



EXPLORE

The Mackay Region in ONE DAY

Fuel up the car, buckle in the kids and explore more of The Mackay Region with this one day itinerary.

- 1. Breakfast:** Start with a delicious breakfast from one of the many cafes on Wood Street, in Mackay's revitalised City Centre. Take a short stroll and admire the art deco and heritage buildings.
- 2. Hit the open road:** Head west on a 70 kilometre scenic drive through The Mackay Region hinterlands, following the Mackay-Eungella Road. Pass through the picturesque townships of Mariani, Mirani, Pleystowe and Gargett.
- 3. Finch Hatton Gorge:** Turn right at Owens Creek Loop Road and then left onto Gorge Road, until you reach Finch Hatton Gorge. It's time to explore! A popular walking track starts at the picnic area and takes you on a 1.6 kilometre journey to breathtaking Araluen waterfalls.
- 4. Eungella:** Feeling refreshed? Travel back along the Mackay-Eungella Road, even further into the hinterlands. Don't forget to stop in the Eungella township to enjoy the views and take some happy snaps from the top of the range – they are simply spectacular!
- 5. Lunch:** Follow Eungella-Dam Road, a winding stretch of road enveloped with lush rainforest. Once you reach the Broken River Visitor Information Centre, park your car and enjoy lunch at Platypus Lodge Restaurant & Café. They are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays but open from 9.30am Wednesday to Saturday and 7am on Sunday.
- 6. Discover Eungella National Park:** Choose from hikes ranging from 10 minutes to 3 hours long. Or try the Sky Window circuit, a leisurely 250 metre walk that boasts spectacular views of the entire Pioneer Valley. Dawn and dusk is the best time to see a platypus at the viewing platform at Broken River.
- 7. Relaxing Drive:** Wow what a day! It's time to drive back to Mackay, admiring the afternoon views as the sun falls on the Pioneer Valley.
- 8. Dinner:** Once in Mackay, stop in at the Shamrock Hotel on Nebo Road for a budget-friendly family dinner with a gaming lounge, sports and lounge bar, garden dining and terrace.

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