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1. Geographical location

Situated on the coastal region of South East Queensland, Gold Coast has a rainforest hinterland and almost half of the region is covered by forests. Covering an area of 414.3 square kilometers, the city is at an elevation of 13.1 m above sea level. The Nerang River flows through the city's suburbs. The wetlands between the coastal strip and the hinterland have been converted into canals and artificial islands. The coastal strip lies on a narrow barrier sandbar. The city has a humid subtropical climate.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

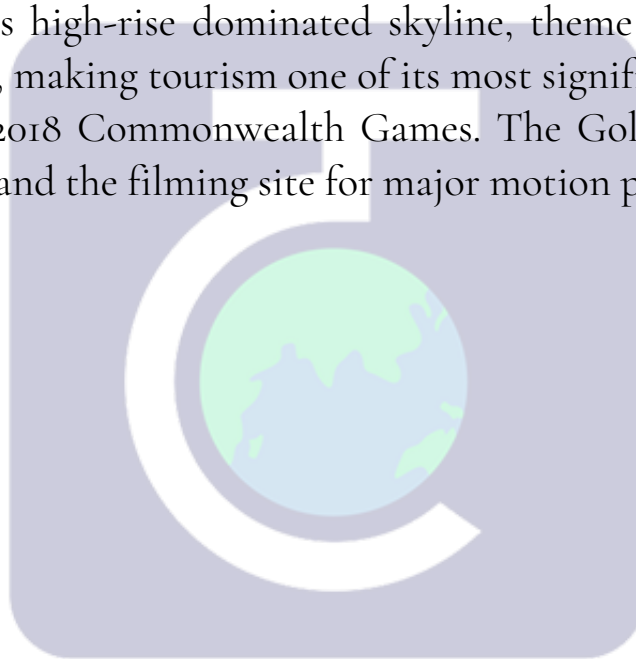
The Nearest Queensland City To Gold Coast Is Tweed Heads That Lies At A Distance Of 22.3 Km. The Nearest Big City Is The Capital Of The State Brisbane Which Is 71 Km Away From Gold Coast. Canberra, The Capital Of The Country Is About 1125 Km Away. Other Major Cities Lying Near To Gold Coast Include Sydney, New Castle, Coffs Harbour, Byron Bay, Sunshine Coast, Rockhampton, And Gladstone. The Neighbouring Countries Of Gold Coast Are New Zealand, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, And New Caledonia.



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3. Significance

The city, primarily a chain of seaside resorts, is home to a number of beaches that attract surfers, including Northcliffe, Broadbeach, Mermaid Beach, Surfers Paradise, Nobby's, Miami, Burleigh Heads, Palm Beach, Currumbin, Tallebudgera, Tugun-Bilinga, and Kirra. Gold Coast is today a major tourist destination with its sunny subtropical climate, surfing beaches, canal and waterway systems, its high-rise dominated skyline, theme parks, nightlife, and rainforest hinterland, making tourism one of its most significant industries. Gold Coast will host the 2018 Commonwealth Games. The Gold Coast is the major film production hub and the filming site for major motion pictures and television series.



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4. History

When emigrants reached Gold Coast in 18th century, it was an inhospitable terrain with dense forest and sandy coasts. These outsiders had a rough start with the original inhabitants of the land- the local Aboriginal people. According to historical sources, these ancient communities have been living in the place for thousands of years. They followed a language and culture which was unknown to the outside world. However, soon after European adventurers discovered this new land, many settlers followed them in search of new life and vocations like logging, sugar cane and cotton agriculture. Unknown up to World war Second, Gold Coast became major hub for tourists. Several avenues were developed for the leisure of people looking for great vacation. There is a different yet creative cultural heritage associated with the city of Gold Coast. The city is shaped majorly with the Indigenous ownership and the hinterland's European settlement. The city embraces layers of history to be cherished and acknowledging the evolution of local government, suburbs and vibrant cosmopolitan atmosphere.

5. Cultural identity

Gold Coast has an admirable mix of several cultures which has significant effect on the present day local life and art of the land. This includes cultures of ancient Aboriginal people and those of European emigrants who came one after the other since 1800 from different parts of the European continents. The influence of these different groups of people is very much evident in the art, crafts and architecture of the place. The original inhabitants of the land were hunter-gatherers and were easily acclimatized to the environment. The new settlers on the other hand adjusted themselves to the new surroundings and made most of their presence by giving impetus to timber industry, sugar mills and banana farming. It was only after WWII, that Gold Coast evolved as popular getaway for travellers. The people are inured to the beach lifestyle as it has been a surfing mecca since long. There are initiatives which are more inclined towards the creative side of the city. There are intriguing buildings that reflect the culture of the artistic people living here.



