

# WELCOME TO THE GOLD COAST

As a city that boasts 300 days of beautiful sunshine, unmatched stretches of white sandy beaches, breath-taking landscapes and skylines, as well as the local's best kept secret, the Hinterland, it's not surprising why many flock to experience the Gold Coast - Australia's premier leisure and events destination. From the iconic Surfers Paradise and theme parks to the thriving dining scene, shopping, surfing and rich offering of arts, culture, accommodation and attractions, we welcome you to experience it all. With much to see and do, visitor centres located in both Coolangatta and Surfers Paradise are also available to help you make the most of your stay - just ask the friendly staff.



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**COME AND PLAY IN AUSTRALIA'S FAVOURITE PLAYGROUND**  
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**Brisbane Airport**  
 1 hour drive from Surfers Paradise

**Tamborine Mountain**

**HINTERLAND**  
 40 minute drive from Surfers Paradise

**Lamington National Park**

**Springbrook National Park**

## TRANSPORT

Seamless accessibility is all yours with a city that gives you metropolitan infrastructure with boutique city benefits. With smooth connectivity from two international airports, train and light rail services backed up by an abundance of transfer options, you'll find getting just about anywhere is a breeze.

### TWO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

**Gold Coast International Airport:** 30 minute drive to Surfers Paradise  
**Brisbane International Airport:** 60 minute drive to Surfers Paradise

### TRAIN AND LIGHT RAIL SERVICES

Connecting train journey from Brisbane Airport into Gold Coast city centre. Find out more at [airtrain.com.au](http://airtrain.com.au)

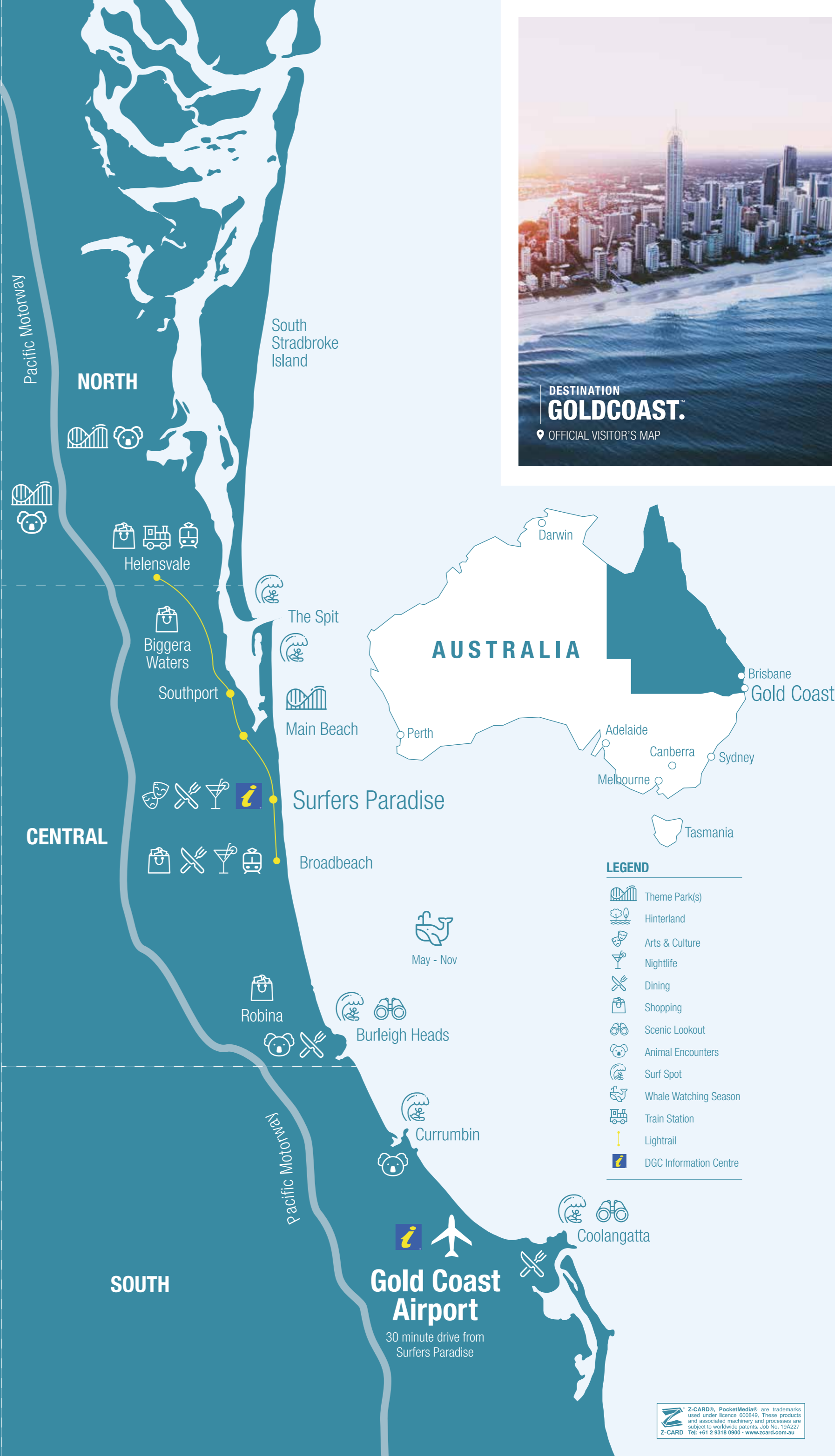
### Gold Coast light rail (G:Link)

19 major stops around the Gold Coast with frequent services running 7 days per week. The go explore card is designed for use on Translink bus, train and tram services with multiple day passes available.

