



TWEED TOURISM

Located just two hours from Brisbane and less than an hour from the Gold Coast, the Tweed region in northern NSW offers the ideal destination for weekend getaways and beach holidays.

Over 35kms of unspoilt, uncrowded beaches and legendary surfing pointbreaks, framed by a lush valley rimmed with World Heritage rainforests gives you the choice of luxury seaside resorts, affordable beachfront caravan parks, romantic rainforest retreats, cosy B&Bs, family farm stays and leisurely houseboat cruising.

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TWEED COAST

The Tweed Coast has been transformed with multi-million dollar beachfront developments, Salt and Casuarina Beach, stretched along the shoreline south of Kingscliff. Giving visitors the opportunity to live the sea change lifestyle is:

Mantra on Salt Beach

Gunnamatta Avenue
Kingscliff NSW 2487

Ph: 1800 117 258
Website: www.mantra.com.au

Encompassing beachfront hotel and apartment-style rooms. Adjoins Salt's Village restaurant row encompassing some of the region's best new dining and contemporary beach bar venues. Plantation style architecture and spacious rooms, coupled with the lagoon pool and beachfront location make this one of most popular resorts.

Peppers Salt Resort & Spa

Bells Boulevard
South Kingscliff NSW 2487

Ph: 1300 729 802
Website: www.peppers.com.au

Opened in 2005, this five-star resort set around a tranquil beach lagoon and stretching along 1km of beachfront offers all the luxuries you have come to expect from Australia's most exclusive resort company, including the largest Golden Door Health Retreat built to date.

Santai Casuarina Beach

Dianella Drive
North Casuarina NSW 2487

Ph: 1800 882 360
Website: www.domainresorts.com

Opened in February 2007, the contemporary Balinese architecture of this apartment resort sets the scene for new standards of luxury. Spacious pavilions, open courtyards and high ceilings take full advantage of the seaside setting where you can indulge in spa treatments and fine dining at Bamboo Restaurant and Bar, also operated by Toby Bamford & Greg Pieper.

Drift Apartments & Villas

Camala Crescent
Casuarina Beach North NSW 2487

Ph: 1800 882 360
Website: www.domainresorts.com

This is another new property in the Domain Resorts portfolio, offering 1, 2 and 3-bedroom apartment accommodation set around two magnificent 70-metre lagoon pools.

The Beach Shacks

Casuarina Way
Casuarina Beach Centre NSW 2487

Ph: 1800 882 360
Website: www.domainresorts.com

These contemporary, edgy free-standing homes bring back memories of the fabulous beach house holidays of the 1950s and 60s. But you can forget the old ramshackle timber and fibro style of that era – this is modern

architecture at its best, set around lush landscaping, a heated pool, spa and BBQ pavilions. Ultimately there will be 37 properties available through the Domain Resorts group – only one is online at this stage, with the rest becoming available over the next couple of months.

The Beach Resort

2-6 Pandanus Parade
Cabarita Beach NSW 2488

Ph: 1800 256 911

Website: www.thebeachcabarita.com.au

A little further down the coast from the main Salt Village / Casuarina precinct, The Beach Resort at Cabarita is another new property in the Resort Corp stable. They have secured one of the most iconic landmark locations on the east coast of Australia, with an unrivalled absolute beachfront, north-east facing position. The 4.5-star, fully self-contained apartments have stunning views of Cabarita's bays and surfing beach, with all resort facilities.

TWEED VALLEY

Sweeping around the base of Mt Warning, the Tweed Valley is actually the caldera of an ancient volcano, blanketed with lush farming land and fringed by a series of escarpments shrouded in World Heritage-listed rainforests. Our retreats, B&B and farm-stay properties provide the perfect escape for couples and families.

Hillcrest Mountain View Retreat

Upper Crystal Creek Road
Crystal Creek via Murwillumbah 2484

Hosts: Clive & Tracy Parker

Ph: 02-6679 1023

Web: www.hillcrestbb.com

The Tweed Valley's first five-star rated B&B is nestled on a tranquil hillcrest at Crystal Creek. Clive and Tracy offer a choice of luxury B&B accommodation or a private spa cottage. They won the NSW State Excellence in Tourism Award in 2004 as well as numerous regional tourism awards over several years.

Crystal Creek Rainforest Retreat

Upper Crystal Creek Road
Crystal Creek via Murwillumbah 2484

Hosts: Mark & Bronny van Renen

Ph: 02-6679 1591

Web: www.ccr.com.au

Seven self-contained luxury bungalows hidden amidst 250 acres of private rainforest at the base of Springbrook Mountain. Stay in a rainforest 'penthouse' with floor-to-ceiling windows on three sides, looking out to the tree canopy.

