

DESTINATION GUIDE

MACKAY
ENTERTAINMENT
CONVENTION
CENTRE
MECC
A BUSINESS UNIT OF
MACKAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Mackay Region is centrally located
and easily accessible by air, road or rail.



AIR TRANSPORT OPTIONS

- jetstar.com.au
- virginaustralia.com
- qantas.com

BUS TRANSFER, TOUR + SHUTTLE OPTIONS

- mackaytransitcoaches.com.au
- reeforest.com
- greyhound.com.au

RAIL TRANSPORT OPTIONS

- qr.com.au

GETTING TO MACKAY

• FLY

Mackay Airport (mackayairport.com.au) welcomes 110+ flights to the region each week (with many other connecting flights available) from Brisbane, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Townsville and Cairns - serviced by Virgin Australia, QantasLink and Jetstar airlines.

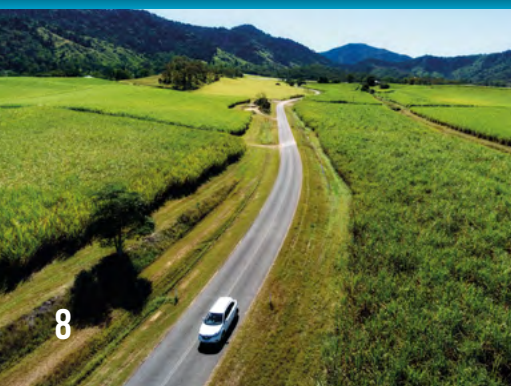
• BUS OR TRAIN

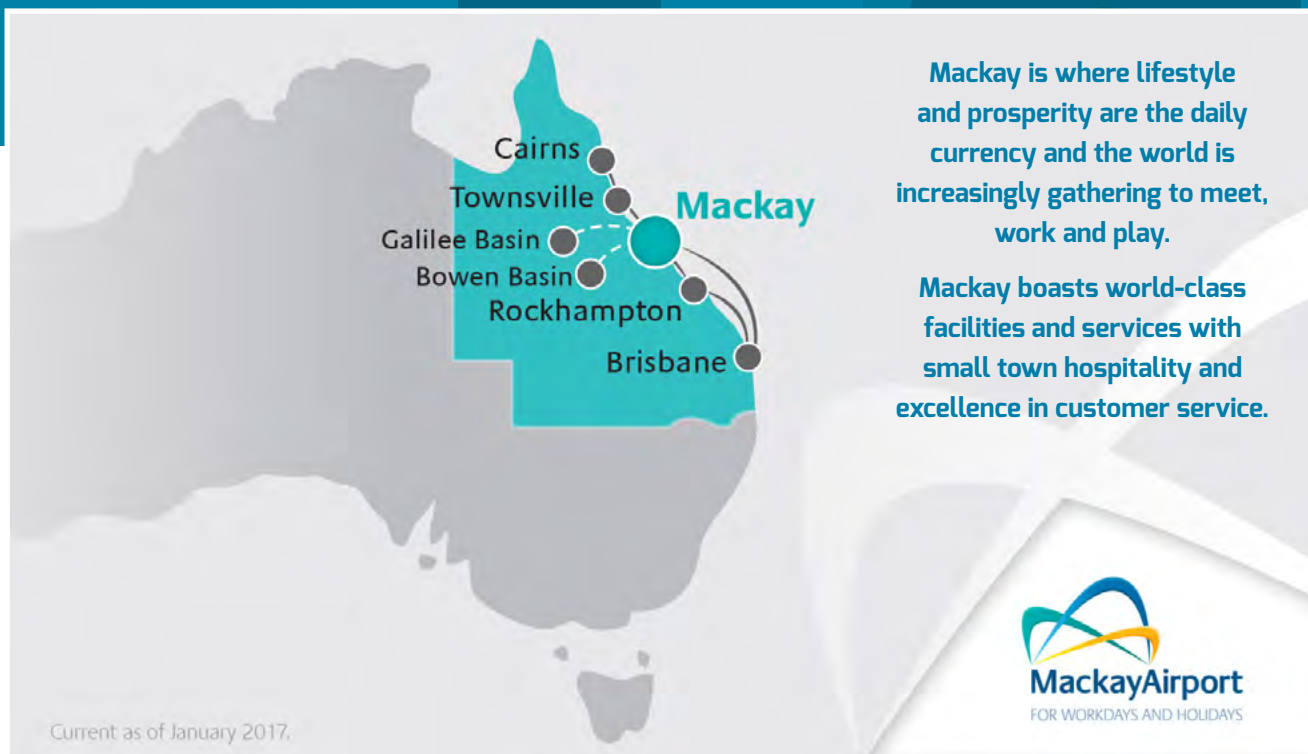
Express coach services operate along the coastal highway and Queensland Rail offers a daily service between Brisbane and Cairns.

