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The Ballina/Byron region is delightfully diverse. It ranges from the quiet family world of Ballina to Byron Bay, the former hippy capital of Australia. Byron Bay was once a simple whaling station later discovered by surfers. After the sixties, the place is nowadays swarmed with tourists and celebrities wishing to experience this alternative town, which is still one of the most hippy destinations on the East Coast.



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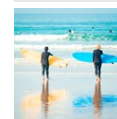
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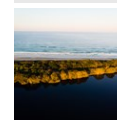
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THE CITY



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There are a plethora of pleasures to be experienced in Ballina, Byron Bay and the surrounding area. Creative types are particularly attracted to this region and there are many authors and film-makers that seek their inspiration alongside surfers and sun lovers.

Ballina originally gained its reputation as a fishing and timber port on the wide Richmond River. Then, road transport took over, and with it came one of the craziest moves in town planning history: Ballina's main street was set way back from the river, with buildings on both sides of the street blocking all river views. However, this has now changed with the development of the river foreshore area.

Only three decades ago, Byron Bay was a small sleepy enclave unaware of the hustle and bustle it would later experience. Nowadays, it has a small town charm mixed with a cosmopolitan - yet alternative - lifestyle that attracts many people from all over the world. Among its attractions, there are kilometres of unbroken sandy beaches and heaps of great surf waves to catch, but also pristine nature and wildlife in the surroundings. Due to its location as Australia's most eastern point, the majestic humpback whales pass by twice a year on their travels. There's always a local market taking place

somewhere and all through the year several festivals take place.

Despite the coastal town's reputation of being laid back and alternative, it is anything but boring and visitors have the time of their lives in Ballina and Byron Bay.

DO & SEE



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There is no lack of beaches along the coastline if you want to enjoy a day on the sand. Once you're rested, outdoor and water activities are a must in Ballina and Byron Bay. Walking, picnicking, kayaking, swimming, surfing, snorkeling... You'll be spoilt for choice. Day trips in the surrounding villages are also possible, as well as museum visits and spotting dolphins and whales.

Seven Mile Beach



Just a few kilometres north of Ballina's centre, Seven Mile Beach is one of Australia's finest and longest beaches. Wildlife, including dolphins and eagles, populates the area. Swimming, surfing and sunbathing are of course the recommended activities.

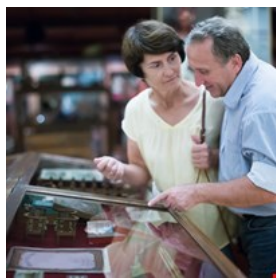
For an unusual experience, Pegasus Park Equestrian Centre offers horseback rides under

the supervision of an expert E.F.A. Grade 1 instructor.

Pegasus Park Equestrian Centre
+61 2 6687 1446
www.pegasuspark.com.au
Hours: 9am-5pm

Photo: Vaclav Mach/Shutterstock.com
Address: Pacific Parade, Lennox Head

The Ballina Naval & Maritime Museum



The Ballina Naval & Maritime Museum has an eclectic collection of different kinds of ships, not to mention exhibitions on maritime history, life

at sea and in the navy. The most famous attraction is the raft Las Balsas, which landed in Ballina on 21 November 1973 after a 178-day journey from Ecuador.

Photo: Caftor/Shutterstock.com
Address: Regatta Ave, Ballina
Opening hours: Daily: 9am-4pm
Phone: +61 2 6681 1002
Internet: www.ballinamaritimemuseum.org.au

Surfing in Ballina



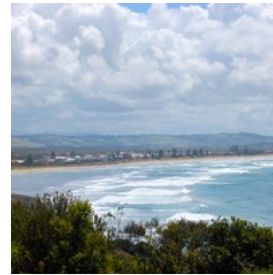
With more than 32 kilometres of beautiful winding coastline, you will not have to look hard to find a good surfing spot. The calm sandy

beaches and rising swells are perfect for getting your surf on.

Summerland Surf School conducts regular classes at Evans Head, suitable for all ages no matter what previous experience you have.

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Address: 9 Evans Road, South Evans Head, Ballina
Phone: +61 2 6682 4393
Internet: www.summerlandsurfschool.com.au
Email: surf@summerlandsurfschool.com.au

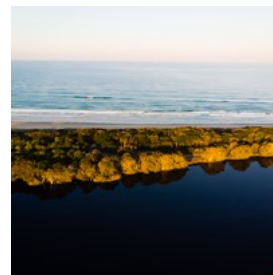
Lennox Head



Lennox Head is a laid-back village at the northern end of Seven Mile Beach and a Mecca among surfers with its world-renowned breaks at Lennox and Boulders Point.

