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Area Guide

A guide to the best places to live in Queensland



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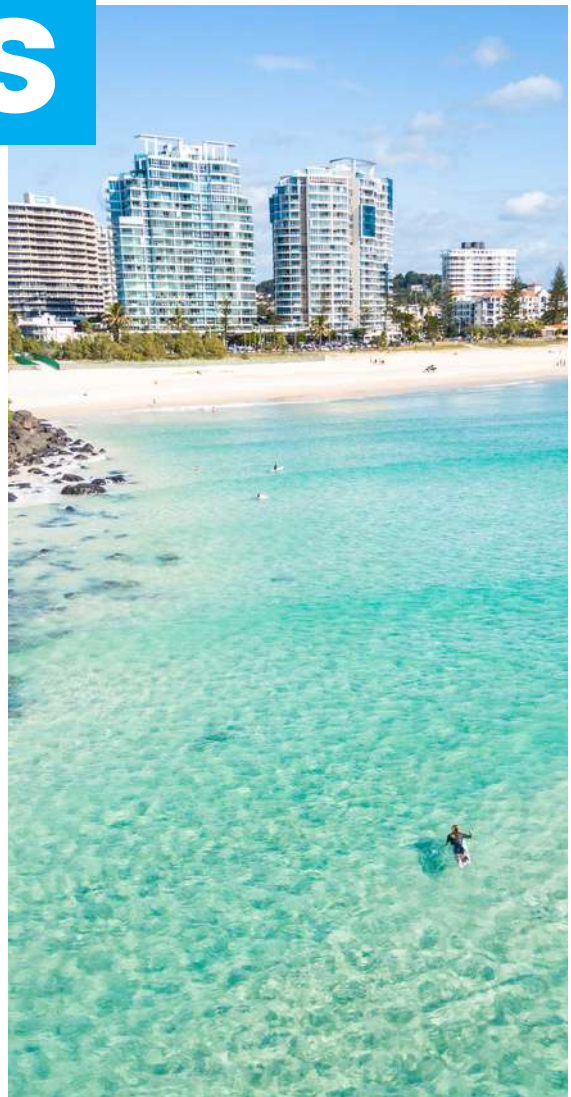
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Acknowledgment

anzuk Education acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, to the Elders past, present, and emerging.

Indigenous Australia

It is important when learning about Australia that you take the time to look over content about the Indigenous land you move to and work.

Take the time to research your local area.

To find out what land you're on click [HERE](#) or click the guide below for more resources

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Best areas to live in Queensland

When you are new to Queensland, finding a place to live can seem like a daunting task. We've put together an area guide to help you find a great place to live. All of our advice here is first hand - from other international educators and anzuk staff that have made the move, just like you.

A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND...

1. We recommend short term accommodation to start with. There are always people posting about short leasing in groups such as [Brisbane Houses, Rooms, Rentals](#) Facebook group. Have a look at Airbnb or Hostels as well.
2. Once you're there, really make it your priority to get on these [Facebook pages & Flatmates.com](#) and get out there to check out houses and meet potential housemates. It's super important you find a place that's the right fit for you, so it's a task best done in person!
3. There are loads of options, all over Queensland, all of the time! [Queensland has an ever revolving door of expats](#) - other like minded people moving in and out of share houses all the time. So you're bound to find a house with housemates on the same page as you & most likely make some really good mates too.



Your options and helpful links

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SHARE HOUSE

The easiest, cheapest & arguably the more fun option is to move into a share house. If you move into a room that someone is vacating within an established share house, then you shouldn't have anything to worry about when it comes to setting up utilities bills or buying furniture. It's a great way to meet people too! Take a look at flat share groups like [Brisbane Houses, Rooms, Rentals](#)

2

RENTING

The other option is looking to rent a vacant house or flat; so applying for a new lease. This may be your preference if moving over with a group of friends or family. Some properties will be furnished but not all, some landlords may incorporate bills into your monthly rent and others may leave that to you to arrange. This option will require rental & employment references/proof of income. Have a look on www.domain.com.au for properties and get in touch with agents in the areas you're looking as the market is very competitive.

