

Unveiling the Gold Coast's Accessible Visitor Guide: The Gateway to Your Next Supported Adventure.

Do you ever catch yourself dreaming of a break away? A place that showcases new sights, new smells, new feels and best of all, new experiences! Known for its famous beaches, endless waterways and stunning rainforests, the Gold Coast, now boasting the title of Australia's most 'Accessible and Inclusive Holiday Destination' is making your choices much easier than ever before and catering to every taste and inclination.

Finally, it's arrived, the cities revolutionary new Accessible Visitor Guide - a one stop guide of the Gold Coast that clearly highlights accommodation options and experiences and is a beacon of hope for travellers of all ages and abilities, promising an unforgettable experience tailored to your unique needs.

No more googling for hours or flipping through hotel pages to find out how accessible they are and where their location is to your favourite beach or suburb. The guide highlights some of the 450+ accommodation venues stretching the 57km coastline including those nestled amongst the over 100,000 HA of world-famous heritage listed rainforest, or adjacent to the over 20 hatted restaurants scattered along the pristine coastline. Each venue featured in the guide is meticulously chosen for its commitment to accessibility and inclusivity. Whether you need mobility access, braille, hidden disability awareness venues or simply an ideal location for exploring the sites that mean the most to you, the Gold Coast's new Accessible Visitor Guide is there at your fingertips and clearly outlines key accessible experiences in one handy online viewpoint.

In order to reduce overload of choice, the City of Gold Coast, in partnership with Destination Gold Coast, engaged Inclusive Tourism Australia and The Access Agency to produce a guide that highlights just a selection of accommodation, transportation and attraction options for all walks of life – yes that means your puppy too.

But what is it that you truly want? What makes your heart race and your dreams vivid when considering a break away? Is it feeling the sand in your toes with beaches that stretch as far as the eye can see? Is it closing your eyes in the rainforest and feeling the cool breeze kiss your cheeks whilst listening to the songs of the birds and the creatures from the beyond, and the rush of the waterfalls leaving a light spray of mist

on your skin? Is it immersing yourself amongst the squeals and thrills that only the best theme parks can offer? Or enjoying a colourful cocktail by the pool or beach?

If you're a beach or foodie traveller and looking for somewhere that might accept your companion dogs, really you could choose anywhere in the city, but the new hot spot would be Burleigh which beckons a unique blend of natural beauty and vibrant culture. With pristine patrolled beaches, trendy cafes, bistros and restaurants, art galleries and a lush headland adorned with Pandanus Palms and Norfolk Pines, Burleigh provides a peaceful escape from the bustling world. Though don't let its laidback theme dupe you as its popularity, especially during the areas vibrant calendar of events, leads to many sold out accommodation offerings. Whether you're looking for a pet friendly venue like Burleigh Beach Tourist Park or a lovely beach front apartment with endless ocean views like what Solnamara Beachfront Apartments can provide, be sure to get in quick and lock in your dates.

For a more centralised experience, Surfers Paradise is the jewel of the Gold Coast and has begun an exciting facelift resulting in the perfect blend of relaxation and vibrant energy. One of the more exciting new additions, and a local game-changer, is Hopo, which is the cities first Hop on Hop off ferry whisking you to key spots along the Gold Coast waterway including Surfers Paradise, to the vibrant new look HOTA (Home of the Arts) where you can enjoy live entertainment, art galleries, and the very popular weekend markets with delicious produce, to the Broadwater Parklands in Southport, Marina Mirage in Main Beach, and Sea World allowing you to arrive in style at your preferred destination. In Surfers, you can choose between a multitude of hotels or apartments from the multi-generational family friendly Paradise Resort to the chic variety of Mantra Group accommodation options, right up to 5-star resorts like the JW Marriott Surfers

Paradise, all nestled amongst the buzz of the city. Stroll along the Esplanade, explore boutique shops, relish exquisite cuisine from all nations at beachfront restaurants and delight in thrilling attractions and entertainment available within walking distance or a brief G-Link tram ride from your hotel.

Heading North you can indulge in a blend of laid-back sophistication and natural wonders with endless choices of golf courses, scenic cruises, and spa retreats. Or take in the thrills within Australia's leading theme parks. Spoil yourself with elegant exclusive properties like the famous Intercontinental Sanctuary Cove where you can lounge around its alluring lagoon pool during the day, then as the sun sets, you can take a stroll around the local village and meet some of the friendly Kangaroos along the way. Alternatively, if you have the family in tow, the grandkids kids will be entertained for days if staying at the Big4 Holiday Park featuring its very own water park, wildlife petting area and games rooms for kids of all ages.

So before you leap into action, pack your bags and hop in the car, camper, plane or train, start your planning with this guide, and whilst you're at it, check out the City of Gold Coast's Mobility Maps, Changing Places Toilet Locations, Gold Coast Accessible Beaches Program and another sensational asset, the Vaycaylt App where you will hear a series of over 20 Accessible Audio Guides painting the picture for over 100 attractions, experiences and accommodation offerings across the Gold Coast.



The City truly has ramped up their accessibility and none of this would be possible without the unwavering support and funding of the Queensland Government through Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) and the dedication of QLD's Year of Accessible Tourism.

The Accessible Visitor Guide is your passport to a vast array of possibilities to feel and experience in this coastal gem we call the Gold Coast. Your next step is to simply scan the QR code, download the guide, entice your senses, and start planning your next dream getaway knowing your next adventure will be more supported than ever before.

Courtesy Michelle Massey, Amplify - Accessible Travel Specialists

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