LEGEND

film History & heritage

Mountains

Rainforests

⇔ Snorkelling

Surfing

Turtles

Waterfalls

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ELLIS BEACH, GREAT BARRIER REEF DRIVE

X Whales CHARLOTTE PLAINS, DUTBACK QUEENSLAND LEG 1: Brisbane - Toowoomba (126km) Get your caffeine and culture fix first thing at James St or South Bank, then journey west to Toowoomba, the 'Garden Adventure Way

Brisbane to Adelaide Retrace the tracks of Cobb & Co stagecoaches which once linked the east coast of Queensland with the outback.

and desert, across the border into South Australia. Points of interest · Celebrate Spring at the annual Toowoomba

walk at Thargomindah Great for: ♥ 🏦 🏴 🔏 🍱

Soak in artesian hot springs and mud baths

Carnival of Flowers (September

• Discover Queensland's history along the heritage Iconic landscapes: 😃 🔺 😃

> the banks of the Wilson River. Fall asleep under the stars at a bush campsite near the Dig Tree Reserve on Nappa Merrie Station, before continuing your journey the next day across the border into South Australia.

City'. Here, wander the immaculately tended parks and gardens. Visit in September to experience the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers and see the city at its blooming best. LEG 2: Toowoomba - Dalby (84km) Pack your binoculars and go wildlife spotting at Dalby's Lake Broadwater Conservation Park, home to hundreds of species of birds, plants and frogs. LEG 3: Dalby - St George (303km) Journey through farmland, big sky country Australia's inland fishing capital, and drop a line in the

> famous Balonne River. If fishing doesn't appeal, take a leisurely stroll along the shady riverbank walkway. LEG 4: St George - Cunnamulla (293km direct) As you journey toward Cunnamulla, take a dip at the artesian hot springs at Charlotte Plains Station. The continue on to Cunnamulla, situated on the Warrego River and home to the Cunnamulla Hot Springs - another idyllic spot for relaxation. Plan your visit to coincide with the Cunnamulla Fella Roundup or the Outback River Lights Festival and swap stories with the friendly locals. LEG 5: Cunnamulla - Thargomindah (196km) Experience the tension-relieving artesian mud baths at Eulo before driving on to the historic town of "Thargo". Get a taste of local history at the old Thargomindah Hospital and Leahy Historical House, once home to cattle king Sir Sidney Kidman. LEG 6: Thargomindah - Innamincka (368km **direct)** Refuel at the heritage-listed Noccundra Hotel on

BRISBANE - ADELAIDE For more information visit: queensland.com/drive 2,433km



Leichhardt Way Melbourne to Yeppoon

From the border town of Goondiwindi, this trip travels from the country to the coast before connecting to the waters of the Southern Great Barrier Reef.

· Take a trip back in time and experience pionee life at the Miles Historical Village Museum

Points of interest

· Hike through native wildflowers at Isla Gorge · Unearth gold-mining stories from times gone by

at Mount Morgan Soak up panoramic views of Rockhampton from the Nurim circuit elevated boardwalk in Mount Great for: 🔻 😝 🦯 🤰 🏗 🛣

Iconic landscapes: 🕢 🤘 🚺

experiencing a taste of pioneer life at the Miles Historical LEG 2: Miles - Theodore (224km) Continue north through Taroom, home to a heritagelisted 300-year-old coolabah tree that bears the initials of 19th century explorer Ludwig Leichhardt (who also inspired the name of this route). Hit the highway again to reach beautiful Isla Gorge National Park for a picnic lunch

Start your journey in the border town of Goondiwindi or

the banks of the Macintyre River, and head north through

Moonie, once "the oil capital of Australia". End the day by

LEG 1: Goondiwindi - Miles (224km)

LEG 3: Theodore - Mount Morgan (171km) Refuel in the township of Banana (named after a yellow bullock used by stockmen to help herd wild cattle in the

1860s) en route to Mount Morgan, a small town with a rich history in gold mining. LEG 4: Mount Morgan - Rockhampton (40km) Take a short drive to the historic port town of

Rockhampton. Cast a line and try your luck at barra fishing on the Fitzroy River. Capture the sunset over the city from the Nurim circuit elevated boardwalk at Mount Archer. LEG 5: Rockhampton - Yeppoon (43km) It's time for some R&R at your final destination. Yeppoon. Wander golden sandy beaches and secluded bays, dine at bustling beachfront cafés, cool off at the Yeppoon Lagoon or take a short drive to nearby Byfield National Park.

