

## GOLDEN BEACHES TO COUNTRY MUSIC



### Highlights

- Go on a whale-watching cruise
- Get close up with the Australian wildlife
- Visit fun-filled Theme Parks
- Enjoy Australia's entertainment
- Visit Sydney Opera House, bridge and harbour
- Discover breathtaking coastlines
- See the Big Guitar in Tamworth

#### Day 1: Brisbane

**Distance:** 0 Kms **Time:** 0 Hours

- **Morning:** Start your day exploring leafy **South Bank**, where you can stroll by the river, relax at a café, or dip your feet in Australia's only street beach. Don't miss a ride on the **Giant Observation Wheel** for sweeping city views.
- **Afternoon:** Head to the **Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary** to cuddle a **koala** and meet Australia's native wildlife. Or, take the family to the Australia Zoo, home to the famous Irwin family, for a fun and educational afternoon.
- **Evening:** Return to South Bank to unwind with dinner by the river or enjoy a leisurely evening walk as the city lights reflect on the water.
- **Where to stay:** Brisbane North Holiday Stays. 1432 Gympie Rd, Aspley QLD 4034. Powered Site.

#### Day 2: Gold Coast

**Distance:** 78 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour

- **Morning:** Start your day with a refreshing swim at one of the Gold Coast's pristine patrolled beaches, soaking up the sunshine and coastal views.
- **Afternoon:** Explore **Pacific Fair**, the region's premier shopping complex, or enjoy the fun and excitement of nearby theme parks like Movie World, Sea World, Dreamworld, or Wet 'n' Wild.
- **Evening:** Unwind at Broadbeach or Surfers Paradise, and finish the day with dinner and entertainment at **Jupiter's Casino** or a relaxing seaside stroll.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Treasure Island Holiday Resort, Gold Coast, 117 Brisbane Rd, Biggera Waters QLD 4216. Powered Site.

#### Day 3: Byron Bay

**Distance:** 94 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour

- **Morning:** Start your day soaking up the natural beauty of Byron Bay. Take a **surf lesson** or relax on one of its white sandy beaches under the warm coastal sun.
- **Afternoon:** Get a bird's-eye view of the region with **Byron Bay Ballooning**, or unwind at one of the town's renowned wellness centres for a rejuvenating treatment.
- **Evening:** Explore the iconic Byron Bay Lighthouse at sunset, then snorkel in the crystal-clear waters where you might spot sea turtles gliding by.
- **Where to stay:** Ingenia Holidays Byron Bay, Unit 5/37 Broken Head Rd, Byron Bay NSW 2481. Powered Site.

#### Day 4: Coffs Harbour

**Distance:** 240 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours

- **Morning:** Start with a harbour stroll, then visit The **Forest Sky Pier** at Sealy Lookout for stunning mountain and coastline views.
- **Afternoon:** Grab a photo at the **Big Banana**, then see dolphins at Dolphin Marine Magic or browse the Bellingen Markets for local food and music.
- **Evening:** Unwind by the harbour, enjoying dinner and sunset views over the water before heading back to your campsite for the evening to rest.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Park Beach Holiday Park, 1 Ocean Parade, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450. Powered Site.

### Day 5: Tamworth

**Distance:** 300 Kms **Time:** 4 Hours

- **Morning:** Start your day in Tamworth, Australia's country music capital, with a visit to the **Big Golden Guitar Tourist Centre**.
- **Afternoon:** Explore the **Walk a Country Mile Museum** to discover Tamworth's musical heritage, then enjoy a picnic at the **Tamworth Regional Botanic Gardens**.
- **Evening:** Relax in town and take in Tamworth's country charm, with local dining or live music to end your day.
- **Where to stay:** Tamworth Holiday Park, 612/628 Goonoo Goonoo Rd, Tamworth NSW 2340. Powered Site.



*The Big Golden Guitar*

### Day 6: Newcastle

**Distance:** 281 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start your day walking around the scenic port area, watching giant freight ships enter the harbour and enjoying the coastal views.
- **Afternoon:** Visit **Darby Street's** galleries and shops, or catch a performance at the Art Deco Civic Centre. Don't miss a tour of **Fort Scratchley Historic Site** to learn about Newcastle's rich history.
- **Evening:** Dine at one of Newcastle's cosmopolitan restaurants, soaking up the city's vibrant nightlife and harbour atmosphere.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Stockton Beach Holiday Park, 3 Pitt St, Stockton NSW 2295. Powered Site.

### Day 7: Sydney

**Distance:** 160 Kms **Time:** 2 Hour

- **Morning:** Begin your day with a cruise on **Sydney Harbour**, gliding past the Harbour Bridge and Opera House to take in Sydney's most iconic sights.
- **Afternoon:** Spend the afternoon at Manly or Bondi Beach, soaking up the surf culture, then enjoy a meal at The Rocks or a whale-watching cruise from the harbour. Make sure to return your campervan to the branch before 3.30!



*Sydney Harbour Bridge*

### Packing List For Your Golden Beaches road trip

Get a taste of both country and tropical lifestyle on this diverse 7 day itinerary that guides you down the popular East Coast of Australia. Our packing guide for your road trip:

- Beach towels
- Swimwear
- Beach entertainment (buckets, volleyball, cricket, etc)
- Appropriate footwear (thongs for beaches, sneakers for walking)
- Sun hat
- Sunscreen
- Camera/phone + chargers
- Light backpack (to carry food + water bottle)
- Personalised first aid kit (insect repellent, medications, band-aids, etc)
- Mixture of clothing for different weather/activities

*Have a great trip!*

