

## Turtle Tips For Kiwis



**It's turtle season in Queensland, and Tourism & Events Queensland has compiled a guide for agents helping their clients plan their next reef break.**

The season runs Nov-Mar, with turtles coming ashore to nest Nov-Jan and hatchlings emerge Jan-Mar—plus the sunshine state is home to six of the world's seven species of sea turtles.

### ... Swim With Turtles

The Southern Great Barrier Reef offers numerous turtle-spotting opportunities, such as Heron, Lady Elliot and Lady Musgrave islands.

Clients can opt for a day trip to Lady Musgrave Is. ex Bundaberg with Lady Musgrave Experience, which offers scuba and snorkel tours to see the turtles; while Hervey Bay Eco Marine Tours which offers snorkelling and glass-bottom boat experiences.

For those visiting Cairns and Great Barrier Reef, Sunlover Tours offers snorkelling tours to Moore Reef;

### BNE Foodie Options

A raft of new restaurants have opened across Brisbane, and if clients are looking for somewhere new to try on their next visit, recommend Eterna. The late-night eatery offers traditional Italian food in a New York inspired venue. See eternadining.com.au/

while a Quicksilver Cruise from Port Douglas to Agincourt Reef visits the renowned Turtle Bay dive site which features an underwater observatory, semi-submersibles, snorkelling platforms and introductory dive areas. Frankland Island Cruises, has tours to the uninhabited Normanby Island; and in Townsville, clients can learn about conservation and see turtles with Gudjuda Tours.

### ... Baby Turtles

Those visiting Jan-Mar also have the opportunity to watch baby turtles hatching and taking their first steps toward the ocean.

Heron, Lady Elliot and Lady Musgrave islands are all southern nesting grounds for green and loggerhead turtles, where clients can take guided interpretive or self-led walks during nesting and hatching season.

More than half of the Southern Hemisphere's loggerhead turtle population nests at Mon Repos in the Bundaberg region, home to the East Coast's only ranger-guided turtle encounter.

TEQ says clients can also catch nesting/hatching season at Great Keppel Island, one of the most important rookeries for flatback turtles migrating from Torres Strait; as well as at Green and Fitzroy islands off Cairns. For more on the operators, click [HERE](#).

## Brewery Tour In Cairns



No Limit Adventures has launched a new educational half-day guided brewery and distillery tour in Cairns, visiting Macalister Brewery, Barrier Reef Brewing, Wolf Lane Distillery, FNQ Spirits and Sauce Brewing. The tour, 1230-1800, includes a pub lunch, tastings at each venue, a guide and transport, with prices from AUD150pp. See [brewerytourscairns.com.au/](http://brewerytourscairns.com.au/)

## Virtual Reality Battles

For families planning their next GC break, Freak VR Gold Coast now offers zombie wars and ghost hunting in an abandoned mansion. Located inside iFLY Indoor Skydiving at Surfers paradise it also has a free roam VR 'arena'. Prices start from AUD59pp. See [freakvr.com.au/arena/](http://freakvr.com.au/arena/)

## Townsville Travel Guide

Townsville Enterprise has launched its new 2021 Townsville North Queensland Visitor Guide, which it says contains all the information needed to plan a holiday in the region. Check out the digital version of the guide [HERE](#).

## Outback QLD Tours



Queensland boutique operator Travel West Outback Tours specialises in commissionable outback nature-based experiences and Australian history. Options include a seven-night 4WD Tag Along Tour to Birdsville, Innamincka and Corner Country, with priced from AUD2587pp. Personalised tours can also be arranged, tailored to your clients' needs. See [travelwest.com.au/](http://travelwest.com.au/)

## Spicers Peak Luxury A Short Drive From Brisbane



Spicers Peak Lodge, Australia's highest non-alpine lodge, is an ideal option for clients eyeing a high-end Queensland stay. The property is located 90 minutes from Brisbane and surrounded by 10,000 acres of wilderness, including the World Heritage Listed Main Range National Park. There's a range of suites and private lodges on offer, as well as award-winning gourmet restaurant The Peak, and Spa Anise. Outdoor activities range from walking trails to mountain biking. See more details [HERE](#).

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