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Welcome to Queensland

NOOSA HEADS, SUNSHINE COAST

There's no denying it, Queensland is like nowhere else; a diverse state where adventure abounds in every direction. Covering 1,727,000 square km (that's seven times the size of Great Britain) a trip along one of Queensland's iconic highway routes is the stuff travel memories are made of. From last-minute weekend road trips to full-scale multi-week journeys, a Queensland drive holiday offers staggering natural beauty, laidback hospitality and a sense of freedom that's hard to beat. Where else can you connect to the serenity of the outback's vast open spaces and

awe-inspiring night skies, the ancient wonder of World Heritage-listed rainforests and reef, set up camp on a remote tropical beach or spot native wildlife along some of the country's most iconic walking trails. Then there's the sunsets, did we mention the sunsets? Choose a coastal cruise, city adventure, a country escape, an outback



LEG 1: Stanthorpe - Toowoomba (143km direct)

Detour east to see the wildflowers and hike the rock

monoliths of Girraween National Park. Stop for lunch at

or Spicers Peak Lodge in Maryvale, before continuing

LEG 2: Toowoomba - Kingaroy (152km direct)

Drive through national parks from the Valley of Diamonds

gorge in Crows Nest to the palm groves of Ravensbourne.

waterfalls en route to the grape-growing region of South

Burnett - home to the famous Heritage-listed peanut silos of

Kingaroy and some of Queensland's best boutique wineries

Check out the South Burnett Timber Industry Museum

n Wondai before driving on to Gayndah. Straddling the

Burnett River, this is a perfect spot to picnic by the river

explore the Bunya Mountains' ancient rainforests and

LEG 3: Kingaroy - Gayndah (142km)

and buy local citrus and stone fruit in season.

LEG 4: Gayndah - Biloela (246km direct)

LEG 5: Biloela - Rockhampton (144km)

Explore bush culture at the Reginald Murray Williams

Australian Bush Learning Centre before driving on to Biloela

Call in to the rural town of Monto and explore the sandstone

cliffs of Cania Gorge National Park and rainforest-fringed

While in Biloela, uncover stories of the surrounding region

and visit the Queensland Heritage Park, or tour one of the

region's rich gold mining past. Then, jump back on the roa

historical museums at Mount Morgan and unearth the

city's free zoo or see an exhibition at the Rockhampton

on to Toowoomba.

one of the local wineries scattered throughout Stanthorpe

Brisbane

Welcome to Brisbane, Queensland's thriving capital. Embrace vibrant precincts and inner city adventures, all set against stunning natural surrounds. Discover world-class events, amazing arts and cultural experiences, dine at renowned restaurants and rooftop bars, or unwind poolside at a luxurious hotel.

visit.brisbane.qld.au

Australia's Country Way Sydney to Rockhampton

Taste fresher than fresh produce, take a guided winery tour or hike through surprisingly accessible wilderness areas. Travel from the mountains and gorges of the Granite Belt to the rich red earth and grazing lands of Rockhampton.

- · Hike granite boulders and unique rock formations at Girraween National Park and Toowoomba (December - April, depending
- Marvel at ancient bunva pines in the Bunva Mountains National Park
- Explore boutique wineries in the grape-growing regions of Stanthorpe and South Burnett • Enjoy old-fashioned charm in Gayndah, which

claims the title of "Queensland's oldest town" Great for: 🏦 🍴 🦎 😃 🍱 Iconic landscapes: 🔺 🤻 🚹 🧵



1,405km

LEG 1: Cunnamulla - Charleville (199km) Step back in time at the Cunnamulla Fella Visitor Centre and learn about the Great Artesian Basin, the lifeblood of the region. Dip your toes into a modern-day experience a the Cunnamulla Hot Springs. Look to the heavens at the

Charleville Cosmos Centre, or explore the secret WWII US

Head to Tambo, the oldest town in the Central West, Don't

forget to call in to Tambo Teddies and pick up a handmade

bear. Then, head north to the legendary shearing town of

Blackall, where Jackie Howe set a world record in 1892. Take

a guided tour of the Blackall Woolscour to see century-old

Head north to Barcaldine, crossroads of the Capricorn Way

and home to the Tree of Knowledge, a landmark in Aussie

tockman's Hall of Fame, an outback icon. Walk the wing o

a 747 at the Qantas Founders Museum or gallop along in a

restored carriage on a Cobb & Co Stagecoach Experience

Next stop: Winton — aka the Hollywood of the outback.

