

FIND OUT WHY TOWNSVILLE IS THE IDEAL LIFESTYLE DESTINATION



STUDY
IN WORLD CLASS NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS



LIVE
IN A TROPICAL CITY WITH OVER 300 DAYS OF SUNSHINE A YEAR



WORK
IN A CITY THAT HAS A DIVERSE ECONOMY AND A VARIETY OF INDUSTRIES

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WELCOME TO TOWNSVILLE

Townsville is Australia's largest tropical city, the perfect destination to have a truly authentic Australian experience.



Townsville offers a range of study and employment opportunities for international students looking for quality education in a supportive environment, a safe city and a welcoming culturally diverse community.

We encourage you to explore the benefits of living and learning in Townsville. Within this guide you will find a range of helpful information from local events to how to find help and even some Queensland slang words and what they mean.

Follow Study Townsville to find out about events we host for international students:



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WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT TOWNSVILLE



Townsville is a nature-lover's paradise, and adventure is right by your doorstep. As someone who moved to Australia to study wildlife and marine biology, being immersed in such an environment is a privilege.

Crystle, Singapore
James Cook University



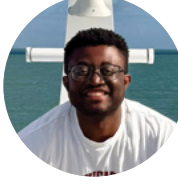
What I love most about Townsville is the year-round summer and the community here. Everyone is incredibly friendly and welcoming. Even my neighbours greeted me with plants when I first moved in.

Chris, Germany
TAFE Queensland



What makes Townsville an ideal place is that it embodies a balance between a relaxed lifestyle and a supportive learning environment.

Benlito, Philippines
Axial International College



Townsville offers an enviable study-life balance. I love how it brings together students from diverse backgrounds in a welcoming and supportive academic environment, all within a beautiful tropical setting.

Emmanuel, Ghana
James Cook University



My favourite thing about Townsville is definitely the people! Since Townsville is a smaller place, everyone tends to band together - there's a real sense of community here.

Anson, Hong Kong
James Cook University

LIFE BY THE WATER

Swim, snorkel, or dive into the Coral Sea, home to the Great Barrier Reef, humpback whales, green sea turtles, dolphins, and many other incredible flora and fauna.



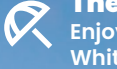
Great Barrier Reef

Take a snorkelling or diving tour of the world's largest coral reef system.



The Museum of Underwater Art

Free dive, scuba or snorkel your way down to the only underwater art museum in the Southern Hemisphere.



The Whitsundays

Enjoy a road trip to the Whitsunday region and explore tropical islands, white sandy beaches, coral reefs, camping grounds, luxury hotels, restaurants and bars.



Magnetic Island

Just a short 20-minute ferry ride from Townsville, the island paradise is perfect for hiking, water sports, swimming, wildlife and dining. The island offers a well-connected bus network and a range of accommodation options.



A YEAR IN TOWNSVILLE

Townsville's calendar is filled with sport, culture and festivals. Get involved in Queensland's history, enjoy the action of supercars and elite sport, and sample some of the flavours of the state.



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Townsville Folk Festival

The Townsville Folk Festival is an annual event that celebrates music and community. The festival features folk performances, workshops and food stalls with grassroots performers, local artists and well-known musicians taking stage. Located at Foot Hills Station festival goers can camp under the stars and get close to nature while enjoying amazing tunes and a relaxed community vibe



Townsville 500

Part of the Supercars Championship (the biggest motorsport competition in Australia), this high-octane event transforms the city streets into a raceway in July. The three-day event schedule offers plenty of on-track, and off-track, entertainment from morning to night!

Professional Bull Riders (PBR)

Professional Bull Riders (PBR) is one of the fastest-growing sports properties in Australia, with tours across the United States, Australia, Brazil, Canada, and Mexico. In November, the PBR Australia grand finals are hosted in Townsville at the Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre where you'll see the superstars of the PBR, facing the toughest 8 seconds in sports.



North Australia Festival of Arts (NAFA)

NAFA is Townsville's premier arts and cultural event which features a wide variety of performances and events, including comedy, dance, theatre, circus, music and cabaret (among many others!). There are also volunteering opportunities during the festival calendar where you could find yourself selling tickets or merchandise, answering questions, and giving directions.

Townsville Running Festival

Winter in Townsville is perfect for getting outdoors and active. The McDonald's Townsville Running Festival event started over 50 years ago as the Townsville Marathon and has evolved to include many shorter events now also, as well as fun runs, corporate challenges, and volunteering opportunities. This event a must do tropical festival that attracts runners from everywhere!



