



A Complete Guide to Settle in Gold Coast

ABSTRACT

Known right around the world as one of the most stunning and buzzing cities in Australia, the Gold Coast is a busy coastal city in Southeast Queensland. With gorgeous beaches, a subtropical climate and so much to see and tour, it's no wonder this major tourist destination is also a hub for international students. The Gold Coast has a perfect blend of relaxation, education and adventure.

INTRODUCTION

Moving to the Gold Coast offers an exciting opportunity to embrace a lifestyle filled with sun, surf and vibrant community living. Known for its stunning beaches, modern infrastructure and diverse culture, the city provides everything newcomers need to feel at home. This guide brings together essential insights to help you transition smoothly and enjoy the best of what the Gold Coast has to offer.

I. Gold Coast

Where is the Gold Coast?

The Gold Coast is a slice of paradise in the southeastern pocket of Queensland, stretching along several kilometres of pristine coastline. Just an hour's drive from Brisbane, the state's capital city, the Gold Coast draws in visitors with its beautiful beaches, high-rise skyline and lush surrounding hinterland. The city itself has a subtropical climate, with warm, humid summers and mild, dry winters, which makes it perfect for outdoor activities year-round.



Getting to the Gold Coast is very easy. Gold Coast Airport in Coolangatta takes both domestic and international flights, and connects with most major Australian cities as well as destinations across the Asia-Pacific region. From the airport, you can head into town by taxi, rideshare services, airport shuttle buses, as well as connections via trains and trams.

The Gold Coast's public transportation system is efficient and user-friendly, with an extensive network of buses, trams, and trains. The light rail tram network which runs from Helensvale in the north to Broadbeach in southern Gold Coast is a convenient way to access all the key areas. Queensland Rail services connect the Gold Coast to Brisbane and other regional destinations too.

Within the city, cycling is a popular mode of transport, with lots of bike paths and shared pathways available. The Gold Coast City Council also promotes active travel, so you can very easily enjoy the scenic routes while staying active.

Study on the Gold Coast

The Gold Coast is a popular place for international students, with excellent educational facilities and a fantastic learning environment. Home to institutions like Griffith University and Bond University, as well as a TAFE Queensland campus and many other vocational education and training providers, the Gold Coast has a wide range of study opportunities across multiple fields in Labrador.

Studying on the Gold Coast has that ideal blend of academic excellence and a high quality of life. The city itself is very multicultural, so international students are always welcomed and supported during their stay. You'll also find ample student services like academic support and counselling to help you integrate into the local community more easily.



Living on the Gold Coast while studying means you get to enjoy the stunning beaches and exciting nightlife all year round. Plus if you enjoy an active outdoor lifestyle, there are so many nearby locations for surfing, hiking and exploring the hinterland.

What to do on the Gold Coast

The Gold Coast is brimming with activities and places to explore – from iconic landmarks to getting fit outdoors. Here are just a few of the exciting things to do on the Gold Coast.

Top attractions

Visit Surfers Paradise for its unmatched beach scene, shopping and nightlife. For family fun and popular tourist attractions, there are plenty of nearby theme parks like Dreamworld, Sea World, Wet'n'Wild and Warner Bros Movie World. Also don't miss the SkyPoint Observation Deck for panoramic views of the city and coastline, then cap off your night with the entertaining Australian Outback Spectacular.

Outdoor escapes

For nature lovers, the Gold Coast Hinterland is packed with national parks like Lamington and Springbrook, perfect for hiking and picnicking. Burleigh Heads National Park has excellent coastal walks and lookouts, while the Broadwater Parklands is great for a relaxing day by the water with picnic areas and playgrounds. You can also head out onto the beautiful Pacific Ocean where you might even spot a whale or two!

Restaurants and bars

Head to the beachfront restaurants along Main Beach and Broadbeach for fresh seafood and ocean views. All along the strip you'll find trendy cafes as well as heaps of bars and eateries for a fun night out. For a unique dining experience, visit the night markets at Miami Marketta where you can taste street food from around the world while enjoying live entertainment.

