



# Noosa & the Sunshine Coast

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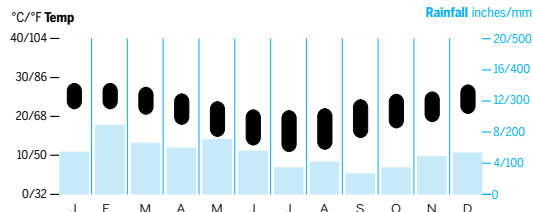
## Why Go?

It's not called the Sunshine Coast for nothing: the 100 golden kilometres stretching from the tip of Bribie Island to the Cooloola Coast are aglow with glimmering coastlines, hot surf spots and a warm populace for whom smiles are *de rigueur*...and shoes *démodé*. Stylish Noosa boasts a sophisticated dining and resort scene, while Mooloolaba, with its popular beach, outdoor eateries and cafes, is a long-time favourite with holidaying Australian families.

The ethereal Glass House Mountains loom over the seascape, while further north, the Blackall Range offers a change of scenery with thick forests, lush pastures and quaint villages. The Sunshine Coast is also home to one of the world's great wildlife sanctuaries, the iconic Australia Zoo.

## When to Go

### Noosa



**May** Satisfy culinary cravings at the Noosa International Food & Wine Festival.

**Sep** Noosa's streets fill with music during the four-day Noosa Jazz Festival.

**Dec** Celebrate the end of the year with folks who like folk at the Woodford Folk Festival.



## Noosa & the Sunshine Coast Highlights

- 1 Hiking the coastal track at **Noosa National Park** (p336).
- 2 Sampling gourmet beach fare in one of Noosa's **swish restaurants** (p338).
- 3 Surfing, sunning and lapping up the beach-cafe scene in **Mooloolaba** (p346).
- 4 Visiting the wild critters at **Australia Zoo** (p344).
- 5 Finding far-out treasures at the **Eumundi markets** (p354).
- 6 Donning flares, kaftans and wild, new-age hippie chic at the wonderful **Woodford Folk Festival** (p355).
- 7 Hiking to the summit of Mt Beerwah in the **Glass House Mountains National Park** (p343).
- 8 Canoeing and exploring the Cooloola Section of the **Great Sandy National Park** (p353).