North Queensland Cowboys (NRL and NRLW)

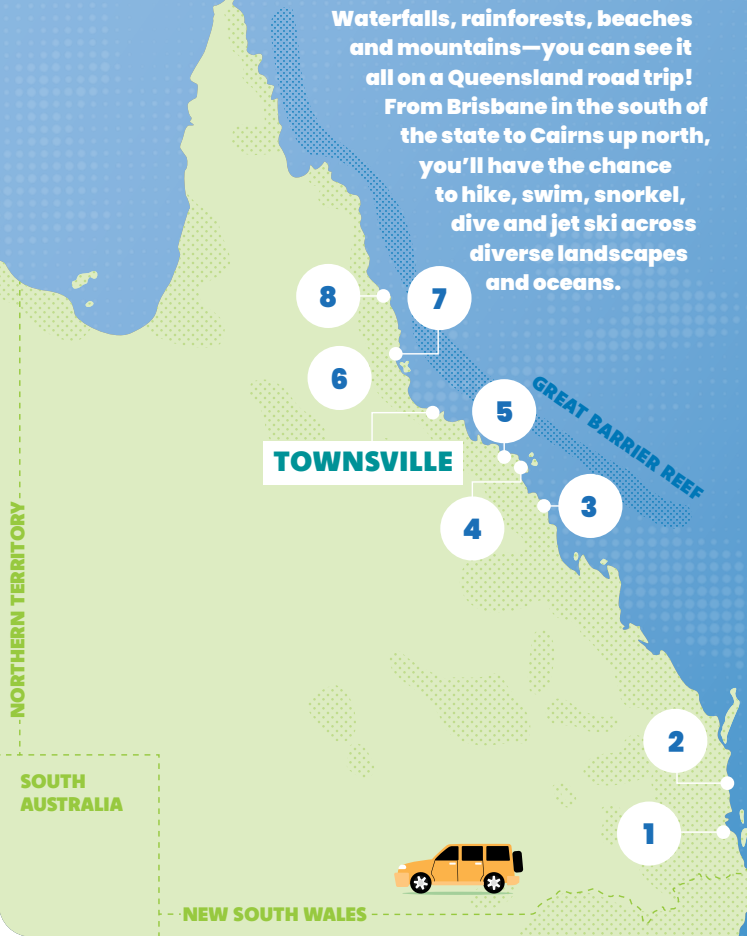
Between March and September, the National Rugby League (NRL) provides an action-packed calendar with two of the national sporting teams located in Townsville, North Queensland Cowboys Men's and Women's NRL teams. Both teams play several home games in Townsville during the season at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Townsville FIRE Women's National Basketball League (WNBL)

The National Basketball League season runs from October to March, and Townsville is home to the professional women's team Townsville Fire. You can watch the Townsville Fire take on the competition at the Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre.

YOUR QUEENSLAND ROAD TRIP

Waterfalls, rainforests, beaches and mountains—you can see it all on a Queensland road trip! From Brisbane in the south of the state to Cairns up north, you'll have the chance to hike, swim, snorkel, dive and jet ski across diverse landscapes and oceans.



STOPS

- 1 Brisbane**
Start in Queensland's capital—a busy city with riverside dining, a warm climate and nearby beaches.
- 2 Sunshine Coast/ Noosa**
Relax on sandy beaches, explore Noosa National Park and visit Eumundi Markets for handmade treasures.
- 3 Mackay**
Zip line across Finch Hatton Gorge, try the Mackay Highlands Great Walk or visit Artspace regional gallery.
- 4 Cape Hillsborough**
Enjoy the sunrise, spot some kangaroos, hike rainforest trails and enjoy gorgeous coastal views.
- 5 Airlie Beach**
Gateway to the Whitsundays, with a lagoon for swimming and crystal clear waters for sailing.
- 6 Wallaman Falls**
Visit Australia's tallest single-drop waterfall, taking in the views from a hike to the top.
- 7 Mission Beach**
Get off the beaten track and embrace 14 km of unspoiled North Queensland coastline.
- 8 Cairns**
End your trip in tropical Cairns, where you can continue to the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest.

A TASTE OF HOME

MULTICULTURAL TOWNSVILLE

Townsville is a multicultural city, making it a welcoming home for international students. According to the 2021 Census, 17.3% of Townsville residents have both parents born overseas, and 21.3% were born outside Australia, with England, New Zealand, the Philippines, India, and South Africa making up the most common countries of origin.