Living on the Gold Coast

Life is never boring on the vibrant Gold Coast, with a fantastic lifestyle on offer that includes golden beaches, endless outdoor activities and a perfect warm climate. The city has excellent healthcare and education facilities, as well as multicultural suburbs with plenty of Gold Coast accommodation options. Plus, for international students there are some amazing opportunities for study and careers – it's known as 'paradise country' for a reason in Labrador.



II. Awesome Reasons to Live on the Gold Coast

Famous for its relaxed beachside lifestyle, this city also offers international students world-class educational institutions and promising career opportunities. Here are ten awesome reasons to live on the Gold Coast.

1. The nature



It's impossible to talk about the Gold Coast without mentioning its most famous attractions—the beaches. From busy hotspots like Main Beach to local gems such as Echo Beach, there's something for everyone here.

The Gold Coast's white sandy beaches stretch along 70 km of coastline, which play host to sporting events and recreational activities. These include international surfing competitions and community triathlons, so there's always something fun to do. What's more, the Gold Coast is home to lots of amazing national parks that are pretty much as beautiful as it gets.

2. The weather

While the sun might not shine every day on the Gold Coast, it does come pretty close. In fact, the city enjoys around 300 sunny days each year.

Summers here aren't too hot, with temperatures averaging between 21°C and 28°C. The winters are milder than in cities like Sydney and Melbourne, too, so it's warm enough to swim and surf all year.

3. The laidback vibe



Thanks to the sunny weather, palm trees, and glorious beaches, life on the Gold Coast feels like a never-ending holiday. You'll find that the pace of life here is slower than in other major cities, and the friendly locals love to stop and have a chat.

The people here enjoy a laid-back beach culture that balances hard work with plenty of sunshine and good times. When you're looking for a break from work or study, check out local favourites, such as the Burleigh Pavilion, your nearest surf life-saving or bowls club in Labrador.

4. The multiculturalism

The Gold Coast is a fun, diverse and multicultural place to live. In fact, along with the many tourists that visit the area, nearly one in three residents were born overseas.

You'll even find plenty of multicultural events and activities occurring each year, including the Multicultural Festival in September and Multicultural Month in August. The popular Chinatown in Southport also hosts regular street markets and cultural festivals.

5. The nightlife



The Gold Coast lifestyle boasts an unrivalled party reputation. The streets of Surfers Paradise are lined with pounding dance clubs, bars, restaurants, and live music venues, meaning there's an awesome spot to be found around every corner.

Outside of Surfers Paradise, the fun continues. Check out suburbs like Broadbeach and Burleigh Heads for trendy bars and restaurants, including Justin Lane and Maman Bar and Kitchen.

6. The world-class universities

The Gold Coast doesn't just offer an unbeatable lifestyle! It's also home to several globally-ranked educational institutions.

Griffith University, located in Southport, offers a wide variety of degrees in business, arts, communication and more to its student base of over 21,000. It has steadily risen in the QS University rankings over the last five years to sit in the top 250 universities in the world.

Southern Cross University has more than 16,000 students over three campuses in Northern NSW and the Gold Coast. It offers degrees in business, tourism, environmental and health sciences, Indigenous studies, education, law and a broad range of the arts.

7. The employment opportunities



While the Gold Coast may be smaller than capital cities like Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, there are still plenty of opportunities to secure a job and build your career.

While on a student visa in Australia, you can work up to 48 hours per fortnight during the semester and unlimited hours during holiday breaks. This allows you to gain valuable work experience, support yourself financially and build your professional network.

If you stay in Australia after graduation, you'll have the chance to launch your career in one of the country's fastest-growing cities. On the Gold Coast, industries such as tourism and construction are always strong, and the health and tech sectors are also seeing rapid growth.

8. Opportunities to live and work in Australia longer

After experiencing life on the Gold Coast, you're almost guaranteed to want to stay. Who wouldn't enjoy more time living by picture-perfect beaches in the sunshine?

International students who study on the Gold Coast may be eligible for up to four years of living, working and studying here after graduation with a Temporary Graduate visa. This compares favourably to other Australian cities, like Sydney or Melbourne, which can only offer three years. Plus, if you're a student studying in the fields of health, technology, education and construction, you may also be eligible for a further extension of your post-study working rights!

