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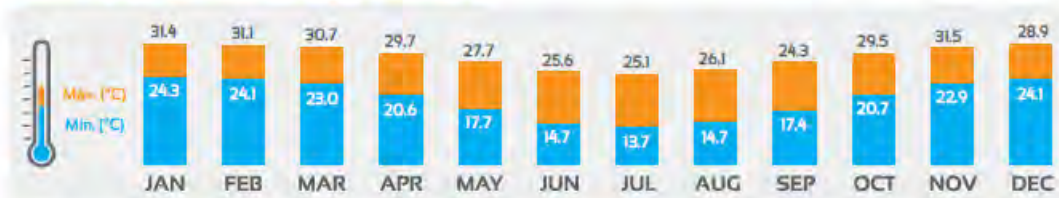
Townsville in North Queensland, Australia offers a range of diverse experiences.

From the awe-inspiring Great Barrier Reef, World Heritage Wet Tropics rainforest to the dirt and dust of the Australian outback, take the time to meet the locals and experience the lifestyle, culture and heritage that make the region so unique.

Weather:

With more than 300 days of sunshine a year, Townsville North Queensland combines a vibrant and bustling community, a relaxed NQ lifestyle, rich history and stunning natural wonders.

Townsville North Queensland Average Temperatures



Townsville North Queensland Average Days of Rain



Source: Bureau of Meteorology

Accessing Townsville:

Air

Major Australian airlines operate direct flights to Townsville from 10 cities across Australia including Brisbane, Cairns, Darwin, Melbourne and Sydney. A direct flight from Melbourne to Townsville takes approximately three hours, Sydney to Townsville is about two hours 40 minutes and flights directly from Brisbane take two hours.

Road and Rail

Queensland Rail operates services from as far south as Brisbane to Townsville. A number of bus companies operate coaches from destinations across Australia to Townsville. Townsville is within driving distance from Brisbane (1372 kilometres) the Whitsundays (450 kilometres) and Cairns (340 kilometres).

TRAVEL SERVICES

Flight Centre Business Travel

1300 286 469

www.flightcentrebusinesstravel.com.au

Travel Associates

1300 230 176

www.travelassociates.com



Garden Clubs Australia Biennial Convention Committee 2021

Sub-Committee of Townsville & District Garden Club Inc.

With over 23,000 airline seats weekly, it has never been more convenient to access the Townsville North Queensland region.

Each year Townsville welcomes over 1.6 million passengers via major airlines, with direct flights from Brisbane, Cairns, Darwin, Sydney, Melbourne and regional Queensland centres.

Getting into the city

Townsville Airport is located only 10 minutes from the city with a number of different transport options available. Car hire options are also available at the airport terminal. Taxis are renowned for their prompt service and affordable fares.



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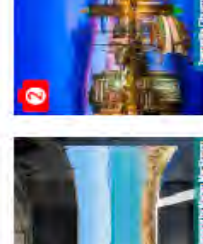
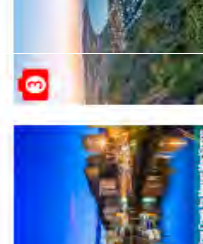
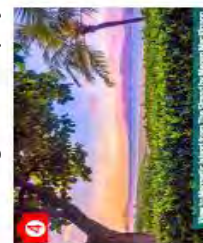
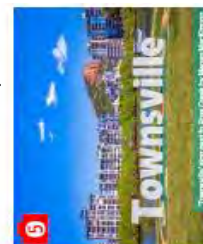


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Townsville City Map

KEY

- SWIMMING
- SEASONAL MARINE STINGER ENCLOSURE
- TOURIST INFO - FREECALL 1800 801 902
- BARBECUE
- PUBLIC TOILETS
- PARKING
- PLAYGROUND
- LOOKOUT
- FREE WIFI
- SHOPPING

ENTERTAINMENT/SHOPPING

- FLINDERS STREET PRECINCT
- FLINDERS STREET EAST PRECINCT
- GREGORY STREET PRECINCT
- PALMER STREET PRECINCT
- STRAND PRECINCT
- CENTRAL
- ATTRACTIONS PRECINCT - Reef HQ Aquarium, Museum of Tropical Queensland

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- CITY BUS STOP
- CITY TAXI RANK
- VEHICLE BARGE TERMINAL (ANTASEA)
- RAILWAY STATION
- PASSENGER FERRY TERMINAL (SEALINK)
- COACH TERMINAL

ATTRACTIONS/ACTIVITIES

- JETTIE BARRACKS
- KISSING POINT LOOKOUT
- STRAND WATER PARK
- ANKAC PARK - War Memorial, Garden of Remembrance
- MARITIME MUSEUM
- PERC TUCKER REGIONAL GALLERY
- LIBRARY COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE
- HISTORIC RAILWAY STATION
- TOWNVILLE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
- CASTLE HILL LOOKOUT
- STRAND PARK
- TOWNVILLE CIVIC THEATRE
- REDF PARK - HOME OF THE SUPERCARDS



Hire Cars:



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THRIFTY CAR RENTAL

Thrifty Townsville provide quality vehicles with excellent customer service. Our partnerships with Automobile Clubs of Australia and Virgin Australia allow you to enjoy the benefits of discounted rates and Velocity points whenever you rent.

With a fleet of cars, utes, trucks and busses, Thrifty Townsville has all your needs.

Contact Information

THRIFTY CAR RENTAL

Address 289 Ingham Road
Garbutt QLD 4810

Phone +61 7 4725 4600

Website www.thrifty.com.au

Budget Car Rental

Phone: 1300 362 848

Avis Car Rental

Phone: 13 63 33

Hertz Car Rental

Phone: 07 4775 4821

Europcar

City

Phone: 07 4762 7050

Airport

Phone: 07 4760 1380



Convention Venues:



Rydges Southbank Convention Centre

The Convention Centre next to Rydges Southbank Townsville is ideal for hosting large Conventions offering complimentary Wi-Fi and Parking. Delegates will be impressed with the central location, close to Townsville CBD and Townsville Airport plus a variety of local attractions including Reef HQ, Museum of Tropical Queensland, Cotters Markets and The Strand. From your base at Rydges Southbank Townsville on lively Palmer Street explore tropical North Queensland from the Billabong Sanctuary to picturesque Magnetic Island.