• DRIVE

Located on the Bruce Highway, access via road to Mackay is easy. Inland access is provided from Emerald in the Central Queensland Highlands through to Clermont and the Peak Downs Highway.




Car hire companies such as Thrifty, Avis and Europcar are available at the airport, as well as taxis and private transfer shuttles by appointment. Travel time from Mackay Airport to the City Centre is approximately 10 minutes.

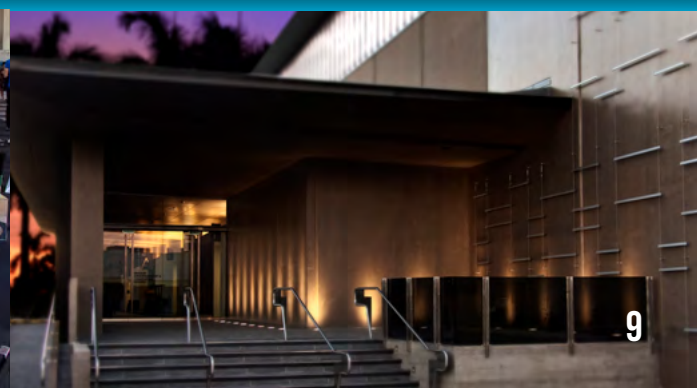
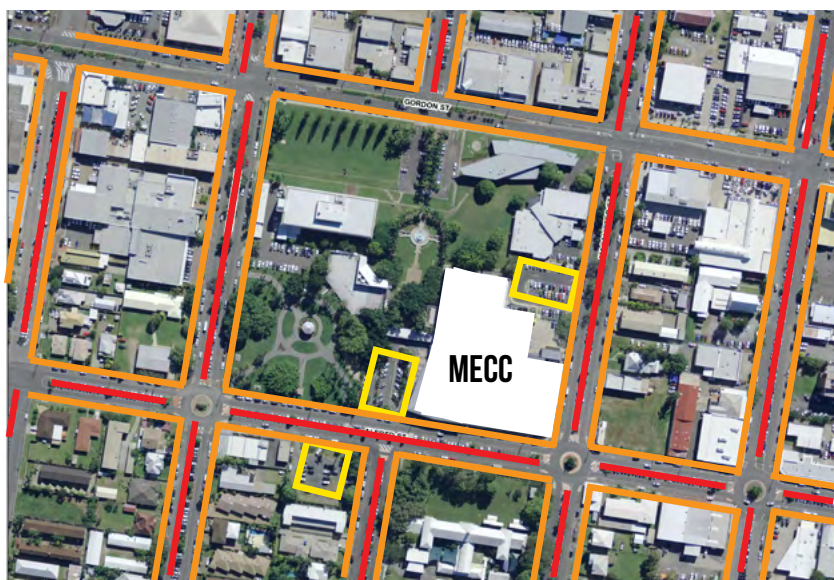




PARKING AT THE MECC

The centre has two designated car parks that can be accessed via Alfred Street and Macalister Street. Ample street parking is also available in nearby streets. Centre patrons must be aware that on-street parking includes a mix of restricted and non-restricted parking. Please check sign conditions for the duration of your stay. Parking compounds are also available within five and 10 minute walks to the centre entrance. Please refer to the map highlighting on-street centre and kerbside parking as well as compound car parks available nearby.

-  Car park compounds
-  On-street kerb side parking
-  On-street centre parking



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Mackay also boasts a host of value-for-money accommodation houses and styles. From motels to beach-side resorts, 4 star caravan parks with self-contained cabins and ensuite facilities to family-friendly serviced villas and apartments close to the city heart or in Mackay's northern beaches. Whether it is stunning water views, budget or 5 star, we have something to suit your needs.

ACCOMMODATION

Mackay has six quality hotels of 4.5 star rating within 2.5km of the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre. A major benefit of the mining boom in the Central Queensland region has been the development of a range of high quality accommodation options in Mackay. Ready availability and attractive room rates in Mackay are now an appealing feature of the destination.