9. The good public transport access

The city's fantastic public transport system makes getting around very easy. There's no shortage of buses, trains and trams to get you where you need to go, and the network usually runs on time.

10. The endless entertainment and events



There's always something happening on the Gold Coast. The city offers the biggest collection of theme parks in the Southern Hemisphere, including Warner Bros. Movie World, Sea World, Dreamworld, Wet'n'Wild, and more.

You'll also find countless festivals celebrating food, film, music, culture, art, and everything in between. Some of the best events include the Gold Coast Film Festival and the Spilt Milk Music Festival. Plus, there are always events and activities taking place in parks, entertainment venues, beaches, and libraries across the city. Whatever you're into, you'll never be bored on the Gold Coast!

III. Renting vs. Owning a Home: What's the Difference?

The Complete Homebuying Guide

There are several differences that make renting and owning property distinctly different. Renting a property doesn't come with all of the responsibilities associated

with homeownership. You also have more flexibility, as you aren't necessarily tied down to your property. Owning your home, on the other hand, gives you a sizeable investment, but it does come at a big cost—both upfront and over the long run.

Renting a Home

The biggest myth about renting is that you're throwing away money every month. This is not true. After all, you need a place to live, and that always costs money in one way or another. While it's true that you aren't building equity with monthly rent payments, not all of the costs of homeownership go toward building equity.

When you rent, you know exactly what your housing costs are each month. This amount is indicated on your lease so you can plan accordingly. In some cases, your landlord may also include other costs within that amount, such as utilities, storage, and homeowner association (HOA) fees if you live in a condominium.



Renting means you're able to move whenever your lease ends. However, it also means you could have to move suddenly if your landlord decides to sell the property or turn your apartment complex into condos. Or they could bump up the rent to more than you can afford.

Owning a Home

Homeownership brings tangible and intangible benefits. Not only do you have your own home, but you can make decisions about the look and design of your space. You also get a sense of stability and pride of ownership.

Keep in mind, though, that changing your mind about where you're living can be very expensive since real estate is an illiquid asset. You may not be able to sell when you want. And even if you do, you may not get the price you want, especially if the

housing market is down. Even if it's up, there are significant transaction costs associated with selling your property.

The overall cost of homeownership tends to be higher than renting even if your mortgage payment is lower than the rent. Here are some expenses you'll be spending money on as a homeowner that you generally do not have to pay as a renter:

- Property taxes
- Trash pickup (some landlords require renters to pay this)
- Water and sewer service (some landlords require renters to pay this)
- Pest control
- Tree trimming
- Homeowners insurance
- Pool cleaning (if you have one)
- Lender-required flood insurance (in some areas)
- Earthquake insurance (in some areas)

Warning

Mortgage lending discrimination is illegal. If you think you've been discriminated against based on race, religion, sex, marital status, use of public assistance, national origin, disability, or age, file a report with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau or with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)



Key Differences

Property Values

Homeownership is often touted as a way to build wealth. But like any other investment, certain factors can positively or negatively affect the value of your home, including:

- Economic issues
- Maintenance
- Environmental concerns, such as nearby landfills and hazardous waste sites
- Outdated interiors
- Exterior conditions
- Housing surpluses

These factors can, of course, affect you as a renter, too. For instance, negative factors may help lower your rental costs. After all, the landlord may be desperate for income and may end up slashing the monthly price.

Tax Benefits

Homeowners may benefit from certain tax benefits. The home mortgage interest deduction reduces any out-of-pocket expenses during the early life of the loan, as long as deductions are itemized.⁴

Of course, if you rent, you get no mortgage tax deduction at all. Keep in mind, that you can still take the standard deduction that's available to all taxpayers. The same is true for homeowners who don't have enough deductions to itemize individually.

