

North of K'gari (Fraser Island) and south of the Whitsunday Islands, the Southern Great Barrier Reef is an ideal inclusion in all Queensland self-drive itineraries. There are so many incredible experiences, here is a sample of our 2 & 5 night itineraries.

2 Night Itinerary

Gladstone & Agnes Water / Town of 1770

Gladstone is full of unexpected surprises with contrasting features of industry, nature and the Great Barrier Reef, while Agnes Water and the Town of 1770 is the birthplace of Queensland and a relaxed hub of natural encounters.

HIGHLIGHTS: Gladstone & Agnes Water / Town of 1770

DAY 1 - GLADSTONE & AGNES WATER / TOWN OF 1770

Explore the wide green spaces of the Marina Parklands in Gladstone or wander the East Shores area with waterfront walks, stunning views from Auckland Point Hill and parks galore. Or find inspiration and relaxation in the Japanese Tea Gardens and lake front views of the Tondoon Botanic Gardens. Take a tour with a local guide and learn the stories of the area with **Gladstone Region Tours**.

An easy 90 minute drive will take you to the relaxed seaside communities of Agnes Water and Town of 1770, with striking beaches looking over the deep blue waters of the Coral Sea. Relax on Queensland's most northern surf beaches or explore the menus of the quaint cafes of the town.

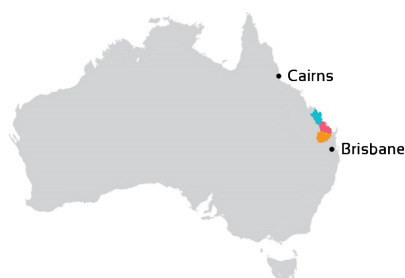


ADD ON AN ISLAND

Stay overnight on Heron Island or Wilson Island or camp on North West Island

DAY 2 - AGNES WATER / TOWN OF 1770

Get back to the very heart of nature with one of the many day trips on offer in Agnes Water. Hop



aboard with the iconic pink 1770 LARCI Tours to discover the secluded sandy beaches and pristine waterways of the Eurimbula National Park. Or explore the spectacular waterways with **Salty Life 1770**.

This is one of the few places on the Australian mainland where you can watch the sun rise and set over water so make your way to the 1770 Headland and Lookout to enjoy the colourful skies of the waning day.

DAY 3 - AGNES WATER / TOWN OF 1770

Start your morning with yoga on the beach or enjoy a lazy breakfast in a cafe of your choice.

Get your blood pumping as you kayak or go stand up paddle boarding. Then, explore the many walking trails that offer incredible views of the area. Make time for selfies on the whimsical walking trails, you will be able to find the magnificent blue tiger butterflies migrating each autumn and winter in the Joseph Banks Conservation Park.



ADD ON AN ISLAND

Take a day trip to Lady Musgrave Island with 1770reef tours



LADY MUSGRAVE ISLAND (ex Town of 1770)

Lady Musgrave Island is set on 3000 acres of living reef with a protected lagoon, making it a perfect spot for snorkelling and diving, with day trips departing from the Town of 1770. Teeming with bird life above the water, and giant marine life below the water, you can swim with the turtles, dive alongside the manta rays, dance with the dolphins and witness the whales play.

DAY TRIPS - 1770reef Great Barrier Reef Eco Tours

HERON & WILSON ISLANDS (ex Gladstone)

Heron Island is a true coral cay located right on the Great Barrier Reef, offering guided island and reef walks, semi-submersible cruises and private beach picnics are on offer. An amazing array of animals and bird life can be seen throughout the year. The island is also world famous for its fantastic scuba diving and snorkelling.

ACCOMMODATION - Heron Island Resort

Only a 40-minute boat ride from Heron Island, Wilson Island is the ultimate adults-only island castaway experience, offering peace and tranquility in a setting of unrivalled natural beauty.

ACCOMMODATION - Wilson Island

DIVE SPEAR AND SPORT (ex Agnes Water)

Dive Spear and Sport 1770 explores the wonders of the Southern Great Barrier Reef from the coastal haven of Agnes Water & 1770. They specialise in intimate boat trips for small groups. Their eco-conscious excursions immerse guests in pristine reef environments through diving, snorkelling and freediving experiences. Committed to conservation and responsible tourism, Dive Spear and Sport 1770 ensures safe and memorable adventures guided by experienced experts.

As a Five Star SDI Professional Development Centre, Dive Spear and Sport 1770 also offer a range of courses from Introductory and Open Water to Professional courses, catering to novice enthusiasts and seasoned underwater explorers alike.



