



Noosa & the Sunshine Coast

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Why Go?

The laid-back beach-chic culture of the Sunshine Coast turns lazy summer holidays into treasured memories of melting ice creams, sand between your toes and fish and chips on the beach. The natural, unaffected charm of this strip of coastline is one of its greatest attractions.

From the tip of Bribie Island, the 'Sunny Coast' stretches north for 100 golden kilometres to the Cooloola Coast, just beyond the exclusive, leafy resort town of Noosa. The coast is perfect for surfing and swimming, and Mooloolaba with its popular beach, outdoor eateries and cafes is a firm favourite with holidaying Australian families.

Forming a stunning backdrop to this spectacular coastline are the ethereal Glass House Mountains and the forested folds and ridges, gorges and waterfalls, lush green pastures and quaint villages of the Blackall Range.

Best Places to Eat

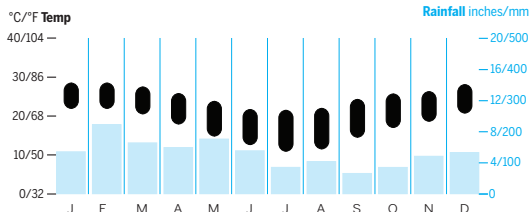
- » Spirit House Restaurant (p347)
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Best Places to Stay

- » Secrets on the Lake (p348)
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When to Go

Noosa



May Satisfy indulgent gustatory cravings at the Noosa Food & Wine Festival

August–September Noosa's streets fill with music during the four-day Noosa Jazz Festival

December Celebrate the end of the year eclectically at the Woodford Folk Festival

Noosa & the Sunshine Coast Highlights

1 Hiking the coastal track at **Noosa National Park** (p329)

2 Sampling gourmet beach fare in one of Noosa's **swish restaurants** (p333)

3 Surfing, sunning and lapping up the beach-cafe scene in **Mooloolaba** (p339)

4 Visiting the wild critters at **Australia Zoo** (p336)

5 Finding funky treasures at the **Eumundi markets** (p347)

6 Donning flares, kaftans and wild, new-age hippie-chic at the wonderfully eclectic **Woodford Folk Festival** (p349)

7 Hiking to the summit of Mount Beerwah in the ethereal **Glass House Mountains National Park** (p336)

8 Canoeing and exploring the Cooloola Section of the **Great Sandy National Park** (p346)