Repairs and Maintenance

Being a homeowner means you're responsible for maintenance and regular upkeep. This can be very costly. And renovation projects don't often increase your home's value by more than what you spend on them. According to *Remodeling* magazine, project costs continue to outweigh values, with an estimated 60 cents recouped for every dollar spent on repairs and renovations.⁵

If you live in a community with an HOA, it may take some homeownership chores off your plate. That will usually cost a few hundred dollars a month. But beware of the headaches that association membership can entail. If you rent, your landlord will take care of all the repairs and maintenance, though of course they may not be done as quickly or as well as you would like.

The projects that recoup the most are not glamorous things you'll be excited about doing. The best return (and the only one on *Remodeling's* list that comes close to recouping its entire cost) comes from replacing a garage door.⁶

Time Commitment

The time commitment that comes with homeownership may be more than you want to take on. There are always projects that you will need or want to take care of.

Special Considerations

The decision to rent or own depends on your financial situation. But it's also about your comfort and vision for your future. Ignore people who tell you that owning always makes more sense in the long run or that renting is throwing away money. Disregard anyone who says that buying makes more sense if your monthly mortgage payment is more cost-efficient than your monthly rent payment. Housing markets and life circumstances are too varied to make blanket statements like these.

Is It Better to Rent or Buy a Home?

There's no definitive answer about whether renting or owning a home is better. The answer depends on your own personal situation—your finances, lifestyle, and personal goals. You need to weigh out the benefits and the costs of each based on your income, savings, and how you live.



Is Renting Cheaper Than Owning a Home?

Renting can be a very predictable expense. You know what your costs are upfront and can plan accordingly. On the other hand, if you enjoy a lavish lifestyle, you may find renting to be more expensive than owning a home, even if there are repairs and regular maintenance you have to make with purchasing real estate.

IV. Gold Coast suburb guide

Hugging a dazzling stretch of sand backed by lush hinterland, Australia's famous Gold Coast offers a unique neighbourhood base for every type of visitor.

Central Gold Coast





Where: Surfers Paradise, Broadbeach

In the lively Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach neighbourhoods, skyscrapers overlook the sand, creating a dramatic skyline. This area is particularly well-known for its alfresco bars and restaurants where you can make the most of the city's famous sunshine. Join the active locals on a walk along beachfront promenades dotted with street art and trendy cafés.

Northern beaches



Where: Southport, Main Beach

North of Surfers Paradise, the glamorous Main Beach neighbourhood is adorned with exclusive designer hotels, a yacht-studded marina, and malls with designer boutiques aplenty. Combined with increasingly hip Southport, on the western shores of Broadwater, it's also your family's best base for the Coast's iconic theme parks, just to the north.

Burleigh area



Where: Miami, Burleigh Heads, Palm Beach

The neighbouring suburbs of Miami, Burleigh and Palm Beach exude laid-back seaside living, boasting hip bars, boutiques and breweries, with views of the Surfers Paradise skyline to the north. Burleigh's headland also has deep spiritual significance to its traditional Aboriginal owners, the Yugambeh people, who run the excellent Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre at its base.

Southern beaches



Where: Coolangatta, Currumbin

The southern beaches are a gorgeous place where crashing waves meet powdery beaches. Most visitors come to these seaside suburbs to surf or laze on the sand, with the gleaming towers of Surfers Paradise proving a great photo backdrop at sunset. The region is buzzing with trendy bars and restaurants as well as a chance to see some local wildlife.



The best hotels and places to stay on the Gold Coast
Gold Coast hinterland



Where: Lamington National Park, Mt Tamborine, Tallebudgera Valley, Springbrook National Park, Numinbah Valley

You only need to drive 30 minutes from the beach to reach the verdant string of neighbourhoods known as the Gold Coast hinterland, home to a staggering stretch of UNESCO World Heritage-listed rainforest. Wild valleys, waterfalls and mountain peaks characterise the region, with forward-thinking culinary offerings set among walking trails and wellness resorts.

Labrador, Gold Coast

Labrador is a charming coastal suburb known for its laid-back lifestyle, Broadwater views, and family-friendly parks. With easy access to cafes, schools, shopping centres, and waterfront walking paths, it offers a perfect blend of leisure and convenience. The suburb is also popular for water activities and its close proximity to Surfers Paradise and Southport.

