



## travel feature

### **FUN FOR ALL AGES IN THE TWEED**

The Tweed has always been a popular family holiday destination with loads of activities to keep the kids amused.

When you need a break from all that surfing and swimming, head for the hills where you'll find all-day fun at places like Tropical Fruit World and Crystal Creek Miniatures.

At Tropical Fruit World (phone: 02-66 777 222), you can tour the exotic fruit plantations on the tractor-train safari then let the kids make their own fun at Treasure Island and the adventure playground.

Crystal Creek Miniatures (phone: 02-6679 1532) also offers a farm tour visiting all the pint-sized cows, horses and donkeys that are bred here.

With the development of Salt Village and Casuarina Beach, the Tweed also has a more sophisticated side to its personality now.

Lazy afternoons at the Salt Bar (phone: 02-6674 5587) beneath Mantra on Salt Beach Resort, Bamboo Restaurant and Lounge Bar (phone: 02-6670 5555) at Santai Resort, the Sandbar + Grill (phone: 02-6674 9961) at Casuarina are an absolute holiday must, or you can work your way along the cosmopolitan restaurants and cafes lining Kingscliff's beachfront 'eat street'.

Still on the subject of food and wine, Ilnam Estate Winery and Café (phone: 07-5590 7703) up in the hills of Carool overlooking the coast is a great place to sample the local vintage.

Make a whole day of it by following the winding back roads to Chillingham and Tyalgum where you can buy fresh local produce at roadside stalls like the Banana Cabana, shop for pottery, local art and knick-knacks at the Old Butcher Shop Gallery and The Little Shop Next Door, and enjoy lunch at a country pub.

This route is just one of the many tourist drives that wind through the Tweed Valley. Others will take you up into the World Heritage-listed rainforests of the Border Ranges, Nightcap, Springbrook and Lamington National Parks or you can explore the lush vegetation and wildlife that abounds around the base of Mt Warning.

Tweed Tourism can provide details on what's available and make all your reservations, as well as sending you a free copy of their Tweed Coolangatta Visitor Guide. Phone tollfree on 1800 674 414 or go to [www.tweedtourism.com.au](http://www.tweedtourism.com.au).

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