



4 DAY FAMILY ADVENTURE

This is *Yeppoon*... See you soon!

Welcome! We have mapped out some awesome experiences to ensure you see as much of our *Top Tourism Town* and take home some unforgettable memories.

Four of Queensland's major touring routes lead to beautiful Yeppoon... So grab the car, throw in your smallest loved ones, and hit the road to begin your Yeppoon adventure...

This four-day/three-night itinerary showcases everything from frolicking at the iconic Yeppoon Lagoon, giggling at quirky street art, discovering the luscious rainforest of Byfield, hand-feeding a kangaroo, smiling at crocodiles, to exploring the fringing coral of our nearby barefoot island paradise.

TARGET MARKET: *Families*

This itinerary will appeal to people of all ages and is well suited to families of 2 adults with 2 - 4 children.



SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATION:

Yeppoon and the Capricorn Coast has a wide variety of accommodation to suit all budgets. The following is a mere sample of what the destination has to offer...

Apartments: [Salt Apartments Yeppoon](#)
[Oshen Yeppoon](#)

Motel: [Surfside Motel Yeppoon](#)

Caravan Park: [Fisherman's Beach Holiday Park](#)
[Discovery Yeppoon Holiday Park](#)

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DAY 1 | Setting the scene

Distance:
45km One Way

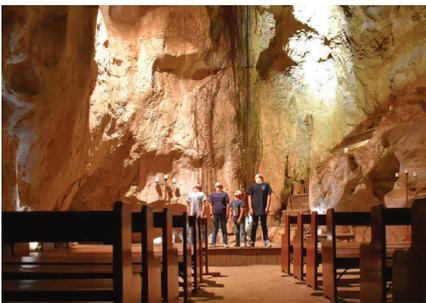
Suitable for:
2WD & Caravans

Where:
Rockhampton to Yeppoon

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discovering above ground caves
- Keppel Bay views
- Infinity edge lagoon
- Zero depth water play feature
- Quirky street art
- Sensational sunset

Whether you are arriving from north, south, or west, allow the excitement to heighten when you see the Beef Capital of Rockhampton approaching. The 'are we there yet' whine will soon be a distant memory with only 40 kilometres to go until feeling the salty kisses and sand between your toes.



Before hitting the highway for Yeppoon, why not take a quick detour to the iconic **Capricorn Caves**. The whole family will be blown away by the sculptured limestone caverns. The one-hour Cathedral Cave tour will heighten all of your senses as you duck and weave through this large and most spectacular cave.

Stop for a quick refuel at the Caves Country Pub before continuing towards your final destination!



Once you check into your accommodation, unpack, settle in, and get used to the amazing beach views from your home away from home, slip on your swimmers, slap on some sunscreen and head over for a sparkling good time at the jewel in the crown of the **Yeppoon foreshore precinct**.

The 2500 square-metre resort-style **Yeppoon Lagoon** is located right on the beachfront, just a stone throw from your accommodation and includes a shallow children's play area, an informal lap swimming area and a swim-up infinity edge with stunning views over the Keppel Islands. Entry to the Lagoon is free and is patrolled 365 days a year.



Taking pride as the Lagoon's neighbour is a water play feature quite unlike any other. With a mythical sea creature centrepiece, the **Keppel Kraken** is the perfect place to soak up some sunshine. Featuring a host of interactive elements including water cannons, jets and an umbrella-bucket, this is guaranteed joy for the whole family.

Once you have dried off, grab a local ice-cream from the Keppel Bay Ice Cream Cafe on James St and head off on a **Street Art discovery**. From the Yeppoon Lagoon and nearby Skate Park to the Queen Street Car Park, Livingstone Library, and Yeppoon Surf Life Saving Club, there is a wealth of visual opportunities around Yeppoon just waiting to make you smile.



