

Australia's Nature Coast

The Great Beach Drive - 3 Day Itinerary



Day One

Before your departure, please contact the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service to arrange your permits, and to also receive a safety briefing, tide information and an up to date beach condition report.

Pick up your 4WD and take the vehicle ferry from Noosa to Noosa North Shore, the southern gateway to the Great Beach Drive and take the third sand exit (be sure to check your tyre pressure before proceeding any further) onto one of the most exhilarating highways in the world.

You are now entering the Great Sandy Biosphere so stop for a picnic morning tea at the coloured sands at Teewah.

Continue north to Inskip Point via Leisha Track (be sure to check tide times before proceeding any further) to Rainbow Beach where you will camp in style for the evening. Camping packages are available that include complete set up and pack down of your campsite (pitch & pack), camping permits and everything needed to cook, sleep and eat with. Watch the sunset from your tent and enjoy a night under the stars!

Day Two

Before your departure, please contact the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service to arrange your permits, and to also receive a safety briefing, tide information and an up to date beach condition report. You should also confirm your barge transfer with Manta Ray Barges.

Leave your tent behind and travel to Inskip Point, where you will catch the Manta Ray Barge across to Hook Point, the southern end of Fraser Island (K'Gari).

Spend the day driving north along 75-mile beach and exploring some of Fraser Island's (K'Gari's) stunning natural and cultural attractions, including the Maheno Shipwreck, Eli Creek, Lake Wabby, Lake Allom, Indian Head and the beautiful Champagne Pools. Do not swim in the ocean off Fraser Island's (K'Gari's) eastern beach – sharks are lurking!!

Whilst on 75-Mile Beach, take the opportunity to see some of Fraser Island's (K'Gari's) more remote but non-the-less spectacular inland lakes and sand blows from the air with a scenic flight. Airplanes on Fraser Island use 75-Mile Beach as their runway, allowing you to experience the thrill of taking off and landing on one of the world's stunning beaches.

After your day of exploring the Great Beach Drive, check into your accommodation on 75-Mile Beach on the east coast of Fraser Island (K'Gari), of which there are an abundance of options to choose from.



DID YOU KNOW??

Fraser Island (K'Gari) is the largest sand island in the world. It is 123km long, close to 30km wide at its widest point and is the only place in the world where rainforest grows on sand!

Day Three

Before your departure, please contact the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service for up to date inland tracks condition report, and also be sure to confirm your barge transfer with Fraser Island Barges.

Depart your accommodation and continue on the Great Beach Drive taking the inland track west towards Kingfisher Bay. On your way across the island, stop at Central Station which was once home to a community of more than 100 people in the 1920's logging era. At Central Station you can explore Fraser Island rainforest along a boardwalk that fringes the silently flowing and crystal clear Wanggoolba Creek.

From Central Station, drive to the magnificent Lake McKenzie, one of Fraser Island's (K'Gari's) most popular and well recognised freshwater lakes. With its powder white sand and crystal clear water, Lake McKenzie is truly a once in a lifetime swimming location.

From Lake McKenzie, continue to Kingfisher Bay to catch the Fraser Island Barge to River Heads on the mainland and drive into Hervey Bay on Queensland's Fraser Coast.

Hervey Bay is a water sports mecca, so spend the afternoon on the water stand up paddle boarding, or embark on a Jetski tour or kayak adventure! To see off the day in style, enjoy a Champagne Sunset Sail courtesy of one of the many boat tour operators that operate from the Urangan Boat Harbour.

Stay overnight in Hervey Bay at one of the many luxurious resorts, apartments and bed and breakfasts that are on offer.