Quayside Terminal

Quayside Terminal with stunning views of Cleveland Bay, Magnetic Island, Castle Hill and Townsville City is Townsville's unique and exciting venue for special events. Located on the waterfront at the Port of Townsville and just two kilometres from the Townsville CBD.



James Cook University with Brandan Espe

TropEco is JCU's sustainability program, celebrating Sustainability in Action by supporting students and staff to create a culture of sustainability at JCU.



'I believe in finding a balance between campus developments and Environmental conservation, as a result I enjoy the opportunity to impact not only large-scale rehabilitation on campus but also detailed gardens. I also try to promote student and other academic input into the campus so a broad range of views and styles of environmental practices may be understood and adapted for the campus.'



Palmetum

The Palmetum is a botanical garden featuring one family of plants, the palms. The collection contains all six subfamilies within the family Aceraceae. Approximately 60 species of palms are native to Australia; most are represented. The collection contains about 300 species; many rare and threatened in their natural habitat.

Opened in September 1988, the Palmetum has continually expanded as new palm varieties and scenic walks are added. Tumbetin Lodge is an example of local heritage architecture. Any visitor would agree that the Palmetum is an exotic and attractive feature of our city, and a significant botanic achievement.



Accommodation: Suggested Accommodation near Rydges Southbank Convention Centre



Rydges Southbank – The GCA Convention will be held at Rydges Southbank Convention Centre.

23 Palmer Street, South Townsville Phone: 07 4726 5265

<https://www.rydges.com/accommodation/townsville-qld/townsville/>

Sitting in the heart of [Townsville on Palmer Street](#), Rydges Southbank Townsville offers business and leisure travellers alike a premium location in the Central Business District close to shopping, dining and entertainment. Our boutique Townsville accommodation is the gate to Magnetic Island and the Great Barrier Reef and offers unparalleled views of Townsville City, Castle Hill and Ross River Marina.

Rydges Southbank is offering their best rate on all rooms at time of booking. To make a booking email reservations_rydgestownsville@evt.com

Rydges Southbank Townsville accommodation is just a short walk from [key attractions](#) including Reef HQ, Maritime Museum of Townsville and the Museum of Tropical Queensland. Walk across the Victoria Bridge and experience the newly rejuvenated Flinders Street shopping precinct. For those looking for a night out on the town, the night club strip at Flinders Street East is the hip place to be. The mighty North Queensland Cowboys call the area near our Townsville accommodation home.

Rydges Townsville offers a range of amenities to delight business and leisure travellers. Take advantage of our 24-hour reception, business centre, [FREE WI-FI](#), or simply relax by our outdoor pool. Host successful [meetings and events](#), or stunning [weddings](#), for up to 500 people at the iconic Southbank Convention Centre. Join us in our signature breakfast [restaurant](#) and sample the best of local Queensland produce or relax with a coffee.

Townsville [rooms and suites](#) at Rydges Townsville are stylish and modern with [Rydges Dream Beds](#), for the best night's sleep. All rooms feature air-conditioning, work desk, [FREE WI-FI](#), LCD TV, iron & ironing board, refrigerator & mini bar, and tea & coffee making facilities. Executive Suites feature large open plan living with separate bedroom and indulgent spa bath.

Rydges Townsville also provides service to [two bedroom self-contained apartments](#), located across the street.





Mercure HOTELS TOWNSVILLE

Mercure Hotel

166 Woolcock Street, Townsville Phone: 07 4759 4900

<https://www.mercuretownsville.com.au/>

Mercure Townsville is a resort style hotel located close to the city and 5km from the Rydges Southbank Convention Centre. Set lakeside amidst 11 acres of lush tropical gardens, the hotel offers 162 spacious, well-appointed rooms, with views across the lake or pool or through the gardens.

Mercure Townsville is offering discounted rates to all Delegates of The Garden Clubs of Australia Convention in September 2021:

- Standard queen rooms - \$149 per room per night, room only
- Superior king/twin rooms - \$169 per room per night, room only
- Discounted \$15 breakfast per person per day.
- Family rooms would be quoted upon request.

To book and receive this discount, contact their reservations team on 07 4759 4900 and [quote the code TDGC120921](https://www.mercuretownsville.com.au/) Check out all the information on Mercure Townsville at

www.mercuretownsville.com.au

Stylish and contemporary guest rooms provide a peaceful retreat, ideal for unwinding after a long day of travel, meetings or exploring the sights of Townsville. Choose from a wide variety of accommodation, including Deluxe, Superior and Premium Rooms. Tastefully appointed and spacious, each features the full range of travel amenities such as internet access and flat screen televisions. Each room offers views of hotel's meticulously landscaped tropical gardens, resort pool or Lake Curralea.

In addition to Townsville's largest free form outdoor swimming pool, Mercure Townsville also offers tennis and basketball courts and a soothing outdoor spa. [Celsius Restaurant and Bar](#) offers al fresco dining with captivating views of the resort pool and gardens, serving fresh, locally sourced produce.

At the Mercure Townsville, our locally inspired spirit and commitment to impeccable guest service ensure that you enjoy the quality that distinguishes the Accor Hotels experience. Come and discover why our property is the perfect destination for you.





The Ville Resort & Casino

Sir Leslie Thiess Drive, Townsville City Phone: 07 4722 2333

<https://www.the-ville.com.au/stay/>

The Ville

RESORT — CASINO



The Ville Resort-Casino has just completed a \$43 million redevelopment, transforming Townsville's iconic hotel and casino into a luxury resort and premier entertainment destination.

