please do ask us for more information!



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