

Byron Bay - Australia



information for international students

□ FACTS & FIGURES

Byron Bay is a town of more than ten thousand people on the east coast of Australia. It is a beach-side town in a beautiful subtropical rural area. A popular tourist destination, the town has all major facilities: a hospital, cinema, supermarket, cosmopolitan shopping, and restaurants, as well as a thriving alternative health industry. The Yoga Mind studio is, close to town and to the beach. If you live centrally, a car is not necessary. Many students ride push bikes. The sub-tropical climate covers a range of conditions. The average summer temperature is 27°C (84° F) and winter's average is 22° C (74° F) although it can get quite a bit cooler at night. There are also periods of heavy rainfall, especially in summer. The area has a total annual rainfall of 1734cm! These websites provide information about Byron Bay and the surrounding area: Byron Guide www.bayweb.com.au Byron Shire Echo (local newspaper) www.echo.net.au and www.byronbaynow.com

□ ACCOMMODATION

Rental accommodation in Byron is not difficult to come by. A room in a house can cost from A\$100 to \$150 a week. If you are on line, you could check out the classifieds in the local paper The Echo – their on-line version can be found at www.echo.net.au. You might also look at www.byronbay.com and www.byronbayaccom.net. We suggest you allow at least two weeks to find permanent accommodation.

□ COST OF LIVING Prices in Byron are comparable to elsewhere in Australia. A guide to local prices: a litre of milk costs \$1.50; a loaf of bread \$2.50; a litre of petrol approx \$1.40 a cup of coffee \$3.00

□ CURRENCY EXCHANGE All prices quoted are in Australian dollars. Please visit one of the following websites for up-to-date information on exchange rates:
www.oanda.com www.x-rates.com www.xe.com

Transport Services directory:

Planes, trains and automobiles

Blanches Local Bus Services, 6686 2144

Byron Bay Taxis, 6685 6497

Byron Bay Railway Station, Daily to and from Byron Bay, 6685 5002

Kirkland's Coaches, Daily to and from Byron Bay, 6622 1499

Virgin Airlines, 13 67 89, www.virgin.com.au
Qantas Airlines, 13 13 13, www.qantas.com.au
Rex Airlines, 13 17 13, www.rex.com.au
Brisbane Xpress Airport Transfer, 1800 626 222, 07 3323 3543
Byron Bay International Airporter, 02 6685 7447
Coolangatta Shuttle, 0414 608 660
Ballina Airlink Shuttle, 02 6684 3232
Wicked Travel 89 Jonson St, 6680 9594

Where to enjoy good food:

Fresh, Jonson St, 6685 7810
Byronian Cafe, Jonson St, 6685 6754
The Pass Cafe, On Cape walking trail, 6685 6074
Sushi Wave, Byron Pier, 7 Lawson St, 6680 9044
Supernatural Food, Vegetarian Restaurant, Skinners Shoot Rd, 6685 5833
Fishmongers, Bay Lane, 6680 8080
Café Viva, Carlyle St, 6685 7871
Espresso Head, Woolworths carpark, 6680 9783
Fundamental Food Store, Vegetarian cafe, Jonson St, 6685 6429
Byron Juice Bar, Jonson St, 6680 7780
Orgasmic Falafel Bar, Bay Lane, 6680 7778
Oz bakehouse, Johnson St (opposite Woolies) 66857717

Where to buy organic fresh and bulk foods:

Fundamental Food Store, Jonson St, 66 856 429
Santos Trading, Jonson St, opposite Woollies, 6685 7071
Local papers, magazines and guides
Byron Shire Echo, 6685 5222, editor@echo.net.au, www.echo.net.au
Byron Body & Soul Guide, 6685 9829, bodysoul@linknet.com.au
Byron Guide, 6685 9829
Here & Now, 6685 9829, herenow@linknet.com.au

Where to find a house for rent:

www.byronbay.com
www.byronbayaccom.net
See 'To Let' section in Byron Shire Echo, 6684 1777, www.echo.net.au
Elders, 15 Fletcher St, 6685 6222
LJ Hooker, 13 Lawson St, 6685 7300
First National, 15 Lawson St, 6685 8466, www.byronbayfn.com.au
Professionals, Crner Lawson and Fletcher, 6685 6552
Ed Silk Real Estate, Lawson St, 6685 7000, www.edsilk.com.au
Ray White Real Estate, 52 Jonson St, 6685 6588
www.raywhite.net/nsw/byronbay, byronbay.nsw@raywhite.net
A1 Accommodation, 6685 7523, a1@norex.com.au, www.a1accommodation.com.au

Where to find a room for rent or temporary accommodation:

See 'Share Accommodation' section in Byron Shire Echo, 6684 1777,
www.echo.net.au
Byronís Largest Accommodation Booking Service,
Upstairs, WestpacBuilding, 02 6680 8666

The Arts Factory, Skinners Shoot Rd, 6685 7709, www.artsfactory.com.au
Belongil Beachhouse, Childe St, Belongil, 6685 7868,
www.belongilbeachhouse.com
Arcadia Guest House, 48 Cowper St, 6680 8699, www.studioplus.com.au
J's Bay Hostel, 7 Carlyle St, 6685 8853
Outrigger Bay Apartments, Shirley St, 6685 8646
Byron Bayside Apartments, 14 Middleton St, 6685 6004
Aquarius backpackers, 16 Lawson St, 1800 028909
Backpacker Holiday village, 1 Carlyle St, 6685 8311
Byron bunkhouse, 116 Johnson St, 6685 8311

Entertainment:

Movie Houses:

Pighthouse Flicks Cinema, Skinners Shoot Rd, Movieline: 6685 5828
Ballina Fair Cinemas, Movieline: 6686 9091
Byron Cinemas, Jonson St, 6680 8555

Markets:

Byron Bay Markets, 1st Sunday - monthly, 6680 9703
Bangalow Market, 4th Sunday - monthly, 6687 1911
Mullumbimby Markets, 3rd Sunday - monthly, 6684 3370
Channon Markets, 2nd Sunday - monthly, 6688 6433

Internet Access:

Peterpan Internet, Cnr Jonson & Marvel St, 1800-252-459
Global Gossip, 84 Jonson St, (Bus terminal) 6680 9140
Wizard Lounge, Spin Record Bar, Shop 9, The Plaza, Jonson St, 6680 7277
Sound Waves, 58 Jonson Street, 6685 6762
Backpackers World, Shop 6, Byron St, 66 858 858

Other Services:

Byron Bay Library, Cnr Fletcher & Lawson, Byron Bay, 6685 8540
Centrelink, 6 Byron St, Byron Bay, 13 10 21
Community Services, 106-108 Tamar St, Ballina, 66 866 699
Immigration & Multicultural, Affairs, PO Box 482, Newcastle, NSW 2300,
1318 81
Community Centre, 18 Fletcher St, Byron Bay, 66 856 807
Byron Visitor Centre, Railway & Bus Stop, 66 809 271
Cape Byron Reserve Trust, 66 858 565, www.capebyronreserve.ws.au

Doctors' surgeries:

Bay Medical Centre, 6 Lawson St, Byron Bay, 6685 6206
Byron Health & Medical Centre, 20 Bangalow Rd, Byron Bay, 6685 7222
Argyle Medical Centre, 1 Argyle st, Mullumbimby, 6684 3531
Community Health Centre, Shirley St, Byron Bay, 6685 6254
Cape Byron Medical Centre, Shirley St, Byron Bay, 6685 6326