Visit in June for the Vision Splendid Outback Film Festiva

a celebration of Australian cinema held under a blanket

stars or get your hands dirty and join a guided dinosau

ead north towards the Gulf, stopping at the Purple Pub in

rmanton for lunch. Arrive in Karumba in time to watch the

dig at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs. The Waltzing

wool scouring (cleaning) machinery still in operation.

Air Force base outside Charleville on a convoy tour.

LEG 2: Charleville - Blackall (302km)

LEG 3: Blackall - Longreach (214km)

LEG 4: Longreach - Winton (179km)

LEG 6: Cloncurry - Karumba (452km)

Travel through the heart of Outback Queensland driving north up to crocodile country at Karumba on the shores of the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Melbourne to Karumba

Points of interest · See amazing night skies at the Charleville Cosmos Centre and the Jump-Up in Winton, Australia's first International Dark-Sky Sanctuary Journey through pioneering heritage at the

Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame • Fly through Australia's aviation history - and some epic art exhibitions - at Oantas Founders Museum Get up close to 95-million-vear old dino relics at

the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Experience the Barramundi Discovery Centre

Matilda Centre is also a treasure trove of outback history music, film and touring art exhibitions. Great for: 🌶 💣 🎌 🦟 🛡 📞 🦒 🏦 🔏 🏗 LEG 5: Winton - Cloncurry (348km direct) Stretch your legs at Combo Waterhole near Kynuna, the Iconic landscapes: 🛇 🍮 billabong said to have inspired Banjo Patterson to write Waltzing Matilda, then check out the historical exhibits a the Cloncurry/Mary Kathleen Memorial Park Complex.

unset over the Gulf of Carpentaria with a bucket of prawns

For more information visit: queensland.com/drive

MELBOURNE - KARUMBA 2.914km



Visitor Information Centres

While holidaying in Queensland keep an eye out for the 7 sign. Accredited Visitor Information Centres are in 99 locations around the state. They really know Queensland and can give great advice on where to stay, what to do and what's on. They can also help with booking accommodation and activities. So, drop in for maps, brochures and info - or just to have a chat! For centre contact details visit: **queensland.com/vics**

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For detailed national parks information, including finding a park, park alerts, camping

Organise your permits

permits and vehicle access permits, visit parks.desi.qld.gov.au Stay informed about weather

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Cairns &

Great Barrier Reef

Whether you crave adventure, dream of

to reconnect with nature, it's all here.

Discover the world's largest coral reef.

swimming with the "Great Eight" or yearn

explore the Daintree, get your heart racing

connect with Indigenous wisdom from the

with adrenalin-packed experiences and

oldest continuing cultures in existence.

Ready for adventure? Discover the rich

heritage along Rockhampton's Fitzroy River,

stroll through the city's botanic gardens and

Museum of Art. Unwind in the chilled out town

of Yeppoon, explore the Capricorn Caves and

dive into the Southern Great Barrier Reef. On

Great Keppel Island you can hike, swim and

This marine mecca offers spectacular

humpback whale migration has earned

of the World". On K'gari (formerly Fraser

Island), thriving wildlife, pristine waterways

exploring Maryborough's fascinating past.

Warrego Way

Brisbane to Birdsville

Experience big sky landscapes, vast desert

plains, historic towns, mineral hot springs

and a swag of eccentric characters on one

· Experience thermal bathing the Queensland way

and take a dip in artesian waters along the route

Visit Betoota, the real life town that shares its name

with the country's legendary satirical newspaper,

Meet "Cooper" Australia's largest dinosaur at

the Eromanga Natural History Museum

• Visit the Birdsville Hotel for a quintessential

Great for: 🏦 🕷 📌 🎌 🐧 🛡 🏗

Overlander's Way

Townsville to Tennant Creek

This fully sealed road was once used

to drive cattle east from the Northern

Territory. Along the way visit gorges, see

incredible sunsets and dinosaur fossils.

See northern Australia's largest wild koala

Snap a selfie at the 80 metre mosaic, The Wall of

Explore Porcupine Gorge, dubbed Australia's

Detour along Australia's Dinosaur Trail, a

Hughenden, Richmond and Winton

Riversleigh Fossil Discovery Centre

Iconic landscapes: 🔷 😃 🚹 🌋 📥

Q: Name the five World-Heritage listed

A: The Great Barrier Reef, Gondwana Rainforests of

ustralia, K'gari (formerly Fraser Island), Australian

ossil Mammal Site (Riversleigh) and the Wet Tropics.