Now its time to freshen up before dinner and take a quick drive up to **Wreck Point** in Cooee Bay and witness your first magical sunset. Along with offering spectacular 360-degree views of Yeppoon and Keppel Bay, **Wreck Point Lookout** is also veiled in a mysterious nautical phenomenon of 'Selina' – a 62-ton transport schooner. The 'shipwreck' artwork offers a central focus to a short walking trail, which showcases an interpretive panel that shares the history and mystery of Wreck Point.

It's been a big day of discovery, but before you retire for your first night, treat yourself to dinner at **The Spinnaker**. Part of the Keppel Bay Sailing Club, The Spinnaker is your family bistro with big screen TV's and a great beachside deck with a playground for the kids.

DAY 2 | Rainforests and rugged scenery

Distance:
40km One Way

Suitable for:
2WD & Caravans

Where:
Yeppoon to Byfield

HIGHLIGHTS

- Lush tropical rainforest
- Bush walks
- Flowing freshwater creeks
- Local artisan pottery
- Wildlife sanctuary

Discover the lush rainforests of Byfield and spectacular scenery of the surrounding parks and forests. Breathe in pure rainforest air, swim, kayak. Explore artisan crafts and pottery or cuddle a koala. Stay the night in rainforest cabins or pitch a tent alongside a flowing freshwater creek.



Just north from Yeppoon, you can discover the lush rainforests of Byfield and spectacular scenery of the surrounding parks and forests. The **Byfield National Park and State Forest** abounds with wonderful scenery, rolling sand dunes, beaches, rainforest-edged creeks, and rugged mountains. This is nature at its absolute best!

Start your day with a visit to **Nob Creek Pottery**. Nestled among the trees, the gallery has a superb collection of work by resident potters and display of Australian glass, woodwork and jewellery. From here you can stop by the **Byfield General Store and Café**. The store has a relaxed alfresco atmosphere, huge personality and offers a beautiful homemade menu and great coffee!



When you've had your fill of all things sweet, head to one of the nearby State Forest Picnic Areas with a pre-packed barbeque. Upper **Stony Creek Recreation area** is a popular spot with several bush walking tracks and a spacious freshwater creek to plunge. Picnic spots are accessible by 2WD and offer automatic cooking facilities and toilets.

Marvel at rare and endangered plants found nowhere else, such as the **Byfield fern and Byfield grevillea**. The area supports both migratory and resident birds. Endangered little terns nest on Sandy Point's shifting spit and vulnerable beach stone-curlews live and breed along the coast.



After lunch it's on to **Cooberrie Park Wildlife Sanctuary**. Cuddle a koala, hold a snake, hand-feed the friendly kangaroos and emus. Enjoy the company of the animals as you stroll through the lush parkland of Cooberrie Park. Pre-packaged food for the animals is available from the park's kiosk to ensure the ultimate up-close hand feeding experience. While your here, also try your hand at the new **Capricorn Dinosaur Mini Golf**.



Take the scenic route back to Yeppoon via Panorama Drive and take in some breathtaking views of the coastline as the road weaves its way through the hillsides. Keep your eyes peeled for the **Taste Capricorn Coast Farm Gates** along the way.

Back in Yeppoon, head down to **Beaches Restaurant** and enjoy a true paddock to plate experience with fresh produce straight from their High Valley Dawn Permaculture Farm.

Keen to get offroad? As an optional extra, check out some of the renowned 4WD sand tracks, weaving through Byfield National Park.

DAY 3 | An island paradise

Distance:
30 min Boat transfer

Date:
All year around

Where:
Yeppoon to Great Keppel Island

HIGHLIGHTS

- Pristine Reef
- Abundant marine life
- Sailing & Cruising
- Bush walks
- 17 uncrowded beaches
- Swim all year around

Explore the underwater playground of the Southern Great Barrier Reef. Swim, snorkel, and soak in the clear waters of Great Keppel Island.