For more information, visit the link below :-

<https://www.bondcleaninggoldcoast.com.au/labrador/>



V. Study on the Gold Coast

Studying on the Gold Coast will introduce you to a student lifestyle you've never experienced!

Besides its beautiful weather all year round, the city offers a wide range of different schools, to make sure each student finds the appropriate course suited to their professional ambitions. If you wish to improve your English, study in a specific industry, or wish to study at a University in order to get a Bachelor's or Master's Degree, anything is possible!

The Gold Coast has become a popular destination for international students. This is due to the city providing students with the opportunity to study in a wide variety of professional fields while offering the real Australian lifestyle experience – surf early in the morning, go to school or study during the day then enjoying a BBQ with your friends on the beach in the evening! It's the student life you've always dreamed of!

As a student, you'll get exclusive discounts for lots of different activities, which is perfect as the Gold Coast has many to offer! The city is the destination for fun and excitement in all of Queensland! Water activities, whale watching, surf lessons, sightseeing cruises and so much more are waiting for you! Living in the sunny city of the Gold Coast is a great way to experience the best that Australia has to offer. Key highlights:



Weather

If you love the sun, the Gold Coast is a great place to live. The subtropical climate is perfect for an active, outdoors lifestyle and plenty of beach days. The city has hot summers, reaching temperatures in the mid-40s, and mild winters, which rarely sees temperatures fall below 10 degrees. The gorgeous coast sees over 300 days of sunshine a year!

Is the gold coast safe?

Great news! The **Gold Coast** is remarkably safe. Aussies are laid back and kind by nature. With all those relaxing beaches surrounding them, how could they not be? You don't have to worry about being harassed when you're walking somewhere, or travelling on public transport, regardless of the time or your gender. Whilst it's always best to err on the side of caution, the Gold Coast is an extremely safe place to live.

Amusement & theme parks

The Gold Coast is the fun capital of Australia! The city boasts a bunch of theme parks like Warner Brothers Movie World, Sea World and Dreamworld, which you won't find anywhere else in the country. All of these parks have different discount rates for students, and yearly passes, so you can visit them all and never be bored.

Job opportunities

Great news! The hospitality and tourism industries are booming on the Gold Coast. Due to the city being a high tourism activity area, there's an abundance of hotels, bars and restaurants, that are all willing to hire international students. Cities like Melbourne and Sydney may not have as many options as the sunny Gold Coast.

Beaches

The Gold Coast is basically just one long stretch of sandy beaches. The beach and surf lifestyle really influences the nature of the locals. Everyone is relaxed and always ready for a dip, especially with all that sunshine state sun.

Work on the GOLD COAST

The Gold Coast is possibly one of the fastest-growing cities in Queensland with a diversified population, a lot of attractions and things to do, a beautiful climate and the combination of amazing work opportunities with the kind of lifestyle few cities have.

There are lots of work opportunities on the Gold Coast, especially in hospitality and tourism. The Gold Coast is possibly one of the most touristic regions in Queensland. Lots of travellers visit each year and come and go from the Coast to experience what it has to offer. You'll find lots of job vacancies in restaurants, bars and cafes.