3

MORE HELPFUL LINKS

[Flatmate Flinders](#) lets you search thousands of rooms available all across Queensland. It has a detailed descriptions on each room to rent and it also gives you an indication of the average rent price, the nearest transport links and description of other housemates.

[The Urban List](#) has a great guide on the things you will learn while living in Queensland - and will even give you a head start on some slang!



Noosa

- Noosa Heads
- Cooroibah
- Noosaville

If you're looking for the perfect beachside lifestyle, then look no further than Noosa! Noosa is located on the Sunshine Coast and as the name implies, is perfect for a summer lifestyle. With beautiful beaches, incredible restaurants, a vibrant nightlife and plenty of schools!

Rent prices tend to be slightly more expensive in these areas, with Noosa Heads being the most expensive due to its close location to the beach foreshore. Areas slightly further away such as Cooroibah tend to be more affordable with a similar proximity to the beach!

Local Tips:

- Ricky's River Bar & Restaurant is perfect for a quintessential Noosa drink and dinner! With its gorgeous waterfront location, you'll feel instantly relaxed!
- If you're up for a bush walk, check out Noosa's National Park! This beautiful seaside walk is incredibly popular with locals especially with its newly constructed boardwalk!
- And of course, you must visit Noosa Main Beach, a perfect beach for all ages – whether you like to surf or lie on the beach, Noosa Main Beach is always a beautiful day!





Caloundra

- Kings Beach
- Aroona
- Baringa

Caloundra is located just south of the Sunshine Coast and is lined with beautiful beaches and of course, the incredible sunshine!

Caloundra is super easy to get around with trains and buses readily available! This area is perfect for all ages and tastes - one can fine dine, have a relaxing pub meal or buy take away fish and chips to eat on the beach.

Rent in Caloundra is reasonably affordable and on the more affordable side of the Sunshine Coast pretty good considering it has access to one of the most beautiful beaches in the world!



Local Tips:

- Kings Beach is the perfect beach for you if you like blue calm water! Check it out!
- Caloundra Street Fair (Sundays 8 am to 1 pm) is a must see! With plenty of food trucks and small craft stores to entertain everyone every Sunday!
- Caloundra seafood market on Bulcock street is one of the best!



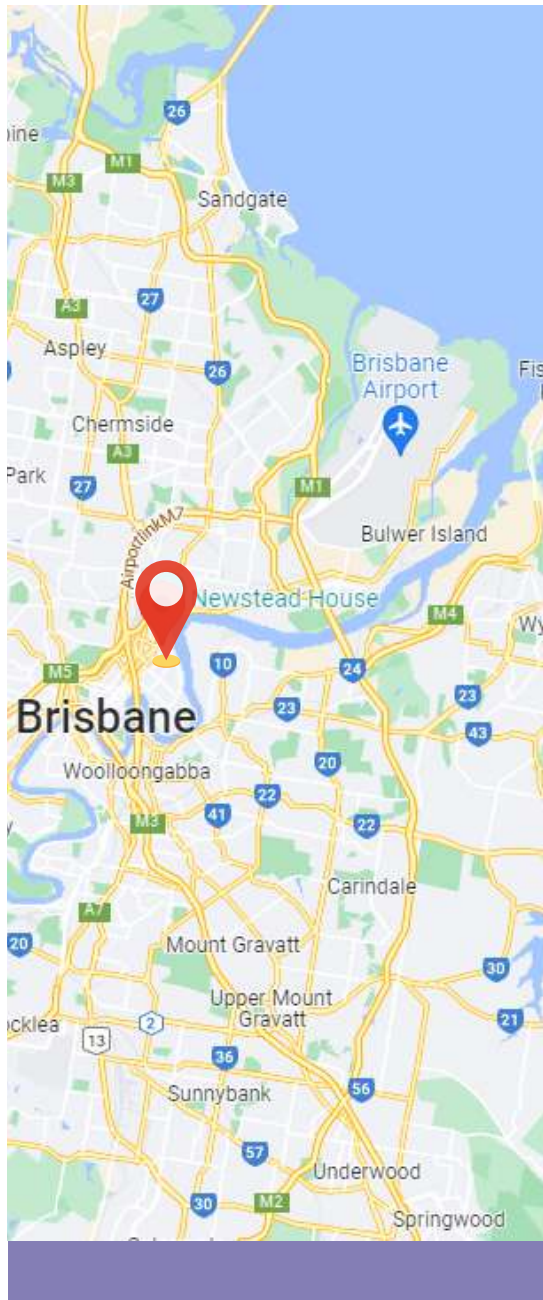
Newstead

- Fortitude Valley
- Albion
- Bowen Hills
- Herston

Located approximately 3 kilometres from Central Brisbane, Newstead is the perfect suburb for just about everything!

