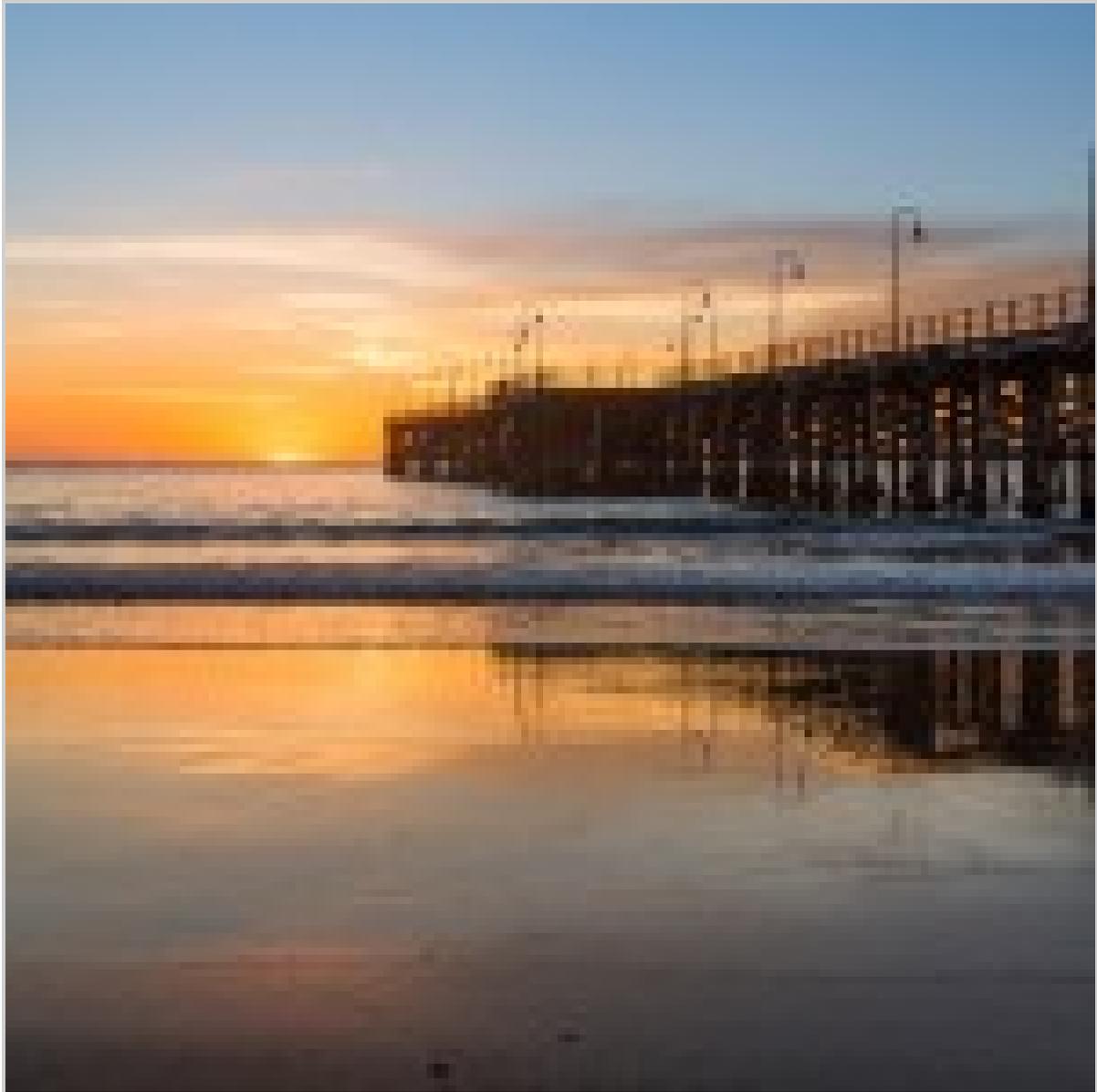


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## How to reach Coffs Harbour

**Reach by Air:** The nearest international airport to Coffs Harbour is the Gold Coast Airport, Australia. It is a distance of three and a half hours via the Pacific Highway and the Pacific Motorway.

**Reach by Train:** There is a train station on the south of Coffs Harbour to which Countrylink trains ply regularly from Sydney. The train travels through Central Coast, Newcastle and Kempsey before arriving at Coffs Harbour. The ride is scenic enough so that a passenger does not mind the nine long hours spent on the train. Several trains run between Sydney and Brisbane at different hours, making their stop at Coffs Harbour on the way.

**Reach by Bus:** Greyhound and Premier coaches ply regularly between Brisbane and Sydney, making a midway stop at Coffs Harbour.

## Best time to visit Coffs Harbour

The warmest month in Coffs Harbour is January and the coolest month is July. However January also sees a lot of rainfall. In fact, the summer months of January to June see a lot of rainfall. A visit in September is ideal since it is the driest month. The weather too is not too cold.

## Accommodation near Coffs Harbour

Accommodation facilities are mainly spread around two areas- near the beaches- mainly Park Beach, and near the Pacific Highway. While the hotels on the Park Beach promise great views while the ones near the highway offer cheaper rates and easy accessibility to the road. Visitors can choose from a wide range of accommodation that include guesthouses, country retreats, resorts and hotels. They can choose to stay near the city center, the beach or in a rural hinterland setting. Caravan parks are also a popular choice. Park Beach Holiday Park, North Coast Holiday Parks and the Banana Coast Caravan Park offer some great caravan sites for families as well as groups.

## Facts about Coffs Harbour

The original name of Coffs Harbour was Korff's Harbour- after John Korff- who took shelter here in 1847. The name was later changed to Coff's Harbour by land surveyors.

The Coffs Harbour Regional Airport is one of the largest and busiest regional airports in New South Wales.

It is the only place in New South Wales, where the Great Dividing Range meets the Pacific Ocean.

The Big Banana received close to 150,000 visitors in 2014.

Hollywood actor, Russell Crowe has a 791-acre cattle farm in Nana Glen, near Coffs Harbour. He has even paid for the construction of a swimming pool for students in Nana Glen.

### Travel Tips

The sun here is strong enough to cause serious damage to the skin unless proper protection is taken. So, wear sunglasses with UV protection, long- sleeved clothes and apply lots of sunscreen with SPF at short intervals.

Coffs Harbour has several beaches. Swimming is advisable at the patrolled beaches only. Swim between the red and yellow flags for safety.

Anyone interested in painting can try meeting the famous painter Robert Bosler. His new premises are on the Park Beach Road.

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