Q: Which two Outback towns are significant

: QANTAS was registered in Winton in 1920, befor

perations moved to Longreach in 1921 where the

a: The Reserve stretches 16km from Burleigh Point to

napper Rocks on the New South Wales bord

): Which Queensland island is home

original hangar still stands as part of QANTAS

Q: Where is the Gold Coast World

Surfing Reserve?

apital of Australia

areas located in Queensland.

o the QANTAS origin story?

Great for: 📞 👸 🛩 🏗

prehistoric journey encompassing the towns of

Uncover the evolution of Australia's wildlife at the

For more information visit: queensland.com/drive

population on Magnetic Island

History at Charters Towers

"mini Grand Canvon"

of Queensland's iconic inland drives.

Points of interest

The Betoota Advocate

outback pub experience

Iconic landscapes: 😃 😃 📥

sailing, kayaking and diving, while the annual

Hervey Bay the title, "Whale Watching Capital

and 45 national park camping areas make for

a magical island experience. History buffs love

snorkel to your heart's content.

visitcapricorn.com.au

Fraser Coast

visitfrasercoast.com

take in an exhibition at the Rockhampton

cairnsgreatbarrierreef.com

Capricorn

Bundaberg Bundaberg, the gateway to the Southern Great Barrier Reef, is where country charm meets coastal cool. Here you'll find a sensory escape filled with unspoilt nature, laidback dining and award-winning tipples. Watch baby turtles hatching, discover giant marine life at Lady Musgrave and Lady Elliot Islands or just take it

easy - the choice is yours. bundabergregion.org



Gladstone & Agnes Water These Southern Great Barrier Reef towns boast stunning national parks, secluded beaches and scenic campsites. A ferry ride away, Heron Island offers world-class diving and snorkelling. Cast a line at Lake Awoonga, Boyne Island or Tannum Sands to reel in a record-size barra. Explore the seaside hamlets of Agnes Water and 1770, and day trip to Lady Musgrave and Lady Elliot Islands for incredible marine life encounters.

ladstoneregion.info

Gold Coast

The Gold Coast is a vibrant city set along stunning coastline, offering incredible experiences. Where else can you find ancient rainforests a short drive from Australia's best theme parks. Explore boutique wineries and wellness retreats in the mountains, or enjoy alfresco dining by the beach - all set against that iconic skyline.

experiencegoldcoast.com

Mackay & Isaac

At Cape Hillsborough, watch the sunrise as kangaroos and wallabies feed on the beach. Head west to the Isaac region to see epic rock formations at Peak Range National Park, or explore the mining ghost town of Mount Britton. Ride the Finch Hatton mountain bike trails past lush rainforests, or take the Bluewater Trail in Mackay City - also a lovely walk. Then, cool off or chill out at the Bluewater Lagoon mackayisaac.com

Outback Oueensland

From lush wetlands to star-studded dark skies. red desert sand dunes to historic townships, Outback Queensland is a vast, magical place. The hospitality and history alone make your heart beat stronger. See magnificently preserved dinosaur relics, awe-inspiring cultural sites or let your hair down at a fair dinkum bush bash from the region's jampacked events calendar. outbackqueensland.com.au

Capricorn Way Rockhampton to Barcaldine

coast, inland to the state's west, discover gemfields, geological landmarks and ancient Aboriginal sites, as well as interesting towns with their own unique histories and stories to tell.

Weaving more than 600km from the

Points of interest

 Tour underground at Capricorn Caves · Swim at the Yeppoon Lagoon and walk the Bluff Point Circuit in the Capricorn Coast National Park and see ancient Aboriginal rock art Snap a pic in front of the Big Easel in Emerald · Visit Australia's largest underground walk-in

Iconic landscapes: 🌋 🖓 📥 🚹 🧵

sapphire mine at Rubyvale

stand of bunya pines. LEG 2: Dalby - Roma (268km) Head to Roma via Chinchilla, the melon capital of Australia If you can, time your visit to coincide with the guirky Chinchilla Melon Festival, held every second February. Drive west through Miles to Roma and discover Australia's gas and oil exploration history at The Big Rig. LEG 3: Roma - Charleville (267km) Stop off in Mitchell to bathe in the therapeutic waters of ar

LEG 1: Brisbane - Dalby (211km direct)

llow sunflowers as you travel towards Dalby, one of

stralia's richest grain and cotton growing regions.