Newstead has great food, a vibrant nightlife, and you can almost walk anywhere you need to go! Newstead, being close to the industrial hub of Central Brisbane, means there's a lovely balance between the hustle and bustle of work life, tied in with the sunshine and relaxation of Queensland.

Newstead has many property options available from Houses to units and apartments. Due to its close proximity to the CBD however, prices can be slightly more expensive compared to surrounding areas.



Local Tips:

- Newstead has a growing nightlife with many craft breweries popping up! Visit Newstead Social for a cold drink!
- Interested in Live Music? Head to The Triffid for a great night – fun fact: The Triffid is owned by the former bassist of Powderfinger so you can already tell that it'll be a music hub!



West End

- South Brisbane
- Highgate Hill
- Dutton Park

West End is a bohemian beauty! With a welcoming community and plenty to do, you'll enjoy the slower pace of life that West End has to offer!

West End is a laid-back residential area popular for weekend markets like Davies Park, packed with vendors selling crafts and produce, and Boundary Street, known for its food stalls. Organic cafes and family-friendly Greek and Vietnamese restaurants have a casual vibe, while green spaces with playgrounds like Musgrave Park add to the community feel. Brewpubs and live music venues keep the area happening after dark.

West End is a more affordable suburb to reside in than Newstead, however it is just as close to the CBD!

Local Tips:

- Davies Park Market – get everything you need from the Davies Park Market, with the added component of beautiful scenery and welcoming people!
- Grab a brew from one of West End's two microbreweries, both located on Boundary St. Catchment Brewing Co or Brisbane Brewing Co will sort you out with a beer and a feed.





Broadbeach

- Mermaid Beach
- Clear Island Waters
- Broadbeach Waters

Located in the heart of the Gold Coast, Broadbeach is a hub of entertainment and the idyllic beach lifestyle.

Broadbeach offers an opportunity for a great work life balance with walking distances to beaches, restaurants, scenic walks and bike paths.

Broadbeach is perfect for all ages from families, young singles to expats! There's also a lot to do! From arts and craft fairs to an amazing night life, Broadbeach has something for everyone.

In terms of affordability, Broadbeach's surrounding suburbs are slightly more affordable.



Local Tips:

- Head to 'No Name Lane' for a delicious Coffee that rivals a Melbourne coffee!
- The Roosevelt Lounge is a great place for a cocktail and some live Jazz music, with the design centred around 1920s speakeasies!
- Almost goes without saying, but check out the beach for some great surf!