The Ville is offering discounted rates to all Delegates of The Garden Clubs of Australia Convention in September 21:

- Deluxe Hotel Room \$185 per room per night, room only
- Resort Hotel Room \$215 per room per night, room only
- Executive Hotel Room \$235 per room per night, room only

To book and receive this discount, contact Reservations on 07 4722 2333 and quote the code Garden21.

The property features 194 hotel rooms showcasing unique tropical North Queensland styling; a luxurious infinity edge resort pool with

swim-up bar; six exciting restaurants and bars; and state-of-the-art functions spaces.

The Ville Resort-Casino features a variety of well-appointed rooms with stunning views and all your dining and entertainment needs catered for on-site. Whether travelling alone or in a group, for business, leisure or adventure – we have the room for you.

Situated on the picturesque Townsville breakwater, The Ville is set among tropical gardens and overlooks Magnetic Island, Cape Cleveland, the Coral Sea, the Marina and Townsville's CBD. We are only a 10-minute drive from the airport and within walking distance of the Magnetic Island ferry terminal, CBD, Museum of Tropical Queensland, Reef HQ Aquarium and Townsville's spectacular beachfront, The Strand.

Coach services, limousines, buses and taxis provide transfers to and from The Ville and the Townsville Airport.

The Ville Resort-Casino is superbly located on the breakwater boasting a variety of accommodation rooms overlooking either Magnetic Island and the Coral Sea or Marina and city. Enjoy some of the best dining options Townsville has to offer at The Ville's restaurants. The property features bars, 24 hour reception, room service, conferencing facilities and 300 car parks as well as concierge services. For the entertainment enthusiasts The Ville is the place to be with live entertainment and Townsville's only casino.

After a \$40M redevelopment, The Ville Resort-Casino now includes a infinity-edge pool with swim-up bar and private cabanas, new functions and events areas, new restaurants and bars and all with extensive decking and views to Magnetic Island.

Contact Information THE VILLE RESORT-CASINO

Address Sir Leslie Thiess Drive
Townsville City QLD 4810
Phone +61 7 4722 2333
Website www.the-ville.com.au



The Ville



Quest Townsville

30-34 Palmer Street, South Townsville Phone: 07 4726 4444

The Quest Townsville is located directly across from Southbank Convention Centre **offering a special discount of 14% off the best available rate** to all delegates of The Garden Clubs of Australia Convention in September 2021. To book and receive this discount, contact reservations on 4726 4444 or questtownsville@questapartments.com.au. Alternatively, book via the website www.questtownsville.com.au **with Promo Code EVENT14**.

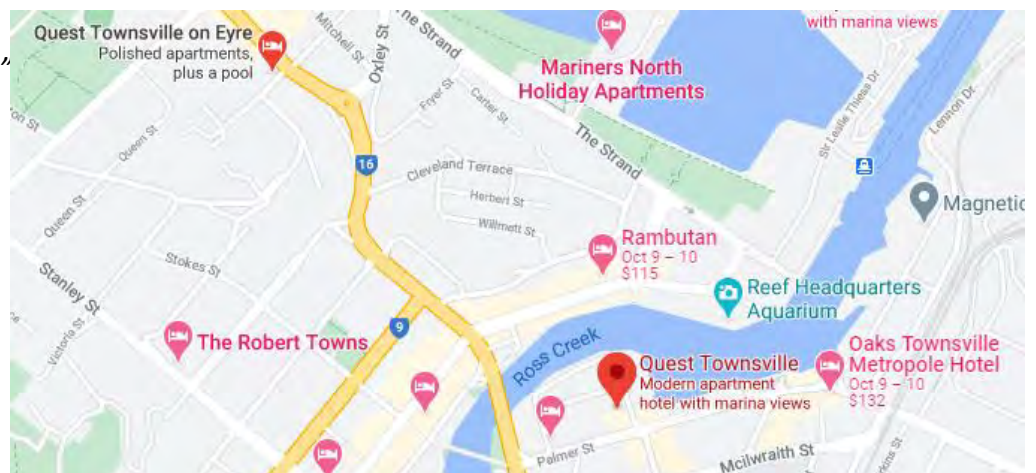
Quest Townsville serviced apartment style hotel rooms offer guests a relaxed and comfortable Townsville accommodation experience perfect for short or long stays.

Quest Townsville is centrally located in the heart of the city's dining precinct and offers central Townsville accommodation within walking distance of an array of award-winning cafés, restaurants and convention facilities as well as easy access to Magnetic Island. Attractions surrounding the hotel are The Strand (Townsville's dining, shopping and entertainment precinct), Entertainment Centre and SeaLink Ferry and Barg terminals.

Quest Townsville has 141 serviced apartments including Studio, One- and Two-Bedroom Apartments. Studios are the perfect alternative to a hotel room and have kitchenettes. The One- and Two-Bedroom Apartments are ideal for families, colleagues or larger groups looking for a home away from home experience with full kitchens and laundry facilities.



Not to be confused with "Quest Townsville on Eyre" which is located 1.5km away in the suburb of North Ward





Allure Hotel & Apartments

68 McIlwraith St, South Townsville Phone: 4767 7997

reservations@allurehotel.com.au

Allure Hotel & Apartments are located one block from Rydges Southbank Convention Centre offering a special discount of **15% off the best available rate** to all delegates of The Garden Clubs of Australia Convention in September 2021. To book and receive this discount, contact reservations on 4767 7997 or reservations@allurehotel.com.au Alternatively, book via the website www.allurehotel.com.au with **Promo Code ALLUREGOLD15**.

Allure Hotel & Apartments is the latest addition to Townsville's accommodation market. We are a privately owned and operated hotel offering stylish sophistication, innovative design and grand hotel services on an intimate & personal scale. Allure Hotel & Apartments is situated just off Palmer St, Townsville's emerging dining precinct.