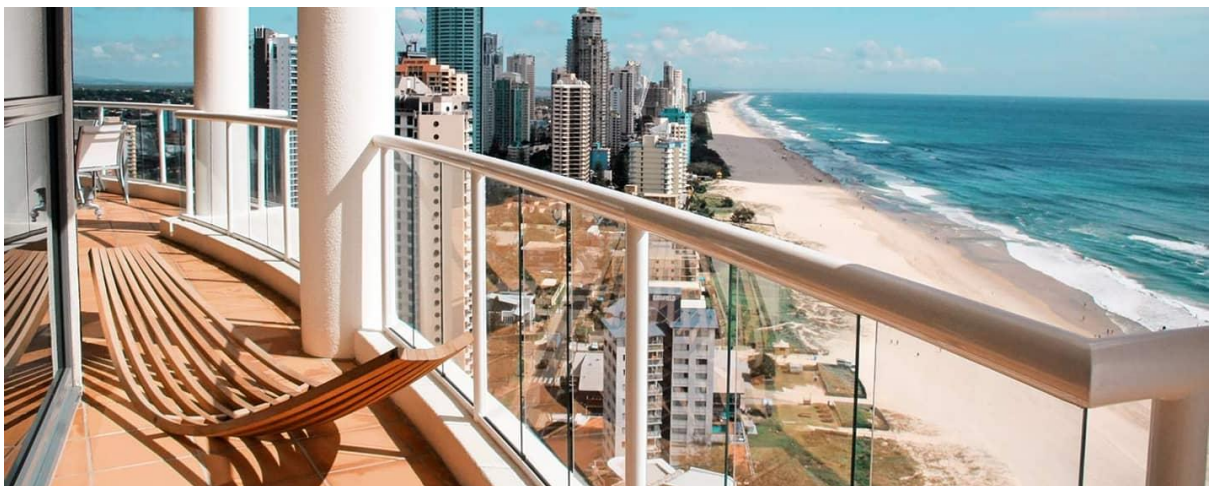


Live on the gold coast

COST OF LIVING

Great news! The Gold Coast is an affordable city, especially when comparing it to its capital city counterparts like Sydney and Melbourne. However, it's still recommended that you budget smart with your money. In general, a year in Australia will cost you around the \$21,000 mark to cover all living expenses. We've listed the average prices (in AUD) for things below.

- *Accommodation*: \$70-\$400 per week (depending on your living situation)
- *Food/Groceries*: \$50-\$150 per week
- *Gas/Electricity*: \$50 per week
- *Public Transport*: \$10-\$40 per week
- *Entertainment*: \$50-\$200 per week
- *Mobile Phone*: \$30-\$80 per month
- *Wireless Internet*: \$20 -\$50 per week



Getting around

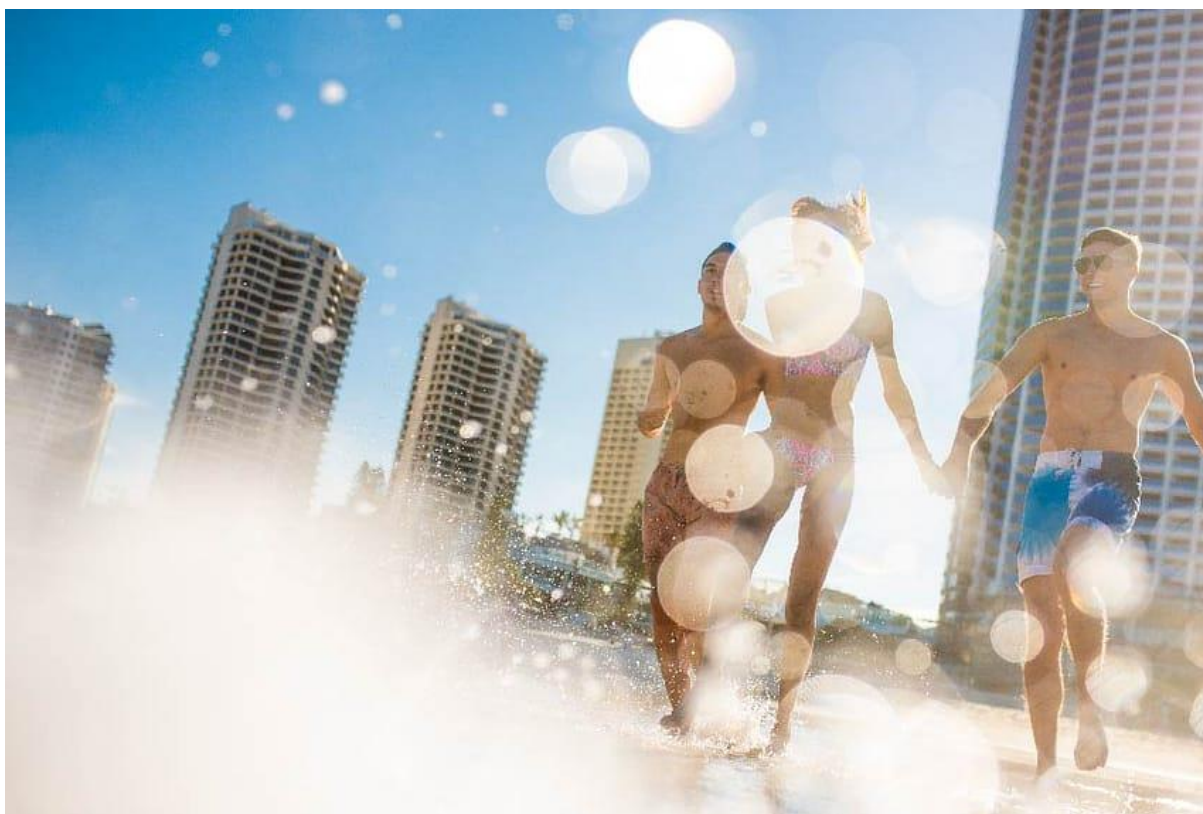
The Gold Coast's public transport is reliable, and you'll need it! Getting around on foot isn't as easy to do in the GC as it is in other city centres, so it's good to have knowledge about how the system works. Driving is a great option for your daily commute.

