

# 30-NIGHT EAST COAST CAMPERVAN PACKAGE

## Itinerary

### Day 1–4: Sydney to Port Macquarie (393 km, ~4 hrs)

#### Activities:

- **Day 1** - Your journey begins as you pick up your campervan at our Sydney depot. Hit the open road and head west towards the majestic **Blue Mountains**! As you climb into the highlands, prepare to be surrounded by deep valleys, ancient eucalyptus forests, and towering sandstone cliffs. Spend your afternoon exploring scenic lookouts like Echo Point, Govetts Leap, and Lincoln's Rock. As the sun sets, settle in for your first night in the campervan, cosy and surrounded by nature's peaceful beauty.
- **Day 2** - Start your morning with a visit to one of the most iconic landmarks in Australia—the Three Sisters rock formation. Learn about the Aboriginal land and explore the cultural heritage. Adventure seekers can ride the Scenic Railway and enjoy the hiking trails in the area!
- **Day 3** - Travel north to the coastal town of **Port Macquarie**, a relaxed destination where golden beaches meet vibrant wildlife. Today's highlight is a visit to the Koala Hospital, a world-renowned facility dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of injured or sick koalas!
- **Day 4** - Coastal Walk: Enjoy a scenic walk along the coastline, offering beautiful views and wildlife spotting opportunities. The Port Mac 'Walk n Fork' covers an 8 km stretch of spectacular coastline trails and beaches, as well as great swimming and snorkelling spots.

### Day 5–7: Port Macquarie to Byron Bay (385 km, ~4 hrs)

#### Activities:

- **Day 5** - Arrive in **Byron Bay** and begin your stay with a visit to the Cape Byron Lighthouse, the most easterly point of the Australian mainland. Walk up the lighthouse trail and be rewarded with 360-degree views over the ocean and hinterland!
- **Day 6** - Today is all about wildlife and water! Join a kayaking tour off the

Byron Bay coast and paddle out to meet the local dolphin pods. These playful creatures are often curious and may swim right alongside your kayak. With views of the lighthouse in the background and the ocean breeze on your face, this is one of Byron's most unforgettable adventures.

- **Day 7** - Immerse yourself in Byron Bay's colourful and eclectic atmosphere with a visit to its famous community markets. Browse a wide variety of handmade crafts, boho fashion, artisanal foods, and natural skincare products. Local musicians and street performers add to the festive vibe, creating a sensory experience that captures Byron's laid-back, hippie culture. Take your time and soak it all in—you'll find souvenirs here that you won't get anywhere else.

## **Day 8–11: Byron Bay to Noosa (294km, ~3 hrs)**

### **Activities:**

- **Day 8** - On your way up the coast, stop off at the iconic **Surfers Paradise** on the Gold Coast. Ride the elevator up to SkyPoint Observation Deck, where panoramic views stretch from the beaches of Coolangatta all the way to South Stradbroke Island. Wander the bustling streets below, lined with shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues, or enjoy a quick dip in the ocean before continuing north.
- **Day 9** - Take a detour into **Brisbane**, the capital of Queensland. Spend the day exploring South Bank, the city's vibrant cultural precinct. Visit museums, galleries, or simply stroll along the riverside promenade. Relax in the lush South Bank Parklands, take a dip in the city's lagoon, or hop on the CityCat ferry for a unique view of the skyline from the Brisbane River.
- **Day 10** - Continue your journey north with a stop at the world-famous Australia Zoo, founded by the late Steve Irwin, the "Crocodile Hunter." Here, you'll have the chance to see crocodiles, kangaroos, wombats, and other iconic Aussie animals up close. Don't miss the daily shows at the Crocoseum, where conservation meets entertainment in thrilling live performances.
- **Day 11** - Arrive in **Noosa**, a sophisticated coastal town known for its boutique shops, fine dining, and natural beauty. Lace up your hiking boots for a walk through Noosa National Park, where lush forests meet rugged coastal cliffs. Keep an eye out for koalas in the treetops and

dolphins playing in the surf below. The Coastal Track is a favourite route, offering dramatic ocean views and access to secluded beaches like Tea Tree Bay and Granite Bay.