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6. Natural resources

It has a rich reserve of natural resources and that includes bauxite, coal, iron ore, copper, tin, gold, silver, uranium, nickel, tungsten, rare earth elements, mineral sands, lead, zinc, diamonds, natural gas, and petroleum. It has a large species of flora and fauna.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. SkyPoint Observation Deck

Address : 9 Hamilton Ave, Surfers Paradise QLD 4217, Australia

Zipcode : 4217

Location : -28.0060093, 153.42952939999998

Contact : +61 7 5582 2700

Website : <https://www.skypoint.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Surfers Paradise Light Rail station

Entry Fee : General Admission – 24 AUD; Day / Night Admission – 19 AUD;
Club 360 Membership – 35 AUD; Value Passes (1, 7 and 21 days) – from 85 AUD;
Corporate Pass – 195 AUD

Open & Close Timing : Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
07:30hrs-21:00hrs Tuesday: 07:30hrs-15:00hrs Friday & Saturday 07:30hrs-23:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Address : 28 Tomewin St, Currumbin QLD 4223, Australia

Zipcode : 4223

Location : -28.1361928, 153.4865383

Contact : +61 7 5534 1266

Website : <http://www.currumbinsanctuary.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary Bus station

Entry Fee : General Admission – Adult – 49.95 AUD; Child (4 to 4 years) – 35.95 AUD; concession – 39.95 AUD; Wild Deals – 35 AUD; Segway Safari – Adult – 69.50 AUD; Child (10 to 14 years) – 62.50 AUD; Concession – 65 AUD

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Ripley's Believe It or Not! Surfers Paradise

Address : Cavill Mall, Cavill Ave, Surfers Paradise QLD 4217, Australia

Zipcode : 4217

Location : -28.001800499999999, 153.4302189

Contact : +61 7 5592 0040

Website : <http://www.ripleys.com/surfersparadise/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cavill Avenue Light Rail station

Entry Fee : Adult (18+) – 22.90 AUD; Student (13 to 17 years) – 19.90 AUD; Child (5 to 12 years) – 13.90 AUD; Guidebook – 2.27 AUD;

Open & Close Timing : Winter – 09:00hrs-20:30hrs Summer – 09:00hrs-21:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Sea World

Address : Seaworld Dr, Main Beach QLD 4217, Australia

Zipcode : 4217

Location : -27.9572417, 153.42551609999998

Contact : +61 7 5588 2222

Website : <http://seaworld.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Sea World Bus Station

Entry Fee : 1 Day – 79.99 AUD; 2 Days – 44.99 AUD per day; 3 Days – 33.33 AUD per day; 14 Days – 7.86 AUD per day; 6 Months – 0.63 AUD per day; 12 Months – 0.30 AUD per day

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:30hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Wet and wild water world

Address : Pacific Mwy, Gold Coast QLD 4210, Australia

Zipcode : 4210

Location : -27.913443, 153.31789300000003

Contact : +61 7 5556 1660

Website : <http://wetnwild.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Wet 'n' Wild Bus Station

Entry Fee : 1 Day – 79.99 AUD; 2 Days – 44.99 AUD per day; 3 Days – 33.33 AUD per day; 14 Days – 7.86 AUD per day; 6 Months – 0.63 AUD per day; 12 Months – 0.30 AUD per day

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Warner Bros. Movie World

Address : Pacific Motorway, Oxenford QLD 4210, Australia

Zipcode : 4210

Location : -27.906957, 153.31311030000006

Contact : +61 7 5573 3999

Website : <http://movieworld.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Entertainment Dr at Movie World Bus Station

Entry Fee : 1 Day – 79.99 AUD; 2 Days – 44.99 AUD per day; 3 Days – 33.33 AUD per day; 14 Days – 7.86 AUD per day; 6 Months – 0.63 AUD per day; 12 Months – 0.30 AUD per day

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:30hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Cbus Super Stadium

Address : Centreline Pl, Robina QLD 4226, Australia

Zipcode : 4226

Location : -28.066797, 153.37879550000002

Contact : +61 7 5656 5500

Website : <http://www.cbussuperstadium.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Robina Railway Station

Entry Fee : Venue Tours – Groups of 20 or more – 8 AUD per person

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No



7.2. Free

7.2.1. Main Beach

Address : Main Beach, Queensland 4217, Australia

Zipcode : 4217

Location : -27.963, 153.42599999999993

Nearest Public Transport : Main Beach Light Rail station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Surfers Paradise

Address : Surfers Paradise, Queensland 4217, Australia

Zipcode : 4217

Location : -28, 153.41666999999996

Nearest Public Transport : Gold Coast Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Broadbeach

Address : Broadbeach, Queensland 4218, Australia

Zipcode : 4218

Location : -28.030833, 153.43194399999993

Nearest Public Transport : Broadbeach North Light Rail station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Burleigh Heads National Park

Address : Goodwin Terrace, Burleigh Heads QLD 4220, Australia

Zipcode : 4220

Location : -28.096888, 153.45524699999999

Contact : +61 13 74 68

Nearest Public Transport : Burleigh Heads National Park Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Southern Gold Coast

Address : 4/421 Golden Four Dr, Tugun QLD 4224, Australia

Zipcode : 4224

Location : -28.144465, 153.49633900000003

Contact : +61 7 5534 3500

Nearest Public Transport : Golden Four Dr at Tugun Beach Shops Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Tamborine Mountain

Address : Tamborine Mountain, QLD 4272, Australia

Zipcode : 4272

Location : -27.9421641, 153.1936488

Nearest Public Transport : Anna St at William Street bus station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Springbrook National Park