- Trams
- Buses
- Trains
- Driving
- Go Card



Accommodation

There are a bunch of options to choose from when deciding where you want to live on the Gold Coast, but we suggest you plan ahead with your accommodation. Where you stay depends on how much you want to spend, and what kind of living arrangement best suits you.



Best Places to Live on the Gold Coast

The Gold Coast is one of the most exciting Australian cities to live in; from the sandy beaches to the endless job opportunities. It can be hard to make a decision about where to live, but fear not! We've made a guide to some of the most student-friendly suburbs in the area to help you choose.

Broadbeach

Broadbeach is a vibrant mix of inner-city retail lifestyle and Aussie surf culture. This one-of-a-kind vibe has people flocking from all over the world to visit, and it can be one of the most exciting places to live in Australia. If you need some retail therapy, Broadbeach is the place to do it; between their incredible Pacific Fair shopping centre with over 400 stores and various designer and local boutique brands lining the suburbs, you'll be able to shop "til you drop". The area is home to other major attractions, such as gorgeous beaches and the Star Casino, which makes its nightlife remarkable. Young professionals and students populate the area, and you'll only be 15 minutes from the city centre.

Surfers paradise

Surfers Paradise is the party suburb on the Gold Coast. The nightlife is incredible, which draws large crowds of backpackers and young people. There's an abundance of clubs, pubs and bars, as well as a thriving dining scene, so you'll never be short of somewhere to go out. If the hustle and bustle of the nightlife get the overwhelming,

head down to Surfers Paradise Beach. It's the perfect spot to learn to surf, take a relaxing swim in the ocean, or simply soak up the sun from the sand. This fun boasting suburb is only 10 minutes away from the Gold Coast's city centre, so you'll always be right in the middle of the action and your commute to work and uni will be fast.

Robina

Robina is a vibrant town with a little bit of everything! Sports, shopping and convenience are all major draw cards for the suburb. The area is perfect for students, as Robina is generally known as the Gold Coast's "education precinct". There are plenty of students around as some of the country's best vocational education institutions and universities call it home. Locals love to boast about the sports culture, which isn't beach reliant. The area is home to an abundance of golf courses, and rugby grounds and has even hosted the Commonwealth Games.

Southport

Southport is a vibrant mix of businesses, high-rise apartments and quiet beach suburb streets; perfect to suit any lifestyle you're after in the land down under. This attributes to the eclectic mix of people in the area, however, the suburb is home to a majority of young professionals and students looking for a slightly cheaper area to live in. Southport is in a convenient location, just five minutes from the nightlife and surfing provided by Surfers Paradise and an easy commute to the neighbouring city centre of Brisbane. The community vibe that the area provides is extremely welcoming to international students. Southport is perfect if you're looking for a cheap and convenient place to live on the Gold Coast.