A visit to Yeppoon is simply not complete without a visit to **Great Keppel Island**. The Keppel Islands lie a mere stone throw (just 30 minutes) from the mainland and can be explored via ferry, Island Hopping Charters or Cruising Adventures – all departing from either Keppel Bay Marina or Pier One at Rosslyn Bay.

Once you arrive at Great Keppel Island, you will notice that bare feet and board shorts could be mistaken for the formal dress code.



Swim and soak in the clear water of 17 different beaches or enjoy **snorkelling the fringing reef right off the beach**. There are seven excellent snorkelling locations all within walking distance from the main beach and with the option of secluded beach drop offs, you and your family can pretend you are castaways, discovering an island which appears to be all yours.

Scuba Diving is available from Great Keppel Island with experienced PADI Dive operators who also operate the non-motorised water sports facility, where you can hire a **Stand-Up Paddle Board or Kayak** and create amazing memories as you explore the island your way.



If you want to keep your feet dry, but still experience the ultimate Southern Great Barrier Reef experience, take a tour on the island's **glass bottom boat** and see the wonders of the water from above.

Great Keppel is approximately 1454 hectares in size and has an interior **rich with native flora**, all waiting for you to explore. Ninety percent of the island is bushland and there are several bush **walking tracks** that disperse trekkers around the island to untouched beaches, or spectacular lookouts.



The options are endless for your day at Great Keppel Island. Take a break for lunch or a cold drink at **Great Keppel Island Hideaway** and enjoy your tucker while overlooking your wonderful sandy playground.

On your return to **Keppel Bay Marina**, duck into the award-winning Waterline Restaurant and take your taste buds on a local culinary adventure.

Want more island time?

As an optional extra - why not extend your island experience and stay overnight! Great Keppel Island offers a range of accommodation from glamping tents and cabins to beach houses.

DAY 4 | Ancient Past to Modern History

Distance:
18km One Way

Suitable:
For all vehicles

Where:
Yeppoon to Emu Park

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spectacular views
- Turtle spotting
- Crocodile Farm
- Local History
- ANZAC memorial
- Walking Trails
- Swim all year around

Ugh, the time has come to check out and head home from your best holiday ever in our 'Top Tourism Town', but before you hit the highway and begin your next voyage, there is still a little more to check out...



Just six kilometres south along the Scenic Highway, you will discover the southern end of Kemp Beach. Here, ancient volcanic plugs form part of the **Capricorn Coast National Park**. Take the coastal walk to Bluff Point for magnificent views across the sparkling ocean to the Keppel Islands at **Turtle Lookout** – and, you guessed it, spot turtles swimming in the water beneath you!

From here the drive continues along the Scenic Highway south and if you like beaches, get ready, as you are about to see quite a few...



Here, we have a beach for everyone, and you are bound to find your favourite stretch of sand with family-friendly and pet-friendly options aplenty.

At the end of the coastline, you will discover the beautiful seaside town of Emu Park. Emu Park is home to the famous **Singing Ship sculpture**. Set against a spectacular coastal vista, this majestic monument commemorates the area's legacy of the historical explorations of Captain James Cook. Why 'Singing' Ship? The gentle sea breeze produces a musical sound through the fluted pipes creating a peaceful and unique experience.



Just below the Singing Ship is a viewing deck and boardwalk that makes up part of the **Centenary of ANZAC Memorial Walk**. The impressive boardwalk hugs the coastline and remembers our community's brave servicemen and women.

They say to never smile at a crocodile, but that is exactly how this holiday must end! Your last stop – a prehistoric encounter at **Koorana Crocodile Farm**.

Koorana Crocodile Farm is a commercially operated crocodile farm and restaurant located between Emu Park and Rockhampton. Koorana has approximately 5000 crocodiles and you can welcome hatchlings into the world from March to May each year. Fully guided tours are conducted daily and you have the opportunity to touch and hold a teenage croc as part of the tour.

It's the people, the lifestyle, the awe-inspiring wonders...



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