

THE LUXURY GETAWAY

With its naturally stunning scenery, relaxed atmosphere, abundance of spectacular accommodation, and indulgent spas, the Sunshine Coast is the ideal location for a luxury getaway. Whether you are heading away with just your partner for a romantic long weekend, or travelling with a group of friends the Sunshine Coast is the perfect location for an opulent escape.

Suggestions and inspiration for a luxury getaway are below:

FRIDAY

- For those living in Brisbane simply drive approx an hour north. For Sydneysiders and Melbournites you can fly direct with Virgin Australia to the Sunshine Coast. Alternatively fly from your capital city to Brisbane and hire a car for the drive up to the Sunshine Coast.

- Enjoy a leisurely drive through the Sunshine Coast Hinterland, passing through the picturesque Hinterland villages. Stop at one of these villages and enjoy a sumptuous lunch before continuing on to your accommodation. Reserve Restaurant at Maleny is a new fine dining restaurant and is getting great reviews.

- There is a wide range of luxury accommodation options in the Hinterland, from upmarket B&Bs and luxury homes for rent, to stunning lodges and estates - there is something to suit everyone. Try Clovelly Estate for European styled elegance or Artisan Spa Views, a B&B with stunning views and great service.

- After checking-in to your accommodation, consider a winery tour, starting with Flame Hill Vineyard. Flame Hill Vineyard is a family owned vineyard situated in the Sunshine Coast hinterland that produces quality estate grown wines. 7 Acres and Flaxton Grove wineries are other wineries with beautiful views and where you can enjoy cellar door tastings and delicious food. For those game enough to try – Flamehill also offers the age old way to extract wine from the grape By foot.



LOCALS SECRET

Whilst in Eumundi drop into the Berkelouw Book Barn and Café. Located in the historic Eumundi Trading Post building, Berkelouw Book Barn and Cafe is a place where you can easily lose track of time browsing through all of the new, second-hand and rare books.

SATURDAY

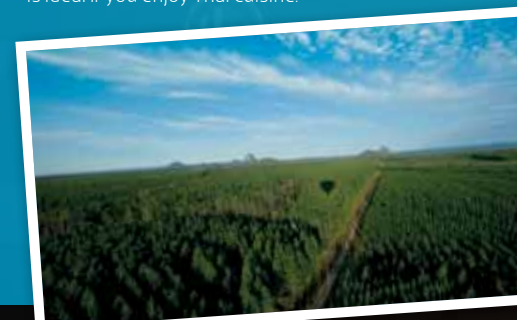
9:00am – Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your accommodation, or for a unique way to see the Sunshine Coast take an early morning Hot Air Balloon flight where you will get a birds eye view of the magnificent Glass House Mountains.

11:00am – After your Hot Air Balloon flight head to the Eumundi markets. A visit to the original Eumundi Markets is shopping heaven. At the markets, as well as beautiful seasonal produce you'll find original artworks, sculptures, furniture, as well as cutting edge fashion and jewellery by local designers. Sample some of the local produce for lunch.

2:00pm – Having been inspired by the amazing local produce you've seen at the markets spend Saturday afternoon at a private cooking class. There are a number cooking schools dotted around the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. Spicers Clovelly, Yandina Spirit House and Buderim Ginger to name a few.

4:00pm – Enjoy a wander through the picturesque village of Montville or indulge in a treatment at Spa Anise at Spicers Clovelly.

7:00pm – If travelling with your partner enjoy a intimate dinner at Poets Café in Montville. This gorgeous café evokes the great tradition of European cafe life.



SUNDAY

9:00am – Check out from your Hinterland accommodation and drive towards the Coast.

10:00am – Noosa is the coastal village with an abundance of luxury properties, and if shopping is your passion this is the place to stay. Sheraton Noosa, Outrigger Noosa, and Netanya are all located centrally and will enable you to walk to all of the restaurants and boutiques on Hastings St. For those of you wanting to really impress – just an hour north is Makepeace Island – Richard Branson's exclusive "heart shaped" mecca with Balinese influences, located just off Noosa. This island is now available for hire.

12:00pm – Head to Bistro C on Hastings St at Noosa and enjoy a simple but delicious lunch.

2:00pm – In Hastings St enjoy a leisurely couple of hours browsing the various clothing boutiques, home wares stores, and art galleries that line this iconic street.

3:00pm – All that shopping will leave you in need of some pampering. Again you are spoiled for choice with numerous world class spas located on the Sunshine Coast. If staying in Noosa consider visiting Stephanie's Ocean Spa at Outrigger, or The Spa at Noosa springs.

5:00pm – Enjoy a sunset cruise sipping on champagne with Noosa Dreamboats or Gondola ride with Noosa Gondola's. With Noosa Dreamboats you'll experience the beauty of the Noosa River and lakes with elegance and glamour aboard the unique Noosa Dream – a stunning 19 foot mahogany runabout, handcrafted in the style of the timeless 1940's powerboats. Watch the sunset as you enjoy a leisurely cruise.

7:00pm – Make your way to your choice of restaurants. Hastings St has a number of iconic restaurants right on the beach. For a dining experience you may not expect on the Sunshine Coast go to Wasabi at Noosa Sound. Wasabi has received rave reviews from diners for its elegant Japanese cuisine.



If you'd prefer to luxuriate in a resort there are a wealth of options, the Hyatt Regency Coolum is one such example.



MONDAY

9:00am – For a unique way to see the Sunshine Coast spoil your partner with a surprise scenic flight. Fly with Sunshine Aviation to Fraser Island. After landing on Fraser stroll along the board walk through Fraser Island's rainforest, have a swim in one of Fraser Island's fresh water lakes or just relax on the beach.

Or if holidaying with friends consider playing a round of golf. The Sunshine Coast has over 20 golf courses. Some notable courses include the world-class PGA championship course at the Hyatt Regency Coolum, the Greg Norman designed Club Pelican, and the courses at Noosa springs, and Twin Waters.

4:00pm – Finish your trip by with a private sunset cruise around Mooloolaba with Cruise Mooloolaba. During the cruise you'll enjoy stunning views of the Mooloolaba Harbour and River and the million dollar homes that line them, all in the comfort of a new 35ft European style vessel.

Leave the Sunshine Coast feeling relaxed and refreshed and with a plan to return for your next luxury getaway on the Sunshine Coast.