### **Day 12–13: Noosa to Rainbow Beach (101 km, ~1 hr)**

#### **Activities:**

- **Day 12** - Arrive at **Rainbow Beach** in the evening in time for sunset and make your way to the awe-inspiring Carlo Sandblow, a massive sand dune that offers one of the best sunset views in Queensland. From the top, you'll have sweeping views over the ocean, Fraser Island in the distance, and the colourful sands that give this beach its name. Bring a picnic and enjoy a magical golden hour before settling in for the night.

### **Day 13–15: K'gari Island !!**

#### **Activities:**

- **Day 13** - After your safety briefing, meet with your local guide who will be spending the next three days with you, you leave **Rainbow beach** early in the morning and arrive on the world's biggest sand island! From here, the big adventure begins as we drive to the famous Lake McKenzie...arguably the most popular and picturesque highlight of **K'gari Island!** Around 3pm we drive up the beach to our campsite, for an early dinner and some well deserved drinks and fun!
- **Day 14** - This morning we head off to see Eli creek, a beautifully clear creek perfect for a relaxing swim. Travelling north we then stop at Maheno shipwreck for some photos and a short history lesson about this famous K'gari Island icon. Shortly after we travel up to Indian head, Fraser Island's highest point. From here you may be lucky enough to see whales and sharks in the ocean, before we travel to the Champagne pools for a dip! We have lunch at either Maheno shipwreck or Champagne pools on Day 2 depending on time constraints, safety, and beauty! In the afternoon we travel back to camp for dinner and drinks.
- **Day 15** - Start with breakfast on K'gari Island, before our cleaning and take down of our camp site. You will then drive to the beginning of the Lake Wabby walk, where we walk through the sand dunes to this tropical paradise! Once back on the mainland we head back to the 4WD shed where you unpack and quickly clean the cars and return to

Freedom Rainbow Beach between 3pm and 4pm.

### **Day 16–18: Rainbow Beach to Agnes Waters (318 km, ~4 hrs)**

#### **Activities:**

- **Day 16** - Welcome to **Agnes Waters!**. Settle in and breathe in the salty sea air—you're in for a few days of pure relaxation. Grab breakfast at a local café like *Codie's Place* or *1770 Getaway Café*. Then head off to walk the Paperbark Forest Trail – a short but magical loop walk through a forest of paperbark trees and stepping stones. Finish your first day watching sunset at the 1770 Headland Lookout over Bustard Bay.
- **Day 17** - Day 2 in this quaint town involves chilling at Joseph Banks Conservation Park or go stand-up paddleboarding or snorkelling in calm waters of 1770. Before you continue north, make sure you explore the Bustard Head Lighthouse, sand dunes, and local wildlife. For you history heads, visit the 1770 Museum to learn about Lieutenant James Cook's 1770 landing and local maritime history.

### **Day 18–19: Agnes Waters to Mackay (561 km, ~6 hrs)**

- **Day 18** - Travel day to **Mackay!** After a long drive pull up at The Leap Hotel, located approximately 20 km north of Mackay along the Bruce Highway. This historic pub provides a great history of real Queenslander life! Enjoy the amazing homecooked pub menu and set up for your overnight stay in this iconic venue!

### **Day 19–22: Mackay to Airlie Beach & The Whitsundays (483 km, ~5 hrs)**

#### **Activities:**

- **Day 19** - Today you'll arrive in the vibrant and buzzing town of **Airlie Beach**, known as the main gateway to the Whitsunday Islands and the Great Barrier Reef. After checking in and setting up, take a stroll around the bustling marina and waterfront esplanade, and get a feel for the relaxed, tropical lifestyle that defines this traveller hotspot.
- **Day 20** - This is the day to tick off a true bucket list experience! Book a full-day tour to the **Whitsunday Islands**, where you'll explore powdery white beaches like Whitehaven Beach, snorkel over coral reefs teeming with marine life, and cruise through turquoise waters dotted with lush,

green islands. This is the beating heart of the Great Barrier Reef, and the views from sea or air are nothing short of unforgettable.

- **Day 21** - Spend a relaxing day by the Airlie Beach Lagoon, a free public swimming area that's ideal for both cooling off and lounging in the sun. With picnic areas, palm trees, and views of the ocean, it's the perfect place to recharge. Don't forget to wander into town for souvenir shopping—Airlie's local boutiques and tourist shops are packed with handcrafted gifts, reef-inspired art, and more.
- **Day 22** - Airlie Beach is not just about relaxation—it's also a thrill-seeker's dream. Choose from a range of adventure activities today: hop on a jet ski, take to the skies with a scenic flight over Heart Reef, or feel the rush on a high-speed ocean raft. However you choose to get your adrenaline fix, today is all about turning the energy up and making memories.

