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Port Stephens 2 days – 1 Night

From sublime natural beauty to freshly caught seafood, Port Stephens is a wonderful beach escape on a sparkling blue bay. Relax on beautiful sandy beaches, meet the resident bottlenose dolphins, enjoy fun water sports, explore giant sand dunes and savour delicious waterfront places to eat.

Day 1: Sydney to Port Stephens

2 h 30 min (178.6 km) via M1

Morning

- Depart Sydney for the picturesque Port Stephens.
- Experience the much-loved Australian exotic animals. Stop in at **Oakvale Farm and Fauna World**, pat a koala, hand feed a kangaroo, milk a cow, see the Tasmanian devils and watch a range of reptiles. Get up close and personal with a range of native and farm animals.
- Make your way to the **Worimi Sand Dunes**. The beautiful sandscape is forever changing. Created thousands of years ago, the largest moving coastal dunes in the Southern Hemisphere are once in a lifetime experience spectacular. Tours such as sandboarding, camel riding or **Quad Biking with Sand Dune Adventures** are an experience you will never forget.

Lunch

- Boasting a picture-perfect view, clear turquoise water and an endless sandy beach, you will not find a more stunning location in Port Stephens than **Crest Birubi Beach**. The sun soaked outdoor area, bright coloured furnishings and a modern menu that is all about simple fresh food makes for a relaxed dining experience.

Afternoon

- Continue your journey into Nelson Bay and explore the surrounding neighbourhoods.
- Just east of Nelson Bay, the tiny promontory of Fly Point is an aquatic reserve with prolific marine life. The diving and snorkelling here is exceptional.

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- At Nelson Head sits the Inner Lighthouse, dating from 1872 but still operating and classified by the National Trust. Visit the museum or just enjoy the scones and view.
- Visit Gan Gan lookout with views overlooking Port Stephens as far as Broughton Island and Newcastle.
- Whatever your taste or budget, you'll be sure to find an option to suit your needs in Port Stephens. From hotels, apartments, clamping tents and cabins to ocean-view accommodation properties with gorgeous swimming pools, spas and award-winning restaurants are just few of the options. Stay overnight in a self-contained cabin at **The Retreat Port Stephens**, in the heart of Nelson Bay at the **Hotel Nelson** or enjoy the stylish boutique accommodation at **Bannisters Port Stephens** or luxury at the **Anchorage Port Stephens**.

Day 2: Port Stephens to Sydney

2 h 30 min (178.6 km) via M1

Morning

- Start your day with an early morning **kayak or stand up paddle board**. You may be lucky and see a dolphin or two.
- Experience nature at its best. **Join Moonshadow-TQC for a dolphin watch cruise**. With over 140 bottlenose dolphins calling Port Stephens home, it's no wonder these friendly locals are sighted so often.

Lunch

- **The Terrace Bar at Bannisters Port Stephens** is the perfect way to kick back and relax. Barefoot luxury and casual dining by the pool is the Terrace Bar vibe with a delicious range of fused Mediterranean and modern Australian.

Afternoon

- Time to explore the natural wonders of the area on a hike along the walking **trails and tracks**. Alternatively relax on one of the 26 beaches, stroll along the sandy shores or take a swim before making your way back to Sydney.