Address : Springbrook Rd, Springbrook, Queensland 4213, Australia

Zipcode : 4213

Location : -28.1988805, 153.29598269999997

Contact : +61 13 74 68

Website : <https://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/parks/springbrook/about.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Numinbah Rd at Satinwood Pl bus station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Lamington National Park

Address : Binna Burra QLD 4211, Australia

Zipcode : 4211

Location : -28.2166667, 153.14999999999998

Contact : +61 13 74 68

Website : <https://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/parks/lamington/>

Nearest Public Transport : Numinbah Rd at Satinwood Pl bus station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Coolangatta Beach

Address : 88 Marine Parade, Coolangatta QLD 4225, Australia

Zipcode : 4225

Location : -28.1663925, 153.54040940000004

Nearest Public Transport : Griffith St at Coolangatta East Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Palm Beach

Address : Palm Beach, Queensland 4221, Australia

Zipcode : 4221

Location : -28.1120958, 153.45670919999998

Nearest Public Transport : Gold Coast Hwy at Twenty Fifth Avenue Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. South Stradbroke Island

Address : South Stradbroke Island, Queensland 4216, Australia

Zipcode : 4216

Location : -27.8335086, 153.4213208

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Kirra Beach

Address : 4 -10 Douglas St, Kirra QLD 4225, Australia

Zipcode : 4225

Location : -28.1659813, 153.52860850000002

Nearest Public Transport : Musgrave St at Kirra Shops Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Currumbin Valley

Address : Queensland 4223, Australia

Zipcode : 4223

Location : -28.17, 153.434167

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Helensvale

Address : Helensvale, Queensland 4212, Australia

Zipcode : 4212

Location : -27.9032293, 153.33876929999997

Nearest Public Transport : Helensvale Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Hope Island

Address : Hope Island, Queensland 4212, Australia

Zipcode : 4212

Location : -27.8669, 153.36199999999997

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.16. Mermaid Beach

Address : Mermaid Beach, Queensland 4218, Australia

Zipcode : 4218

Location : -28.044, 153.437

Nearest Public Transport : Gold Coast Hwy at Mermaid Park Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. Miami Beach

Address : Miami, Queensland 4220, Australia

Zipcode : 4220

Location : -28.0645522, 153.44399079999994

Nearest Public Transport : Gold Coast Hwy at Hythe Street Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.18. Mount Nathan Winery

Address : 220 Clagiraba Road, Mount Nathan, Queensland 4211, Australia

Zipcode : 4211

Location : -27.998628, 153.26039400000002

Contact : +61 7 5533 7780

Website : <http://mtnathanwinery.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Dugandan St at Merloo drive bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.19. Currumbin Beach

Address : 828 Pacific Parade, Currumbin QLD 4223, Australia

Zipcode : 4223

Location : -28.1277268, 153.48712539999997

Nearest Public Transport : Pacific Pde at Wallace Nicoll Park Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.20. Beechmont

Address : Beechmont, Queensland 4211, Australia

Zipcode : 4211
Location : -28.126, 153.188
Open & Close Timing : Daily: Open 24 hours
Time Required : 3
Buy Ticket : No

7.2.21. Elkhorn Avenue

Zipcode : 0
Location : -27.9989102, 153.4286068
Time Required : 0
Buy Ticket : No

7.2.22. Orchid Avenue

Zipcode : 0
Location : -28.00080719999999, 153.42956600000002
Time Required : 0
Buy Ticket : No

7.2.23. Cavill Mall

Zipcode : 0
Location : -28.00211019999999, 153.43017880000002
Time Required : 0
Buy Ticket : No

7.2.24. Centro Shopping Plaza

Zipcode : 0
Location : -28.0023387, 153.43044380000003
Time Required : 0
Buy Ticket : No



7.2.25. Chevron Renaissance Shopping Centre

Zipcode : 0

Location : -27.999668, 153.42794500000002

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

A number of wonderful beaches provide an excellent backdrop for an array of exciting water sports in the city. The most popular sports that tourists enjoy include surfing, fishing, and boating, among others. Tourists can also enjoy jet boating, jet skiing, jet skiing island, fly boarding, parasailing and many other adrenaline pumping thrills and fun.

- **Jet Boating -**

Address : Paradise Jet Boating, Shop 7b, 60 SeaWorld Drive, Mariners Cove Marina, Main Beach QLD 4217, Australia

Location : -27.96922,153.42605

Contact No : +61 7 5526 3089

Website : <http://www.paradisejetboating.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Seaworld Dr at Sheraton Mirage Bus Station

Entry Fees : 59 AUD to 349 AUD

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Wait Time : 10 minutes

- **Watersports -**

Address : Gold Coast Watersports, Sea World Resort, Sea World Drive, Main Beach, QLD 4217, Australia

Location : -27.9530423,153.4244112

Contact No : 07 5591 0085

Website : <http://www.goldcoastwatersports.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Sea World Bus station

Entry Fees : 90 AUD to 390 AUD

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 10 minutes

- **Skydiving -**

Address : Gold Coast Skydive, 1/78 Musgrave Street Kirra, Queensland, Australia 4225

Location : -28.1680569,153.529702199999

Contact No : (07) 5599 1920

Website : <http://www.goldcoastskydive.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Musgrave St at Kirra Shops Bus station

Entry Fees : 135 AUD to 2900 AUD

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:30hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Wait Time : 5 minutes



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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Water sports is the most popular leisure sports in Gold Coast. Motor racing also has a strong fan following. Professional sports like Australian rules football, rugby, basketball, cricket, and soccer are also widely played. Other local sports include beach volleyball, horse racing, golf, baseball, ice hockey, and tennis.

