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.

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

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 mussels, 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.

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.

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.

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).

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.

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.

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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