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Address: Lennox Head, Ballina

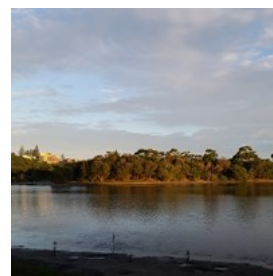
Lake Ainsworth



Adjacent to the Seven Mile Beach and within walking distance from Lennox Head village lies Lake Ainsworth, a fresh water lake surrounded by tea trees. Here you can have a picnic or a barbecue and then take off on a water adventure such as kayaking, swimming and windsurfing.

Photo: Tony Partridge/Shutterstock.com
Address: Pacific Parade, Lennox Head

Shaws Bay



The scenic Shaws Bay is located just ten minutes from Ballina by car. Surrounded by beaches and parks, the area lends itself to long walks and picnics, as well as water activities like swimming, snorkeling and canoeing.

Photo: kellyocs/Shutterstock.com

Address: Shaw's Bay, Ballina

Diving and Snorkelling



The sea around Byron Bay has an abundant marine life among the rock reefs. If you are not a certified diver yet, Byron Bay Dive Centre is the place to go in order to have a guided experience and maybe complete your training. They'll take you to the beautiful Julian Rocks Aquatic Reserve, one of Australia's major diving sites.

Photo: Sebastien Burel/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9 Marvell Street, Byron Bay

Phone: +61 2 66 858 333

Internet: www.byronbaydivecentre.com.au

Email: info@byronbaydivecentre.com.au

Byron Bay From The Air



Take the opportunity to get another perspective of Byron Bay and the amazing nature surrounding it by... jumping out of an

airplane. This exciting experience will be a safe one thanks to Skydiving Byron Bay, the one company that also offers tandem skydiving if you want to share the rush with your friends.

Photo: Germanskydiver/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hangar 1, Tyagarah Airport, Pacific Hwy, Tyagarah

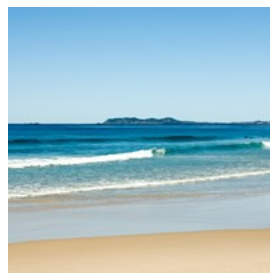
Opening hours: Daily: 8am-6pm

Phone: +61 1300 663 634

Internet: www.skydivebyronbay.com

Email: info@skydive.com.au

Brunswick Heads



Brunswick Heads, located about 20 minutes by road north of Byron Bay, is what Byron used to be before the hippie invasion, that is a sleepy

little village on a super-scenic inlet, with top boating and fishing, few bars and restaurants, and a great café culture. It's the place for a peaceful getaway.

Photo: Phillip Minnis/Shutterstock.com

Address: Brunswick Heads, North South Wales, Australia

More Info: Just off the Pacific Highway

Macadamia Castle and Animal Park



About half-way between Byron Bay and Ballina, the Macadamia Castle has been around for over 40 years and offers an insight into local animal

life. Expect to see, among others, koalas, goats, rabbits, various birds and reptiles. The park also has leisure facilities like a mini golf, playgrounds, a train ride and a cafe, making it a popular venue for family trips.

Photo: Julija Sapic/Shutterstock.com

Address: 419 Hinterland Way, Knockrow, Ballina

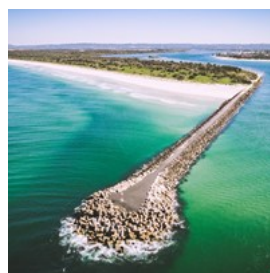
Opening hours: Daily: 8am-5pm

Phone: +61 2 6687 8432

Internet: www.macadamiacastle.com.au

Email: info@macadamiacastle.com.au

Historic Ballina Waterfront Trail

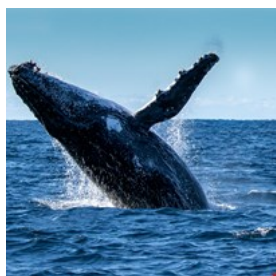


Put your hiking shoes on and start your scenic walk at the Ballina RSL club, walking alongside the Richmond River, cross Missingham Bridge

and continue towards the North Wall. Along the road you'll find 19 panels with information about the area. At the end of the walk you can relax on Lighthouse Beach or just enjoy the view from North Wall. You might be able to spot dolphins, turtles and various birds.

Photo: Tony Partridge/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 Grant Street, Ballina

Whale Watching



From May to July grandiose humpback whales pass Byron Bay on their journey to calving and breeding grounds further north. In

September and October they pass Byron Bay again when they migrate back to the Antarctic with their youngsters. Several companies organise boat trips out to sea to watch the whales. One of those companies is Whale Watching Byron Bay.

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Address: 9 Marvell Street, Byron Bay
Phone: +61 2 66 858 333
Internet: www.byronbaywhalewatching.com.au
Email: info@byronbaywhalewatching.com.au

Cape Byron Lighthouse



Cape Byron Lighthouse, Australia's most eastern and powerful lighthouse, is an iconic sight of Byron Bay. The view from the top is magnificent and on

a good day you might even spot dolphins or whales with your binoculars. The hill where it's located is also a nice place to see the colours of twilight itself liven up the landscape.

