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## REEF RAPTURE

- snorkelling • diving

Mission Beach is the closest access point from the mainland to the reef than any other destination on the tropical north coast and it accommodates some of the most spectacular coral reef in the world.

It was from the shores of Bingil Bay – Mission Beach in the 1960's that some of the world's most ardent conservationists, including Australian Prime Minister Harold Holt changed the perception of the world in regards to environmental protection. Through tireless effort was saved the reef bordering Mission Beach from mining – eventually resulting in the protection of the entire Australian Great Barrier Reef.

Thanks to these great men and women, visitors today marvel at colourful living coral, sea turtles, lionfish and giant manta rays.

Whether you prefer a relaxed sailing or invigorating motor boat, local companies offer daily tours to the reef and cater for all levels of experience.

## GO WILD (Nature-Based Tourism)

- flora • fauna • hiking • biking
- trail running • food & culture

One of the biggest drawcards to Mission Beach is the World Heritage Rainforests of the Wet Tropics. Sixty percent of Australia's butterflies can be found here, including the magnificent Birdwing and the Ulysses species. Mission Beach is also home to the Southern Cassowary.

Hikers will be tempted by the range of historical and exhilarating walks, ranging from strolls to more

challenging inclines. Popular tracks include Bicton Hill, Licuala Fan Palm Walk, Edmund Kennedy Walking Track and Lacey Creek.

Mission Beach offers arguably the most extensive array of ultra tropical food plants on the planet. This amazing flavour map will take you from the friendly volunteer run 'Tropical Fruit Safari', a talk and tasting which profiles up to 20 exotic fruits in season per session, to an exciting Rainforest Fruit Farm Tour.

Visit Paronella Park, voted Queensland's number 1 must do. An experience that is impossible to describe. Originally built in the 1930s by Spanish Immigrant José Paronella, visitors to the Park journey back in time and marvel at the achievements of this industrious visionary. Guided walks, both during the day and at night, share the mysteries of Paronella Park and the story of José Paronella, his challenges and triumphs. The unforgettable holiday memories ... are the chance discoveries!

Discover the secrets of our Indigenous culture and dreamtime places with guided tour to Echo Creek Falls and surrounds.

## ADVENTURE

- fishing • kayaking • horse riding
- whale watching

Several creeks empty their water at Mission Beach making it an ideal spot for catching Barramundi and Mangrove Jack. Popular fishing areas include Clump Point Jetty and boat ramp, hire a tinnie and catch mud crabs or spot crocs amongst the mangroves. If you need a little help to secure your catch, daily charters are available to take you

to exclusive fishing grounds abundant with tropical reef and sport fish.

During the winter, Humpback Whales are seen moving northward between May and November and there are many safe and informative options for this spell binding and unique nature experience.

Kayaking tours off the beach and across to Dunk Island are a great way to take in the scenery often also sighting dolphins, rays and turtles. You can also join a variety of wilderness expeditions kayaking amongst our stunning coastal islands.

Adventure with Tully Kayak Tours' local Aboriginal Tour Guides down the gently flowing waters of Bulgun Creek.

Hire a tinnie for hands on experience, cruising the coast or take a full or half day charter to experience our tropical paradise the way you want to.

Saddle up and ride along pristine beaches between coastal jungles and the Coral Sea on real Australian Brumbies.

## GO EXTREME

- white water rafting • skydiving
- blokarting

Prepare for the ride of your life as the wind propels you along pristine beaches. Adrenaline pumping extreme fun!

Increase the pace and seek out the extreme – head to Tully, the unofficial white water rafting capital of Australia. White water rafting will give you an instant adrenaline rush as you shoot the rapids of the Tully River. Test your strength as you navigate Grade 3 and Grade 4 rapids leaving you energised.... and soaked!



Or if your idea of extreme is at 14,000 feet, local skydiving operators can offer one of the most spectacular skydiving experiences and drop zone in the world. Let the sheer majesty of nature tempt your inner thrill seeker.



### THE ISLANDS

- Dunk Island • Bedarra Island
- Family Islands • Hinchinbrook Island

From endless beaches, lying just off the coast of one of the Great Barrier Reef's most welcoming locations, secluded islands like a string of green pearls in an aqua blue sea beckon. Rainforest clad Dunk Island lies approximately 4 km offshore, this stunning tropical environment is 6kms long and 2kms wide covering an area of about 1000 hectares. The tropical verge of Dunk Island is wonderful for cool rainforest walks of which there are many, and a climb to the summit at Mount Kootaloo, the highest point on the island, will reward you with stunning views. Mission Beach, the gateway to the Family Island Group, provides access to the islands by water taxi, charter or private boat. Be adventurous and lavish in the luxury of an evening sunset cruise sailing in between natural coastline and stunning

island vistas. Camping is available on Dunk, Combe, Wheeler or Hinchinbrook Islands; permits are available online and camping equipment is available for hire. Islands day trips from Mission Beach can be enjoyed with minimum effort, fantastic fun for the family or imagine a romantic picnic for two in a seductive tropical island setting. Imagine Mission Beach..... imagine more.