Our Apartments & Studio Rooms offer some of the best outlooks in Townsville, with all Apartments enjoying panoramic views of Magnetic Island and The Townsville Marina.

Located only minutes from Townsville Airport, and just steps from fine dining, bars, & shopping - Allure Hotel & Apartments is the obvious choice for business or pleasure in the Far North Queensland region. Allure Hotel & Apartments welcoming ambience attracts guests who appreciate personal recognition and individual attention.

Allure Hotel & Apartments offers a range of serviced apartments and executive studio rooms.

Our guestrooms are contemporary in style and provide comfort and convenience with spacious floor plans and breathtaking outlooks. Our serviced apartments and studio rooms are appointed with modern day comforts including stainless-steel appliances, flat screen TV's, air-conditioning, and are designed to make you feel you're at home.

After a day of business or leisure, you can relax on your balcony and unwind from your day or stay connected with complimentary high speed wi-fi internet. Alternatively, work out in our gym or cool off in the pool.





Park Regis Anchorage

51 Palmer Street, South Townsville Phone: 07 4722 6200

<https://www.parkregisanchorage.com.au/>

Park Regis Anchorage offers a great accommodation location for easy access to the world-famous Great Barrier Reef and Magnetic Island, tropical rainforests, national parks as well as numerous golf, fishing, water sports and cruise options.

Park Regis Anchorage is offering a special discount of 20% off the best available rate at time of booking and include an 11am Checkout free of charge. To book and receive this discount, contact reservations on 4722 6200 or via the website

www.parkregisanchorage.com.au and use **Promo Code GARDEN** or via this direct link

<https://parkregisanchorage.reztrip.com/rt/ext/promoRate?property=984&mode=b&pm=true&sr=83304&vr=3&accessCode=GARDEN>

Reception hours are from Monday to Friday 7am to 8pm; Saturday 8am to 5pm; Sunday 8:30am – 5pm; and Public Holidays are from 9am to 5pm. Please contact us if arriving after hours for afterhours check in procedure.

Park Regis Anchorage offers guests the choice of hotel rooms, one- and two-bedroom apartments with all essential accommodation needs with most including private balconies, full kitchen and laundry facilities, coffee and tea making facilities, LCD televisions, cable TV, complimentary WiFi access (up to 1GB), opening windows and daily/weekly room servicing. Park Regis Anchorage is the perfect place to stay to enjoy all Townsville and surrounds has to offer.



Townsville Central Hotel

12- 14 Palmer Street, South Townsville Phone: 07 4753 2000

<https://www.townsvillecentralhotel.com.au/>

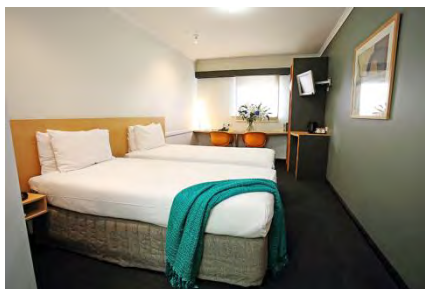
Townsville Central Hotel is a 4-star hotel offering stylish accommodation in the heart of the city. The hotel features one and two-bedroom hotel rooms, fully equipped gym, our in-

house restaurant Centro Bar and Restaurant and an outdoor pool.

All guests enjoy free Wi-Fi, complimentary Ezestream with free movies and free parking.

Guests can enjoy breakfast and dinner and a quiet drink at the popular 'in house' restaurant Centro bar and Grill

Located on vibrant Palmer Street, guests can enjoy a range of dining options at the surrounding cafes, bars and restaurants. Townsville's main shopping mall, Flinders Mall, is close by and there is easy access to the city's entertainment highlights.





Oaks Townsville Gateway Suites

2 Dibbs Street, South Townsville

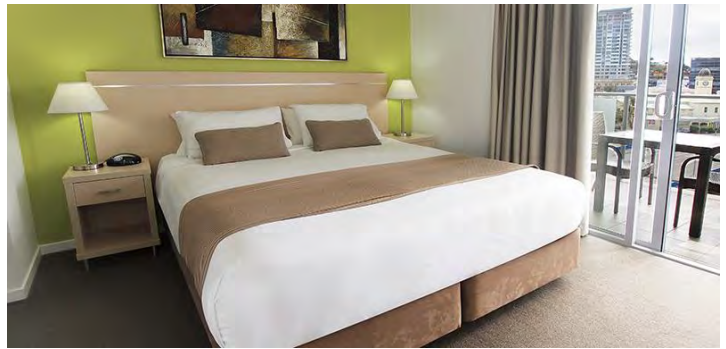
Phone: 1300 665 680 or 07 4778 9000

<https://www.oakshotels.com/en/oaks-gateway-suites>



making Oaks Townsville Gateway Suites the ideal choice for a Townsville holiday for families, couples and individuals.

Oaks Townsville Gateway Suites stands among the very best serviced apartments in Townsville, boasting contemporary hotel rooms and self-contained apartments on Palmer Street, offering close proximity to restaurants, bars and leisure activities. Stunning views of the river and city can be witnessed from your balcony or our spectacular elevated infinity-edge swimming pool.



Oaks Townsville Metropole Hotel

81 Palmer Street, South Townsville

Phone: 1300 559 129 or 07 4753 2900



Oaks Townsville Metropole Hotel is just 15 minutes' drive from the Townsville Airport and is within walking distance to Anzac Memorial Park and the Townsville Entertainment Centre – a supremely suitable choice for visitors to North Queensland.

Townsville hotels come no more spacious, affordable and comfortable

than [Oaks Townsville Metropole Hotel](#), making it the perfect Townsville holiday apartment choice for those wanting to make the most of this exciting coastal city with prime access to local attractions, and the comfort of fully serviced and spacious apartment living.