- [View full listing of accommodation](#)
- View all surrounding restaurants and hotels in Google maps



RYDGES

Rydges Mackay Suites

9 Gregory Street, Mackay
4.5 stars
0.4km from MECC



**RIVIERA
MACKAY**

Riviera Mackay

5-7 Nelson Street, Mackay
4.5 stars
0.9km from MECC



Mackay Oceanside Central
Hotel

2C Gordon Street, Mackay
4 stars self rated
1.8km from MECC
Free transfers to and from



Pacific Sands

3 Kirribilli Ave, Mackay
4.5 stars
3.1km from MECC



Oaks Carlyle

23 Alfred, Mackay, 4.5 stars
0.8km from MECC

Oaks Rivermarque

55-63 River Street, Mackay
4 stars, 1.4km from MECC



Quest Mackay on Gordon

27 Gordon Street, Mackay
4.5 stars, 0.9km from MECC

Quest Mackay

37 Macalister Street, Mackay
4.5 stars, 0.2km from MECC



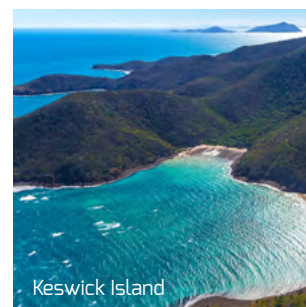
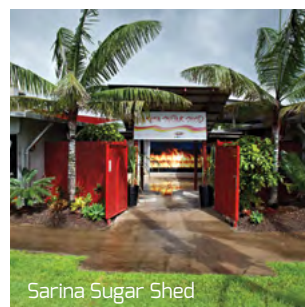
Ibis Mackay Airport

Christensen Circuit, Mackay
3 stars
7km from MECC



Lanai Riverside Apartments

20 River Street, Mackay
4 stars
1.4km from MECC



ARTSPACE MACKAY

Where our diverse culture starts, Mackay's architectural award winning art gallery. Enjoy local arts on display, touring exhibitions and public art located in the City Centre and along the Bluewater Trail.

BEACHES

The Mackay region boasts over 31 beaches - a different one for every day of the month, so finding somewhere to lay your towel is never a problem. Eimeo Beach was awarded as one of the best beaches in Australia's 101 beach search, and boasts sweeping panoramic views of the Coral Sea.

BLUEWATER LAGOON

This free family-friendly leisure facility overlooks the picturesque Pioneer River in the heart of Mackay's city centre. Comprising three tiered lagoons, a kid's corner, water slide and cafe, this lagoon offers a full day of safe fun in the sun for everyone.

CAPE HILLSBOROUGH

Walk along the beach with wallabies at sunrise in this spectacular coastal national park, full of dramatic headlands, rainforests and nature walks. Cape Hillsborough is a wonderful place to take the family on your time off and enjoy the serenity.

MACKAY MARINA

Dine at one of several alfresco restaurants overlooking the marina or enjoy live music and entertainment on a Sunday afternoon. There's a lot to see and do at this entertainment hub.

MACKAY'S ISLANDS

Extend your holiday in Mackay with a stay on Keswick Island. Pristine beaches, virgin forests and vibrant coral. This well kept secret houses some beautiful accommodation with views you only dream about.

MACKAY REGIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS

A magnificent scenic walk through flora and fauna with free guided tours for visitors. Enjoy the peaceful surrounds of one of Australia's newest and most innovative botanical gardens.

PIONEER VALLEY & EUNGELLA NATIONAL PARK

Scenic Finch Hatton Gorge is a leisurely hour's drive inland through the Pioneer Valley and located 2,500 feet above sea level - where the locals enjoy rainforest walks and a refreshing swim in fresh water pools. Travel further inland to Eungella National Park and Broken River - the best place in Australia to spot platypus in the wild. Enjoy afternoon tea then visit the viewing platform to watch the platypus weave through the water. You may like to spend a few nights at one of the many accommodation providers so that you can explore more of this unique area.

SARINA & THE SERENITY COAST

Known as the heart of Australia's sugar cane industry, you can get your own taste of the sweet stuff at Sarina Sugar Shed, Australia's only miniature sugar mill and distillery. Whilst in town, check out the untouched beaches for a swim or a spot of fishing, visit the Sarina Tourist Art and Craft centre or if there on a Saturday, stop by the local markets.