

The Gold Coast - Queensland

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Half-way between [Brisbane](#) and [Byron Bay](#), The Gold Coast will have you dreaming. Nestled between the Pacific Ocean and back-country rainforests, this flashy coast is often considered the [Miami](#) of Australia: turquoise water, white sand beaches, sun-soaked sky scrapers...

Not so fast! This touristic and modern region has not said its last word. A small journey around the region will show you that there is something here for everyone.

These 57 kilometers of coastline are characterized by a mild and sunny subtropical climate, ideal for a little relaxation. This seaside destination is covered with continuous beaches, [surf spots](#), restaurants, bars, and hip boutiques. Just to name a few of the main beaches from North to South, there is Main Beach and Broad Beach (close to Surfers Paradise, a great place to party), Burleigh Heads Beach (more calm and less flash), and Coolangatta Beach (less crowded and more relaxed).

There is no shortage of surf spots all along the coast and many lessons are available. Don't forget all the other outdoor activities available, like canoeing, kayaking, snorkeling, or even sky diving.

If one wants to escape the hustle and bustle of the coast, no problem. This piece of coastline is full of distractions. There are many amusement parks within the region: water parks (Wet'n'Wild, White Water World), theme parks (Warner Bros), amusement parks and zoos (Dreamworld, SeaWorld).

For a change of scenery a little more dramatic, one only has to trave a few kilometers. The back country contrasts the coast with its green hills and rainforests, mountain ranges, and high plateaus with rivers, gorges, cliffs, natural pools and spectacular waterfalls. Among the more well known sites is Springbrook, Lamington (world heritage site), and Tamborine. If you're looking for hikes, you've found the place!

In the Hinterland, check out the Great Walk, 54 walkable kms or wild landscapes. Don't miss out on the Tree Top Walkway, a unique experience of 9 suspended bridges 15 meters in the air.

So beach-side relaxing, or hiking?

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