Main Beach

- **Southport**
- **Surfers Paradise**
- **Labrador**

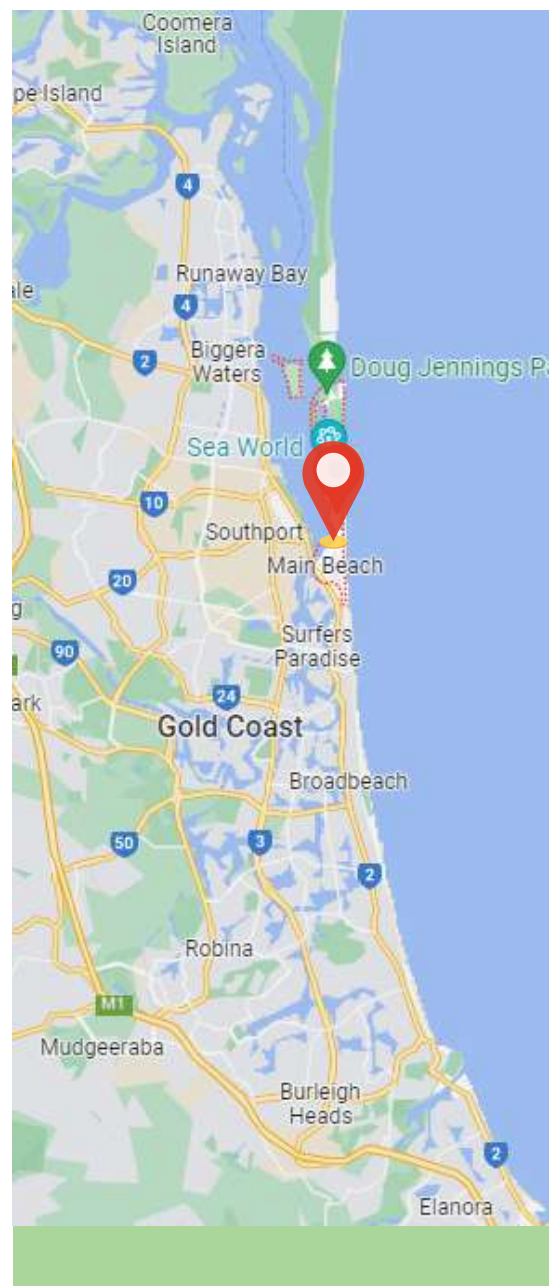
Right in the heart of the Gold Coast, Main Beach is one of the most popular Australian Beaches and for good reason! With its incredible waves, sunshine and nightlife you can see why Main Beach is a great place to live!

Main Beach is home to beautiful cafes, bars and restaurants, meaning there's always lots to do!

A result of Main Beach's charm is that its a great tourist spot, meaning there are lots of expats in this area - creating a welcoming community!

Local Tips:

- Try out surfing on the Main Beach, with it being one of the top locations for surfing in Australia!
- Head to Omeros Bros Seafood for their renowned seafood platter! This restaurant specialises in serving fresh seafood on the beautiful water!
- The Main Beach Bakery is serving up the best coffees and pies on the Gold Coast, perfect for right after your morning surf!





Palm Beach

- **Burleigh Heads**
- **Elanora**
- **Currumbin**

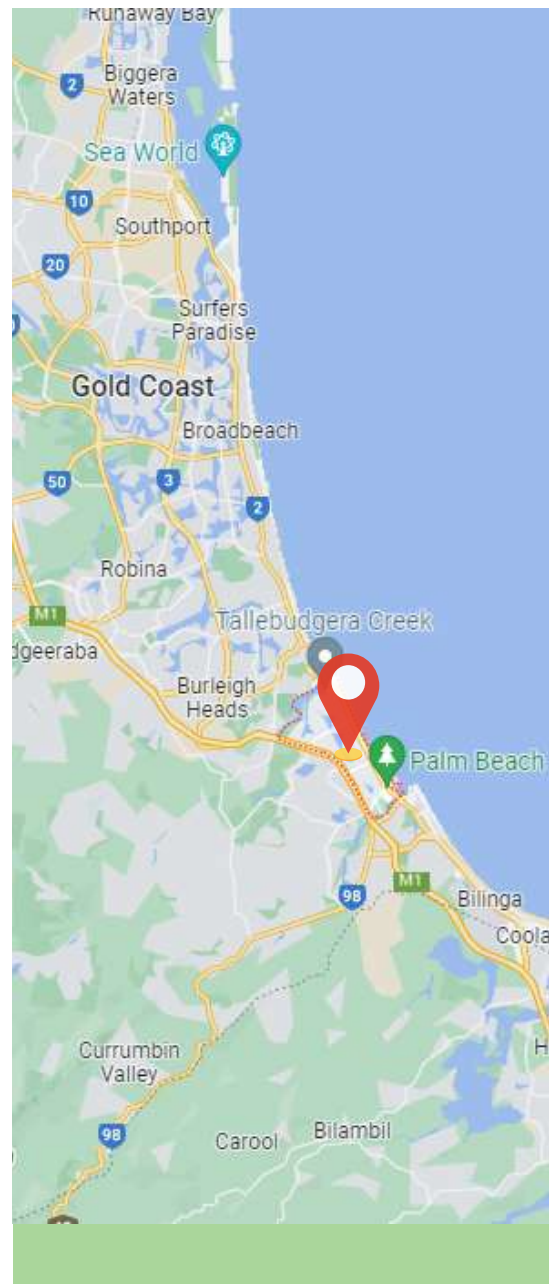
Located an approximate 40-minute drive from Central Brisbane is the beautiful seaside town of Palm Beach.

