



Here on the Gold Coast, we've returned to work feeling refreshed after the Christmas, New Year, and Lunar New Year celebrations, ready to embrace an incredible 2025!

As we step into the Year of the Snake - a time of transformation, wisdom, and calculated progress - the Gold Coast is gearing up for an exciting year ahead. We have a number of new openings, which we look forward to sharing with you throughout 2025.

Together, let's make this a year to remember by creating amazing memories for your clients in our beautiful city!

NEW OPENINGS

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The Wizard of Oz™ Precinct

Experience the Magic at the newly opened world first The Wizard of Oz™ Precinct at Warner Bros. Movie World! Enjoy thrilling family-friendly rides like Flight of the Wicked Witch—a suspended coaster soaring at 67km/h—and Kansas Twister, a high-speed racer reaching 58km/h. With low height restrictions, it's fun for all ages!



Rivertown

Dreamworld's Rivertown is the ultimate jungle adventure! Cruise through ancient relics on Murrissippi Motors, conquer thrills on the world-first Jungle Rush coaster, and dine at Jane's Rivertown Restaurant, where delicious meals meet playful jungle vibes. Immerse yourself in this unforgettable escape into the wild!



Pat's Farm Chalets

The owners of O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat have transformed former dairy farmland into Pat's Farm, an exclusive eco-luxury escape in Lamington National Park. Featuring six off-grid chalets with private plunge pools, fire pits, and high-end amenities, this serene retreat blends luxury with nature while honoring the property's rich history.



Norté and Sueño

The visionary team behind Rick Shores has unveiled Norté and Sueño in the Oxley 1823 precinct. Offering Latin American-inspired cuisine and drinks, Norté features a custom hearth-focused menu, while Sueño specializes in ceviches and tortillas. Highlights include rare tequilas, mezcal, and a 150-bottle wine list showcasing regional flavors.

MARKET ACTIVITY

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If you see us at the following events, ensure you call past and say hi!

- Gold Coast and Tourism Tropical North Queensland Mission Feb25 to Japan (Tokyo, Nagoya & Osaka)
- Queensland is Calling - Greater China - 27 Feb-4 Mar
- Experience Gold Coast Taipei Mission - 6-7 March
- Queensland Showcase – Sydney – 11-12 March
- Experience Gold Coast Hamilton Roadshow - 17 March
- Queensland is Calling - New Zealand - 18-20 March
- Experience Gold Coast Dunedin Roadshow - 21 March
- Australian Tourism Exchange - Brisbane - 27 April - 1 May

HOT OFF THE PRESS

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- **Selling Australia** -was recently published online and 13,000 copies distributed across the UK to retail travel agents, tour operator reservation and contracting departments who promote and book Australia. Our Gold Coast Guide was featured on page 5 to inspire and encourage UK travel agents to include the Gold Coast as part of their clients' itineraries.
- **26 Hatted Restaurants** - The Australian Good Food Guide (AGFG) has awarded Chef Hats to 26 Gold Coast restaurants for 2025. These accolades recognise exceptional culinary standards highlighting the Gold Coast's vibrant and diverse dining scene.

AVIATION UPDATE

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HKG-OOL

After six years, Hong Kong Airlines has resumed services to the Gold Coast, delivering 5,000 seats for Lunar New Year celebrations. Operating four-times a week from 17 January to 15 February 2025.



SIN-BNE

From 16 June, Singapore Airlines will operate four daily flights to Brisbane, increasing weekly services from 25 to 28 and restoring pre-pandemic capacity.

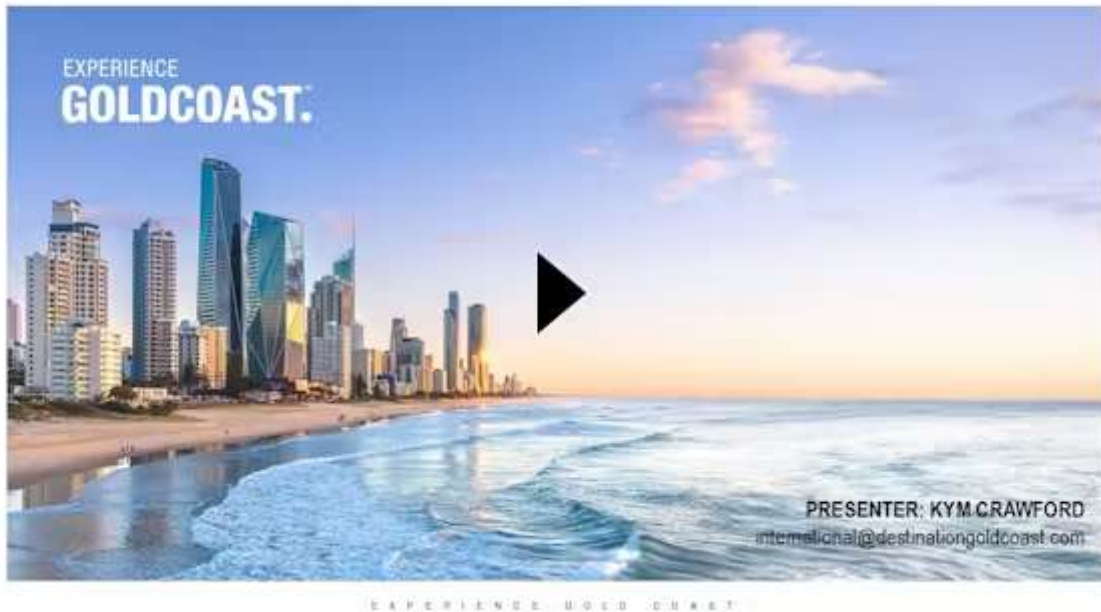


BRISBANE AIRPORT NET ZERO MILESTONE

Brisbane Airport is now powered by 100% renewable-backed electricity, becoming Australia's first airport to achieve Net Zero emissions (Scope 1 & 2). This sustainability milestone ensures nearly 25 million passengers can travel with minimal environmental impact.

GOLD COAST AGENT WEBINAR

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Experience Gold Coast acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are situated, the Kombumerri families of the Yugambeh Language Region. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, and recognise their continuing connections to the lands, waters and their extended communities throughout Southeast Queensland.

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