

Enjoy true Aussie wildlife experiences, beautiful beaches and adventurous bushwalks with this short drive itinerary.

# Pacific Coast Way

## North Bound



### TRIP INFO

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Route: Mackay City to Cape Hillsborough

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Main Roads: Bruce Highway, Mackay-Bucasia Road & Yakapari-Seaforth Road

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Distance travelled: 70km

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How long will it take? Allow at least two days

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What you can expect: Beaches, sunrise, wildlife, bushwalks, regional markets

#### >> Mackay City:

The vibrant Mackay City Centre is set beside the mighty blue Pioneer River and is a great destination to refuel, reenergize and experience regional culture unlike anywhere else.

The Mackay City offers plenty of things to do including outdoor swimming lagoons, a regional art gallery and great eating experiences.

#### >> Mackay's Northern Beaches:

Mackay's Northern Beaches comprise of Blacks Beach, Dolphin Heads, Eimeo, Bucasia and Shoal Point Beaches, a short 20 minute drive from Mackay's City Centre. Each beach offers its own unique characteristics.

Eimeo Beach (patrolled), is home to 80-year old

Mango Avenue, a heritage-listed attraction which shades the streetscape.

Nearby Dolphin Heads boasts a fantastic resort with live entertainment on most weekends, and a delicious menu.

**TIP: The Eimeo Pacific Hotel is where you can have 'lunch with a million-dollar view', overlooking the nearby Islands. Whale watching is also a popular activity, during migration season.**

#### >> Cape Hillsborough National Park:

Just 45 minutes north of Mackay is Cape Hillsborough National Park, famous for its beautiful sunrises and the wildlife that greet visitors each morning. Stay at the local Nature Tourist Park and enjoy a relaxed sunrise

with the wallabies and kangaroos who feed on the beach each morning.

Afterwards, explore more of the national park with bushwalks which are easily accessible.

#### >> Seaforth Fishing and Markets:

Eight kilometres north of Cape Hillsborough is the small coastal holiday and fishing town of Seaforth. With a well-maintained boat ramp at Victor Creek, it is a popular spot for fishing, however crocodiles are present in the area so caution is recommended around the water. Other facilities include a bowls club, public swimming enclosure, public toilets, caravan and camping areas. Don't forget to check out the nearby sites of Ball Bay and Halliday Bay.