

A NEW LIFE IN... GOLD COAST

Dig a little deeper and you'll find that Queensland's second largest city is not only a wonderful place to enjoy a holiday but a great place to live and work!



Southport, one of the Gold Coast's earliest seaside destinations

When people think of Queensland's Gold Coast they think of vast stretches of golden sandy beaches, theme parks where families spend days enjoying wild rides and adventures; walks through the hinterland where Australian fauna and flora are relatively undisturbed and they think of holidays in the sun.

Then there are the major sporting events bringing spectators from all over the world to Queensland's second largest city: surfing; golfing; rugby league, racing, to name but a few. Sporting facilities here are world class, as are the restaurants and wineries in the region's hinterland.

The Gold Coast's easy lifestyle have been a major draw card for migrants from all over the world! Dig a little deeper and you'll find that this is a not only a wonderful place to spent time in on holiday but a great place to live and work.

The word is out and migrants are flocking to the Gold Coast to take advantage of what is on offer and making this one of the fastest growing regions >>

GOLD COAST FAST FACTS

Population of 590,000+

A total area of 5,000 square kilometres

Sub-tropical climate, with almost 300 days of sunshine annually. Winters are mild and comfortable

Summer maximum temperatures average at around 29°C (83°F).

Time zone is GMT/UTC + 10:00 hours



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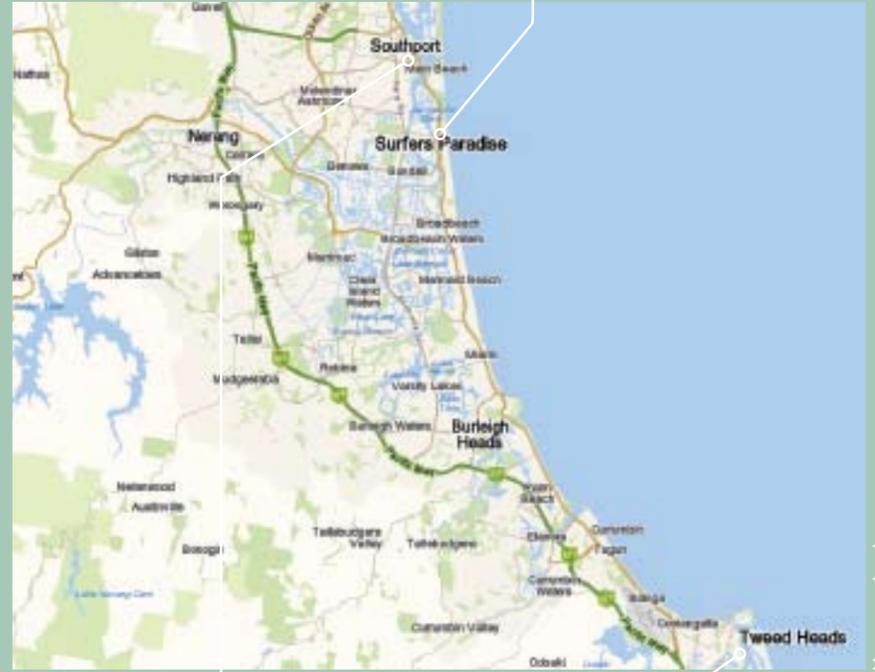
The Gold Coast boasts a warm climate and vast stretches of golden sandy beaches



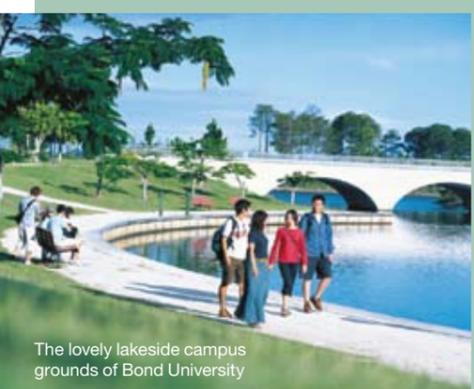
This entrepreneurial city embraces new business



Broadbeach has plenty of high density property but it's where all the action is, with many bars and restaurants, as well as an inviting beach lifestyle



Map: www.wherels.com



The lovely lakeside campus grounds of Bond University



Sanctuary Cove has an exclusive feel with plenty of great golf courses

in the world. Its proximity to Brisbane has assisted its development and growth but it stands proudly in its own right.

INDUSTRY

In 2013/14 Gold Coast City was contributing 10.7 per cent to Queensland's employment. While the tourism and hospitality industries are very strong here there are equally strong openings in retail, construction, building, mining and mineral processing as well as in business and finance.

Agriculture is also a significant part of the economy, including marine agriculture, tropical fruit growing and there is an increasing rise of organic goods being produced.

The three universities not only provide excellent and diverse courses but also provide employment in this growing education sector.

For jobseekers the free mobile app *Application Australia* gives tips and guides you to websites where you can research employment opportunities. Gold Coast City is an entrepreneurial city, and as well

as embracing new business and supporting business owners it is keenly aware of the changes the digital age is bringing.