5 Night Itineraries

Coastline Explorer

ROCKHAMPTON & CAPRICORN COAST - 2 NIGHTS

The Capricorn Coast is an undiscovered paradise at the top of the Southern Great Barrier Reef. The coast is speckled with small townships, beautiful beaches, fantastic fishing and much more.

Explore some of the thirteen beaches along the scenic coastline from Yeppoon to Emu Park, or take a swim in the picturesque Yeppoon Lagoon followed by a walk along esplanade. The coastal townships are rich in cafes, restaurants and boutiques just waiting for you to discover them.

The the Wreck Point scenic lookout at Cooe Bay offers sweeping 360 degree views of the Capricorn Coast and Keppel Bay, or explore the unique tunes of the Singing Ship and exploring the history of the ANZAC Memorial Walk and Emu Park Memorial Museum.

The nearby village of Byfield is a haven for craft and nature lovers where you can enjoy picnics beside rainforest edged creeks.

No visit is complete without seeing Capricorn Caves and Koorana Crocodile farm - some of Queensland's oldest attractions offering both action-packed adventure and all-ages education.

Take in the spectacular sunsets on board an evening cruise through Keppel Bay.

Wander the historical streetscapes of Rockhampton, situated on the mighty Fitzroy River, and experience the thrill of watching professional bull riders in the Beef Capital at the Great Western Hotel in Rockhampton.

TOWN OF 1770/AGNES WATER - 2 NIGHTS *Yeppoon to Agnes Water - 3hrs, 225kms*

Agnes Water and the Town of 1770 sit perfectly at the halfway point between Bundaberg and Gladstone. It's also where Captain James Cook first came ashore in what is now Queensland – a spot steeped in history and surrounded by natural beauty.

This peaceful coastal destination is one of the Southern Great Barrier Reef's best-kept secrets, offering exceptional swimming, kayaking, kite surfing, and bushwalking opportunities. Agnes Water is also home to Queensland's northernmost surf beach, just moments from laid-back cafes, surf shops, and a wide range of beachfront accommodation options—from campgrounds and backpacker stays to family-friendly resorts.

Don't miss the iconic pink LARC! These amphibious vehicles run a variety of fun and scenic tours daily, including beach and estuary explorations through Eurumbula National Park.

You can also enjoy stand-up paddleboarding, try a guided kayak adventure, or wander one of the many coastal trails with sweeping ocean views. Make time for a selfie along the enchanting Paperbark Trail, or head to Joseph Banks Conservation Park during autumn and winter to spot the striking blue tiger butterflies as they migrate.

BUNDABERG & BARGARA - 1 NIGHT *Agnes Water to Bundaberg - 1h 15min, 121km*

Just over an hour and a half south will bring you to the Bundaberg region including Woodgate Beach, Elliott Heads, Bargara, Mon Repos and Moore Park where you can swim, snorkel, surf and sun bake all year round.

Bundaberg is rich with year-round fresh produce and iconic drinks. Enjoy a visit to the famous **Bundaberg Rum Distillery** or **The Bundaberg Brewed Drinks Barrel**, or meet the artisan producers on a guided cellar door tour.

Explore the red dirt roads to purchase direct from local farmers at the roadside stalls, or go behind the farm gates at **Macadamias Australia** on their Orchard Tour. Choose from the ever-changing local cafe menus and creative dishes as chefs showcase the best and freshest produce the region has-to offer. You are guaranteed to go home with a full tummy when you visit Australia's Tastiest food bowl.

Bargara is a 13 kilometre drive through lush sugarcane fields from Bundaberg. It is a popular seaside area which harbours a peaceful and relaxed community ideal for family holidays. Roam secluded beaches or snorkel coral straight off the coast at Barolin Rocks.

Boasting open surf beaches and still water swimming areas, Bargara is also home to the largest turtle rookery in Australia on Mon Repos Beach, where you can join a ranger-led tour to see these magnificent creatures nest and hatch (Nov – March).



ADD ON AN ISLAND

Take a day trip to Great Keppel Island, or stay overnight on Great Keppel or Pumpkin Islands

Departing Yeppoon



ADD ON AN ISLAND

Stay overnight on Heron Island or North West Island
Departing Gladstone

Take a day trip to Lady Musgrave
Departing 1770



ADD ON AN ISLAND

Take a day trip or overnight on Lady Elliot or Lady Musgrave Island
Departing Bundaberg