- **Metricon Stadium:**

Address : Nerang Broadbeach Rd, Carrara QLD 4211, Australia

Location : -28.007553,153.36743079999997

Contact No : +61 7 5644 6200

Website : <http://www.metriconstadium.com.au/>



10. Spas and relaxation

- **Touch Of Aloha:**

Address : Touch Of Aloha, 57 Thomas Dr, Surfers Paradise QLD 4217, Australia

Location : -27.997536,153.41905499999996

Contact No : 0407 774 552 4

Website : <https://massagegoldcoast.net>

- **Herbal Thai Massage:**

Address : Shop 28 Chevron Renaissance Shopping Centre 3240 Surfers Paradise QLD 4217

Location : -27.9996078,153.42772020000007

Contact No : (07) 5531 7798

Website : <http://www.herbalthaimassage.com.au>

- **Calmer Therapies:**

Address : Calmer Therapies, Massage, Facials, Pamper, Crown Towers (Mantra),, Palm Ave, Surfers Paradise QLD 4217

Location : -27.995767,153.428094

Contact No : (07) 5538 0599

Website : <http://www.calmertherapies.com/>

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11. Key local guides and tours

Gold Coast is a surfer's paradise and the city and its beaches offer a wide array of entertainment and tours to the visitors. Buggy tours offer a unique way to explore the natural landscape and scenic beauty of the region. The drive takes the tourists through different terrains including sandy beaches and rainforests. Helitours explore the sights of the land from above. Fly over the charming beaches and lush forests on a helicopter to take in the mesmerising views.

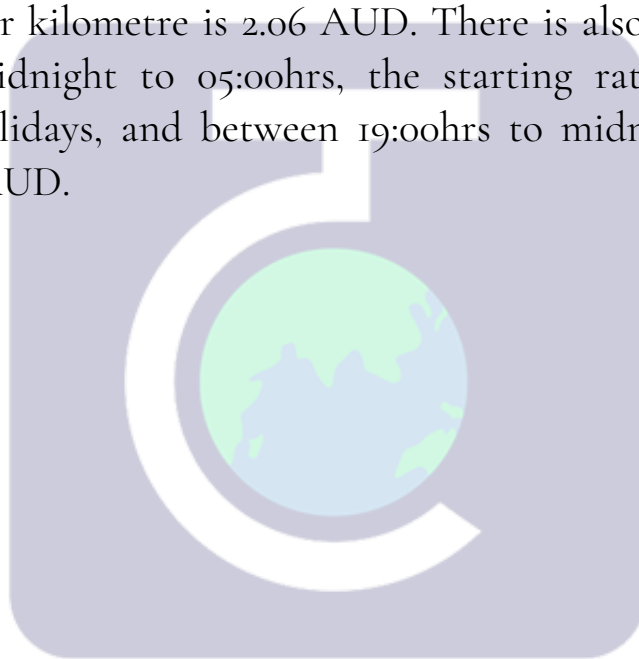


12. Transportation hubs

Gold Coast Airport is located around 25 km away from the city. Public transport bus services and taxis take passengers to the city centre. It takes around 7 AUD to 12 AUD by bus and 55 AUD to 70 AUD by taxi. There is also a Gold Coast Tourist Shuttle service available that transport tourists to hotels and other destinations in the city. Fares for a one-way ticket for Zone 1, 2, and 3 are 22, 25, 45 AUD for an adult, 13, 15, 27 AUD for children, 20, 23, 41 AUD for concession, and 48, 56, 99 AUD for family, respectively. The city has a number of major suburban railway stations including Nerang, Robina, and Varsity Lakes. A few of the main bus station include Southport Bus station, Broadbeach South bus station, Gold Coast Airport, Harbour Town Shopping Centre, Pacific Fair Shopping Centre, The Pines Shopping Centre and Tweed City bus station. Some of the main tram stations include Gold Coast University Hospital, Griffith University, Queen Street, Nerang Street, Southport, Southport South and Broadwater Parklands.

Index**13. Transportation cost**

Trams and buses are the easiest modes of public transport in Gold Coast. A Go-Card is a convenient way to pay for public transport. The card can be bought for 10 AUD and then loaded with the required amount. It can save up to 1 AUD per journey. Tourists can also use the SEEQ card which can be purchased at 79 AUD to 29 AUD. Taxi fares start from 2.90 AUD on weekdays from 07:00hrs to 19:00hrs. The rate per kilometre is 2.06 AUD. There is also a booking charge of 1.50 AUD. From midnight to 05:00hrs, the starting rate is 6.30 AUD. On weekends, public holidays, and between 19:00hrs to midnight on all days the starting rate is 4.30 AUD.



Index**14. Baggage allowance**

All public transport allows prams and strollers that can be kept folded during peak hours or when there is limited space. At all other times they can be placed unfolded. Bikes that can be folded can be carried in a bag no bigger than 90cmx70cmx36cm. It is not possible to travel in trams with bikes during peak hours. Folded scooters can be carried when stored in luggage racks. Some Translink services have designated spaces to carry surfboards, golf bags, and other large pieces of luggage.



