



# Noosa & the Sunshine Coast

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## Why Go?

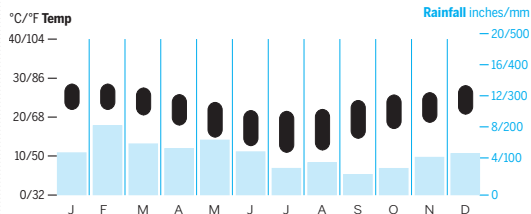
If your idea of the perfect summer holiday involves lazy days in the sun, sand between your toes, and fish and chips on the beach then pack a smile, ditch the bling and immerse yourself in the laid-back beach-chic culture of the refreshingly natural and unaffected Sunshine Coast.

From the tip of Bribie Island, the 'Sunny Coast' stretches north for one hundred 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, a little further north, the Sunshine Coast hinterland, home to the forested folds and ridges, gorges and waterfalls, lush green pastures and quaint villages of the Blackall Range.

## When to Go

### Noosa



## Best Places to Eat

- » Spirit House Restaurant (p164)
- » Humid (p149)
- » Berardo's (p149)
- » Wasabi (p149)
- » Bella Venezia (p158)

## Best Places to Stay

- » Secrets on the Lake (p167)
- » Islander Noosa Resort (p147)
- » Hidden Valley B&B (p164)

**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.

**DecemberCelebrate**  
the year's end eclectically, and alternately, at the Woodford Folk Festival.

## Noosa & the Sunshine Coast Highlights

- 1** Bushwalking through **Noosa National Park** (p144), spotting koalas in the trees and dolphins in the bay
- 2** Wining and dining at Noosa's swish **restaurants and cafes** (p149)
- 3** Surfing, sunning and lapping up the beach-cafe scene in **Mooloolaba** (p155)
- 4** Finding your inner crocodile (and other wild critters) at the wonderful wildlife sanctuary of **Australia Zoo** (p153)
- 5** Savouring the alternative vibe at the **Eumundi markets** (p163) and the funky hinterland town of **Maleny** (p165)
- 6** Donning flares, kaftans, and wild new-age hippie-chic at the wonderfully eclectic **Woodford Folk Festival** (p165)
- 7** Hiking to the summit of Mount Beerwah in the ethereal **Glass House Mountains National Park** (p151)
- 8** Kayaking or canoeing the quiet waters of the Noosa **Everglades** (p147)