### REST & RELAX

- dining • markets • day spa • art

Imagine your senses being massaged by cool breezes and tropical aromas at a seaside village set amongst lush world heritage rainforest and patchwork green plantations. Taste the local produce, fresh seafood and tropical beef of this magical region at one of the quaint cafes, restaurants, bars and eateries speckled around town. You can dine at stylish cocktail lounges or enjoy takeaway fish and chips on the beach or even treat yourself to a fine dining experience at one of our glorious beach front venues. The local live music scene is thriving with local acts performing regularly around town. Experience the local culture and visit the markets held on the first and third and last Sunday of each month for most of the year, showcasing local produce, clothing, and arts and crafts. Mission Beach is also home to artists and galleries exhibiting local and Indigenous works.

Mission Beach is a haven for rest, relaxation and wellness. Pamper yourself in a beachfront day spa or one of our many professional beauty salons. A feel good destination where you can take a yoga class, join the local choir or ukulele group, have a massage or participate in a variety of art, food preparation and wellness sessions.

### RETREAT

Let yourself be charmed by the many small rural communities filled with friendly locals as you are welcomed into the relaxed lifestyle. Retreat to your humble abode or to luxurious comfort – Mission Beach offers a range of accommodation options. Mission Beach also has a range of affordable accommodation options – beachfront apartments just 20 metres from the beach suitable for families and large groups – and secluded B & B's. Pitch a tent on one of the islands or opt for a family cabin at one of the caravan parks at Mission Beach. Backpackers can stay and play, with a choice of accommodation providers. You can also hire out a beach shack, executive apartment or stylishly appointed house.

### EVENTS

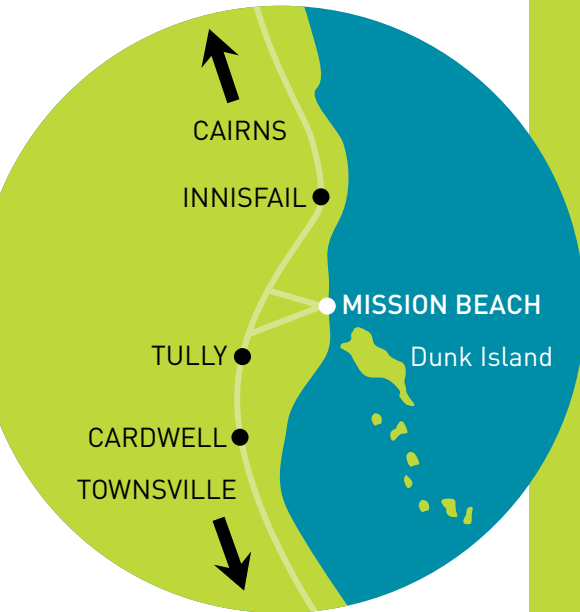
- Mission Evolve Music Festival
- Ona Mission Multi Sports Adventure
- Mission Beach Banana Festival
- Mission Beach Game Fishing Challenge

For information on all tours, accommodation, activities & events offered at Mission Beach, go to [www.missionbeachtourism.com](http://www.missionbeachtourism.com), call **07 4068 7099** or visit our award winning **Visitor Information Centre at Porter Promenade**, Mission Beach.

## DAY TRIPS

The region boasts a range of unique and exciting attractions only a short drive from Mission Beach.

Imagine more....extend your stay and plan a day trip or two. Indulge in tropical wines, be enchanted by the inspirational story of one man's dream or schedule a trip to the reef.



- Paronella Park
- Mamu Rainforest Canopy Walk
- Walking Trails through World Heritage listed rainforests
- Murdering Point Winery
- Great Barrier Reef & Islands
- Atherton Tablelands
- Waterfalls
- Art Deco Townships
- Sugar Mills
- Cane Trains
- Fresh Water Swimming
- Road side produce stalls
- The Golden Gumboot
- Historic Cardwell Post Office & Telegraph Station
- Indigenous Tours
- Kayaking
- Farm Tours
- Mountain Biking
- Tropical Fruit Tasting



**KEY** Information Hiking Camping Swimming Kayaking Boat Ramp

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