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15. Must try food and local savouries

Gold Coast is your ultimate destination to have some of the finest tropical seafood such as deep-fried coconut prawns, patagonian toothfish, Maringa Mirage seafood, frutos del mar, sand crab lasagne, salt and pepper calamari and cocktails.



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16. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Oskars:**

Address : 43 Goodwin Terrace, Burleigh Heads QLD 4220, Australia

Location : -28.0895052,153.45494989999997

Contact No : +61 7 5576 3722

Website : <http://oskars.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:00hrs-14:30hrs; 18:30hrs-20:30hrs

- **The Fish House:**

Address : 50 Goodwin Terrace, Burleigh Heads QLD 4220, Australia

Location : -28.0899364,153.45417880000002

Contact No : +61 7 5535 7725

Website : <http://thefishhouse.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-14:30hrs; 17:30hrs-21:00hrs

- **Omeros Brothers Seafood Restaurant:**

Address : Marina Mirage, 55/74 Seaworld Dr, Main Beach QLD 4217,

Australia

Location : -27.9686567,153.42538000000002

Contact No : +61 7 5591 7222

Website : <http://www.omerosbros.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday 12:00hrs-21:00hrs; Saturday & Sunday 12:00hrs-21:30hrs

- **Willow Dining Room:**

Address : 2/1840 Gold Coast Hwy, Burleigh Heads QLD 4220, Australia

Location : -28.081386,153.44707199999993

Contact No : +61 7 5576 4110

Website : <http://willowdiningroom.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 17:30hrs-23:00hrs

- **Nero Dining:**

Address : 3/1 Sunshine Blvd, Gold Coast QLD 4218, Australia

Location : -28.0279833,153.4243024

Contact No : +61 7 5526 7364

Website : <http://www.bellocale.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday-Sunday 18:00hrs till late

- **Little Truffle:**

Address : 2444 Gold Coast Hwy., Mermaid Beach QLD 4218, Australia

Location : -28.0460346,153.43499640000005

Contact No : +61 7 5526 5033

Website : <http://www.littletruffle.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Dinner – Monday-Saturday 17:30hrs till late; Lunch – Friday and Saturday 12:00hrs-15:00hrs

- **The Cambus Wallace:**

Address : 4/2237 Gold Coast Hwy, Nobby Beach, Gold Coast QLD 4218

Location : -28.0584477,153.4385042

Contact No : +61 7 5575 3420

Website : <http://www.thecambuswallace.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Thursday 17:00hrs-23:59hrs; Friday-Sunday 16:00hrs-23:59hrs

- **Cocktails Nightclub:**

Address : 3-15 Orchid Ave, Surfers Paradise QLD 4217, Australia

Location : -28.0009097,153.42979549999995

Contact No : +61 7 5592 1955

Website : <http://www.cocktailsnightclub.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday and Friday 21:00hrs-05:00hrs; Thursday 21:30hrs-15:00hrs; Saturday 20:00hrs-05:00hrs

- **Finders Keepers Bar & Dining Lounge:**

Address : 49 James St, Burleigh Heads QLD 4220, Australia

Location : -28.0890297,153.45003299999996

Contact No : +61 7 5659 1643

Website : <http://finderskeepersbar.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Friday 16:00hrs till late; Saturday-Sunday 07:00hrs till late

Index**17. Average meal cost**

In a local restaurant a normal meal costs 15.00 A\$. A three-course meal at a mid-range restaurant for two people costs 65.00 A\$. You can have a fresh cappuccino at 4.55 A\$. 11.2 oz. (0.33 liter bottle) small bottle of water can be purchased at 2.27 A\$.



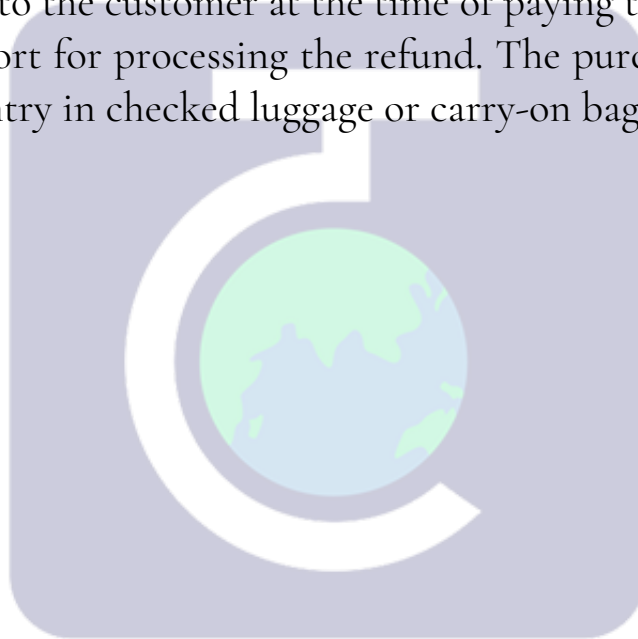
Index**18. Shopping**

In Gold Coast, there are various options for shopping. Cavill Mall, Centro Shopping Plaza and Chevron Renaissance - These are important centers for buying Woolworth products and souvenirs. Orchard Avenue and Elkhorn Avenue - For those looking for exclusive brands and high-end to mid-range shopping, they must visit Orchard Avenue and Elkhorn Avenue. There are also certain shops here that sell various antique objects.



