

Highlights

- Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park
- Feed Koalas at Macquarie Reserve
- See the home of the Big Banana
- Follow the Dolphins at Nelson Bay
- Relax in Byron Bay
- Northern New South Wales coastal towns of Lennox Head & Brunswick Heads

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Drive Distance Guide

	Drive Distance (Kms)	Travel Time
Sydney to Lake Macquarie (Day 1)	130 kms	1 hr 45m
Lake Macquarie to Nelson Bay (Day 2)	100 kms	1 hr 30m
Nelson Bay to Pt Macquarie (Day 3)	260 kms	3 hrs 30m
Pt Macquarie to Coffs Hbr (Day 4)	162 kms	2 hrs 30m
Coffs Hbr to Evans Head (Day 5)	183 kms	2 hrs 30m
Evans Head to Byron Bay (Day 6)	85 kms	1 hr 20m
Byron Bay to Brisbane (Day 7)	165 km	2 hrs 30m
TOTAL	1085 kms	15 hrs 35m

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Touring Itinerary

BRITZ PACIFIC PATHFINDER

Start: Sydney
Finish: Brisbane
Duration: 7 days
Total Distance: 1085 kms



Campervan, 4WD & Car Rentals

Your itinerary:

Day 1: Sydney to Lake Macquarie

Head north, the first stop is the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, one of New South Wales best National Parks (especially stunning during the wildflower season). If you're feeling a bit hungry and it's a Sunday, why not stop at the Australian Reptile Zoo (Pacific Highway, Somersby) where you can join Eric the crocodile, for a sausage sizzle? A little further north is the coastal town of The Entrance, where the pelicans that flock around the town get an official feeding every afternoon. Next is Lake Macquarie, Australia's largest permanent coastal saltwater lake which measures a whopping four times the size of Sydney Harbour.

Day 2: Lake Macquarie to Nelson Bay

On your journey to Nelson Bay stop at Newcastle, Australia's second oldest and sixth largest city. Take a walk around the chic harbour front markets, to the five kilometre Bather's Way coastal walk where you can see world famous beaches such as Mereweather and Blacksmiths.

If its water activities you're after, you will love Nelson Bay, where you can fish, scuba dive, and explore the untamed natural wilderness and extensive sand dunes of Stockton Beach. Nelson Bay is also home of the Port Stephens fishing fleet and a departure point for dolphin watch cruises.

Day 3: Nelson Bay to Port Macquarie

Port Macquarie was established as a penal settlement in 1818. For a taste of convict life visit the Port Macquarie Museum (Clarence Street, Port Macquarie), built in 1836 using convict bricks and labour.

Take a camel ride along the beach near Port Macquarie and experience the magnificent beaches from a very different point of view!

Day 4: Port Macquarie to Coffs Harbour

Before heading off, drop into the Koala Hospital in Macquarie Nature Reserve, who rescue over 200 koalas a year. The Hospital conducts hand feeding every morning at around 8am. Confirm details at the local information centre.

Coffs Harbour is one of the largest regional cities in New South Wales, which also happens to be the biggest producer of bananas, and, of course, is home of the Big Banana (free entry)!

Day 5: Coffs Harbour to Evans Head

About 20 minutes north of Coffs Harbour is the little coastal town of Woolgoolga, where you can grab a true Aussie hamburger from Woopi Takeaway. Take your burger up to the headland, pull out a blanket and enjoy the 360 degree views.

After a couple of hours drive through the sub-tropical forest you will arrive at the quiet seaside resort of Evans Head, fantastic for surfing, fishing, and most importantly, relaxing on the uncrowded, long sandy beaches. Make sure you head to Razorback Lookout, that offers panoramic views of the area. On a clear day look to the north and see if you can spot the Cape Byron Lighthouse!

Day 6: Evans Head to Byron Bay

Continuing towards Byron Bay, take a quick break at Lennox Head and submerge yourself in the waterfall at Kitten Falls, and don't forget to visit the Macadamia Castle at Knockrow 15 kilometres north of Ballina for all your Macadamia nut needs.

Byron Bay needs no introduction – top of the list of things to do is experience sunrise at Cape Byron lighthouse then soak up the vibe at The Buddha Bar & Restaurant, in the famous Old Piggery building.

Day 7: Byron Bay to Brisbane

For some 'soul food', take a detour out to Nimbin (approximately 55 kilometres from Byron Bay). In 1973 the town became the focus of national attention with the now famous Aquarius Festival.

Out of this a new, alternative community was born. Visitors are treated to a glimpse of the 'Spirit of Aquarius' in the main street, with its colourful facade and psychedelic murals.

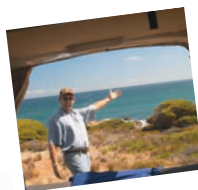
Continue north to the border towns of Tweed/Coolangatta where you can lap up the Gold Coast surf beaches in all their glory and discover the trendy lifestyle in the beach cafes and restaurants. Back onto the highway for the final short trip to Brisbane.

Best photo spots:

- Nature photos in Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park (especially during the wildflower season)
- The Big Banana, Coffs Harbour
- Snap a few convict relics at Port Macquarie Museum
- Cape Byron Lighthouse - Australia's most easterly point



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