

Dive into Queensland

The QLD Museum Of Underwater Art



Stage One of the Museum of Underwater Art (MOUA) has opened on Queensland's Great Barrier Reef.

The incredible attraction features a range of underwater sculptors by Jason deCaires Taylor which are

Heli Adventure Tours



Elite Helicopters offers a range of adventure tours—featuring a transfer by chopper. The south east Queensland operator tour options range from mountain biking and a jet ski tour through to taking a 50-tonne military tank for a spin or driving a V8 super car. The new mountain bike tour takes in Brisbane and South East Queensland from the skies before landing at Hidden Vale Adventure Park in the Scenic Rim where clients will spend three hours riding the world-class mountain bike trails before a meal and drink at Spicer's Hidden Vale. See elitehelicopters.com.au

designed to highlight reef conservation, restoration, and education, and a deep connection to the community. Orpheus Island Lodge is now one of the select group of operators permitted to offer dive tours to MOUA. Guests staying at the lodge can book a full-day, private dive charter tour to the 'Coral Greenhouse' at the John Brewer Reef dive site.

With 20 sculptures of 'reef guardians' propagating coral submerged to a depth of around 18m, it is the largest MOUA installation. Tourism and Events Queensland says the underwater art works share an important message of reef conservation and aims to spark conversations around preserving and restoring our natural wonders. For everything you need to know, click [HERE](#).

New Reef Discovered

Schmidt Ocean Institute scientist have discovered a massive detached coral reef off Cape York in the Great Barrier Reef, said to be the first new reef to be discovered in more than 120 years. TEQ says the new underwater find is an impressive 500m high, taller than the Empire State Building or Sydney tower. Footage of the new reef is available [HERE](#).

Hilton Surfers Revamp



The Hilton Surfers Paradise Hotel & Residences has undergone an AUD9 million revamp which includes a new-look lobby, the opening of Ms Margot's Bar & Eats (open for intimate dining and cocktails), and the launch of The Real Human Anatomy Exhibition (which offers an insight into the human anatomy by viewing real human bodies, preserved by plastination).

Hotel guests can also now skip the front desk and go straight to their room via the launch of the hotel's contactless digital key concept. Other additions include nine new rooms, a new executive lounge and three new meeting spaces.

Do-nut Pass By

Urge clients self-driving through the Sunshine Coast Hinterland, to stop by the Kenilworth Country Bakery (about 20km south-east of Noosa) AKA donut heaven. Options range from Ferrero Rocher to coffee; or if they're up for a challenge there's a 1kg cream donut with a selection of four toppings—Nutella, jam, custard or bee sting. Vegan and gluten-free options are also available. Urge clients to get there early, as they usually sell out; and warning, an afternoon nap may be required. For gourmands looking to make an experience out of it, nearby Kenilworth Country Foods offers award-winning local cheese, creamy honeyed yoghurt and delicious mousse (chocolate mousse, mint mousse, mousse with crumble). Clients can pull up a picnic blanket and enjoy the relaxing 1920s atmosphere of the small township.

Airlie Cruise & Cuisine

Ocean Dynamics' new Tropics Sunset Dinner Cruise is a two-and-a-half hour sailing ex Airlie Beach and includes a three-course dinner, designed to showcase fresh Queensland seafood, meats and produce, with everything on the menu sourced locally. Prices start from AUD129pp, see oceandynamics.com.au/airlie-beach

Glamping Near Brisbane



Clients can reconnect with nature, without sacrificing on luxury, at one of Brisbane and surrounds many glamping sites now on offer.

Highlighted spots include Sanctuary by Sirromet at Mount Cotton which offers safari-style tents with lake views; and Nightfall Camp, set in Lamington National Park with safari style tents and fire-cooked cuisine. Just outside of Toowoomba Murphy's Creek Hideaway's glamping safari tents are located high on the ridge; while Minjerribah offers luxury glamping experiences on North Stradbroke Island.

Ketchup's Bank Glamping, 15 minutes from Boonah, is designed for romantic stays, with just two luxury glamping tents. Moreton Island Adventures' also offers a luxury glamping option; while for wine lovers, Alure Stanthorpe, which has glamping tents, located minutes away from the many cellar doors of the Granite Belt Wine region.

See TEQ's full list of recommendations [HERE](#).

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