Stop off to admire the manicured parks and gardens of

Toowoomba or take a hike through the nearby Bunya

Mountains National Park, home to the world's largest

BIRDSVILLE,

OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

night skies are among the clearest in Australia. Check out the stars at the Cosmos Centre and Observatory to learn why this region is known as "big sky country" LEG 4: Charleville - Quilpie (211km) Channel Country. Take a drive 7km out of town to

artesian mineral spa, then drive on to Charleville, where the

Baldy Top Lookout and watch the sunset. LEG 5: Quilpie - Windorah (246km direct) Take a diversion from your route to pay a visit to the Eromanga Natural History Museum; here you'll meet 'Cooper" Australia's largest dinosaur. Then continue through to Windorah to refuel at The Western Star Hotel, home to the International Yabby Races.

LEG 6: Windorah - Birdsville (379km direct)

Stop for a selfie in the ghost town of Betoota before arriving ir Birdsville, one of Australia's most iconic towns. Back a winner at the legendary Birdsville Races, held each September on a cold one at the historic Birdsville Hotel, Before you go, find time to watch the sun set over the Simpson Desert atop Big Red, Australia's tallest desert sand dune.

BRISBANE - BIRDSVILLE

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MAGNETIC ISLAND.

LEG 1: Townsville - Charters Towers (136km)

Park, home to the largest purebred herd of Texas

LEG 2: Charters Towers - Hughenden (248km)

metre replica of a Muttaburrasaurus skeleton at the

formations at Porcupine Gorge, Australia's very own

LEG 3: Hughenden - Richmond (115km)

own fossil at a designated fossicking site

LEG 4: Richmond - Cloncurry

World Heritage Area.

ontinue westwards through the Burra Range to reach

ughenden and dinosaur country. See "Hughie" a seven-

Flinders Discovery Centre. Then, explore the ancient rock

fossils at Kronosaurus Korner and potentially unearth your

Stop off in Julia Creek, home of the Julia Creek Dirt n.

birthplace of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

LEG 5: Cloncurry - Mount Isa (121km)

Dust Festival. Soak in mineral-rich artesian baths or join a

virtual reality cattle muster at the local visitor information

lind your way through the Selwyn Range into famed

Mount Isa one of the world's largest single producers of

copper, silver, lead and zinc. Take a mine tour, soak up

the panoramic views from the City Lookout at sunset, or

nead to the Riversleigh Fossil Discovery Centre to view

Hit the road known as "Tojo's Highway" which takes you

from Mount Isa to Camooweal, built during World War II

to link the southern states with the Allied front line in the

lorthern Territory. Reach Camooweal in time to watch

the sun set while sipping a cup of billy tea at the Droving

OWNSVILLE - TENNANT CREEK

1.564km

fossilised mammals and reptiles from the Riversleigh

LEG 6: Mount Isa - Camooweal (190km)

famous for and when is the best time of

area is national park?

A: Lady Elliot Island is known as 'home of the manta ray

A: 74 islands, with 70% of the area being national park.

Q: Which region claims the title of

A: The Sunshine Coast, home to 26 craft breweries

Q: What is significant about Hervey Bay on

Q. Where can you see wallabies and

"Australia's craft beer capital"?

centre. Then, hit the road again until you reach Cloncurry,

surely stroll along Townsville's 2.2km beach

menade. The Strand. Next, head for the former gold

h town of Charters Towers. Take a trip out to Leahton

For more information visit: queensland.com/drive 1,582km

LEG 1: Gold Coast - Mooloolaba (179km direct) Pacific Coast Way Start at the Gold Coast's famous surf beaches and

Cairns, explore one of Australia's most iconic highways. Soak up the scenery with reef, beach and islands on one side and lush farmland, waterfalls and gorges on the other.

Gold Coast to Cairns

Stretching between the Gold Coast and

Points of interest

between Burleigh Heads and Snapper Rocks Explore the only place in Australia where three UNESCO Biosphere Reserves meet - Sunshine Coast, Noosa and Great Sandy. These reserves include the Glass House Mountains, Noosa Everglades and K'gari (formerly Fraser Island) Discover where the Southern Great Barrier Reef begins in Bundaberg

Surf world-class breaks on the Gold Coast

· Set sail on a sunset cruise at Airlie Beach, or stroll along the pristine shores of Whitehaven Beach Swim with the "Great Eight" on the Great

· Walk the Flagstaff Hill Trail at Port Douglas • Float down the Mossman River and experience Indigenous wisdom at Mossman Gorge North of Cairns, explore the World Heritage-listed

Great for: 🖋 🂢 🦒 🔻 😭 🦎 📜 🗷 ♥ 🍴 🍱 Iconic landscapes: 😡 🎎 🤘 🦉



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Before you leave

torch and a first aid kit.

even when the days are warm.