GRAND HOTEL Grand Hotel & Apartments

AND APARTMENTS

8 – 10 Palmer Street South Townsville Phone: 07 4753 2800

<https://www.grandhoteltownsville.com.au/facilities/>



The multi award winning Grand Hotel and Apartments Townsville is located in the heart of Townsville's premier dining precinct, seconds from central Townsville, within walking distance to The Strand and the region's best attractions and highlights. Designed with our guests in mind, our facilities and services include a fully equipped fitness centre, swimming pool and spa.

We want to ensure that you have access to just about anything you could desire. If it is not on site, we will find it for you. Being local, we have the inside knowledge.

Grand Hotel and Apartments Townsville prides itself on delivering a genuine Townsville experience. Local artwork is displayed in the hotel lobby showcasing the diverse art and culture scene of Townsville. Local produce is showcased in the rooms for you to enjoy, why not try a local brew from Townsville Brewery on the balcony whilst soaking up the North Queensland climate.

You are spoilt for choice when dining, Grand Hotel and Apartments Townsville offers charge back facilities in a variety of outlets.

Grand Hotel and Apartments Townsville offers a variety of hotel rooms, one- and two-bedroom apartments designed with your comfort and convenience in mind; providing a place to unwind, recharge, connect or contemplate your next adventure.

If you are travelling for business, taking a short break, travelling with family and friends, or need to stay a while there is a room style that will fit your needs.



City Oasis Inn

Wills Street, Townsville CBD

Phone: 07 4771 6048

Email: reservations@cityoasis.com.au



Ideally situated in the centre of Townsville, we are a 4-star property only minutes from the vibrant Townsville CBD, The Strand and Castle Hill. We have a range of spacious room types to suit all guests, including motel style rooms, larger rooms with a kitchenette, pet friendly rooms and even a beautifully appointed miners' cottage. Guests can also enjoy our award-winning lagoon style pool, lush tropical gardens, free BBQ facilities and free WiFi.



Mariners North Holiday Apartments

7 Mariners Drive, The Strand Townsville Phone: 07 4722 0777

Email: info@marinersnorth.com.au

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



Welcome to Mariners North Holiday Apartments Townsville.

With spectacular ocean views from every apartment, private balconies, full-size kitchens, air conditioning and a wide range of onsite facilities, our accommodation is the perfect base for your dream holiday.

Amazing Ocean Views

As the one and only absolute oceanfront accommodation in Townsville, Mariners North Holiday Apartments takes pride of place on The Strand on prestigious Mariners Peninsula – the most exclusive location in Townsville. Every holiday apartment has the most amazing ocean views.

Endless Summer

Situated right on The Strand, Mariners North Holiday Apartments has everything you could need within easy strolling distance. With an average of 320 days of sunshine per year, it always feels like summer in Townsville and this makes it the perfect place to catch up with friends on a group holiday, enjoy a break with the family or provide an inspiring location for your next corporate trip.

Family Friendly

If you've got kids to entertain, then a visit to Reef HQ – the world's largest living reef aquarium – should be high on your list. Alternatively, a short walk along the front will get you to The Strand Sea Pool and Water Park for a fun day outdoors. If you fancy an evening away from the kids, we can provide you with details of our recommended accredited babysitting service and remove the stress of organising holiday childcare yourself.

Time for Adventure

For those who want to explore further afield, the Breakwater Ferry Terminal with regular crossings to Magnetic Island is just minutes away, or you can head to the Breakwater Marina to catch a boat out to the Great Barrier Reef.

Non-Stop Entertainment

If you're looking for entertainment, our Townsville Strand accommodation is the place to be. While the apartments are situated in a quiet location, you'll benefit from easy access to buzzing nightlife with many spots to enjoy sunset drinks, or a trip to the casino if you're feeling lucky! The new City Lane Precinct is an exciting laneway dining area with a wide range of funky bars and eateries to choose from, as well as plenty of alternative boutiques and sophisticated salons for the shopaholics among you.

Whether you're visiting on business or pleasure, enjoying a long weekend or an extended holiday, everything points to Mariners North for your Townsville city accommodation. Call us now on 07 4722 0777 or get in touch online to start planning your holiday!





Caravan Parks:



07 4725 1577

securalifestyle.com.au

196 Woolcock Street, Currajong, 4812

Secura Lifestyle The Lakes Townsville Convenient lakeside location

Discover all Townsville has to offer, surrounded by palm trees and lake breezes. A range of cabins and ensuited, pet friendly, powered sites available. Conveniently close to retail and food outlets plus Castletown Shoppingworld. Guest discounts available for many local attractions.



1800 751 845

rowesbayholidaypark.com.au

46 Heatleys Parade, Belgian Gardens, 4810

Rowes Bay Beachfront Holiday Park Closest park to Strand and CBD

Townsville's most sought-after beachfront holiday park, with spectacular views of Magnetic Island. Only a short distance to the famous Strand and CBD. Offering spacious sites for caravans, motorhomes, camper trailers and tents, as well as a range of accommodation to suit all travellers.



Townsville North Queensland is home to some of Australia's best camping and caravanning spots, whether you're seeking the red dust of the Outback, white sands of the coast, or chasing waterfalls amongst the rainforests. Hit the road and explore the best of our backyard.

While venturing north along the Queensland coast, stop into the Burdekin townships of Inkerian, Home Hill, Ayr and Brandon for caravan accommodation, or rest at the tranquil Alva Beach for easy access to amazing fishing, bird-watching and stretches of unspoilt coastline.

Further west, Charters Towers boasts a number of accommodation sites to take in the awe of the outback.



In Townsville City, there are a number of caravan and camping options available. Escape the hustle and bustle at Secura Lifestyle Magnetic Gateway, nestled just 10 minutes south of Townsville. Find gems amongst the suburbs - stay lakeside at Secura Lifestyle The Lakes, within walking distance to shopping and food outlets. Stay along the coast at the Rowes Bay Beachfront Holiday Park, with stunning views of Cape Pallarenda and easy access to The Strand and the City. Further north, find accommodation at Bluewater, Saunders Beach, Rollingstone, Balgal Beach and Crystal Creek.