Find out more at [translink.com.au](http://translink.com.au)

### TRANSFERS AND CAR HIRE

You'll find every mode of transport you'll need on the Gold Coast with coaches, buses, luxury transfers, taxis and Uber options easily arranged. With hotels and venues in close proximity to restaurants, activities and the beach, it's a compact city that invites you to live like a local and readily explore what's on offer.



- LEGEND**
- Theme Park(s)
  - Hinterland
  - Arts & Culture
  - Nightlife
  - Dining
  - Shopping
  - Scenic Lookout
  - Animal Encounters
  - Surf Spot
  - Whale Watching Season
  - Train Station
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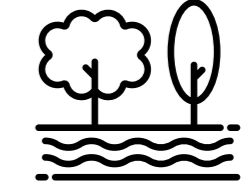
## BEACHES

With an expansive 57km of unparalleled coastline from the Broadwater in the city's Northern region to Coolangatta beach in the South, broken up by a few forested headlands, national parks and stellar blue-water estuaries in-between, the Gold Coast is truly like no other. Bask in the sand and have fun in the sun in the year-round balmy weather, or take a dip and try your hand at the many watersports on offer like stand-up paddle boarding (SUPing), surfing, kayaking, snorkelling and much more – all thanks to Australia's favourite playground.



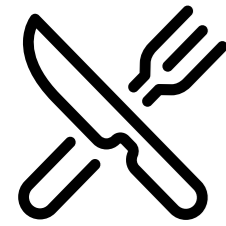
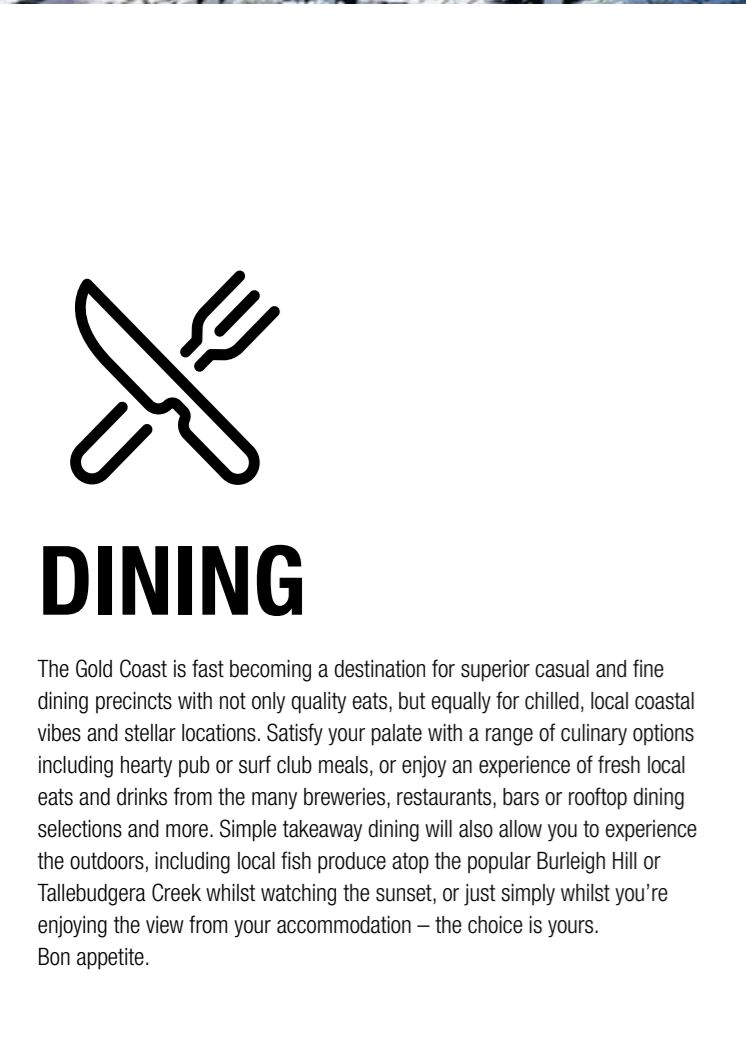
## ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Australia is known for its many cute and cuddly native friends like the bilby, koala, wombat, emu, platypus, wallaby and kangaroo. With many of these species inhabiting open woodlands and reserves across the Gold Coast, the city is also proud to be home to several coastal conservation and rehabilitation precincts and parks – most of which offer unforgettable up close and personal experiences. Popular animal encounter hot spots include Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Sea World, Paradise Country, David Fleay Wildlife Park, and Dreamworld's Tiger Island. When visiting popular coastal viewpoints like Burleigh Headland or the Broadwater located at Main Beach, you may even be fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of migrating humpback whales in the cooler months, between June and November each year.



