

12 DAYS OF SUNSHINE: SPRING CAMPERVAN ADVENTURE ON AUSTRALIA'S EAST COAST



Highlights

- Stroll through beautiful gardens
- Relax on stunning golden beaches
- Cool off in sparkling lagoons and waterfalls
- Snorkel or scuba dive the iconic Great Barrier Reef
- Explore Queensland's vibrant national parks
- Kayak through the tranquil Noosa Everglades
- Discover breathtaking islands along the coast
- Experience an unforgettable whale-watching tour

Day 1: Brisbane

Distance: 27 Kms Time: 25 Minutes

- Morning: Pick up your campervan from the GoCheap Brisbane branch and start your adventure at the City Botanic Gardens, where blooming flowers and lush greenery make spring the perfect time to explore.
- **Afternoon:** Spend the afternoon at Brisbane's lively South Bank precinct, strolling or biking through colourful parklands before enjoying lunch at a riverside café with fresh spring-inspired menus.
- Evening: End the day with dinner at Lina Rooftop, 12 storeys up with panoramic city views, great food, and a warm spring breeze — the perfect start to your campervan adventure.
- Where to stay: Brisbane Holiday Village, 10 Holmead Rd, Eight Mile Plains QLD 4113. Powered Site.

Day 2: Sunshine Coast

Distance: 156 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 50 Minutes

- Morning: Start your day with a hearty breakfast cooked right in your fully equipped campervan, the perfect fuel for the drive to the Sunshine Coast.
- Afternoon: Once you've arrived, slow things down with a relaxed brunch at Bistro C, for beachfront views and fresh local flavours.
- Evening: End the day with a sunset stroll along Noosa Main Beach before heading back to your campsite to relax and recharge for tomorrow's adventures.
- Where to stay: Ingenia Holidays Noosa, 141 Cooroy Noosa Rd, Tewantin QLD 4565. Powered Site.



Noosa Main Beach, Tourism and Events Queensland

Day 3: Sunshine Coast

Distance: 0 Kms Time: 0 Hours

- Morning: Kick off the morning with a hike in Noosa National Park, where spring wildflowers and native birds create the perfect backdrop for ocean-view walks and Insta-worthy snaps.
- Afternoon: Spend the afternoon at the bustling Eumundi Markets, Australia's largest outdoor market, browsing handmade goods, tasting street food, and enjoying live local entertainment.
- Evening: Enjoy your evening kayaking the Noosa Everglades, gliding across calm waterways through ancient forests and spotting birdlife as the sun sets.
- Where to stay: Ingenia Holidays Noosa, 141 Cooroy Noosa Rd, Tewantin QLD 4565. Powered Site.





Day 4: Hervey Bay

Distance: 182 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 16 Minutes

- Morning: Hit the road early for the scenic drive to Hervey Bay, making a quick stop at a local supermarket along the way to top up your supplies for the days ahead.
- Afternoon: Once you arrive, ease into holiday mode with a laid-back lunch at Enzo's on the Beach known for its stunning coastal views. Don't skip their cocktails — they're a local favourite
- Evening: As the sun sets, wander down to the historic **Urangan Pier**. Cast a line, soak in the ocean breeze, and if luck's on your side, bring your catch back to the campervan for a freshly cooked seafood dinner under the stars.
- Where to stay: Pialba Beach Tourist Park, 267 Esplanade, Pialba QLD 4655. Powered Site.



Urangan Pier, Tourism and Events Queensland

Day 5: Hervey Bay

Distance: 0 Kms Time: 0 Hours

- **Morning:** Start the day with the <u>Fraser Experience</u> Tour, a guided adventure on World Heritage-listed K'gari (Fraser Island), covering must-see highlights from crystal lakes to rainforests and sand dunes.
- Afternoon: Hervey Bay is Australia's whalewatching capital, so jump aboard a tour for the chance to lock eyes with these gentle giants for a once-in-a-lifetime encounter you'll never forget.
- Evening: Wind down at the Boat Club Cinema, where comfy chairs, fresh popcorn, and a cosy movie make for the perfect relaxed end to an adventure-filled day.
- Where to stay: Pialba Beach Tourist Park, 267 Esplanade, Pialba QLD 4655. Powered Site.

Day 6: Agnes Water

Distance: 234 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 51 Minutes

- Morning: Hit the road for a two-hour drive north to Agnes Water and the historic Town of 1770. Once you arrive, refuel with brunch at the popular Agnes Water Tavern, a local favourite after the journey.
- Afternoon: Dive into the region's past at the Agnes Water Museum, where you'll discover stories of the town's early settlers and rich maritime history.
- Evening: Round off the day with a sunset stroll along Agnes Water Main Beach, where spring's warmer evenings and vibrant skies make the moment even more special. Then head up to the 1770 Headland Lookout to catch the sunset and take in the costal views.
- Where to stay: Agnes Water Beach Holidays, Jeffery Ct, Agnes Water QLD 4677. Powered Site.