Castle On The Hill B&B

90 Bonny Doon Road
Uki NSW 2484

Hosts: Robert Todonai, Robert Pope, Irene Brown

Ph: 02-6679 5442

Web: www.castleonhill.com

Hand-built from rocks and mudbrick, Uki's famous 'castle' evokes thoughts of the 14th century Italian renaissance with its soaring great rooms and eclectic design. Guests are accommodated in the Earl's Chamber or the Queen's Chamber with optional extras including personalised art classes with Robert Todonai, Cantonese, Vietnamese and bush

tucker cooking classes, healing sessions at Uki Dreaming and a spiritual tour of nearby Mt Warning where they invite you to experience the energy of this sacred site.

Wollumbin Palms Retreat

Mt Warning Road
Murwillumbah NSW 2484

Hosts: Phil & Casey Russell

Ph: 02-6679 5063

Web: www.wollumbinpalms.com.au

For something completely different, you can stay in a Mongolian yurt, a Javanese palace or a hillside cave.

Ecoasis

55 Tateyan Street
Uki NSW 2484

Hosts: Jill Wadsworth

Ph: 02-6679 5959

Web: www.ecoasis.com.au

Secluded chalets, no disturbances, no stress, just the experience of pure relaxation and wonderful luxury, hidden away in the Tweed hinterland. You'll enjoy a most unique and beautiful eco resort, staying in architect-designed two-storey studio chalets that are immaculately furnished for complete comfort, relaxation and privacy.

Beachfarm Farmstay

607 Cudgen Road
Cudgen NSW 2487

Hosts: Robyn Stewart

Ph: 02-6674 1201

Web: www.beachfarm.com.au

In addition to operating their own well-established farmstay property, the owners of Beachfarm coordinate the Tweed Valley Farmhost Program. Whilst the program is primarily designed for international students, it would also be a great option for city folk wishing to experience life on a wide range of working properties in the valley.

Camp Tailwaggers

Carool Road
Carool NSW

Hosts: Anne & Tony Bulke

Ph: 07-5590 9682

Web: www.coolangattapetmotel.com

The Tweed region now boasts Australia's very first purpose-built holiday, training and conference centre ... for dogs! Camp Tailwaggers has only recently opened. It includes self-contained cabins where dogs are welcome in, on or under the beds. There's a fenced dam where dogs can go for a dip, an enclosed exercise yard and 5kms of walking tracks through the rainforest. They even offer a dog-sitting service if you want to head off exploring the region. The conference facility includes an indoor training centre and grassed rings for obedience and agility work where they run dog training camps with international presenters two or three times a year.

Limpinwood Lodge

531 Zara Road
Limpinwood NSW

Hosts: Robert & Robyn Rowney

Ph: 02-6679 3805

Web: www.limpinwoodlodge.com.au

Limpinwood Lodge is one of the Tweed Valley's newest luxury hideaways, with the three chalets opening in 2007. Each features a cosy log fire for winter and a spa out on the timber deck looking out towards the lush landscaped gardens. They offer all the trimmings you would expect in a five-star resort (including in-room massages) without the crowds

RIVERBOAT RAMBLING

The Tweed River offers idyllic conditions for houseboat holidays with plenty of protected inlets, river beaches and coves to moor near. From the mouth of the river to the village of Tumbulgum and beyond, the mirror-still waters meander through canefields and pockets of rainforest, all overlooked by spectacular Mt Warning.

A typical two-day itinerary gives you time to throw out the crab pots for a feast of fresh muddies, call in to buy oysters at one of the local farms and throw a line overboard at one of the popular fishing spots in the Tweed estuary. Cook up your seafood banquet on board as you tootle through the rainforests of Stotts Island and the lush canefields, arriving at Tumbulgum in the late afternoon for sunset drinks on board, followed by a classic pub tea at the historic Tumbulgum Hotel which dates back to the 1800s.

We have two operators offering houseboat holidays on the Tweed, one of which has a luxury vessel complete with a rooftop spa. Both operate out of the Tweed Marina in River Terrace:

Boyds Bay Houseboats (spa houseboat)

Contact: Michelle & Peter Day

Ph: 1800 468 732 / 07-5599 1436 / 0412 878 400

Website - www.goldcoasthouseboats.com

Berger Houseboats

Contact: Rob & Sue-Ellen Berger

Ph: 07-5524 3222

Website: www.bergerhouseboats.com.au

CARAVAN PARKS AND BUDGET FAMILY RESORTS

The Tweed Coast offers great value for families and budget travellers with a string of excellent caravan parks and camping areas stretched along the beachfront from Fingal to Pottsville. There are also a number of beautifully located hinterland properties offering a choice of well-serviced bush camping and cabin accommodation for families and groups, including **Torokina Cottage**, **Crabbes Creek Cottages** and **Mt Warning Forest Hideaway**.

For more information on caravan, cottage and log cabin accommodation, contact Karen Ransome at Verve Consulting Pty Ltd on 07-5538 7379 or 0431 958 726.