

# Coffs REGIONAL TOURISM DESTINATION

# COAST



## LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT DESTINATION FOR YOUR NEXT CONFERENCE OR EVENT, OR WANT TO TAKE YOUR FAMILY ON A RELAXING OR ADVENTUROUS HOLIDAY? LOOK NO FURTHER THAN COFFS COAST. BY MICKY STUIVENBERG

**FROM THE COSMOPOLITAN FEEL** of the City of Coffs Harbour with its excellent accommodation, shopping and dining options, to the never-ending string of golden beaches, charming hinterland villages, 25 national parks and nature reserves and the spectacular underwater world of the Solitary Islands Marine Park, Coffs Coast leaves you spoilt for choice. And getting there is a breeze with frequent direct flights into Coffs every single day.

Coffs Coast is where the Great Dividing Range comes right down to meet the Pacific Ocean, leaving a small pocket of paradise lodged between the mountains and the sea.

The vibrant city of Coffs Harbour is Coffs Coast's major regional centre and the hub for tourism, commerce and industry. Half an hour inland, the artistic town of Bellingen with its heritage buildings, boutique shops and lively markets shows off Coffs Coast's creative side.

From there it's a short and scenic drive up the mountain along Waterfall Way to Dorrigo, which is famous for its magnificent world-heritage listed Dorrigo National Park. The popular Skywalk, with its incredible views from the 70m long platform on top

of the rainforest canopy, and various walking tracks to picturesque waterfalls hidden in the forest should be on everyone's top five things to do on Coffs Coast.

There are plenty of outdoor activities you could put on your itinerary – from bushwalking to four-wheel driving in our forests; from sky-diving to helicopter tours to get a bird's eye view of Coffs Coast; and from scuba diving in the Solitary Islands Marine Park to surfing and swimming at Coffs Coast's abundant beaches. Our many waterways make Coffs Coast an excellent destination for those into boating and fishing. The Coffs Harbour International Marina is the place to look for deep-sea fishing or sailing charters and dolphin and whale-watching cruises.

With its pleasant subtropical climate, Coffs Coast enjoys great weather all year round. No matter what time of year you're here, it's nearly always perfect for being out and about. So come and explore our beautiful beaches, parks and reserves, play a round of golf at one of a dozen or so golf courses including the multi award-winning Bonville Golf Resort, or enjoy a leisurely lunch at one of our many al-fresco cafés, or dinner overlooking the ocean or a river.

**COFFS COAST** is also an attractive conference and event destination. With professional conference venues and facilities, outstanding accommodation and easy access by air and road, Coffs Coast can deliver competitive, flexible conference packages that should entice event organisers from across the Eastern Seaboard.

Add to that our wide range of exciting activities and attractions, the temperate subtropical climate and award-winning cafés and restaurants and there's no reason why Coffs Coast shouldn't be on everyone's shortlist of places to hold their next business event.

Serviced by three airlines, it's easy to get to Coffs Coast from anywhere around Australia. Brindabella Airlines offers two direct flights to Coffs Harbour per day from Brisbane and Port Macquarie, while easy connections with Brindabella also make Coffs very accessible from Newcastle and Canberra. Virgin Blue and QantasLink together offer up to six direct flights each day between Coffs Coast and Sydney, with good connections to other major cities.

All venues, facilities and accommodations are just a short drive from Coffs Harbour's modern airport. In fact, within five minutes from leaving the airport in a taxi or hired car, you'll enter the Coffs Harbour CBD and just five minutes later you can be at your resort or on the beach. Everything is close to each other – there are no traffic jams to factor into your schedule, which means you can really make the most of your time on Coffs Coast.

Selecting your accommodation will require you to make some decisions, as the choices are many. A range of classy beachfront resorts and urban self-contained

apartments await the discerning traveller, while those after some peace and quiet will find just that at one of our tranquil hinterland retreats and comfortable bed and breakfasts.

As for conference venues, Coffs Coast is bound to have the ideal venue for any event regardless of whether it's a meeting for 10, a seminar for 100, a conference for 500 or an AGM for 5,000. And with its incredibly wide selection of experiences on offer, Coffs Coast is also a boon for event organisers looking for exciting team-building activities or partner programs.

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Holding a business event on Coffs Coast gives you great value for money, plus very importantly, a positive and memorable experience for everyone attending the event. No wonder we see so many delegates return here with their families to spend more quality time on Coffs Coast! ■



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