The best time to see them is between May and August. a script in case you need to get it filled. Q: How many islands make up the Whitsundays, and what percentage of the

> throwing in a second spare if you're www.qld.gov.au/long-trips On the road

kangaroos eating breakfast on the beach? A. Cape Hillsborough, near Mackay

Q: What is unique about Queensland in terms of Indigenous cultures? unless otherwise signed. A: It's the only place in Australia where both Aboriginal Take regular breaks - at least 15 minutes and Torres Strait Islander cultures meet every two hours. Queensland has 450 rest

Queensland's Fraser Coast? A: It's the world's first Whale Heritage Site. Fun fact: The Whitsundays is Australia's second Whale Heritage site. Q: Who was Brisbane River named after, and what is its Aboriginal name? Don't drive if you've been drinking alcohol strict drink driving laws apply A. John Oxley named the Brisbane River in honour of the Governor of NSW, Sir Thomas Makdougall Brisbane The river's Aboriginal name is Maiwar.

> before you start your road trip. Never let your fuel run down too low Download the RACQ Fair Fuel app for

can access the area.

LEG 4: Bundaberg - Yeppoon (330km direct) Journey north, and take a ride on the iconic pink amphibio vessel, the LARC!. Go for a surf or stay longer to spend the day at Lady Musgrave Island off the Town of 1770 and

Agnes Water. Head to Gladstone's Maritime Museum or tick Heron Island off your bucket list. Continue on to the relaxed beachside town of Yeppoon on the Capricorn Coast and di your toes into the island-studded waters of Keppel Bay. LEG 5: Yeppoon - Airlie Beach (504km direct) Stop for lunch in Mackay, then detour for a scenic walk a Finch Hatton Gorge or ride epic mountain bike trails in Finch Hatton. Continue north and enjoy the spectacular scenery on your way to Airlie Beach, the gateway to The

hinterland, then head north to Brisbane to experience

the iconic peaks of the Glass House Mountains to the

Head north via Maroochydore and Coolum before

beachside town of Mooloolaba.

city attractions, culinary delights and the vibrant arts and

culture scene. Continue north to the Sunshine Coast, past

LEG 2: Mooloolaba - Hervey Bay (208km direct)

dropping in to explore Noosa. Dine in style on Hastings

St or explore the stunning Noosa Everglades. Then, head

to whale watching capital, Hervey Bay, on the doorstep o

humpbacks and their newborn calves frolic in the bay's

In Bundaberg, head to the Bundaberg Brewed Drinks Barre

turtles with a visit to Mon Repos Turtle Centre, and witness

nesting or hatching sea turtles (November - March) on

a ranger-led tour. Then, take a scenic flight to Lady Elliot

Island or cruise across to Lady Musgrave Island. Both are

abundant with marine life including manta rays and turtle

to sip iconic local flavours. Discover the fascinating world of

tranquil waters (July to early November).

LEG 3: Hervey Bay - Bundaberg (110km)

World Heritage-listed K'gari (formerly Fraser Island). Watch

Whitsundays. Allow plenty of time to see the 74 islands of this stunning archipelago and the Great Barrier Reef. LEG 6: Airlie Beach - Mission Beach (509km direct) Drive north up the coast before stopping to olore Townsville, including Paluma Range National Park Take a dip in Paradise Waterhole at Big Crystal Creek befo ontinuing on to the coastal village of Mission Beach - kee our eyes peeled for cassowaries on the way. Bliss out wit LEG 7: Mission Beach - Cairns (139km direct)

picnic lunch on the castle grounds of Paronella Park. Finisi

Cairns, nestled between two World Heritage sites, the



1.979km

24 tips for a safe drive holiday

• Pack a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, a

 Pack something warm - it can get chilly overnight on the coast or in the outback

Pack plenty of any regular medication and If you wear glasses or contacts, make sure you're up to date with your prescriptions especially for driving.