In the Hinchinbrook region, Forrest Beach, Taylors Beach and Lucinda offer seaside accommodation, with sites in the township of Ingham providing easy access to a number of local attractions, shopping and dining experiences.

RV Sites



Dump points
available at all sites

Bluewater Park: 29km north of Townsville on the Bruce Highway
Bushy Parker Park: 53km north of Townsville near Rollingstone
Balgol Beach: Tooth St, Balgal Beach
Secura Lifestyle Magnetic Gateway: 88 Minehane Street, Cluden
Rowes Bay Beachfront Holiday Park: 46 Heatleys Parade, Belgian Gardens
TYTO: Cooper St, Ingham
Fletcher Creek: 39km north of Charters Towers



Free Regional Camping

Burdekin

Home Hill Comfort Stop
Railway Avenue, Ingham.
Maximum two night stay

Funny Dunny Park, Wunjunga
191km south of Home Hill.
Maximum four night stay, small financial donation encouraged.



Charters Towers

Fletcher Creek:
39km north of Charters Towers,
Gregory Developmental Road

Macrossan Park Rest Area
22km east of Charters Towers
on the Flinders highway next
to the Burdekin River and
Macrossan Bridge.

Image courtesy of Townsville Enterprise



Restaurants & Cafes:

Townsville Yacht Club

1 Plume Street,
South Townsville
Phone 4772 1192

If you're looking for a relaxed setting by the water, great value and friendly service, then the Townsville Yacht Club is the place for you.

[We welcome GCA Delegates and offer 10% discount on all food.](#)

Lunch - 11.30am until 2.30pm Every Day, Dinner - 5.30pm until 9.00pm Every Day

Bar Menu available from 12pm till 5.30pm Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays



IMC Steakhouse

17 Palmer Street (Ground floor of Southbank Convention Centre)
South Townsville
Phone 4724 3243

From the pastures of Central Queensland to the lush valleys of Northern Tasmania, the IMC Steakhouse showcases some of the finest produce from farmers around Australia. The IMC also has a well-stocked wine and craft beer bar, draught beer on tap, and monthly showcase steaks. IMC Steakhouse is open every day between 5.00pm and about 10.30pm.



Cactus Jacks

21 Palmer Street (Ground floor of Southbank Convention Centre)
South Townsville
Phone 4721 1478

Buzzing dining spot decorated with Mexican memorabilia, dishing up fajitas, nachos and margaritas.

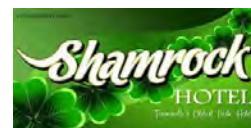
Dinner 7 nights from 5.00pm, Lunch Saturday & Sunday from 11.00am



Shamrock Hotel

31 Palmer Street (Next door to Southbank Convention Centre)
South Townsville
Phone 4771 4351

Townsville's oldest Irish Hotel. Dinner 7 nights from 5.00pm, Lunch Saturday & Sunday from 11.00am



The Australian Hotel

11 Palmer Street
South Townsville
Phone 4771 5269

We are a locally owned and operated pub in South Townsville. C'mon in and say G'day to our Publicans, Rob & Katie.

Dinner 7 nights from 5.00pm





Tiny Mountain

20 Palmer Street
South Townsville
Phone 4412 4950



We brew our beer in the shadow of mighty Castle Hill. Castle Hill might be just a few feet short of being a mountain, but to us, it's our Tiny Mountain. And that's worth celebrating. We make great big refreshing beers for drinking and celebrating the big and small things about our lives up here. Even the tiny ones.

Monday – Wednesday - closed; Thursday - 2pm-10pm; Friday - 2pm-11pm; Saturday - 12pm-11pm; Sunday - 12pm-10pm

Grill'd Townsville

3 Palmer Street
South Townsville
Phone 4976 9990



Located on Palmer Street, right around the corner from the CBD and the Strand. Spend a day at work or at the beach and then pop in for a burger done good. Or just skip working and go straight for the burger.

Ribs and Rumps

2 Dibbs Street
South Townsville
Phone 4448 7655



We're all about that primal urge to enjoy some of the most mouth-watering racks of ribs available anywhere. Only the best ribs are hand-selected to serve. But first they're slow-cooked in our special marinade, flame-grilled to perfection and basted in our signature Ribs and Rumps sweet BBQ glaze. The hours of love and care dedicated to our ribs pays off — every morsel is mouth-wateringly good. From our juicy 220g Rump to our legendary Chicken Parmy, you're sure to find the meal to satisfy that primal urge. We even cater to herbivores. Whether you're looking to cap off a day at work by feasting with mates, celebrating that special occasion, or suited up for a corporate function, you'll always have a ribs experience like no other.

Lunch Tuesday to Saturday 12pm to 3pm, Dinner Tuesday to Saturday 5pm to 9pm

Metropole Hotel

81 Palmer Street
South Townsville
Phone 4771 4285



Experience the charm of one of Townsville's iconic pubs centrally located on Palmer Street with views of the marina. We strive to exceed our guests' expectations by providing great food and service in a family-friendly environment.

Dinner 7 nights from 5.00pm



Jam Corner

1 Palmer Street
South Townsville
Phone 4721 4900



Welcome to JAM Restaurant Townsville, a popular and well-known restaurant and function venue. Our aim is to provide you with a taste of North Queensland while offering a warm and welcoming experience. We like to explore our regional produce and create contemporary cuisine without compromising the purity of flavour.

The JAM day begins with a creative breakfast menu and great coffee, followed by lunch – in addition to the a la carte menu we also have a special luncheon menu, and as the sun sets over the CBD and Castle Hill guests sit back and relax over dinner.