Index**19. Tourist benefits**

Australia offers tax free shopping to tourists as part of their Tourist Refund Scheme (TRS). The tax paid for the goods bought during their stay in the country can be claimed by the visitors at the time of leaving Australia through any of its international airports. In order to be eligible for the refund scheme, the purchase must be from a single shop and for a total of 300 AUD or more. The original tax invoice will be given to the customer at the time of paying the bill. This has to be produced at the airport for processing the refund. The purchased goods must be taken out of the country in checked luggage or carry-on bags.



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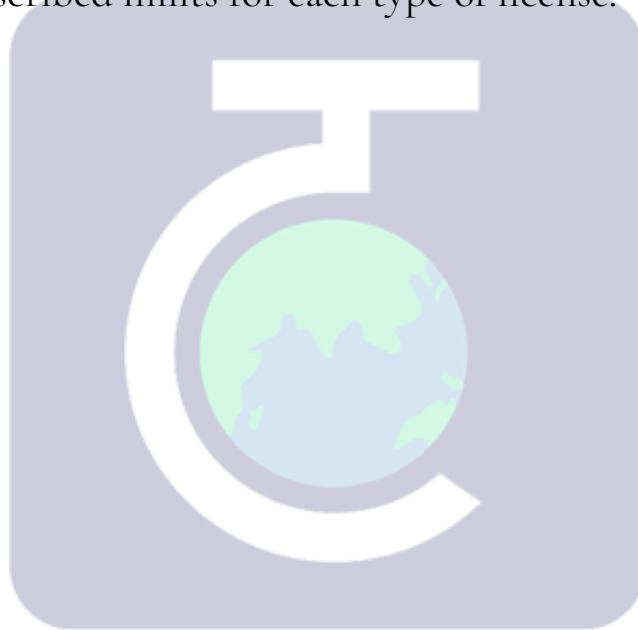
20. Essential local apps

Travel apps are the most useful companions in a new place to find transport options or to search a good place to get your favourite food. MyTransLink app provides all the required information regarding public transport in Gold Coast. The app features include timetables, journey planner, stops search, and much more for trains, trams, and buses. Gold Coast Cabs is an easy way to book taxis. Users can track cabs, rate drivers, map booking from current location, estimate fares, and perform many other functions. Australian Good Food Guide is an excellent app to find the best restaurants and other food and drink joints near you. The app helps in comparing prices, reading and writing reviews, etc.



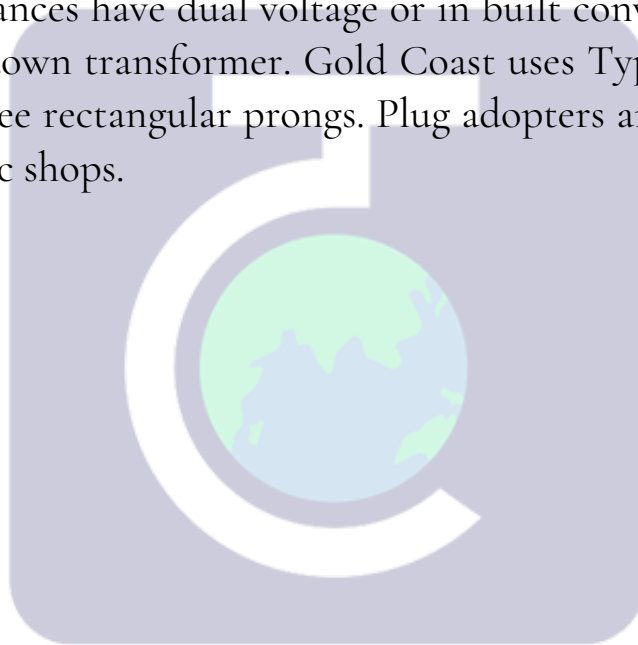
Index**21. Driving**

A valid overseas license is required to drive around in Gold Coast. The license must be in English. If it is in any other language, an authorized translation of it must be kept with the original all the time. Children of all ages should be secured with appropriate child restraints. Safety helmets are compulsory for motorcycle riders. Drunken driving invites penalties and punishments if the blood alcohol level is above the prescribed limits for each type of license.



