



travel for good

You know it for its picture-perfect beaches and lush hinterland, but did you know Noosa has serious cred on the eco-tourism front?

In this landscape of extraordinary beauty, you'll find a solar-powered ceramic studio, restaurants getting creative with food waste and five-star luxury sans the single-use plastic. That means you can hike the UNESCO-recognised Noosa Biosphere Reserve, kayak the Noosa Everglades or laze by the seaside - where the only footprints you leave behind will be in the sand.

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EAT

LANAI

An elegant lunch with a view of the Noosa River? Don't mind if we do! The clever folk behind the pass create magic with sustainably sourced seafood and locally crafted artisan products. Native ingredients are blended with exotic influences, a theme that runs throughout the entire menu, from oysters served with a lemon-myrtle ponzu to a brûlée Basque cheesecake with sherry and wattleseed. Dress up, kick back with a chilli margarita and enjoy a spot of coastal bliss.

lanainoosa.com.au



LOCALE

Linger longer over dinner at this Italian-inspired eatery nestled in lush gardens just steps away from the golden sands of Noosa Main Beach. Think hand-made pasta, fresh seafood and tempting antipasti, seasonally inspired and made with traditional Italian produce sourced fresh from Maravista Farm in the Noosa Hinterland. Food waste goes back to the farm to be transformed into compost, closing the farm-to-plate circle.

localenoosa.com.au



SUNSHINE SOCIAL

Sun's out, mug's out! Fill yours with a sustainably sourced brew from this community-minded roastery and café. Sunshine Social partners with Pottery for the Planet to offer a "mug library", reducing the need for single-use cups. Good coffee made even better!

sunshinesocialco.com.au

slow food noosa

Part of a global grassroots movement, Slow Food Noosa connects the joy of good food with a dedication to the community and the environment. In 2017, organisers introduced the "Snail of Approval" program, which celebrates producers and restaurants that use local, ethically sourced ingredients. Look out for food education events like Farm Trails - a perfect way to explore the region and meet the farmers!

slowfoodnoosa.com.au



LUCIOS MARINA

Matteo Galletto's family have been in the business of feeding people for generations! At Lucio's Marina, he and his wife, Dieuwke, combine quality local seafood with the cooking traditions of northern Italy to create tastebud-tempting dishes.

luciosmarina.com

STAY

RACV NOOSA RESORT

Stylish rooms, poolside dining and relaxed, family-friendly facilities... No wonder RACV Noosa Resort was awarded People's Choice for four years running at the Queensland Tourism Awards. It was also awarded Best Commercial Building Energy Efficiency Project by the Energy Efficiency Council in 2020 for efforts to reduce the resort's energy consumption.

Partnering with Plastic Free Noosa, RACV Noosa Resort has eliminated plastic straws, non-recyclable coffee cups and water bottles, replacing them with fully compostable products and other alternatives. Just a few minutes' drive from the region's iconic beaches and the vibrant hub of Hastings Street, it's the perfect escape for those with tiny tackers in tow.

racv.com.au



ADVENTURE TRIBE

If lazing poolside is not your vibe, get in touch with Adventure Tribe, an eco-friendly bunch that are all about holidaying your way – with a side of conservation. Whether you're into hiking, camping, abseiling, climbing, surfing or mountain biking, with a group or flying solo, your outdoor experience will support local wildlife initiatives and take your breath away at the same time. (We might catch you napping at the pool after...)

outdooradventureaustralia.com

tread lightly

Careful with your carbon footprint? Tread Lightly is a nifty program that offers visitors various ways to help offset the impact of their travels in the Noosa region. The initiative also includes beach, creek and riverside clean-ups, plus the chance to win over the local koala population by planting a tree on the Noosa Biosphere Trail. Homesick gardeners can don gloves and get involved in a bit of bush care. It's a great way to give back.

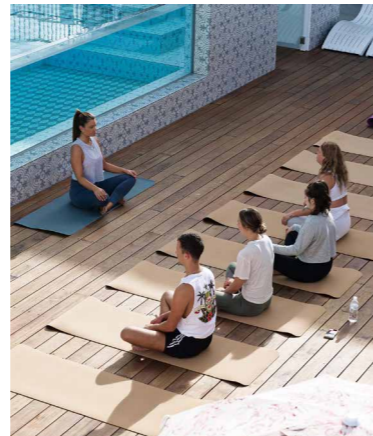
visitnoosa.com.au/tread-lightly



SOFITEL NOOSA PACIFIC RESORT

With Sustainable Tourism Certification from Ecotourism Australia, Sofitel Noosa Pacific Resort gives guests – and the planet – the five-star treatment. Be pampered in the Aqua Day Spa then dine at the award-winning Noosa Beach House, where the menu highlights local suppliers. Indulge in the mini-bar (sans single-use plastics), sip from in-room reusable water bottles and then wash away the salt and sea using your room's refillable shower products.

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BOUNCE NOOSA

One for adventurers! Bounce is all about effortless, beach club-style relaxation; a home base where you can put your feet up after a long day's play. Join in the weekly yoga classes, national park walks, wine and cheese nights and a Thursday run club to connect with active like-minded souls.

staybounce.com



KANU KAPERS

Glide along the Noosa Everglades' enchanting waterways on custom-designed sea kayaks. Passionate about caring for this delicate ecosystem bursting with unique flora and fauna, Kanu Kapers offset their carbon footprint by supporting local legends The Koala Crusaders in their conservation efforts.

kanukapersaustralia.com



POTTERY FOR THE PLANET

Steadfast in their mission to change single-use culture, Pottery for the Planet is all about unique, handmade designs and choosing to reuse. Famed for their gorgeously glazed travel cups, which launched in 2016, the Noosa-based Ceramic Studio now has solar-fired cups and a wide range of stunning homewares and portable pottery items. Take a tour to browse the vibrant showroom (perfect for picking up gifts), chat with a potter and learn more about the making process.

potteryfortheplanet.com

plastic-free noosa

Ditch the p-word! Noosa is leading the charge to become the first plastic-free community in Australia. Top of the naughty list: single-use water bottles and coffee cups. An initiative of Tourism Noosa and Council, Plastic Free Noosa provides resources and directories, and also runs events, to help businesses, residents and visitors kick trashy plastics to the kerb. So, if you wanna look like a local, get yourself a reusable coffee cup (see: Pottery for the Planet, left).

plasticfreenoosa.org

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