## **Day 23–26: Airlie Beach to Townsville / Magnetic Island (275 km, ~3 hrs)**

### **Activities:**

- **Day 23** - Make your way up to **Townsville** enjoy The Strand - A scenic beachfront promenade with parks, swimming areas, cafés, and views of Magnetic Island. Great for walking, cycling, or enjoying a sunset picnic.
- **Day 24** - Catch your return ferry across to **Magnetic Island**, where palm-lined beaches and rugged national parks await. Start your island adventure with a visit to the Koala Sanctuary, where you'll have the opportunity to get up close with Australia's iconic wildlife, including koalas, wallabies, and tropical birds. The scenic Forts Walk, one of the most rewarding hikes on the island is what's next on the agenda! Along the trail, you'll not only enjoy panoramic coastal views but may also spot koalas sleeping in the trees. At the top, discover World War II military ruins and sweeping vistas that make for a perfect farewell to this island paradise.
- **Day 25** - Head back over to Magnetic Island to enjoy more fun! The home to over 20 beautiful bays, many of which offer fantastic snorkeling opportunities right off the beach. Spend the day exploring the vibrant underwater world—keep your eyes open for reef fish, turtles, and colorful coral gardens. Popular snorkel spots include Arthur Bay, Geoffrey Bay, and Florence Bay

- **Day 26-** Rise early and hit the road north to your final destination—Cairns! Arrive at your campsite for the evening and settle in properly.

## **Day 27–31: Townsville / Magnetic Island to Cairns (347 km, ~4 hrs)**

### **Activities:**

- **Day 27** - Welcome to **Cairns**, the tropical capital of Far North Queensland! Set up in this vibrant city where lush rainforests meet the world-famous reef. Cairns is buzzing with energy, markets, nightlife, and adventure—get ready to end your journey on a high note.
- **Day 28** - Embark on a full-day reef tour to experience one of the greatest natural wonders on Earth: the Great Barrier Reef. Whether you choose to snorkel, scuba dive, or ride in a glass-bottom boat, the reef's rich marine biodiversity will leave you in awe.
- **Day 28** - Take a guided tour or drive yourself through the Daintree Rainforest, one of the oldest rainforests in the world. Explore jungle boardwalks, spot exotic wildlife, and visit remote beaches where the rainforest meets the reef!
- **Day 28** - After your big adventures, enjoy a slower day at the Cairns Esplanade Lagoon. This popular public swimming area is perfect for a lazy afternoon in the sun, surrounded by cafés and palm trees.
- **Day 30** - Grab your swimmers and head out for a day of waterfall chasing in the lush Atherton Tablelands. Visit famous falls like Millaa Millaa, Zillie, and Ellinjaa, and enjoy scenic drives through rolling countryside, rainforest, and crater lakes.
- **Day 31** - It's time to return your campervan and say goodbye to your home on wheels. Reflect on your incredible 30-day adventure through Queensland—beaches, reefs, rainforests, islands, and everything in between. What a journey!

## Free Rest Area / Camping Reccos!

### Day 1 -4 Blue Mountains and Port Macquarie

- **Old Ford Reserve, Blue Mountains.** Old Ford Reserve is a picturesque free camping and picnic area situated alongside Megalong Creek in the Megalong Valley, approximately 8.3 km along the Six Foot Track from Katoomba. This serene spot offers a rustic camping experience amidst the natural beauty of the Blue Mountains.
- **Ellenborough Reserve: Located in Ellenborough (Port Macquarie).** This campsite offers toilets, BBQ areas, and access to walking trails. It's situated in a state forest, providing a tranquil environment.

### Day 4 -7 Byron Bay

- **Yelgun Rest Area :** Approximately 12 km from Byron Bay, this spot offers a peaceful setting for a night under the stars.
- **Hilltop Lookout:** Around 16 km outside the town. Offers a peaceful bush setting suitable for overnight stays.
- **Sunnycrest Lane Rest Area:** Situated off the smaller B62 freeway, away from the main Pacific Highway. Allows for daytime visits to Byron Bay's beaches and nighttime stays in a tranquil setting.
- **Tyagarah Rest Area :** Located near the Tyagarah Nature Reserve, close to Byron Bay. Basic facilities suitable for short stays. Ideal for nature walks and birdwatching during your visit.
- **Bundjalung National Park – Black Rocks:** Approximately 50 km north of Byron Bay. Provides a more immersive nature experience with opportunities for hiking and exploring the national park.