Open for Breakfast (7am -11am), Lunch (12noon – 2pm) & Dinner (5.30pm to Late) from Wednesday to Saturday

Simply Tops Seafood Bar

Cnr Palmer & Plume Streets
South Townsville
Phone 4772 3028



Simply Tops Seafood Bar is located in the heart of Townsville's key dining precinct in the city, on Palmer Street. A family business that has operated for almost 40 years, Simply Tops Seafood Bar has lasted the test of time. The family run business has become an institution in seafood, renowned for its superb quality, taste and unique atmosphere.

More than just a fish and chip shop, Simply Tops is located on the roundabout in the heart of Palmer Street and sports a large deck overlooking the moored boats on the river.

Open Mon - Thurs 10am to 2pm & 4pm to 8.30pm, Fri – Sun 10am to 8.30p. Eat in or takeaway

Jamie's Joint

3/14 Plume Street
South Townsville
Phone 4771 2790 or 0411 598 923

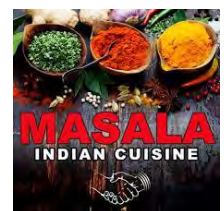


Locally owned café and convenience store. Coffees, juices, smoothies and real food made in store. News, magazines, and grocery items all available here. Fantastic Breakfast and awesome coffee, waffles and scones! Open 7 days 6am to 8pm.

Masala

79 Palmer Street
South Townsville
Phone 4721 3388

Our Team is committed to serve you the best Indian Cuisine. Fully Licensed. Dine-in or Take-away. We have an extensive selection of vegetarian & non-vegetarian dishes. Dinner 7 nights 5.00pm till late, Lunch Friday only 12.00 to 2.00pm



(All opening times are correct at time of printing)



Visitor Information Services

Chat to a local

Pop in and meet the volunteers and staff at the local Visitor Information Centres to discover local insights into what to do and see in the region.

Burdekin Gateway Information Centre

12 Railway Avenue,
Home Hill
07 4782 8241

Townsville Bulletin Square Visitor Information Centre

Townsville Bulletin Square,
Flinders Street, Townsville City
07 4721 3660

Burdekin Visitor Information Centre

Plantation Park,
Bruce Highway, Ayr
07 4783 5988

Bruce Highway Visitor Information Centre

Billabong Sanctuary, Bruce Highway
17km south of Townsville
07 4780 4397

Charters Towers Visitor Information Centre

74 Mosman Street,
Charters Towers
07 4761 5533

Breakwater Ferry Terminal Visitor Information Service

Breakwater Terminal,
Sir Leslie Thies Drive,
Townsville City

Hinchinbrook Visitor Information Lounge

Cnr Bruce Highway
& Cooper Street, Ingham
07 4776 4792



Townsville Airport

With more than 180 direct flights to Townsville per week serviced by a number of major airlines, Townsville Airport is your gateway to North Queensland. With direct flights departing major hubs, Townsville Airport is ready to welcome you when you kick-off your adventure in Townsville North Queensland.



Magnetic Island by @barekiwi

Images courtesy of Townsville Enterprise

Townsville North Queensland's Top 20!

Townsville North Queensland, it's home to endless summer days, picture perfect beaches, the friendliest locals you'll ever meet, the greatest reef in the world (literally!), and waterfalls that will leave you speechless. Whilst this tropical destination oozes holiday appeal, it's also the perfect place to escape frenzies of holiday crowds and immerse yourself in nature's playground. There are hundreds of activities to keep you busy in this special part of the world, but you can't escape to this holiday paradise without ticking these must-dos off the bucket list. Here's our top 20 (in no particular order)!

1 Whether you've got a week or just a day, be sure to explore **Magnetic Island's 23 golden beaches and bays**. See page 10 for all the Magnetic Island non-negotiables!

2 Keen to see the reef, but want to keep your feet dry? A trip to **Reef HQ Great Barrier Reef Aquarium** is an absolute must. As the nationally recognised education centre for the Great Barrier Reef, you'll walk away with a mind full of fun facts.

3 Feed a croc, cuddle a koala and meet a dingo at **Billabong Sanctuary**.

4 Experience Australia's best breakfast at **Jam** on Palmer Street, devour Italian share plates at **Armati's** beside the rooftop pool at Rambutan, or enjoy something sweet with a view at **Herveys Range Heritage Tea Rooms**.

5 Head to the misty mountain village of **Paluma**, where freshwater crystal creeks and Wet Tropics Heritage-listed rainforest walks await. Jump onboard a tour with **NQ Tours** for a local's insight into the best walking trails.



6 Bliss out at **The Ville Resort Casino** – the place to be seen in Townsville! Whether you dine out at one of the restaurants, wade to the swim up bar (in the most epic pool!), or rest up in tropical inspired hotel rooms, you won't regret a visit to Townsville's hottest resort!

7 No holiday to Townsville is complete without a visit to Townsville's popular beachfront, **The Strand**. Swim, shop, sip, or stroll along this 2.5km spectacular beach promenade.

8 Get the adrenaline pumping with **Townsville Watersports**. A jet ski adventure which will take you to some of the most spectacular sights in and around Townsville!

9 To take in Townsville in all its glory you can't go past a scenic tour with **Tour Townsville**. Learn about the history of the city and discover the hidden stories that will even surprise the locals!

10 Hit the waters of Magnetic Island as you **sail, jet ski, kayak or cruise** your way around the Island to take in all its beauty! Don't forget the snorkel, we guarantee you'll want a glimpse of stunning coral and marine life below!

11 Dive or snorkel the **Great Barrier Reef** to witness the majestic beauty of this underwater world.

12 Discover the flourishing bommies and historical wreck relics that lie beneath the waters off **Magnetic Island** on a self-guided **snorkel trail**.

13 Ride bareback through the ocean on a bush-to-beach horse riding tour at the **Horseshoe Bay Ranch** on Magnetic Island.