Photo: ian woolcock/Shutterstock.com

Address: Cape Byron Walking Track, Byron Bay
Opening hours: Daily: 8am-6pm
Internet: www.byronbaylighthouse.com

Surfing in Byron Bay

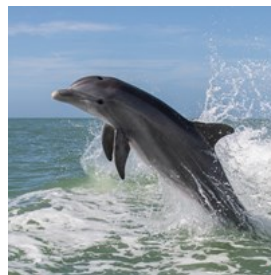


Byron Bay's beaches face many different directions, increasing the chance for a great surfing wave. For those who still need to learn, Byron Bay is the perfect place to take surfing lessons with its often mellow waves.

Mojosurf Byron Bay surf school:

Photo: ohrim/Shutterstock.com
Address: 18 Fletcher St, Byron Bay
Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 7am-6pm, Tuesday and Thursday: 9am-6pm, Saturday-Sunday: 9.30am-5.30pm
Phone: +61 2 6639 5100
Internet: www.mojosurf.com
Email: info@mojosurf.com

Kayaking with dolphins



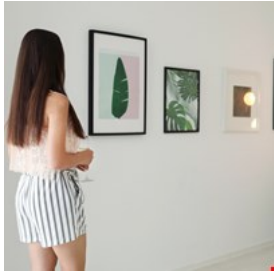
Get up close and personal with the local bottlenose dolphins in the bay. A kayak is a great and sporty way of observing these lovely mammals.

Tours are available everyday for both whale and dolphin watching.

Go Sea Kayak Byron Bay:

Photo: Tory Kallman/Shutterstock.com
Address: Opp 56 Lawson Street, Byron Bay
Opening hours: Daily: 8am-7.30pm
Phone: +61 416 222 344
Internet: www.goseakayakbyronbay.com.au
Email: info@goseakayakbyronbay.com.au
More Info: On The Park - Opposite 56 Lawson Street

Northern Rivers Community Gallery



If you're into contemporary art, Northern Rivers Community Gallery might be an interesting detour from beach days and outdoor activities. They have four exhibition spaces showing diverse artwork mostly by local artists, but not exclusively. You can check their website to see what exhibitions are currently going on, along with many cultural programs and events.

Photo: New Africa/Shutterstock.com

Address: 44 Cherry Street, Ballina

Opening hours: Wednesday-Friday: 10am-4pm,

Saturday-Sunday: 9.30am-2.30pm

Phone: +61 2 6681 6167

Internet: www.nrcgballina.com.au

Email: nrcg@ballina.nsw.gov.au

Big Prawn



About 9 metres high, the Big Prawn is exactly what you'd expect it to be: a huge sculpture of a crustacean. You'll find it in a parking lot on River Street outside Ballina's town centre. Just park your car and take a few pictures with this Australian icon, likely among the oddest monuments you'll ever encounter.

Photo: frerd/Shutterstock.com

Address: 507 River St, West Ballina

DINING



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The Ballina/Byron Bay region has some top restaurants, highlighting the region's fine produce, like the world's best macadamia nuts. Fresh seafood also plays a leading role in the local cuisine.

Beanz



For a healthy and light lunch, head over to Beanz. In addition to salads, you'll find falafel, tacos, sandwiches, and burgers, all at reasonable prices.

Photo: Marie C Fields/Shutterstock.com

Address: 222 River Street, Ballina

Opening hours: Daily 11am-4pm

Phone: +61 2 6686 6170

Wild Prawn



Wild Prawn is a fine dining restaurant located in a tropical garden. The innovative menu makes good use of local ingredients, especially seafood.

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Address: Corner of Compton Drive and Cedar Crescent,

Ballina

Phone: +61 2 6686 9008

Internet: www.wildprawncafe.com.au

Email: info@wildprawncafe.com.au

More Info: At the Ballina Beach Resort

Rae's On Watego's



This elegant hotel restaurant is located in front of the beautiful Wategos Beach. They serve a selection of dishes belonging to modern Australian cuisine with a Mediterranean influence.

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Address: 6/8 Marine Parade, Byron Bay

Phone: +61 2 6685 5366

Internet: www.raes.com.au

Email: contact@raes.com.au

Harvest Newrybar



At the Harvest Newrybar, they use seasonal local and organic ingredients that translate into an ever-changing and creative menu. On

Saturday and Sunday mornings they host an a la carte breakfast. Beside the restaurant you'll find a deli, a bakery, and a lovely garden that you can also see from their patio.

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Address: 18/22 Old Pacific Highway, Newrybar Village, Byron Bay

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 12-11pm. Sun 12-5pm

Phone: +61 2 6687 2644

Internet: www.harvestnewrybar.com.au

Email: goodtimes@harvestcafe.com.au

Fishheads



Fishheads is only 20 metres from the beach, which you can see from their outdoor tables. Come here for fresh seafood, grills, and breakfast.

