

Population

470,000

Internet

www.verygc.com
www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au
www.bestofthegoldcoast.com.au

Publications

The Gold Coast Bulletin
The Gold Coast Sun
Gold Coast Mail

Emergency numbers

Call 000 for any emergency
Poisons information: 13 11 26
Lifeline: 13 11 14

Tourist Office

Surfers Paradise Visitor
Information Centre
Cavill Avenue, Surfers
Paradise
Tel: (07) 5538 4419
Open Monday to Friday
08.30-17.30, Saturday
08.30-17.00 and Sunday
09.00-16.00
www.goldcoasttourism.com.au

GOLD COAST



Surfer's Paradise beach on the Gold Coast.

WELCOME TO THE GOLD COAST

The Gold Coast is known as the party hub of southern Queensland and is blessed with around 300 days of sun a year. The region is renowned for its world-class beaches, waterfront properties and endless lists of leisure activities. Adding to the thrilling Gold Coast experience is the vast rainforest hinterland surrounding the region offering breathtaking scenery with wildlife experiences.

THE CITY

This is where it happens. Excitement, the thrill and the sun lure at every street corner and on every wave along the 70 km of white sand beaches. The region is the theme park capital of Australia offering plenty of hours (or even days) of fun for those seeking experiences of adrenalin kicking rides, sea animals and local wildlife. Surfers Paradise in the north has round-the-clock entertainment with glitz, glamour and heaps of nightclubs and shops. Coolangatta and Tweed Heads in the south have some of Australia's best breaks and the area is increasingly becoming more popular with surfers. Less than an hour's drive away from the beautiful beaches you will find the Gold Coast Hinterland. Here you can follow miles of walking tracks to explore the subtropical rainforest, its stunning sights and angelic waterfalls. But all across the region there are plenty of things to do or see to excite your holiday, so indulge yourself in the Gold Coast!

DO & SEE

Warner Bros. Movie World

Gold Coast's Movie World is the major film production centre in Queensland and is the third largest film production centre in Australia.

Price: \$62 (adults), \$40 (children)
Address: Pacific Mtwy, Oxenford
Stop: Helensvale Station, Tel: (07) 5573 8485
www.movieworld.com.au

The Q1 building

The Q1 building is a popular destination for tourists and locals alike. The observation deck at level 77 and 78 offers exceptional views in all directions.

Price: \$17.50 (adults), \$10 (children)
Address: Surfers Paradise Blvd, Surfers Paradise
Tel: (07) 5630 4700, www.q1observationdeck.com.au



The Q1 tower is the highest residential building in the world.

Theme Parks

Check out the adrenaline shocks, the wildlife or fantasy rides, at the Australian Outback Spectacular, Dreamworld, David Fleays Wildlife Park, Paradise Country, Sea World, the Wet'n'Wild Water World and the new White Water World. To save money, get the Three Pass Supersaver from the Gold Coast tourism office.

Price: from \$30-70 adults (usually includes all rides)
www.theme-parks.com.au
www.epa.qld.gov.au/nature_conservation/wildlife/
david_fleay_wildlife_park

Surfing and Kite-surfing

Some of the world's best surfing beaches are here on the Gold Coast – every day there are rideable waves somewhere along the coast both for the experienced and for the beginners. Kite-surfing is also a popular and fun sport on this beach. For beginners' lessons or kit rental,

contact: www.pureaqua.com.au
www.surfaris.com
www.australiansurfer.com

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Forest, lakes and native animals in

beautiful scenery. It is fantastic to observe tree kangaroos, koalas and birds from the elevated walkways.

Price: \$29.50 (adults) \$19.50 (children)
Address: Tomewin St, Currumbin Beach
Bus: 700, 760 & 765
Tel: (07) 5534 1266
www.cws.org.au

Burleigh Head National Park

Climb the park's highest point – an ancient volcano – to see the 20km of unbroken white beach stretching far into the distance – what a sight!

Address: 1711 Gold Coast Hwy, Burleigh Heads
Tel: (07) 5535 3032

Gold Coast Art Gallery

Housed in the Gold Coast Arts Centre, the gallery has an impressive collection of Australian art. The arts centre also hosts major performances and cultural events.

Address: 135 Bundall Rd
Tel: (07) 5581 6567, www.gcac.com.au

South Stadbrooke Island

The tranquil beaches of the narrow and 20km long South Stadbrooke Island are a treat. It is worth exploring the wildlife of the island on a guided kayaking tour.

Price for guided tour with Eco-Adventures: \$65
Tel: (04) 1294 0135
www.australiankayakingadventures.com.au

Tamborine Mountain

This national park is an attractive escape inland from the coast and has picturesque settlements and scenery with waterfalls, teahouses and arts and craft galleries. Various tours are available – ask at the tourist office.