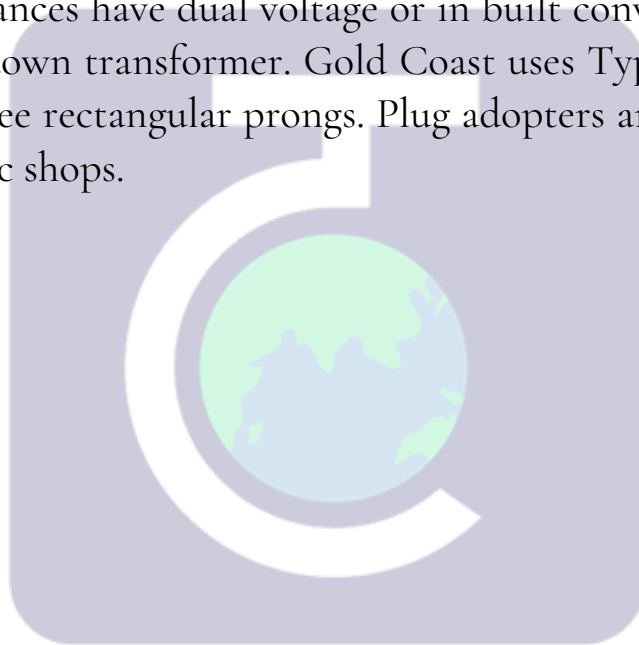
Index**22. Travel essentials**

Gold Coast uses a standard voltage of 220 to 240 volts at frequency of 50 Hz. This standard of voltage is used throughout Australia. North America (United States, Canada) uses a standard voltage of 110 to 120. Foreigners who come from countries that use same standard as North America should come with or buy a step up transformer so as to use their electrical appliances. Although some of these electrical appliances have dual voltage or in built converters, it is advisable to still use the step down transformer. Gold Coast uses Type I electrical sockets which has two or three rectangular prongs. Plug adopters are readily available in Gold Coast in electric shops.



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Index**24. Local currency**

The local currency of the city is Australian Dollar. It is denoted as AUD. 1 USD = 1.39 AUD



Index**25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Airports have currency exchange bureaus where the tourists can exchange foreign currencies for a fee or commission of about 2.50-10 AUD. The best places to exchange foreign currency are banks. ATMs that accept international cash cards are plenty in the city. However, Australian banks usually levy a 2 AUD usage fee for using their ATMs. There may also be a foreign ATM usage fee charged by the card issuing bank.



26. Staying connected

This is no short supply of communication channels in Gold Coast and phones are easily available throughout the city. The principle telecom service providers are: Amaysim, Telstra, Optus and Vodafone. You can procure a SIM card at a nominal cost at the Domestic section of the International airport, supermarkets as well as petrol pumps. You will need to show and submit copies of your passport and valid Australian visa. There are plenty of free WiFi hotspots throughout the city: Broadwater Parklands, Tamborine Mountain Library, Gold Coast Businesses, Theme Parks And Oasis Shopping Centre.



27. Time Zone

Gold Coast follows Australian Eastern Standard Time with UTC + 10:00 hours.



Index**28. Languages**

English, Japanese, Mandarin, Korean and Spanish are few of the main languages spoken here.



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29. Political Scenario

The city is administered at the local level by the Gold Coast City Council, the second largest local government in the country behind Brisbane City. Its origins lie in two local governments established at the 1949 elections. The Gold Coast City Council has 14 councilors, each representing a division of the City. The Gold Coast area is represented at the state level by ten members in the Legislative Assembly of Queensland. Federally, the Gold Coast area is split between three divisions in the House of Representatives--Fadden (northern), Moncrieff (central) and McPherson (southern).



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30. Economic Scenario

The Gold Coast is one of Australia's fastest developing urban communities. In the past the economy was driven by the population derived industries of construction, tourism and retail. The city is presently having a modern industrial base formed of marine, education, information communication and technology, food, tourism, creative, environment and sports industries. Tourism stays essential to Gold Coast City's economy, with very nearly 10 million guests a year to the territory. The Gold Coast is the significant film creation center in Queensland and the third largest film production center in Australia behind Sydney and Melbourne. It has been the filming site for major motion pictures and television series.



Index**31. Religious belief**

The most practiced religion on the Gold Coast is Christianity. The other most common religions practiced within the city were Buddhism, Islam, and Hinduism. The largest changes in the religious affiliation of the population in Gold Coast City between 2006 and 2011 were for those who nominated Western (Roman) Catholic), Anglican, Christian, not further described and Buddhism.



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32. Visa requirements

Tourists require visitor visas to enter and stay in Australia for a prescribed period. Three types of visas are available for this purpose. A Visitor visa allows a stay for a period as determined by the Minister. Electronic Travel Authority Visa permits visits to the country as many times as the person wants up to a period of one year and stay for a maximum period of 3 months during each visit. Tourists with eVisitor visas can stay for a maximum period of 3 months at a time within a one year period. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application. For more information, visit <https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visi/Visi#>.

Index**33. Essential vaccination**

Make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines before the trip. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot.



Index**34. Theft and Safety**

The flags have been lined up with the safest parts of the beach and are patrolled by lifesavers. For medical assistance there are a handful of walk in clinics around Surfers Paradise. Violence often erupts late at night and in the early hours of the morning, particularly from Thursday to Saturday.



Index**35. Embassy/Consulate**

There are no foreign embassies or consulates in the city but you can find many of them outside the city. To know more about the places, you can log on to <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/australia>



36. Accessibility

Gold coast Australia is also one of the most wheelchair friendly places in the world and considered as extremely disabled-friendly and has all the facilities for people with any kind of disability. But an agent is recommended when you check in country if you have any kind of disability. In Australia wheelchair accessible taxis are available through major taxi companies in all capital cities.