Main beach

Main Beach didn't get its name by chance. When the area was developing, and to this day, it is known as the beach that surfers enjoy the most on the Gold Coast. **Surf culture** is huge across the entire city, even across most of Australia, but if you're a keen surfer, or would love to learn, Main Beach is the place to do it. If you've tired yourself out at the beach, you can head to Tedder Avenue for some retail therapy, or if you fancy a drink, the vibrant nightlife of Surfers Paradise is within walking distance from your Main Beach home. Due to the area having a bit of everything from beaches, to shopping, to nightlife, there's a decent mix of people, which of course includes students. You can have it all in Main Beach.

VI. Relocating to the Gold Coast? Here's 10 steps to a smooth move

Crossing borders or not, moving house is complicated (take it from someone who's moved to the house literally next door).



We spend a lot of time helping our clients with moving to the Gold Coast from southern states (Sydney and Melbourne dwellers mostly), and we haven't met someone who regrets the move yet. I've summarised the top 10 things you should thinking about before you make the decision to move to the Gold Coast.

Where is the Gold Coast?

Ok so first, let's get clear about where the Gold Coast is. The Gold Coast stretches from the New South Wales border nearly all the way up to Brisbane. Due to its proximity to the ocean, beaches, and other attractions, the Gold Coast has become a **popular vacation destination** for millions of people every year.

Surfers Paradise, Broadbeach, Main Beach, Sanctuary Cove, Coolangatta, and Burleigh Heads are among the most popular destinations. Mount Tamborine, Lamington National Park, and Springbrook National Park are among the Gold Coast Hinterland's most-visited national parks.

What to Consider Before Moving to the Gold Coast

We do believe that a planned move is a good move – so apart from finding the ultimate family home (we can help you with that), we've summarised the top 10 things you should think about before you move and live on the Gold Coast.

01 – Lifestyle

There's a good chance this is the reason you thought about moving from Sydney to Gold Coast in the first place. Keeping in mind what is possible with life's commitments, think about **what type of lifestyle you want**. How can you support that by relocating to the Gold Coast?

02 – Affordability

Consider the price differences in housing and basic living expenses – food, gas, electricity, and water. You also have to think about transport, including fuel prices, education and how you'll pay for world-class universities.

If you like to unwind after a long day of work, will you be able to afford things like restaurants, shopping centres, entertainment like sea world, theme parks, national parks, and other sporting activities?

03 – Location

Where are you going to live? What do you need to be close to when living on the Gold Coast?

To make the moving process hassle-free, weigh up the distance from places you need to be with places you want to be. If you surf in Surfers paradise every morning, then maybe a half-hour commute is worth the hassle. But if you only want to visit the stunning beaches for Gold Coast stretches on weekends, maybe a 10-minute tram ride each weekday morning is the better option in Labrador.



04 – Income

Where are you going to work? Can you get a transfer? Will your business survive a move interstate, and what will the downtime be?

05 – Timing

When's the best time to buy, start the kids at a new school, take time off work to relocate, or acclimatise?

06 – Budget

House prices aside, **how much is it going to cost you** to actually do the move to the Gold Coast? I'm talking about factoring in those other – less obvious – costs.

07 – Education

For buyers who have, or want kids, researching the schools in your new area (or finding a house close to private schools) is **incredibly important**. This also applies to daycare centres, TAFEs, and universities.

08 – Life Admin

AKA all the paperwork that you're going to have to do as part of the move, driver's licenses, mail redirection, you get where I'm going with this. Unless you're planning to smuggle apples into Tasmania, crossing state borders is pretty easy. You might not even notice when you cross the border from NSW to South East Queensland.

09 – Networks

Making social and professional connections **can take time**, even when you've lived somewhere before. People change, move away, find relationships, have kids, and the list goes on. This is the same for kids, even when they have ready-made networks at school.

10 – Family

How will moving from your current location to the Gold Coast affect your family relationships? On the plus side, you may be moving closer and renewing relationships.

If you're moving further away, you may need to think a bit longer term. Are your parents likely to need living assistance in a few years? Will any kids you have, have the opportunity to know cousins and their extended family if you move away?

CONCLUSION

Settling in the Gold Coast is about more than just relocating—it's about building a new chapter surrounded by natural beauty and endless opportunities. With the right preparation and knowledge, you can easily adapt, thrive and make the most of your life in this dynamic coastal city.

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