Ripley's Believe It or Not

This oddity museum is great fun so be prepared to be freaked out, amused and bewildered.

Price: \$14.50 (adults), \$8 (children)
Address: Cavill Ave, Surfers Paradise
Tel: (07) 5592 0040



www.ripleys.com.au

5 EATING

The Gold Coast is home to a huge range of places to eat, from beachside cafés and elegant restaurants to charming teahouses in the beautiful hinterland. There are plenty of mid-ranged and budget priced eateries on Cavill Avenue and the Esplanade in Surfers Paradise; while Tedder Avenue and Broadwater offer more upmarket restaurants. Griffith Street in Coolangatta also has many snack bars while Marine Parade has restaurants with views.

EXCLUSIVE

Lemongrass on Tedder

Delicious Thai fare so popular that it's best to book ahead.

*Address: 6/26 Tedder Ave, Main Beach
Tel: (07) 5528 0289*

Melba

This restaurant/nightclub serves Mediterranean style meals – the Moroccan duck is luscious!

*Address: 64 Cavill Ave, Surfers Paradise
Tel: (07) 5592 6922*

www.melba.net.au

Fables Restaurant

Enjoy well-mixed flavours from around the world amongst tropical gardens and cascading waterfalls.

Address: Crn Goldcoast Hwy & Laycock St, Surfers Paradise

Tel: (07) 5588 7888, www.legendshotel.com.au

MID-RANGE

Donto Sapporo

Award winning Japanese restaurant with flavoursome dishes.

Address: 2763 Gold Coast Hwy, Broad Beach

Tel: (07) 5539 9933, www.dontosapporo.com

Bavarian Haus Restaurant

Specialties include German cuisine, grain fed char-grilled steak and fresh seafood served in German-like atmosphere.

Address: 41 Cavill Ave, Surfers Paradise

Tel: (07) 5531 7150, www.bavarianhaus.com.au

Montezuma's

A nice and spicy Mexican restaurant decorated with colourful paper-mâché fiesta dolls.

Address: Old Burleigh Theatre Arcade, Burleigh Heads

Tel: (07) 5535 1973, www.montezumas.com.au

BUDGET

Palm Beach SLC

This surf lifesaving club on the coast offers great value meals.

Address: 7th Ave and Jefferson Ln, Palm Beach

Tel: (07) 5534 2180

Fishmongers

It's one of the best places to get a fish'n'chips – deliciously light batter and crunchy chips!

Address: 7-9 James St, Burleigh Heads

Tel: (07) 5535 2927

Pancakes in Paradise

They have an all-you-can-eat pancake deal offering sweet & savoury pancakes & crepes – mmm!

Address: Cnr Gold Coast Hwy & Clifford St, Surfers Paradise, Tel: (07) 5592 0330

www.aztecmontezuma.com.au/pancakes

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION
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Airport

Gold Coast Airport is located at Coolangatta, 22 kilometres south of Surfers Paradise. Gold Coast Airport has a transport and information desk right outside international arrivals. Tel: (07) 5589 1100
www.goldcoastairport.com.au

To and From the Airport

The Gold Coast Tourist Shuttle meets all flights and takes passengers to Surfers Paradise for \$17.00 – a return ticket costs \$32. To buy tickets in advance online, see www.surfside.com.au.

You can save considerably, though, if you use the free Airport Link shuttle out to the Gold Coast Highway where you can catch bus 700, 760 or 765 into Surfers Paradise for only \$3.90 or to Coolangatta for only \$2.20. Buses go several times an hour all day and night. Taxis are available immediately outside the terminal.

Local traffic

The Gold Coast has a range of public transport options including trains and busses. The local bus operator is Surfside Buslines, which provides regular services and a network covering most locations. Weekly tickets for unlimited travelling with busses are available for between \$17.60–38.40 depending on how many zones you need to travel in. The company also provides shuttle busses between the theme parks.

Citytrain operates a rail line in the hinterland that connects to the Brisbane suburban rail network. The main stations on the Gold Coast are Coomera, Nerang and Robina. www.citytrain.com.au

Ferries and water taxis connect islands and canal estates. Gold Coast Ferries; tel: (04) 1171 1274.

Taxi

Gold Coast Water Taxis: (04) 1875 9789
Regent Taxis: 13 10 08; www.regenttaxi.com.au

Post

Centro Centre
Cavill Avenue Surfers Paradise
Open Monday to Friday 09.00-17.00 and Saturday 09.00-12.00

Pharmacy

Surfers Paradise Day & Night Pharmacy
Holiday Inn Piazza
Tel: (07) 5592 1321

Dentist

Algrove Dental Surgery
Upper Level Dolphin Centre
Tel: (07) 5592 1030 – after hours: (07) 5575 2702

Telephone

Area code: 07