Palm Beach has the perfect balance between a laid-back coastal vibe as well as a young and urban vibe too! With the age demographic being incredibly diverse from young expats to families to retirees, Palm beach is for anyone and everyone!

This area and its surrounding suburbs are all similarly priced and are all reasonable for the lifestyle you get!

Local Tips:

- Looking for a refreshing seaside drink? Check out the Tallebudgera Surf Life Saving Club! This surf club welcomes everyone and is a local favourite!
- If you're looking for delicious food but not sure what you feel like? Look no further than The Collective. This food Truck centre has just about everything, from different cuisines to table service!
- Of course, you need to head to the actual Palm Beach! This beautiful beach is perfect for beginner surfers or casual swimmers.





Cairns

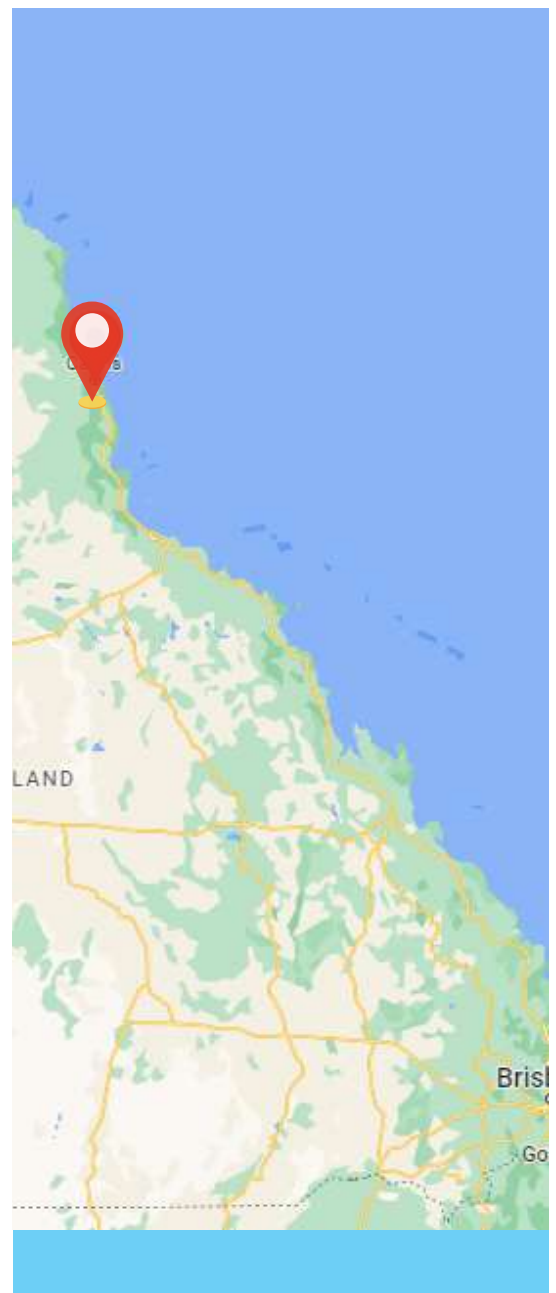
Considered the gateway to Australia's Great Barrier reef is a city in tropical Far North Queensland. One of Australia's most remarkable natural gifts, the Great Barrier Reef is known for the breath-taking beauty of the world's largest coral reef.

The reef contains an abundance of marine life and comprises of over 3000 individual reef systems and coral cays and literally hundreds of picturesque tropical islands to visit directly from Cairns.

North of Cairns is the world's oldest tropical rainforest, The Daintree Rainforest is over 10 million years old and it's been said that visitors can feel the ancient energy with each step (also be sure to keep an eye out for crocodiles!)

