

Country Drive to Byron Bay

Explore famous Springbrook National Park & quaint country villages along your way...

With its lush rainforests, sun dappled bush walks, mesmerising waterfalls and diverse native wildlife, Tamborine Mountain is a place of unmatched natural beauty.

Set in this beautiful landscape is our unique village community with its wineries, botanical gardens, art galleries and diverse restaurants and cafes. You really do need a few days to enjoy everything our Mountain offers, however, by extending your stay you'll also be able to explore our wider surroundings.

Go forth and explore the scenery, lookouts, waterfalls and the villages dotting the Country Lanes that wind their way to the magical coastal region known worldwide simply as Byron.

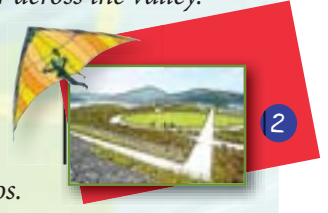


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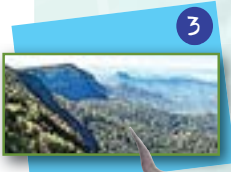
1 Start bright and early from your accommodation on **Mount Tamborine** and head towards Nerang. You will pass the Hang Gliders' Lookout where Antone Bruinsma's stone sculpture *Visiting Earth Angel* is located. Here you can enjoy stunning views across the valley to the Great Dividing Range. When the breeze is from the West, paragliders and hang gliders take off from this spot to soar across the valley.

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2 Continue along the Nerang - Murwillumbah Road to **Hinze Dam**. Enjoy panoramic views and a coffee at their cafe.



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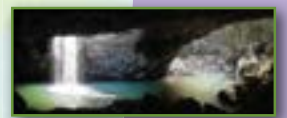
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3 Springbrook's **National Parks** cover a wide area but there are three must-dos. **Canyon Gorge Walk:** The wildlife that you'll see along this 1hr and 20 minute walk includes land mullets, lyrebirds and painted crayfish. The walking track leads behind two waterfalls and on to Twin Falls. **Purling Brook Falls:** We suggest you go to the car park and walk to the lookout to see these majestic falls. **The 'Best of all Lookout':** This has stunning views, as the name implies, so don't forget your camera.



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4 The **Springbrook National Park** and picturesque **Natural Bridge** rock formation are easily accessible from the Nerang-Murwillumbah Road car park. On this short 1.5km subtropical circuit to Natural Bridge, expect to see *Paradise Riflebirds*, *Green Catbirds*, *Wompoo Fruit-Doves* as well as rare and threatened species like the *Cascade Tree Frog*, *Tusked Frog*, *Sooty Owl* and *Koala*.



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5 **Murwillumbah:** A visit to the recently upgraded Museum will give you a feel for this charming country town. The *Tweed Valley Art Gallery*, found on the outskirts of town is also well worth a visit. The Gallery celebrates the career, life and legacy of Australia's most famous still life painter *Margaret Olley* and central to the Gallery is the actual, relocated home studio of this acclaimed artist.

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6 **Newrybar** is a tiny country village that is home to the celebrated *Harvest Café*. This old bakehouse is full of character and is a great lunch stop (bookings recommended).

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7 **Bangalow** consists of a picturesque, largely nineteenth-century streetscape that is home to an eclectic mix of shops, artists and artisans and regular country markets.

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8 **Byron Bay** is where you'll finally dip your toes in the ocean. This is the low-key, casual commercial heart of this coastal region and just as famous for dreadlocks and sarongs as it is for creative dining and luxury boutiques. Visit the *Cape Byron Lighthouse* to see migrating whales, pods of dolphins playing in the surf and turtles swimming calmly by. From the lighthouse, walk to the most easterly point in Australia and then meander down to the famous *Wategos Beach*.



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To end a perfect day you might choose an early evening meal of fish and chips on the beach before heading home to beautiful Tamborine Mountain.



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