



FACTS & FIGURES

Location: Northeast NSW from the Queensland/NSW border (adjacent to the Gold Coast) south to Pottsville/Wooyung and west to the Border Ranges

Distances: 105kms from Brisbane (1 hour drive)
835kms from Sydney (11 hours 30 minutes drive)

Airport Access: Gold Coast Airport
Domestic: Virgin Blue, Jetstar
International: Air Asia X, Air New Zealand, Pacific Blue, Tiger Airways

Ballina Byron Airport
Domestic: Virgin Blue, Regional Express, Jetstar

Lismore Regional Airport
Domestic: Regional Express

Key regions: Tweed Coast
A string of unspoilt coastal villages stretching along 35kms of ocean beaches from Fingal Head to Wooyung and incorporating the new multi-million dollar developments at Salt/Casuarina and Kingscliff's trendy 'eat street'.

Tweed Valley
Nestled in the ancient caldera of the Mt Warning volcano, the Valley is fringed with World Heritage rainforests and offers lush growing conditions for a wide range of regional produce.

Tweed Heads
One of Australia's favourite family holiday destinations, renowned for its award-winning restaurants, beachfront accommodation, boutique shopping and clubs.

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Nestled in the caldera of an ancient shield volcano, the Tweed region offers a unique combination of World Heritage listed rainforests, lush rolling farmland and unspoilt beaches – all within a relatively compact area.

In fact, you can see the whole package in one long sweeping glance from the summit of Mt Warning which rises 1156m from the valley floor.

In the early morning hours, you can watch the first rays of sunlight wash over 35kms of golden sands, touching on the quiet seaside holiday villages and the new international resorts. The Tweed and Oxley Rivers glisten as the warmth spreads out across emerald green dairy farms and tea plantations reaching towards the bustling centre of Murwillumbah and up the valley to the rainforest-shrouded cliffs that form the volcanic rim.

Within this Eden-like landscape, a wealth of holiday experiences await: Lazy days spent fishing from the riverbank or beach; relaxing river cruises or adrenalin-pumping off-shore fishing charters; slow and easy drives through quaint country villages, stocking up at farmers' markets and browsing local art and craft co-ops; hiking in the rainforest; long walks by the sea; leisurely lunches at cosmopolitan beachfront cafes; lively dinners at a country pub.

Adding to the attraction is the wide variety of accommodation on offer. For generations of Australian families, the Tweed has always been a favourite destination for the simple beach holiday and a string of well-appointed oceanfront caravan parks have made it equally popular with the travelling seniors now known as the 'grey nomads'.

But in recent years, the Tweed has built a more sophisticated fan base, attracted by exquisitely designed private hideaways hidden in the rainforest at luxury retreats and the new international resorts now lining the beach from Kingscliff to Casuarina.

The beauty of the Tweed region is that you can still have the best of both worlds. Stay in budget accommodation in a quiet seaside village and dine out at trendy award-winning restaurants. Live in the lap of luxury at a full-service resort and spend your days exploring country hamlets and wild rainforests. Catch an international headline act at a glittering Tweed club one night and enjoy local music at a village festival the next.

TWEED REGIONS

The Tweed is roughly divided into three regions, each with its own distinctive character:

Tweed Heads

Adjoining Queensland's world-famous Gold Coast, Tweed Heads provides a less crowded alternative to the glitz and glamour.

Safe, patrolled swimming beaches are lined with first class resort hotels and apartment accommodation, and a vibrant retail precinct offers boutique shopping, sun-drenched cafes and plenty of family entertainment.

There's even more entertainment in store at clubs like Twin Towns, Banora Point and Terranora where the gig guide features major international stars and Australian-grown chart-toppers.

The Tweed River estuary and harbour is another major drawcard. Here you can board cruises along the waterways through the canefields to historic river villages or shop for fresh seafood at the local co-ops and enjoy a picnic platter by the banks.

Tweed Coast

Stretching from Fingal Head at the southern mouth of the Tweed River to the untamed beauty of Wooyung Beach, the Tweed Coast offers a choice of quiet seaside villages and sophisticated resorts.

Kingscliff has emerged as a popular dining destination with a string of restaurants and cafes lining the beachfront esplanade. It's all within easy access of the new multi-million dollar Salt Village and Casuarina Beach developments where you can enjoy the pampering style of Peppers Salt Resort and Spa, Mantra on Salt Beach, Santai Resort and Casuarina Beach Resort.

Those who love the Tweed's low-key approach have their favourite beachside cottages, caravan parks and motels at Fingal Head, Hastings Point, Cabarita, Pottsville and Wooyung, while the coastal hills hide cosy B&Bs and retreats nestled amidst tea plantations and market gardens.

Tweed Valley

Carved out by the Tweed and Oxley Rivers as they meander around the central volcanic plug of Mt Warning, the Tweed Valley has become home to a host of city folk opting to escape the rat race.

Blending easily with the old families of the area, they've imbued the Valley with an eclectic mix of cultures, arts and philosophies. Dine with the Hare Krishna community at a Sunday banquet. Be inspired by art workshops at a hand-built Renaissance-style castle. Shop for farm fresh organic produce at road-side stalls. Hunt for antique treasures and regional crafts in a riverside village. Join in with the locals at a New Age festival or farmers' market.

The natural wonders of the region take a starring role with plenty of opportunities to bushwalk in the rainforests, throw a fishing into the river from a deserted bank or take that early morning hike to the summit of Mt Warning.