Local Tips:

- The Cairns Esplanade, lined with vibrant bars and trendy restaurants, don't forget to cool off with a dip in the swimming lagoon in between bar hopping overlooking the picturesque Trinity Outlet!
- Our Recommendation for the best cocktails and views: Salt House. Looking for somewhere to stay and play in Cairns? Gilligan's Hotel and Resort is a crowd favourite with events on almost every night - you will be sure to make new friends!
- The Markets - Cairns is famous for their markets! Doesn't matter what day, morning or night - there will be markets happening across Cairns from the CBD, Kuranda, Palm Cove, Port Douglas.. the list goes on!





Townsville

- **Magnetic Island**
- **Castle Hill**
- **Railway Estate**

Providing a laid-back tropical lifestyle that is complemented by capital city comforts, Townsville is the perfect combination between a working lifestyle and a beach holiday.

Townsville is known for its economic potential with many educational, health and retail services!

Townsville has a wealth of rivers, creeks and freshwater wetlands, making it easy to cool off in the beautiful warm weather.

Townsville is also an affordable place to live with rental prices being quite reasonable!



Local Tips:

- Visit The Strand for all ages fun! The Strand is the main foreshore in Townsville with cafes and even a waterpark located there!
- Hop on a ferry and visit the beautiful Magnetic Island!
- If you're after a fresh Mediterranean meal, visit Balabite! This restaurant will take you straight to Europe with its delicious food!



The Whitsundays

- Mackay
- Mount Pleasant
- Airlie Beach

It's almost impossible to not fall in love with Mackay and the Whitsundays. With its white sandy beaches and crystal-clear aqua water, you'll feel like every day is a tropical getaway!

Mackay and The Whitsundays are located a short one hour's drive from one another with public transport options available, so you'll be able to make full use of both these idyllic locations!



Local Tips:

- Need a bit of retail therapy? Head to the Caneland Shopping Centre for all your favourite brands in one location!
- Go snorkelling at one of the incredible beaches scattered along this area of the Queensland coast! You're bound to see lots of incredible fish!
- Hungry after all that? Go to Fish D'vine seafood and rum restaurant for the freshest of seafood and the coldest of drinks!
- If you are looking for something more scenic then take a short 40 minute drive from Mackay to Cape Hillsborough. The Kangaroos and Wallabies on the beach at sunrise is an experience like no other. Cape Hillsborough is renowned for its spectacular sunrises, nature walks and great fishing if you would like to wet a line!



Rockhampton

- **Nine Mile**
- **Norman Gardens**
- **Midgee**

Rockhampton is a town located in Central Queensland with an incredible history!

Known for its natural wonders such as the Capricorn Caves and their sweeping farmland, Rockhampton has a real homely, small-town feel. Rockhampton provides a slower pace of life and a sense of community.

Rockhampton is an affordable area to live! It is home to many families, expats and retirees meaning it has something for everybody!



Local Tips:

- Visit the Mount Morgan Goldmines to see a piece of Australian History. This retired goldmine can be walked through and explored!
- The Capricorn Caves are a natural wonder! Explore these caves with a tour guide and see an underground civilisation!
- Head to 'Boathouse' for a beautiful waterside lunch or dinner



Wide Bay Burnett

- Hervey Bay
- Fraser Island
- Bundaberg

The region of Wide Bay Burnett is located approximately 2 hours north of Brisbane and consists of suburbs such as Hervey Bay, Fraser Island and Bundaberg. Wide Bay Burnett is a medium paced area with a diverse community from young students to families, there is something for everyone! Not to mention the incredible beaches located at very close proximity!

Rent is affordable in these areas and the easiest way to get around is definitely by car however there are buses running regularly!

Local Tips:

- Go whale watching on one of the many islands this region has to offer!
- Enjoy a meal on the beach at Enzo's on the Beach! This restaurant is serving up fresh Australian cuisine with cocktails of course!
- Looking for a bit of fun? Head to the Wetside Water Park to cool off all the while having a blast!
- The famous Bundaberg Rum Distillery provides guided tours if you are looking to try some delicious rums and liqueurs.