If you are thinking of setting up a business then check the information on www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au where you can find information on interesting incentives to assist with business set-up and growth.

CLIMATE

One of the strongest feel-good factors in the Gold Coast is the climate. Blessed with a sub-tropical climate which allows everyone to spend as much time outdoors as they like all year around, the Gold Coast has a reputation for lots of sunshine!

The winters aren't too bad either, with clear skies and cool evenings, with daytime temperatures typically ranging from 20-29 degrees Celsius for most of the year.

EDUCATION

Education is one of the greatest influencers in deciding whether a family will relocate, so the good news is that the

Queensland education system is particularly strong.

School starts in Prep (children must be five by 30 June in the year they enrol in Prep) and is followed by 12 years of education culminating in the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). For those who wish to enter university the results of the QCE are important.

There are excellent state run primary and secondary schools, independent schools (www.isq.qld.edu.au) and Catholic schools (www.bne.catholic.edu.au/schools-curriculum/Pages/FindaSchoolMap.aspx).

The Gold Coast prides itself on the plethora of courses offered to students at its three strong universities: Griffith University (ranked in the top five per cent in the world), Bond University and Southern Cross University.



Southport is close to the CBD and has plenty of fantastic parks



Coolangatta is quieter than its northern counterparts

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WHERE TO LIVE

No matter what your interests or budget there are plenty of attractive living options in the Gold Coast...

There are so many options of where to live in the Gold Coast and there are suburbs to suit everyone no matter your interests or budget. Surfers Paradise has the most expensive median house value at A\$1 million but South Stradbroke has some of Queensland's least expensive ocean front homes, as well as some of Queensland's most affordable units at a median price of just over A\$200,000.

CANAL SUBURBS

The Gold Coast boasts the largest estuarine residential canal system in the world with over 400 kilometres of canals.

Surfers Paradise is the best-known of the settlements on the Gold Coast, including the canal suburbs of Isle of Capri, Paradise Island, Paradise Waters and Chevron Island.

Other canal suburbs such as Robina Lakes, Mermaid Waters and Broadbeach Waters are attracting young families because of their proximity to shopping centres, train lines and schools.

In the north part of the Gold Coast, Biggera Waters and Runaway Bay through to Hollywell are popular. Sanctuary Cove and Hope Island, with its golf courses, marina and hillside land offerings, has an exclusive feel.

Broadbeach Waters, nestled between the Nerang River and Broadbeach Road, has miles of canals, bike tracks, parks and scenic paths.

This area includes the boutique Coral Gables, Miami Keys, Cypress Gardens, Rio Vista, Florida Gardens and Moana Park, and has a great reputation for schools and recreation. Bustling Broadbeach boasts world class restaurants and plenty of chic nightclubs and bars.

On the edge of the Broadwater, with Biggera Creek running through its centre, sleepy Biggera Waters has seen new unit and townhouse developments on the large blocks once belonging to older style homes. It is one of the more picturesque suburbs with a variety of homes, from



units to canal front properties. Even more tranquil is Sorrento, which is very quiet and private, with canal frontage, where the majority of owners have boats. For those with east facing properties there are the most magnificent views of Surfers Paradise and the schools here are excellent.

CBD PROXIMITY

For those who prefer to hug the CBD, Southport, the main hub of business on the Gold Coast, is only six kilometres from Surfer's Paradise, and is one of the oldest settled areas in the Gold Coast.

The area is known for its beautiful established gardens and tall leafy trees. Many impressive homes on large blocks of land can be found here, with stunning views and river frontage, and it attracts many wealthy families. Now larger developments has meant that there is more higher density housing here.

Again the water activities on the Broadwater are a huge incentive to live in this area and the Broadwater parks with their playgrounds have strong appeal to families. This area will be the focus of the 2018 Commonwealth Games and millions

of dollars is being invested into sporting infrastructure here, including the already completed Aquatic Centre.

Once again, the ease of shopping, proximity to hospitals and universities and the plethora of restaurants means that living is easy. Education is strong and as well as excellent state schools there are also prestigious boarding schools.

Another picturesque suburb is Burleigh Head, with a village feel, where running tracks along the beach, nature reserves and popular James Street lined with charming cafes, restaurants and boutique stores have won the hearts of many.

CLOSE TO BEACHES

For those who like to spend time on the beach then the best of all beaches are in the south. Coolangatta, Rainbow Bay, Greenmount and Kirra are all within walking distance from each other and offers some of the most stunning beaches in Australia.

Coolangatta, once a small beachside town, is now a thriving business and retail centre that offers a quieter, less flashy offering than some of its northern counterparts. The town plays host to the biggest surfing event on the ASP World Tour calendar, and the Coolangatta Gold Marathon. It also has an airport for those who need to fly in and out for work.

If your passion is for a more rural home then places such as Nerang or Gilston in the hills above the Gold Coast have properties on large land with an abundance of wildlife and beautiful trees.

Regardless of where you chose to live you will find a friendly, easy lifestyle blessed by good weather, in a thriving area and wonderful leisure options. 🇺🇸

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