### Day 7 - 11 Surfers Paradise, Brisbane and Noosa

- **Hugh Muntz Park, Upper Coomera:** Drinking water, BBQs, near shops! Self-contained vehicles only
- **Doug Jennings Park, Main Beach:** At the end of The Spit, on the same peninsula as Main Beach. Proximity to the beach, ample space for campers
- **Little Yabba Creek Park, Cambroon:** Located near Kenilworth, this park provides toilets, BBQ areas, and allows campfires.
- **Chatsworth Rest Area:** Near Gympie, this area offers toilets, non-drinking water, and mobile reception.
- **Rosendale Park RV Camp & Rest Area:** Located in Bauple, this park provides facilities for RV campers.
- **Wahpunga School Park, Kin Kin :** Set just off Gympie Kin Kin Road, this park offers a quiet camping experience.

### Day 11 - 14 Rainbow Beach / K'gari Island

- **Freedom Hostel :** Free Parking for your campervan before you begin your Dingos K'gari Island trip of a lifetime!

### Day 15- 17 Agnes Waters

- **Traveller's Rest 1770 Ecocamp** - Traveller's Rest 1770 is a family-run eco-campground located on the outskirts of Eurimbula National Park in Agnes Water/1770, Queensland. Set across 44 acres of untouched bushland, it provides a peaceful escape where guests can reconnect with nature through eco-friendly practices and engaging, nature-based experiences.

### Day 17- 18 Mackay

- **Leap Hotel** - This historic hotel provides free camping for guests who visit the venue. It's suitable for tents, campervans, and caravans, and includes basic amenities such as toilets and picnic tables. Please note that open fires are not allowed.
- **Gargett Rodeo Grounds** - Located on private land, this site offers free camping with access to toilets, drinking water, and mobile phone reception. It's well-suited for caravans and camper trailers.

#### Day 18 - 21 Airlie Beach

***Although there are no free campsites in Airlie Beach, with our package we hook you up with a spot in the heart of Airlie with our partners at Nomads Hostel! There are also alternatives if you have a preferred location just let us know.***

#### Day 22 - 25 Townsville / Magnetic Island

- **Bluewater, QLD** - Just 30 minutes from Townsville City Centre, this quiet and relaxing location offers free camping for up to 48 hours. Facilities include toilets, cold outdoor showers, drinking water taps, picnic tables, rubbish bins, a chill area!
- **Saunders Beach, QLD** - Located about 30 km north of Townsville, this foreshore camping area permits 24-hour stays for campervans (tents are not allowed). It features toilets, BBQ facilities, and mobile phone reception, making it an ideal stop for a short beachside stay.

#### Day 25 - 31 Cairns

- **Babinda Boulders:** A picturesque spot offering swimming holes and picnic areas. Approximately 1 hour (72.4 km) south of Cairns. Toilets, drinking water, BBQ areas, showers (for a small fee), phone reception, and a dump point.
- **Green Patch – Gordonvale:** Approximately 28 minutes (29.7 km) south of Cairns. Toilets, phone reception, non-drinking water, walking trails, and allowing campfires.

### MUST READ TIPS FOR YOUR JOURNEY!

**Read T&C's on each spot for overnight stays.**

**Legal Restrictions:** A lot of towns up the Coast have strict regulations against illegal camping. Fines can range from \$110 to \$2,200, with repeat offenders facing up to \$110,000 in penalties. Be careful to follow the rules and don't overstay your welcome!

**Self-Sufficiency:** Many free campsites require campers to be self-sufficient, so ensure you have adequate water, food, and waste disposal facilities.

**Respect Local Regulations:** Always check for any signage indicating restrictions or rules at each campsite.

**Safety First:** Choose well-lit and populated areas for added security, especially if you're unfamiliar with the region.

**Wikicamps and Anycamps for the best deals and spots in time! Cannot guarantee exact locations due to live availability in season but can always help find other hidden gems before you head off!**