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Address: 1 Jonson Street, Byron Bay

Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-11pm

Phone: +61 2 6680 7632

Internet: www.restaurantbyronbay.com.au

Earth 'n' Sea Amazing Pizza



Gourmet pizza garnished with fresh, local ingredients can be found at Earth 'n' Sea Amazing Pizza. Here you can choose between 22 types

of pizza, with vegan and gluten free options available. Their specialty are baked pizza dough balls served with garlic butter. You might also want to check their deals for large and family pizzas.

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Address: 2/3 Marvell Street, Byron Bay

Opening hours: Wed-Thu 5-8pm. Fri-Sat 5-8:30pm. Sun 5-8pm

Phone: +61 2 6685 6029

Internet: www.earthnsea.com.au

Email: info@earthnsea.com.au

Fishmongers



Fishmongers serves fresh, fast seafood in Byron Bay, from prawns and calamari to octopus and oysters. They are particularly proud of their

gourmet fish and chips and the vegetable tempura. There are some tables to eat on the spot, but take-away is a popular option as well.

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Address: 9 Bay Lane, Byron Bay

Opening hours: Daily 12-10pm

Phone: +61 4 1205 9771

Internet: www.fishmongersbyron.com.au

Email: eat@fishmongersbyron.com.au

More Info: Behind the Beach Hotel

OSushi



At OSushi, they serve Japanese and modern Asian fusion cuisine and drinks, offering several vegan and vegetarian options. Most of the

ingredients come from the northern rivers region and the sushi selection is ever-changing. There are lunch specials that allow you to try a few dishes for a fixed price, while for dinner you can share a more substantial "premium set menu".

Photo: kamui29/Shutterstock.com

Address: Shop 15, 90-96 Jonson Street, Byron Bay

Opening hours: Daily 12-8.30pm

Phone: +61 2 6685 7103

Internet: www.osushi.com.au

Email: info@osushi.com.au

More Info: Shop 15 Woolworths Plaza

Che Bon



Che Bon is an authentic French restaurant owned by a couple from Burgundy. Here you'll find typical French dishes like snails, foie gras, and creme brulee, but also seafood dishes along with many gluten/dairy free as well as vegetarian options.

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Address: 37/41 Cherry Street, Ballina

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 5-10:30pm

Phone: +61 2 6687 8221

Internet: www.chebonrestaurant.com

Email: mail@chebonrestaurant.com

The Boardwalk



The Boardwalk is a restaurant, brasserie, and bistro with a waterfront location. They keep their menu varied and affordable, serving

anything from seafood and salads to pastas and steaks. At sunset, you can enjoy a truly stunning view of the Richmond River through its big windows.

Photo: chndkmm/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Grant Street, Ballina

Opening hours: Sun-Wed 9am-10pm. Thu-Sat 9am-12am

Phone: +61 2 6681 9500

Internet: www.ballinarsl.com.au/dining/the-boardwalk

More Info: At the Ballina RSL club

CAFÉS



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With the city now being home to a beguiling mix of surfers, "new-agers", artists, craftspeople, writers and film makers, this is a perfect place for people watching while sipping a cup of coffee. Sit down and enjoy the relaxing atmosphere at one of many cafés in Ballina and

Byron Bay.

Brewsters Cafe



Open since 1989, Brewsters Cafe is the oldest coffee shop in Ballina. Don't worry if you wake up late, as they serve breakfast all day

long and their award-winning coffee will surely keep you awake. Besides toasts and pancakes, they also have light lunch options.

Photo: anshu18/Shutterstock.com

Address: 105 River Street, Ballina

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-3pm. Sat-Sun 7:30am-1pm

Phone: +61 2 6686 8313

Swish Cafe



Swish Cafe is a busy, popular place in the heart of Ballina, just a short walk from the beach.

Until 11.30am, they offer huge breakfast specials

for those who want to start their day on the right foot. They also have an excellent variety of cakes and sweets, as well as light lunch options like salads, wraps, and sandwiches.

Photo: Olga Nayashkova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 147 River Street, Ballina

Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-2:30pm

Phone: +61 2 6681 4033

Combi



Combi is a family-owned cafe with an organic menu focusing on treats and breakfast offerings. For a healthy and nourishing breakfast, try

one of their beautifully-presented super bowls

with açai, granola and fresh fruit. They have plenty of gluten-free, vegan and raw options to choose from.

Photo: zstock/Shutterstock.com

Address: Shop 5b, 21/25 Fletcher Street, Byron Bay

Opening hours: Daily 7am-4pm

Internet: www.wearecombi.com.au

Email: byronbay@wearecombi.com.au

The Pass Cafe



By making a slight detour on your way to or back from Byron Bay

Lighthouse, you can stop by The Pass and enjoy the beautiful view of Pass

Beach and surf break. Whether it's for breakfast or lunch, you'll find both popular foods like pancakes and burgers, and more sophisticated ones like acai bowls or salads with avocado and super greens. They also have a wide selection of vegan smoothies featuring healthy ingredients like matcha green tea and macadamia milk.