Make sure your car is in good working order, check your spare tyre and consider heading somewhere remote. For more, visit

Slow down and drive to the conditions

Two default limits apply in Queensland -50km/h for local, built-up residential areas and 100km/h on rural roads and highways

areas across the state with picnic tables, bins, shelter, toilets and tourist information. Make sure everyone is wearing a seatbelt at all times. Children under 7 must be in an Australian Standard (AS) approved child

Keep your eyes on the road and not your phone - set up your navigation and music

details on the nearest fuel centres, including current prices. Always park your vehicle in the designated

areas at rest stops to ensure other vehicles

 Take extra care on unsealed roads. · Drive carefully (or avoid driving altogether) around dusk and dawn when wildlife is

Heading offroad or going bush

· If you're travelling to remote region always carry drinking water with you, preferably in individual containers rather than one large vessel (in case it springs a leak). You may need to carry between 5 and 10 litres of water, per person, per day.

• If you're travelling in remote areas, carry enough food for each person for two days. • If you're travelling to an area without mobile coverage, let someone know where you're headed, and when you expect to arrive. · If your vehicle breaks down, always stay

• Pack a 2-way radio in case you need help outside mobile network coverage • Where safe, always give way to road trains especially on single lane and unsealed roads

• Pack a bowl and make sure your pet has

with your vehicle.

 Pets are not permitted in national parks in Queensland, but may be allowed in some conservation parks, state forests and recreation areas.

plenty of water on your trip.

"parking" with water and shade. Check with visitor information centres for more advice • Always keep your dog on a leash. Pest control in rural areas can be deadly for pets. For advice on pet-friendly accommodation,

Some regions cater to pets and offer doggy

visit queensland.com/pet-friendly If you are new to driving in Queensland scan the QR code for more tips to keep

BOODJAMULLA (LAWN HILL) NATIONAL PARK,

scan the QR code for

you and your travel

companions safe.



QUEENSLAND COUNTRY

699km

LEG 1: Rockhampton - Capricorn Caves (29km)

wharves and grand old buildings of Quay Street. Drive

to the summit of Mount Archer for a panoramic view of

the town, before detouring north for a guided tour of the

Journey east to Yeppoon, nestled on the Capricorn Coa

and overlooking Keppel Bay. It's the perfect launching

underwater world of the Southern Great Barrier Reef.

Head back to "Rocky" to rejoin the Capricorn Wav. Trave

on to Duaringa and pull up a bar stool at the historic 19th

century Duaringa Hotel - it's been serving locals and

LEG 4: Duaringa - Emerald (160km direct)

lookouts and cascading rock pools. It's also home to

National Park - a stunning landscape filled with gorges,

ancient Ghungalu cultural sites. Back on route, continue

ake time out to visit the towns of Sapphire, Rubyvale

Gemfields, boasts one of the largest sapphire-bearing areas

in the world. Tour an underground mine, fossick for gems

or even buy a bucket of sapphire "wash" and learn how to

Strike of 1891 which centred in "Barcy" and became a

ning point in Australian political history. Head to the

stralian Workers Heritage Centre and see the Tree of

owledge where the Australian Labor movement bega

Alpha, climbing the Drummond Range en route.

LEG 6: Alpha - Barcaldine (141km)

recognise sapphires in the rough. Then, head west towards

LEG 2: Capricorn Caves - Yeppoon (45km)

tunnels and shafts of the Capricorn Caves.

LEG 3: Yeppoon - Duaringa (156km)

travellers alike for more than 130 years.

LFG 5: Emerald - Alpha (168km di

through Blackwater to Emerald.

longest lava tube systems in the world at Undara Volcanic National Park Visit Australia's widest single-drop waterfall, Big Millstream Falls

Head to the quirky town of Kuranda, perched 330m above sea level in the heart of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Rainforest. Ride the Kuranda Scenic Railway or float through the treetops on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway Continue. on to the base of Cape York, Must-sees here include the Cooktown Museum, the historic cemetery and the Cooktown

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owing capital, and visit Ravenshoe, the state's highest tow

explore heritage-listed buildings or take a guided walking tour and delve into the past of this historic town LEG 4: Croydon - Karumba (224km)

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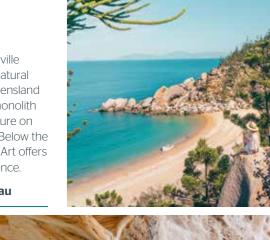
there's the natural beauty: the breathtaking ecosystem that is the Noosa Everglades, the ancient volcanic Glass House Mountains and the hinterland's lush rainforests and waterfalls.