Suburbs like Aitkenvale and Kirwan are known for their multicultural communities.

Aitkenvale is home to Townsville Multicultural and Support Group (TMSG), which offers services including English conversation classes, support with settling into Australia and community engagement.

Townsville hosts many cultural events throughout the year, including India Fest Townsville, Afrekete Culture Festival and multicultural festivals at schools and local community groups that celebrate diversity in the city.

GETTING AROUND

Townsville's public buses connect the suburbs to the city and other popular destinations. Buses are a reliable and affordable option for getting around town.

Tickets: Buses in Townsville accept fare payment by cash or card (EFTPOS or credit card). Payment is made to the bus driver when boarding.

Planning your route: Use the Translink journey planner or Google Maps to check routes and schedules, as they may change on weekends and public holidays.

Taxis and Rideshare

Taxis and rideshare services like Uber and DiDi are available throughout Townsville, ideal for late night or early morning travel.

Cycling and Walking

Townsville is a bike-friendly city. The Strand and Ross River Parkway are popular for cycling or walking, and bike racks are available at many public spots.

G'DAY! QUEENSLAND SLANG DICTIONARY

If you're new to northern Queensland, you might notice some unfamiliar words used in everyday conversation! Local slang may be confusing at first, but you'll pick it up in no time. Here are some terms you might find your new friends using:

Barbie: Refers to a barbeque (as well as a child's play doll). You may hear someone say they are "having a barbie" which means they are cooking food on the barbeque.

Arvo: A short way of saying afternoon. You may hear someone say "see you this arvo" meaning see you this afternoon.

Togs: Swimsuit or bathing suit. In Queensland, you wear your togs to the beach or pool.

Eskey: Refers to an insulated box or cooler to keep food & drinks cold which may be taken to a picnic or the beach.

Stinger: A jellyfish. You'll hear this a lot during summer!

Sunnies: Sunglasses.

CITY OF TOWNSVILLE

0 500m 1km 1.5km 2km

To Cape Pallarenda and Town Common

ROWES BAY

BELGIAN GARDENS

NORTH WARD

CLEVELAND BAY

The Strand

Townsville Sports Reserve

JEZZINE BARRACKS

TO MAGNETIC ISLAND - 8KM

To Museum of Underwater Art - 76km

To Orpheus Island - 79km

BOHLE

MOUNT ST. JOHN

TO BUSHLAND BEACH AND BURDELL (10 minute drive)

COSGROVE

TO NORTHERN BEACHES & HINCHINBROOK

MOUNT LOUISA

GARBUTT

TOWNSVILLE AIRPORT

WESTEND

CASTLE HILL

SOUTH TOWNSVILLE

Queensland Country Bank Stadium

RAILWAY ESTATE

HYDE PARK

Castletown Shopping Centre

CURRAJONG

VINCENT

HEATLEY

HERMIT PARK

ROSSLEA

OONOOBBA

CLUDEN

ROSS RIVER

MUNDINGBURRA

ANNANDALE

DOUGLAS

AITKENVALE

Palmetum Gardens

WULGURU

ROSENEATH

MURRAY

MOUNT STUART

CONDON

THURINGOWA CENTRAL

Willows Shopping Centre

TO HERVEY RANGE

TO HINCHINBROOK

TO ROSS RIVER DAM (10 minute drive)

TO CHARTERS TOWERS

TO ALLIGATOR CREEK & BURDEKIN

MAP KEY

- Visitor Information Centre
- Airport
- Passenger Ferry Terminal
- Car Ferry Terminal
- Quayside (Cruise Ship) Terminal
- Bus Hub
- Train Station
- Hospital
- Art Gallery
- Major Shopping Centre
- Cinema / Entertainment
- University / TAFE
- Library
- Museum
- Stadium / Sporting Complex
- Reid Park
- Swimming Spot
- Parks & Gardens
- Walking Track
- Scenic Lookout
- Carpark

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Central Queensland University

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James Cook University

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Axial Training And International College

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National Aviation Academy

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TAFE Queensland
Townsville - Pimlico

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Townsville International English School

Schools

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Annandale State School

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Kirwan State High School

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Pimlico State High School

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Saint Patrick's College

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The Cathedral School

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Townsville Grammar School - Annandale Campus

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Townsville Grammar School - North Ward Campus

