

THE LEGENDARY PACIFIC COAST BE THE FIRST TO DISCOVER

NORTHERN RIVERS ITINERARY

Run, dive, swim, play, explore, stop, discover, unwind – whatever you want to do. The only limit is your imagination as you immerse yourselves in all the Northern Rivers has to offer.

DAY 1

As you arrive in the Clarence Valley you have some choices to make. Will you kayak down the river? Will you take on the challenge of the east coast's longest coastal walk? Or will you visit Australia's best town? If you are wondering why Yamba won the title, you'd better go there first! Famous for its lifestyle and prawns (drop into a café or the local fisherman's co-op for a sample) you can hit the clean waters and jump in at calm Wooli Bay or head to neighboring Angourie to experience the protected surf break or explore the magical Blue Pools. Angourie also marks the beginning of the newly opened Yuraygir Coastal Walk – those looking for a challenge can do the entire 65km walk (a 4-day itinerary is available on the National Parks NSW site) and for the rest of us the easy grade short trails will satisfy! If you've tried the surfing, stand-up paddle, explored the markets and want something more, nearby town Maclean is your destination. Known as Australia's Scottish town (and painted accordingly!) this unique riverside village has a thriving café and boutique culture just waiting to be discovered.

ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

Angourie Rainforest Resort: Angourie Rainforest Resort is located minutes from Yamba's nine pristine beaches. The only Yamba holiday accommodation and family resort that offers a full service Day Spa, kids club, bike hire, children's playground, pool and more!

Blue Dolphin Holiday Park: Choose from two-bedroom Waterfront Spa Villas, family-friendly cabins, self-contained units, grassed or slab powered site or book a premium waterfront ensuite site with your own private bathroom. Kids will love swimming in the pools, whirling down the waterslides, having a game of tennis and joining in the fun with the seasonal Kids Activity Program!

DAY 2

After leaving your digs in the Clarence Valley head north for 1½hrs and arrive in Ballina. Stop in for lunch at the Ballina RSL and look out across the peaceful Richmond River and

gear up for your next adventure. Golf, gliding, boating, surfing, exploring a maze, following an artist trail or just enjoying the clean, clear beaches – your choice! For those looking for a green injection head into the hinterland for Minyon Falls (bbq's onsite) and then drop into Crystal Castle on your way back. Head into Byron Bay and visit Australia's most easterly point for dolphin watching (tours inside the 100 year old lighthouse on Tuesday and Thursday). Shop yourself silly in the eclectic town centre or at one of the local markets, or immerse yourself in the wellness culture and take a yoga class on the beach, meditate or enjoy a visit to any of the award-winning spa's. For a quieter alternative, head down to Lennox Head, ride the world-class surf break, hop on a horse along Seven Mile Beach (horse surfing, anyone?) or float around in Lake Ainsworth, the freshwater tea-tree lake.

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Byron at Byron Resort and Spa: With 92 one-bedroom suites within 45 acres you truly have the space to unwind. Stroll the boardwalks to nearby Tallow Beach, enjoy daily yoga or simply retreat to the resort Spa & Wellness Centre.

Ramada Hotel and Suites Ballina Byron: Surrounded by beautiful beaches and in a waterfront location. Choose from 115 stylishly appointed hotel rooms and suites featuring stunning water and hinterland views.

Headland Beach Resort: Located in Lennox Head and just 200m from renowned surfing spots Seven Mile Beach and Lennox Point (the best right hand break on the east coast). Headland Beach Resort offers a range of well-appointed, self-contained apartments and resort facilities to suit your needs.

North Coast Holiday Parks: Offers affordable, waterfront accommodation with camping, caravan and cabin options. Ballina Central and Shaws Bay Holiday Parks (Ballina) have river frontage and a short walk from town. Lake Ainsworth (Lennox Head) is opposite 7 Mile Beach. Clarkes Beach Holiday Park has direct beach access and views from Mount Warning to Byron Lighthouse and Terrace Reserve.

Massey Greene and Ferry Reserve Holiday Parks are on the banks of the Brunswick River.

DAY 3

Breathe in that clean, fresh air and sample the amazing local coffee (The Byron Bay Coffee Company produce Australia's most awarded coffee!). You're headed for Mt Warning – the world's largest extinct shield volcano. The summit is the first place touched by the sun each day; try your hand (or foot!) along the easy grade Lyrebird track. Next stop is Tropical Fruit World, the home of the world's largest variety of tropical fruit. Enjoy plantation safaris, mini train rides, a jungle riverboat cruise, fauna park and fruit tasting shows (chocolate pudding fruit, anyone?). Cross the border into QLD and get ready to rumble with the animals at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. Visit the wildlife hospital, take the Green Challenge, feed the lorikeets, hold a koala, mingle with the roo's or rest those legs and cruise the park on a Segway Safari.

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Wyndham Surfers Paradise Resort: The hotel boasts a fresh, contemporary design with deluxe, self-contained apartments. Most rooms have ocean, river and hinterland views.

Treasure Island Holiday Park: Treasure Island Holiday Park is surrounded by tropical gardens and you can choose from luxury three-bedroom townhouses, spacious two-bedroom cabins by the pool, family-friendly cabins or stylish studio units with spas. Treasure Island Holiday Park is also ideal for caravans, RVs and camping.



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