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14 The **SS Yongala** is a total bucket-list shipwreck, but if you haven't got your creds yet for this advanced dive, you can start from scratch and tick off all the certifications in one trip with **Adrenalin Snorkel and Dive** or **Yongala Dive**.

15 Breathe in the 360 degree views of the city atop **Castle Hill**. Drive up to the lookout or join the 2,500+ locals that tackle the terrain on foot each day, with several walking tracks on offer. Top tip: Have your camera on hand to snap an insta-worthy sunrise or sunset!

16 Experience a truly authentic outback encounter with **Texas Longhorn Wagon Tours and Safaris**, where you can meet JR, the 2013 Guinness World Record Holder for longest horns, measuring close to three metres from tip to tip!

17 Explore the shipwrecks of Magnetic Island on a sunset tour with **Aquascene Charters**. Discover the stories of these beautiful boats and cruise along the stunning Island shoreline.

18 Aim for the skies and check out the views from above with a helicopter tour with **Townsville Helicopters**, **Nautilus Aviation** or **Hinchinbrook Adventures**.

19 Two words: **Platypus safari**. Why? The platypus safari at **Hidden Valley Cabins** has a 98% success rate of spotting these duck-billed cuties, earning the title of one of the top six places in the country to spot them by Australian Geographic!

20 Prepare to pick your jaw up from the ground when you witness the awe of **Wallaman Falls** – Australia's largest sheer drop waterfall, located just a short drive from Ingham.





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Must-do Eco Bucket List

Whether it's out on the water or in your hotel, make sure you're choosing to stay sustainable with these eco-friendly experiences in Townsville North Queensland.

Go Eco Certified

These certified tours and products are backed by a strong, well managed commitment to sustainable practices and provides high quality nature-based tourism experiences.

Adrenalin Snorkel and Dive

Specialising in snorkeling and diving trips, join Adrenalin to witness and explore the spectacular Great Barrier Reef or S.S. Yongala Shipwreck. Did you know that your booking includes a contribution to the management of the Great Barrier Reef through the EMC (Environmental Management Charge), so just by visiting the reef you are helping to protect it!

Billabong Sanctuary and Bungalow Bay Koala Village

Billabong Sanctuary and Bungalow Bay Koala Village offers Australia's best interactive wildlife experience, featuring native animals in their natural habitats!

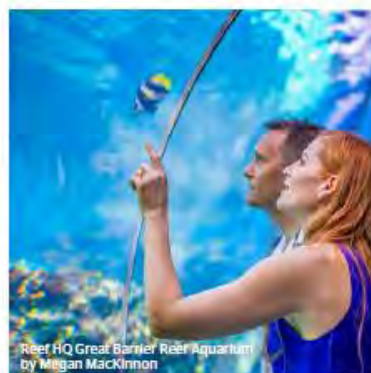
Magnetic Island Sea Kayaks

Hit the water with Magnetic Island Sea Kayaks (powered by your own body!) and discover the best of Magnetic Island's surrounding marine park.

Reef HQ Great Barrier Reef Aquarium

Reef HQ Great Barrier Reef Aquarium is recognised as the national education centre for the Great Barrier Reef so there is no better place to learn about the world's greatest natural wonder.

Immerse yourself in the underwater viewing tunnel, have a hands-on experience at the touch tank, hear from the experts during one of the daily tours and meet the sick and injured turtles being rehabilitated in the Turtle Hospital.



Big Mama Sailing

Big Mama has plenty of deck space to relax in a bean bag, a comfortable inside saloon area or join in the fun and action of sailing and other water activities.



Yongala Dive

Yongala Dive offers a full range of dive courses, dive accommodation and day trips to one of the world's top dive sites- the historic S.S. Yongala Shipwreck.

Aquascene Charters Magnetic Island

Discover the incredible beauty of Magnetic Island from above and below the water. Not only experience mesmerising snorkelling on coral reefs, but learn about the island's history, its marine life and hear a few yarns along the way.



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Stay With a Difference!

Hidden Valley Cabins

Hidden Valley Cabins is an award-winning eco resort, located one and a half hours north west of Townsville, on the western slope of the Paluma Range. Due to the resort's elevation, the climate is cooler and less humid than areas close to the coast - the perfect temperature year-round. Hidden Valley Cabins is operated on 100 percent solar power.



Orpheus Island Lodge Resort

This is the ultimate in eco-luxury. Orpheus Island is a secluded, unspoilt tropical paradise, and stretches across 11km of immaculate turquoise coastline. Located on the Great Barrier Reef and comprising more than 1000 hectares of National Park, the Orpheus Island Lodge Resort is amongst the

best that nature has to offer and there are plenty of ways this high end property gives back:

- \$50 per guest is donated towards the Reef Keepers Fund created by the resort
- More than 810 gleaming solar panels means the resort uses 100% renewable-energy
- An on-site veggie garden and fruit trees provides chefs with a constant supply of fresh produce
- Each guest receives a reusable water bottle
- You won't find a plastic straw here
- You'll be served sustainable seafood (and trust us when we say it'll be the best seafood you've ever tasted)

Grand Hotel and Apartments

Guests of the Grand Hotel and Apartments can choose not to have their towels laundered, and instead a donation can be made to Townsville's very own Turtle Hospital at Reef HQ Great Barrier Reef Aquarium. While you're staying in Townsville's most grand accommodation take a trip over to Reef HQ to see where your contribution goes.

Bungalow Bay Koala Village

During 2006, Bungalow Bay Koala Village Magnetic Island received Advanced Accreditation with the Australian Eco Tourism Association in acknowledgement of its dedication to conservation and the environment.

With their dedication to minimising impact on the environment, conserving energy, and caring for sick, injured or orphaned native animals, Bungalow Bay is recognized as the hub of conservation on Magnetic Island.

Every aspect of the operation takes the environment into consideration.





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Paluma Range National Park

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