## HINTERLAND

Just a short drive from the beach, get in touch with nature in the World Heritage listed Gondwana Rainforests, the most extensive subtropical rainforest in the world. To experience the pristine beauty of the lush rainforest in a safe and exciting way, head to Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk – a 1.5km rainforest walking experience which includes the Skywalk Bridge, and the Cedar Creek Viewing Platform – joined by a winding pathway along the canopy floor. Discover Mount Tamborine village with its European ambience, bed and breakfasts, wineries, and cheese factories. Awe-inspiring waterfalls like Purling Brook Falls and Cougal Cascades, as well as bushwalks (for all fitness levels) call these national parks home.



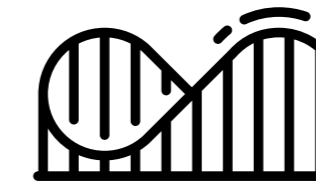
## DINING

The Gold Coast is fast becoming a destination for superior casual and fine dining precincts with not only quality eats, but equally for chilled, local coastal vibes and stellar locations. Satisfy your palate with a range of culinary options including hearty pub or surf club meals, or enjoy an experience of fresh local eats and drinks from the many breweries, restaurants, bars or rooftop dining selections and more. Simple takeaway dining will also allow you to experience the outdoors, including local fish produce atop the popular Burleigh Hill or Talebudgera Creek whilst watching the sunset, or just simply whilst you're enjoying the view from your accommodation – the choice is yours. Bon appetite.



## NIGHTLIFE

The famous glitter strip of Surfers Paradise is the hub for entertainment, but not as you may know it. The redefined, vibrant precinct of Cavill Avenue in Surfers Paradise invites families, locals and travellers alike to enjoy a large range of dining options, as well as live music, attractions and all-round good times. In recent years, this dining and entertainment offering has grown exponentially across the Coast, spanning from Sanctuary Cove in the North, right down to the outdoor dining and rooftop eateries of Burleigh, Palm Beach and Coolangatta in the South. Many of which open early and stay open until late.



## THEME PARKS

Many great childhood memories of the sunny Gold Coast often involve a theme park or two – from the thrill of the rides to the smell of fresh popcorn and fairy floss, there's always a great day to be had. As both Australia's and the Southern Hemisphere's most concentrated number of the biggest and best collection of theme parks, creating great memories on the Gold Coast is as good as guaranteed. Explore Dreamworld, Movie World, Wet 'N' Wild, Sea World and the US newcomer, Toppool, where cafes, treats, merchandise, adrenaline thrilling rides, animal encounters, water slides and experiences are plentiful and the fun is endless.

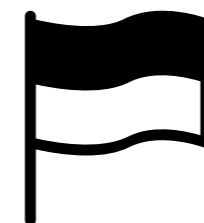


## SHOPPING

Shopping on the Gold Coast reflects the city's relaxed coastal lifestyle and aesthetic with eclectic boutiques, high-end designers, expansive metro and regional shopping and outlet centres and lively, local markets dotting the coastline – there is something for everyone.

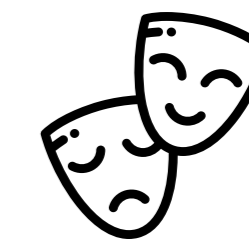
World class shopping precincts Pacific Fair and Harbour Town both offer free shuttle services which can pick you up and drop you off – with all your shopping. Both can be conveniently booked online.

The city's light rail, G-link tram services run daily from Helensvale to Broadbeach South, with a variety of Translink bus services and hire transport options also available for you to make the most of your shopping adventures.



## SAFETY

The Gold Coast has some of Australia's most celebrated and awarded swimming beaches, secluded coves and surfing spots. Wherever you are along the Gold Coast's vast coastline and rolling surf and sand, our iconic lifeguards and volunteer lifesavers will be patrolling a spot close by. Be sure to look for them when choosing your place on the beach in the warmer months, and always swim between the red and yellow flags. Accessibility beach mats are also available for wheelchairs at a number of popular beach locations including Southport Broadwater Parklands and Burleigh Heads Mowbray Park Surf Life Saving Club. Please contact the relevant surf lifesaving club or community group for more information or to book.



## ARTS & CULTURE

The Gold Coast is overflowing with creatives and history and it's certainly making a mark on this beautiful city. From street art murals bringing colour to concrete and live performances bringing music and open mic forums to public spaces, it's easy to get involved in the Coast's arts and cultural movement. Immerse yourself in popular art spaces, like 19 Karen – the largest contemporary art gallery on the Gold Coast, and arts and cultural meccas like HOTA, Home of the Arts at Bundall. Alternatively, head South to Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Burleigh Heads to learn the culture of the region's first inhabitants at the magical mountain, Jellurgal – known to locals as Burleigh Headland.