



Noosa & the Sunshine Coast

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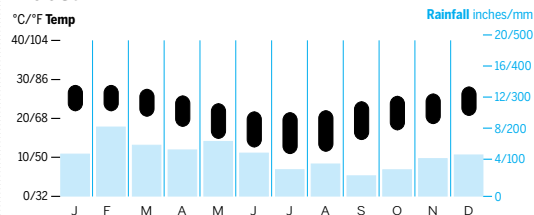
Why Go?

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** (p136).
- 2 Sampling gourmet beach fare in one of Noosa's **swish restaurants** (p138).
- 3 Surfing, sunning and lapping up the beach-cafe scene in **Mooloolaba** (p146).
- 4 Visiting the wild critters at **Australia Zoo** (p144).
- 5 Finding far-out treasures at the **Eumundi markets** (p154).
- 6 Donning flares, kaftans and wild, new-age hippie chic at the wonderful **Woodford Folk Festival** (p155).
- 7 Hiking to the summit of Mt Beerwah in the **Glass House Mountains National Park** (p143).
- 8 Canoeing and exploring the Cooloola Section of the **Great Sandy National Park** (p153).