

Fraser Island Travel Information



Fraser Island in Queensland, Australia, is renowned for its rainforests, creeks, lakes, fishing, spectacular natural beauty and wildlife, which includes dingos and native birds. Aboriginies called the island *K'gari* which translates as 'Paradise'.

The island features splendid sand dune systems, rainforests on sand, and beautiful freshwater lakes. The island is a true natural wonder as even though it is surrounded by salt water, it boasts of 100 freshwater lakes. Lake MacKenzie and Lake Wabby are two of the most visited lakes. One of the specialties of the place is that it is the only sand island on Earth that houses rainforests, nestling a wide spectrum of indigenous flora and fauna.

Fraser Island Attractions

Central Station that served as a forestry station from 1920 to 1959, exhibits things of

historical and ecological significance. As the place also served as the main quarters of the loggers, it is envired by pine trees which are not native, but were planted by the loggers. **Champagne Pools** are located in the north of Indian Head. These rock pools are a secure place to plunge in sea water. The pools got their name from the froth that originates when the water from the sea crashes against the rocks.

Eli Creek is a freshwater brook midway along the main beach. You can walk with the slow current or float in the water of the creek.

Indian Head is a rock outcrop located at the northern end of the main beach. You can climb up for a view of the ocean and locate rays, sharks, turtles and dolphins.

Maheno shipwreck can be seen at a distance of a few km north of Eli Creek. The ship was once one of the fastest ships in the world. In 1935 when this passenger steamer was being taken to Japan for scrapping a storm pushed it ashore.

The Pinnacles or *Colored Sands* are located around 5 km north of Maheno Shipwreck. These cliffs made of sandstone show different hues of crimson color.

There is also no dearth of activities on the island. Here you can opt for several activities that include whale watching, fishing, swimming, sailing, surfing, parasailing, kayaking and snorkeling.

There are several tour operators that are based in the city of Hervey Bay who offer guided tours across the major attractions of the island. As far as accommodation is concerned, resorts, hotels and villas are available. But then, the lodging options are limited, and it will be advisable for you to book your rooms in advance. Check out hotels & resorts near the island, visit [Fraser Island Accommodation](#)

Where is Fraser Island?

Fraser island is located along the southern coast of Queensland, Australia. Brisbane International Airport is located at a distance of around 146.2 miles from the island. It takes around three and a half hours by car to reach the island from north of Brisbane. You may choose to fly from Brisbane International Airport to Fraser Island airport, located at a distance of 20 miles from the island. You can hire a taxi from the airport to reach Hervey Bay, from where vehicle ferries connect Fraser Island with River Heads.

Location map of Fraser Island

Best time to visit

Spring and summer months are the best time to visit Fraser Island as the temperatures are warm making the freshwater lakes suitable for swimming. The island is frequented by local Aussies during the Christmas holiday season and September school holidays.

Interesting facts about Fraser Island

Fraser island is the world's largest sand island.

The island is 123 km in length and spreads over an area of 184,000 hectares.

Captain James Cook discovered Fraser Island in 1770.

The island has approximately 230 species of bird life.

Fraser Island was designated a World Heritage site in December 1992.

Lake Boomanjin sweeping over an area of 190 hectares is the largest lake of the island.

Nearby Attractions : Hervey Bay Caravan Park, and Hervey Bay Historical Village and Museum.

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