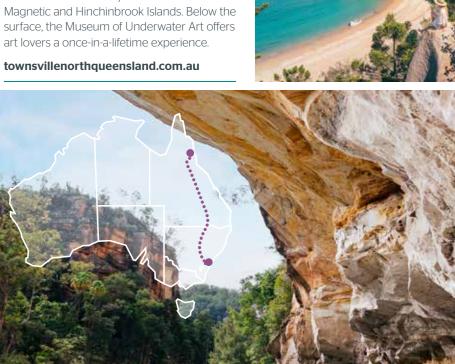
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North Queensland A thriving centre in the North, Townsville is a must-visit for fun, creativity and natural beauty. Take in a game at North Queensland Stadium, hike the epic pink granite monolith Castle Hill or immerse yourself in nature on Magnetic and Hinchinbrook Islands. Below the

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ontinue north, stopping at St George to stroll along the alonne River and sample top drops at Riversands Wines isit Roma on a Tuesday for a guided tour of the largest attle sales in Australia (sale days are subject to change). LEG 2: Roma - Carnarvon Gorge (242km) Explore the Gorge's ancient Aboriginal rock art and hanging fern and moss gardens. Follow the tracks along Carnaryon Creek to hidden caves and secluded swimming holes. LEG 3: Carnarvon Gorge - Clermont (349km) Stretch your legs in Emerald with a walk through the

LEG 5: Charters Towers - Undara (378km) Journey north west to Undara Volcanic National Park and wander through ancient lava tubes on a guided tour. The tubes - which extend for more than 160km - were formed when a volcano erupted 190,000 years ago. LEG 6: Undara - Mareeba (223km) Visit the farms and wineries of the Atherton Tablelands o taste the flavours of the tropics and stop for lunch in

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one of the longest cave systems in the world • Explore the waterways of Cobbold Gorge Reel in a barramundi at Karumba Point Witness the dramatic wave-shaped "Morning Glory" cloud rolling in over Burketown

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LEG 1: Hebel - Roma (351km direct) lindigully for lunch at one of Oueensland's oldest pubs, the

Great Inland Way Orange to Cairns (Cooktown) merald Botanic Gardens, then drive to Clermont and stroll Start in New South Wales, head north through Queensland's first gold rushes. Feeling lucky? To this day, western Queensland and continue all the way you can try your luck panning for gold in this historic town up to Cooktown in the state's far north. LEG 4: Clermont - Charters Towers (374km)

general permission areas. Don't forget a licence! Ravenshoe, Queensland's highest town. Make a quick detou to Australia's widest single-drop waterfall, Big Millstream Falls Join a guided subterranean tour of one of the before refuelling for coffee at Mareeba with a cuppa brewed from locally grown beans.

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See Australia's widest single-drop waterfall, Big Millstream Fall on the southwestern edge of town. Hot tip: visit Cairns during July to experience the famous Cairns Indigenous Art Fair. Enjoy a guided tour through the Undara Volcanic National Park and explore the geological wonders of the Undara I ava Tubes. Next stop is the magnificent Cobbold Gorge just 40 minutes past the old gold town of Forsavth, with its 30-metre high sandstone walls. Take a cruise through the gorge or admire it from above on a scenic chopper flight.

Make your way to Karumba via Normanton, home to The Purple Pub, then head west toward Karumba. Try your hand at landing a barramundi or Spanish mackere Tour underground and see the Undara Lava Tubes. then watch the sunset at Karumba Point. LEG 5: Karumba - Burketown (295km) Keep your rod handy, because next stop is Burketown, the self-proclaimed "Barramundi Fishing Capital of Australia". It's also the best place on the planet to see the "Morning

Glory", a huge wave-shaped cloud that rolls in at dawn between late September and early November. Stargaze o hot air balloon with Aboriginal guides from Yagurli Tours (operating during the dry season, May - October). LEG 6: Burketown - Hell's Gate Roadhouse (178km direct) Drive the dusty final leg south and make a detour to Boodiamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park, Here, you

> creeks of this hidden gem in the Savannah 4.107km



Tour the heritage buildings of Charters Towers, relive the halcyon days of the 1870s gold rush and see Texas

Longhorn cattle. Watch the sunset from the top of Tower Hil

LEG 7: Mareeba - Cooktown (264km direct)

AIRNS & GREAT BARRIER REEF lind your way up the mountain from Cairns to the Atherton ablelands. Stop for a cuppa at Mareeba, Australia's coffee

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