Agnes Water Main Beach, Tourism and Events Queensland



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Day 7: Clairview

Distance: 434 Kms **Time:** 4 Hours 48 Minutes

- Morning: Kick off the day with a relaxed breakfast at 1770 Marina Café, the perfect spot to fuel up before hitting the road again.
- Afternoon: Enjoy the scenic drive north towards Airlie Beach, taking in the changing landscapes along the way. Make sure to refuel your campervan and stock up on supplies — it's a long stretch to your next destination
- Evening: Break up the journey with an overnight stay at BarraCrab Caravan Park, where you can unwind by the water and recharge before setting off early the next morning
- Where to stay: BarraCrab Caravan Park, 1 Colonial Dr, Clairview QLD 474. Powered Site.



BarraCrab Caravan Park, Tourism and Events Queensland

Day 8: Airlie Beach

Distance: 272 Kms **Time:** 3 hours 3 minutes

- Morning: Start the next leg of your road trip towards Airlie Beach. Once you arrive, grab brunch at The Deck Airlie Beach to recharge after the morning drive.
- Afternoon: After brunch, take a short walk to the Airlie Beach Lagoon for a relaxing swim. With spring bringing warm, comfortable weather, it's the perfect spot to cool off and enjoy the outdoors.
- Evening: End the day with a Domino Sunset Sail around the harbour. Watch the sun set down and take in the stunning views on this authentic sailing experience.
- Where to stay: NRMA Airlie Beach Holiday Park, 234 Shute Harbour Rd, Cannonvale QLD 4802. Powered Site.

Day 9: Airlie Beach

Distance: 0 Kms Time: 0 Hours

- Morning: Begin the day with a <u>segway tour</u> through Conway National Park on the Whitsunday Great Walk, spotting wildlife, rainforest streams, and
- vibrant spring wildflowers along the way.
- Afternoon: Cool off with a swim at Cedar Creek Falls, a freshwater swimming hole perfect for a relaxed afternoon. Pack a picnic and enjoy lunch surrounded by butterflies, birds, and lush greenery that comes alive in spring.
- Evening: Finish the day with a Whitsunday sunset cruise, watching the sun dip below the horizon before the stars fill the sky. Sip a drink and take in the twinkling lights of Airlie Beach.
- Where to stay: NRMA Airlie Beach Holiday Park, 234 Shute Harbour Rd, Cannonvale QLD 4802. Powered Site.

Day 10: Townsville

Distance: 274 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours 13 Minutes

- Morning: Begin your day with breakfast at Fat Frog Beach Café, then get ready for the next stretch of your road trip.
- Afternoon: Catch a 20-minute ferry from Townsville to Magnetic Island, where spring brings vibrant colour. Spot koalas, hike scenic trails, explore in a topless car, or snorkel in crystal-clear bays.
- Evening: Back in Townsville, spend the evening wandering through the city centre for a bit of shopping before enjoying dinner at Shaw & Co, known as one of the best steak restaurants in town.
- Where to stay: BIG4 Tasman Holiday Parks Rowes Bay, 46 Heatleys Parade, Belgian Gardens QLD 4810. Powered Site.



Magnetic Island, Tourism and Events Queensland





Day 11: Mission Beach

Distance: 235 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 57 Minutes

- Morning: Begin with breakfast in your motorhome, then drive toward Mission Beach, stopping at roadside stalls in Australia's banana capital to pick up a fresh bunch for the journey.
- **Afternoon:** Once you arrive, set out to explore the Great Barrier Reef. Go snorkelling or scuba diving in some of Queensland's most pristine reefs, where private moorings give you the chance to enjoy secluded spots away from the crowds.
- Evening: Wrap up the day at Girringun National Park, home to stunning waterfalls and hidden swimming holes. Take a dip in the famous Spa Pool, where a natural rock depression makes the water bubble like a Jacuzzi.
- Where to stay: Mission Beach Camping & Caravan Park, 53 Porter Promenade, Mission Beach QLD 4852. Powered Site.



Mission Beach Scuba Diving, Tourism and Events Queensland

Day 12: Cairns

Distance: 142 Kms Time: 2 Hours

- **Morning:** Pack up and hit the road for the final leg of your Queensland spring road trip. Enjoy the scenic coastal and ocean views along the way as you take in the last stretches of your journey.
- **Afternoon:** Once in Cairns, treat yourself to brunch at The Chambers, then spend some time wandering the city centre for a bit of sightseeing or last-minute shopping. Return your campervan to our Cairns branch before 3:30 pm, wrapping up an unforgettable spring coastal adventure!

Packing tips for a road trip on Australia's East Coast

Some things you'll want to bring include:

- Appropriate footwear (comfortable shoes)
- Hat, **sunscreen** and sunglasses
- Mixture of clothing for different weather/activities
- Head torches for night beach walks
- Insect repellent + First aid kit
- Camera/phone + chargers
- Board games, Pack of cards
- Light backpack (to carry food + water bottle)
- Binoculars for whales and bird watching
- Picnic rug & thermos
- Maps, journals

Reminder: In Queensland, many regional and coastal roads are shared with wildlife such as kangaroos, wallabies, and cassowaries, especially around dawn and dusk. For your safety and to protect these animals, it's best to avoid driving during low-light hours. This also helps reduce the risk of accidents and potential damage to your campervan rental.



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HAVE A GREAT TRIP!