37. Emergencies

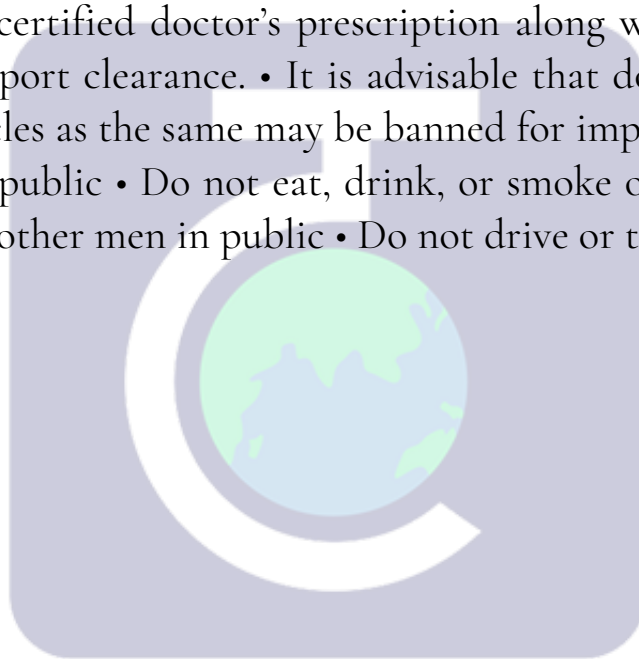
Australia's primary emergency call service number is Triple Zero (000), which can be dialled from any fixed or mobile phone, pay phones and certain Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services. There are also two secondary emergency call service numbers—112 and 106. Gold Coast Hospital is a major hospital in the city accepting travel insurance.



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38. Do's and Don'ts

It is good to know the rules and customs prevailing in a place for a better understanding and more comfortable communication and interaction. Do's - • Always use hands-free mobile set while driving • Carry copies of travel and identification documents and emergency numbers • Wear waterproof sun cream all the time • Look for cyclists when turning or entering an intersection • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. Don'ts - • Do not blow nose or spit in public • Do not eat, drink, or smoke on public transports • Do not touch or hug other men in public • Do not drive or travel in a car without seatbelts



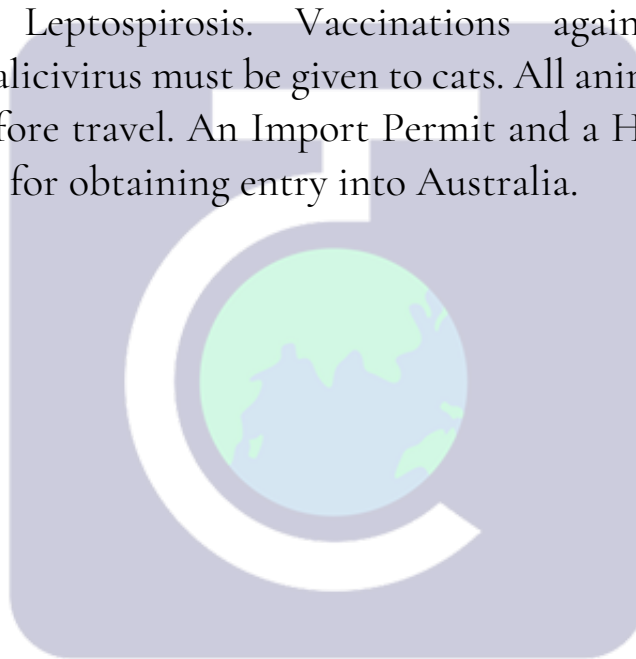
Index**39.Tipping basics**

There are no set of strong rules for tipping in Australia. However, it is recommended to pay a tip as 5% to 10% in restaurants. Porters and valet boys can be paid 1 AUD. The hair dressers can be paid 5 AUD to 5% on the total amount.



Index**40.Pet info**

Foreign visitors can bring their pet animals to Australia if they conform to the entry requirements. All animals must be micro chipped at the country of origin before travel. A vaccination against rabies should follow this. Dogs must be given additional vaccinations against Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Para-influenza and Bordetella bronchiseptica, and treated against Brucellosis, Ehrlichia canis, Leishmaniosis and Leptospirosis. Vaccinations against feline enteritis, rhinotracheitis and calicivirus must be given to cats. All animals should undergo a Rabies Titer Test before travel. An Import Permit and a Health Certificate also need to be submitted for obtaining entry into Australia.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Gold coast is a treat for adventure lovers with its lush green rain forest, exotic beaches, clear blue water and superb marine life. The safe beaches and clear water attracts tourists from around the globe to enjoy kayaking, speed boat rides, surfing and diving sports. The sea in this region is also very rich in marine life and people flock to see Dolphins, stingrays, whales and variety of marine animals especially from June to November. Gold Coast boasts of picturesque creeks and estuaries in the area which are an ideal picnic spots for families. Once you are done exploring the sea side, take a trip to nearby mountains Like Mt Tamborine, Springlybrook and Binna Bura. You can enjoy hiking and camping trip to nearby rain-forests and Hills as part of your trip to Gold Coast. Waterfalls and Rock pools also form an eminent part of Gold Coast attractions. The city is a paradise for party lovers because the nightlife is absolutely amazing. There are plenty of thriving party clubs and cocktail bars here to keep you on your toes. Apart from bars and cafes, there are several restaurants here offering great food, especially sea-food.



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