Photo: NuTz/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Brooke Drive, Byron Bay

Opening hours: Daily 7am-2pm

Phone: +61 2 6680 8028

Internet: www.thepasscafe.com.au

Email: eat@thepasscafe.com.au

The Top Shop



As the name suggests, you'll find this little cafe on top of a hill a short walk away from Tallow Beach. Their blackboard menu always displays

many burger options, but you'll also find bowls, baked treats, juices, smoothies and, of course, coffee. There is not much seating to eat on the spot, but it's very popular to take away and have

a picnic either on the grass or at the beach.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com
Address: 65 Carlyle Street, Byron Bay
Opening hours: Daily 6:30am-3pm
Phone: +61 2 6685 6495
Internet: www.topshopbyronbay.com.au
Email: charlie.topshop@gmail.com

Bayleaf Cafe



Located in the heart of Byron Bay, Bayleaf Cafe is one of the most popular spots in town for breakfast and lunch. They gather their ingredients from local suppliers, including their coffee, which they serve in a variety of ways. Expect healthy and creative dishes served in generous portions. The green breakfast bowl is a big favourite.

Photo: Borys Vasylenko/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2A Marvell Street, Byron Bay
Opening hours: Daily 7am-2pm
Internet: www.bayleafbyronbay.com
Email: hello@bayleafbyronbay.com

The Gallery Cafe



Adjacent to the Northern Rivers Community Art Gallery you'll find this sophisticated cafe with outdoor tables in a lovely garden. The menu features eggs cooked in a variety of ways, pancakes, healthy salads, but also more substantial options like burgers and pasta.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: 46 Cherry Street, Ballina
Opening hours: Wed-Thu 7am-2pm. Fri-Sat 7am-2pm, 6-9:30pm. Sun 7am-2pm
Phone: +61 2 6681 3888

Internet: www.thegallerycafeballina.com
Email: ballinagallerycafe@gmail.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Byron Bay rocks like jelly in an earthquake and has gained a reputation as one of Australia's very best music venues. Major world-class groups will often tour the major state capitals of Australia 'plus Byron Bay'. In Ballina, there are many places to kick back and relax before you head off to Byron Bay for a lively night.

St. Elmo



St. Elmo is a sophisticated but laid-back venue perfect for some pre or after dinner drinks. If you're feeling a bit hungry, they have tapas and share plates that you can order with your fellow travellers. The ever-changing wine list focuses mainly on Australian and Spanish varieties, which are carefully selected to match the food offerings.

Photo: naito29/Shutterstock.com
Address: 22 Fletcher Street, Byron Bay
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 5-10:30pm. Sun 5-10pm
Phone: +61 2 6680 7426
Internet: www.stelmodining.com
Email: st.elmodining@bigpond.com

The Balcony Bar and Oyster Co.



The Balcony Bar and Oyster Co is a chic venue charmingly located in one of Byron Bay's last remaining historical buildings. Their list of cocktails includes several signature drinks like chili mojito and gin tonic with aniseed myrtle. Happy hour takes place every day from 4pm to 6pm. On Wednesday, at 5pm it's oyster hour: don't miss the chance to try this delicious seafood at a very discounted price. For some live music, go on Thursday night instead.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7/3 Lawson Street, Byron Bay

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12pm-10pm. Sat 10am-11pm. Sun 10am-10pm

Phone: +61 2 6680 9666

Internet: www.balcony.com.au

Email: info@balcony.com.au

More Info: Corner of Lawson Street & Jonson Street

Beach Hotel



If you're tired after a long day on the beach, you don't have to look far for a place to unwind and sip a drink, as the Beach Hotel in Byron Bay has a popular bar serving cocktails, mocktails, wine, and beer. They also often host live music and beach gigs.

Photo: Here/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Bay Street, Byron Bay

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-1am. Sun 8am-12am

Phone: +61 2 6685 6402

Internet: www.beachhotel.com.au

Email: enquiries@beachhotel.com.au

The Railway Friendly Bar



The funky Railway Friendly Bar is famous for rocking live music seven days a week, all year around. They have over 20 types of beer on tap, which you can enjoy in the open beer garden.

Photo: gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 86 Jonson Street, Byron Bay

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-12am

Phone: +61 2 6685 7662

Internet: www.therailsbyronbay.com

Email: therails@bigpond.com

More Info: At the Railway Station

The Northern



The Northern hotel has not one, but two bars: the Front Bar and the Back Room. Both venues often host live music sessions, featuring both local and international bands playing all genres, which you can enjoy with a locally brewed beer and hearty pub grub.

