

Regional Profiles

Port Douglas/Mossman region

Port Douglas and Mossman are towns in Far North QLD separated by 15km. Located about 70 Km north of Cairns, Port Douglas is a tourist hot spot boasting beautiful 4-Mile beach and many excellent restaurants. Though Mossman is also a popular place for tourists to visit, its population is more consistent and the industry that supports this town is sugar cane.



Top 5 activities to do while on placement in Port Douglas/Mossman

- Go on a trip to the reef to snorkel or scuba
- Walk along beautiful Four Mile Beach
- Visit the Mossman Gorge for a tour and a swim
- Attend the Port Douglas Sunday Market
- Have a beer at Sunset at the Court House Hotel

Cassowary Coast region

Tully and Mission beach are coastal towns in Far North QLD separated by 30Km and located about 140Km south of Cairns. The area is Australia's premier banana-growing region and a well know cane-growing region. The area is known as the Cassowary Coast, being named after the large iconic flightless bird that inhabits the area.



Top 5 activities to do while on placement in the Cassowary Coast

- Go on a trip to the reef to snorkel or scuba
- Skydive Mission Beach
- Walk along beautiful Mission Beach
- Catch some live music and eat some "sliders" at The Garage Bar and Grill, Mission Beach
- Take a tour of the Tully Sugar Mill

Whitsunday region

The Whitsunday Region is located 125 km north of Mackay and is one of the gateways to the Great Barrier Reef. It is renowned for its tropical islands, including Daydream, Lindeman, Hayman and Hamilton Islands, beautiful national parks and sunny climate, which attract thousands of visitors to the region each year. Airlie Beach represents the main tourist hub of the region, home to the Abel Point and Shute Harbour Marinas that host an array of motor and sailing boat tours to the surrounding Whitsunday Islands. Bowen, situated in the north-eastern coast of the region, is known for its award winning beaches, delicious mangoes and picturesque golf course.



Top 5 activities to do while on placement in the Whitsundays

- Go on a trip to the reef to snorkel or scuba
- Visit the magnificent Whitehaven Beach – always in lists of the top 10 beaches in the world
- Visit Daydream Island or Hamilton island on a day trip
- Speak to a foreigner –Airlie Beach is a popular backpacker haven
- Swim in the fabulous beachfront free public Airlie Beach swimming lagoon pool

Capricorn Coast region

Yeppoon is the principal town on the Capricorn Coast, being the largest of a string of seaside communities stretching more than 150Km from North to South. It is renowned for its beaches, tropical climate and island views. Gracemere is located just west of Rockhampton. It is known for its links to the beef industry and proximity to the mining industry. It is a close and friendly community, and the home town of Anna Meares, world champion track cyclist.



Top 5 activities to do while on placement in the Capricorn Coast

- Visit Cooberrie Park Wildlife Sanctuary and hold a koala, or a crocodile
- Go sailing on beautiful Keppel Bay
- Go for a walk down the Bluff Point Walking track
- Go on a Free Spirit Trike Tour
- Play a round of golf at the Capricorn Resort Golf Club

Sunshine Coast region

The Sunshine Coast is a collection of beachside towns, great surf spots, and friendly coffee shops, framed by the Sunshine Coast hinterland with its rolling green hills and magnificent walking and riding trails. From relaxed Coolum Beach, one can head north to stylish Noosa which boasts the twin gems of protected Main Beach and beautiful Noosa River, or west towards the luscious rolling green hills of Pomona and Cooroy.



Top 5 activities to do while on placement in the Sunshine Coast

- Have a surfing lesson
- Hire a boat to sail or cruise the Noosa River
- Have a meal and a refreshment at the Noosa Heads or Coolum Beach Surf Club
- Walk or run through the Noosa National Park to Hell's Gates – maybe find a koala!
- Enjoy the shopping and food and café culture of Hastings St, Noosa

Byron Bay region

Byron Bay is a picturesque beachside community in Northern NSW. Its beautiful beaches and laid back lifestyle attracts all types from the rich and famous to its fair share of free spirited hippies. While Byron can get very busy at different times of the year, it does very well to maintain a small town feel.

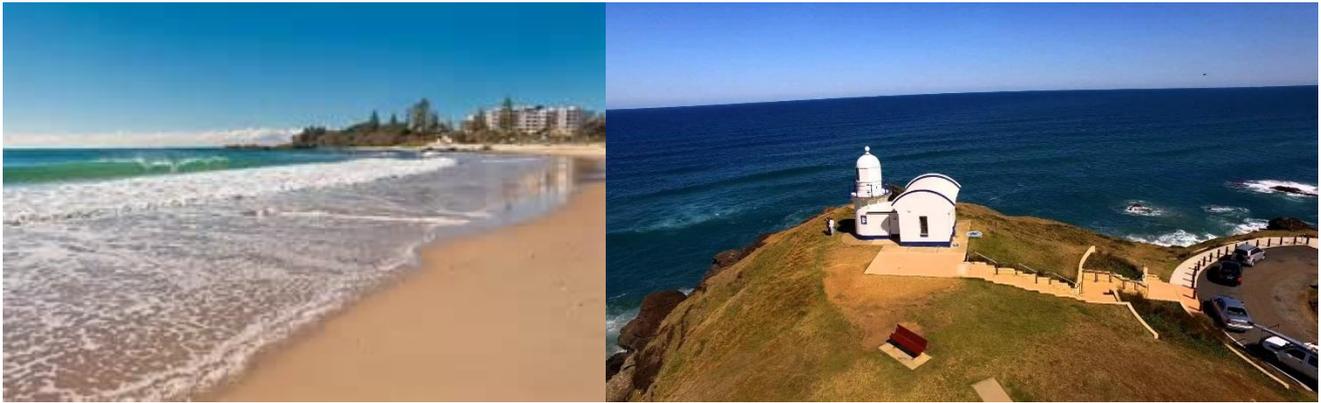


Top 5 activities to do while on placement in Byron Bay

- Have a surfing lesson
- Walk the lighthouse trail to Cape Byron Lighthouse
- Catch a band at the Byron Bay Beach Hotel
- Take a kayak tour from the beach to find the friendly local dolphins
- Speak to a foreigner –Byron is a backpacker magnet

Port Macquarie

Port Macquarie is a popular holiday and retirement destination with a string of beautiful beaches and extensive waterways. It is 400 km north of Sydney, and 250 km north of Newcastle.



Top 5 activities to do while on placement in Port Macquarie

- Visit the Koala hospital
- Do the Coastal walk
- Visit Tacking Point Lighthouse
- Visit Ricardoes Tomatoes and U-Pick Strawberry Farm
- Have a freshly brewed beer at the Black Duck Brewery