



Byron Bay & North Coast New South Wales

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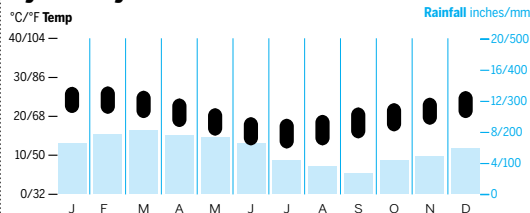
Why Go?

Lovely, lazy beach towns and pristine national parks leapfrog each other all the way up this stupendous stretch of coast. Inland, lush farmland and ancient tracts of World Heritage-listed rainforest do the same.

Providing a buffer between New South Wales' capital-city sprawl to the south and Queensland's Gold Coast strip up over the border, northern NSW offers an altogether simpler way of life. Farmers rub shoulders with big-city sea-changers and post-hippie alternative lifestylers here: if you're looking for stellar local produce, a single-origin coffee or a psychic reading, you won't be disappointed. And if you're searching for a surf break, rest assured there will be an awesome one, right around the next corner.

When to Go

Byron Bay



Jun & Jul Winter brings whales to the coast, lanterns to Lismore and big musos to Byron Bay.

Sep–Nov Returning whales, swimming weather and blooming jacarandas.

Dec–Apr Life's a beach; just book for it well ahead in January.

Byron Bay & Northern New South Wales Highlights

- 1 Myall Lakes National Park** (p137)
Laying claim to your own stretch of empty beach in coastal wilderness.
- 2 Dorrigo National Park** (p148)
Delving into the ancient World Heritage-listed Gondwana rainforest.
- 3 Worimi Conservation Lands** (p135)
Discovering the rich heritage of coastal Indigenous Australians.
- 4 Bellingen** (p146)
Enjoying the charm of a pretty, posh hinterland village.
- 5 Byron Bay** (p157)
Learning to surf amid spouting whales.
- 6 Fleet** (p164)
Discovering world-class dining at Brunswick Heads' Mod Oz restaurant.
- 7 Bangalow Market** (p164)
Feeling the love between the farmers, hippies and foodies.