Photo: PrinceOfLove/Shutterstock.com

Address: 35/43 Jonson Street, Byron Bay

Opening hours: Mon-Tue 12-3pm, 5-9pm. Wed-Fri 12-3pm, 5-10pm. Sat 12-10pm. Sun 12-9pm

Phone: +61 2 6685 6454

Internet: www.thenorthern.com.au

Email: info@byronbayentertainment.com

Cheeky Monkey's



Cheeky Monkey's is a party bar and club with DJ entertainment on 6 days out of 7. They organise something special every night, like beer pong on Friday and ladies night on

Saturday.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: 115 Jonson Street, Byron Bay
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7pm-late
Phone: +61 2 6685 5886
Internet: www.cheekymonkeys.com.au
Email: play@cheekymonkeys.com.au

Woody's Surf Shack



If you're looking for something to do in the evening, look no further than Woody's Surf Shack and its billiard tables, outdoor terrace, dancefloor, craft beers, signature cocktails, and live DJ sets. Free entry before 9pm.

Photo: Maxim Blinkov/Shutterstock.com
Address: The Plaza, 9-10/90-96 Jonson Street, Byron Bay
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8pm-3am. Sun 8pm-12am
Internet: www.woodysbyronbay.com
Email: surfsup@woodysbyronbay.com

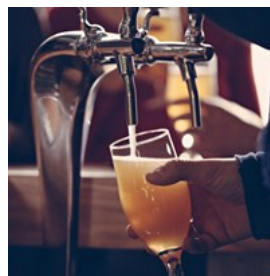
Mezza @ the Point



From this waterfront restaurant and bar you can enjoy a nice view of the Richmond River. Happy hour is from 3pm to 6pm every day, but you can also grab some cocktails at the sunset or after dinner.

Photo: Ivan Mateev/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2 Martin Street, Ballina
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 7am-9:30pm. Fri 7am-10pm. Sat 7:30am-10pm. Sun 7:30am-9pm
Phone: +61 2 6618 1188
Internet: www.mezza.com.au
Email: info@mezza.com.au

Westower Tavern



The Westower Tavern is a sports bar and bistro serving pub food and cold drinks. They have a big play area for the children and organise

entertainment for adults as well, like live music nights. On regular evenings you can just get a draft, watch some sports, and have a good time.

Photo: zeljkodan/Shutterstock.com
Address: 89/93 Kalinga Street, West Ballina
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-1:30am. Sun 10am-11pm
Phone: +61 2 6686 7272
Internet: www.westowertavern.com.au
Email: westower.tavern@alhgroup.com.au

Wharf Bar & Restaurant



At the Wharf Bar & Restaurant, they have many speciality cocktails to choose from. To play it safe, try one of their signature cocktails like

the espresso martini, the Frangelico caipiroska, or the "Gerry bomb" with vanilla vodka, strawberry, lychee, and lime. Of course, you'll also find wine, beer, mocktails, and spirits. They host happy hours and live music sessions every weekend.

Photo: CharlotteRaboff/Shutterstock.com
Address: 12/24 Fawcett Street, Ballina
Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-11pm
Phone: +61 2 6686 5259
Internet: www.wharfbarballina.com.au
Email: wharfbarballina@gmail.com

SHOPPING



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Ballina is known as a regional hub for bargain shoppers, but there are also two shopping centres. In the main thoroughfare, River Street, you'll find a number of intriguing small boutiques. Byron Bay is home to many small boutiques as well, focusing mainly on hippy style clothes and accessories. However, some of the best shopping can be done at the local markets, hosted every weekend in different places. You can get some good deals for yourself and shop souvenirs for friends.

Ballina Market



Welcome to this craft and produce market that is held every 3rd Sunday of the month at the Outdoor Entertainment Centre in Canal Rd. If you're in town, you might want to take a stroll through the stands. You'll find food, clothes, accessories and souvenirs.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Canal Road, Ballina Byron

Opening hours: 7am-1pm

Brunswick Heads Market



Brunswick Heads Market takes place along the riverbank every first Saturday of the month. You'll find many artisan stalls selling just about anything from fresh groceries to clothes and accessories.

Photo: zimmytws/Shutterstock.com

Address: Memorial Park, Fawcett Street, Brunswick Heads

Opening hours: 7am-2pm

Phone: +61 02 6628 4495

Internet: brunswickheadsmarkets.com.au

Email: rosslynhogan@hotmail.com

Lennox Head Community Market



Lennox Head Market is held not only on one Sunday, but two: on the 2nd and 5th of the month. If you have children, you'll be pleased to know there are plenty of activities for them and a skate park. Take the morning off to browse through the local produce, arts and crafts. You can spend the rest of the day at Lake Ainsworth or surfing at the beach.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corner of Mackney Ln & Park St, Lennox Head

Opening hours: 8am-2pm

Phone: +61 419 369 609

Internet: www.lennoxcommunitymarket.com.au

Email: lennoxmarket@gmail.com

More Info: Located at the Lennox Head Community Centre

Bangalow Village Market



Bangalow Village Market is held at Bangalow Showground on the 4th Sunday of the month. It is an excellent excuse for a day trip and to indulge in some shopping. You'll meet local artisans, artists and farmers.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Market St, Bangalow

Opening hours: 9am-3pm

Phone: +61 2 6687 1911

Internet: www.bangalowmarket.com.au

Email: info09@bangalowmarket.com.au

Byron Bay Community Market



Byron Bay Community Market is a colourful market that is held the 1st Sunday of the month. Among the 300 stalls you will find local crafts and food, interesting art work made of different materials and other original items. Take your time and explore all of this lively market.

Photo: De Visu/Shutterstock.com

Address: Butler Street Reserve, Butler St, Byron Bay

Opening hours: 8am-3pm

Phone: +61 2 6685 6807

Internet: byroncentre.com.au/markets/community-market

Email: marketssupport@byroncentre.com.au

Ballina Central



The Ballina Central is a shopping centre offering a break from surf and sand. Here you'll find many dining and takeaway options, The Vast Interior selling furniture and homeware, the

health shop Go Vita, more shops and even a gym and a massage centre. The shopping centre is also home to Big W, a popular discount department store with interesting bargains.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 44 Bangalow Road, Ballina

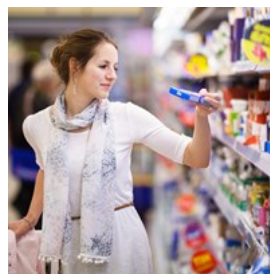
Opening hours: Monday-Wednesday and Friday: 8.30am-5.30pm, Thursday: 9am-9pm, Saturday: 9am-4pm, Sunday: 10am-3pm

Phone: +61 2 6681 4260

Internet: www.ballinacentral.com.au

More Info: Corner of Pacific Hwy & Bangalow Rd

Big W



Big W discount department store is a popular outlet center with interesting bargains, which you'll find inside Ballina Central. Here you can get everything from clothes and sports wear to food and toys at very low prices: the ideal shopping experience for budget travellers.

Photo: lightpoet/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bangalow Rd, Ballina

Opening hours: Daily: 8am-6pm

Phone: +61 2 6618 8600

Internet: www.bigw.com.au

Beachworkz



After 20 years in business, Beachworkz has become a local institution. Here you'll find everything you need for your surfing and skating activities, from boards and hardware to clothing and accessories.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com

Address: 51 River St, Ballina

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm, Saturday:

9am-3pm, Sunday: 10am-2pm
Phone: +61 428 241 299
Internet: beachworkz.business.site
Email: beachworkz@bigpond.com

Spell Boutique



Spell is a brand based in Byron Bay that has become very popular among young women and celebrities. Their clothes have an unmistakable bohemian and gipsy style perfect for both beach days and city breaks.

Photo: Halay Alex/Shutterstock.com
Address: 15 Browning St, Byron Bay
Opening hours: Daily: 10am-5pm
Phone: +61 2 8599 7275
Internet: shop.spelldesigns.com.au
Email: enquiries@spelldesigns.com

Unplugged Byron Bay



Unplugged Byron Bay is a shop selling vintage-inspired clothes and accessories for modern men and women. The shop itself has an old school atmosphere, with skateboards hanging from the ceiling and film cameras or vinyl records on display.

Photo: A3pfamily/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2 Lawson St, Byron Bay
Opening hours: Daily: 9.30am-5.30pm
Phone: +61 2 6685 7441
Internet: unpluggedbyronbay.com.au
Email: info@unpluggedbyronbay.com.au

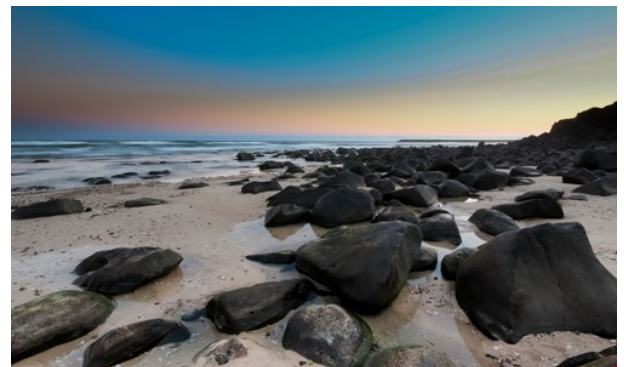
Ballina Fair Shopping Centre



With over 60 retailers, Ballina Fair Shopping Centre is the biggest indoor shopping centre in the area. Inside you'll find local shops like Target, Best & Less, Woolworths, along with a cinema, a gym and several cafes.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: 84 Kerr St, Ballina
Opening hours: Monday-Wednesday and Friday: 8.30am-5.30pm, Thursday: 8.30am-8pm, Saturday: 8.30-4pm, Sunday: 8.30am-3pm
Phone: +61 2 6686 8555
Internet: ballinafairshopping.com.au
More Info: Hours may vary from shop to shop. Parking is free

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Ballina Byron Gateway Airport



Ballina Byron Gateway Airport is the gateway to the whole region. It is situated 5 kilometres from Ballina CBD and about 20 minutes by road from Byron Bay.

The airport offers shuttles and bus services. There are also taxis and car rental companies

represented at the airport.

Public Bus Services are operated by Blanchs:
+61 2 6686 2144
www.blanchs.com.au

Below you can find a selection of car rental companies:

Avis Car Rental
+61 2 6686 7650
www.avis.com.au

Hertz Car Rental
+61 2 6686 2143
www.hertz.com.au

Europcar
+61 2 6686 2992
www.europcar.com.au

Photo: Juan Garces
Address: Ballina Byron Gateway Airport, 210 Southern Cross Dr, Ballina
Phone: +61 2 6681 1858
Internet: www.ballinabyronairport.com.au

Passport / Visa



Unless you are a New Zealand citizen granted visa exemption on arrival (in most cases), you will need to obtain a visa prior to visiting Australia.

Citizens of all European Union countries, as well as Andorra, Norway, Iceland, San Marino, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, and Vatican City are eligible for an eVisitor visa, which can be applied for online. For citizens of the United States, Canada, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Brunei, South Korea and Malaysia, the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) entry permit is available,

which can be applied for online and grants holders the right to enter Australia an unlimited amount of times for stays of no longer than 3 months per visit.

Citizens of all other world countries (with the exception of Somalia) are also able to apply for a visitor visa online. For more information, visit the official website of the Australian government's department of home affairs: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/lega/lega/form/immi-faqs/what-visa-do-i-need-to-visit-australia>

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com

Best Time to Visit



Here, summer lasts from December to February and can get very hot and busy. Spring (September-November) and autumn (March-May)

are great for avoiding the crowds but still being able to enjoy warm days and outdoor activities like sunbathing or surfing at the beach. The former is also the season with a lower chance of rainfall. July is the coldest month, but winter in the Ballina Byron region is still quite mild, with an average minimum of about 12°F/53,6°F.

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Public transport



The local bus service in Ballina, Lennox Head and Byron Bay is inexpensive, but services are not so frequent. Blanch's Bus Company runs bus services from Ballina, Lennox Head, Bangalow and Byron Bay to Lismore.

Blanch's Bus Company
+61 2 6686 2144
www.blanchs.com.au

Another option to explore the area freely is to rent a car. Below you can find a selection of car rental companies:

Avis Car Rental
+61 2 6686 7650
www.avis.com.au

Hertz Car Rental
+61 2 6686 2143
www.hertz.com.au

Europcar
+61 2 6686 2992
www.europcar.com.au

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



It is advisable to check prices before jumping in a taxi and do not forget to add the per kilometres fare depending on time of day, vehicle type and number of passengers.

You can call Australia's national taxi booking phone number, 131 008, for both Ballina and Byron Bay taxis.

Photo: Taxi
Phone: 131 008

Post



Look for the red signs to find a post office or mailbox. Yellow mailboxes are used for express post. Post Office Byron Bay 61 Jonson

Street, Byron Bay
+61 2 6639 7852
Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm, Saturday:
9am-12.30pm

Post Office Ballina
85 Tamar Street, Ballina
+61 2 6613 1318
Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm, Saturday:
9am-12.30pm

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Internet: www.auspost.com.au

Pharmacy



There are several pharmacies in both Ballina and Byron Bay. Here are two of them. Chemmart Pharmacy Superstore 102/110 River

St, Ballina
Monday-Friday: 8.30am-6pm, Saturday:
8.30am-4pm, Sunday: 9am-3pm
+61 2 6686 8800
www.ballinahealthandbeauty.com.au

LiveLife Pharmacy Byron Bay
31 Jonson Street, Byron Bay
Daily: 8am-8pm
+61 2 6685 6274
www.livelifepharmacy.com

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone



Country code: +61 Area
code: 02

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



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Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

Ballina 24,852 (2016)
Byron Bay 9,246 (2016)

Currency

Australian Dollar (AUD) \$1 = 100 cents

Newspapers

Lismore Echo
Ballina Shire Advocate
The Byron Shire Echo
Byron Shire News

Emergency numbers

000 for any emergency
Poisons information: 13 11 26

Tourist information

Ballina Visitor Information Centre
Corner of River St and Las Balsas Plaza, Ballina
+61 1800 777 666
Monday-Saturday: 9am-5pm, Sunday: 10am-2pm



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The Wreck

Byron Bay

Clarks Beach

Captain Cook's Lookout

Fishermans Lookout

Wategos Beach

Cape Byron Headland Reserve

Arakwal National Park

Ciburn Margil Swamp

Marty Ford Park

Cosy Corner

Arakwal National Park

South Pacific Ocean

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