# PORT STEPHENS

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Just 2.5 hours drive north of Sydney

# WELCOME TO PORT STEPHENS

If you're looking for the quintessential Australian experience - look no further than Port Stephens! You'll love our slice of heaven located an easy 2.5 hour drive north from Sydney. Stunning beaches, majestic dunes, beautiful national parks - a place where you can encounter the wildlife whilst indulging in the good life with great accommodation and brilliant attractions.

# QUICK FACTS

#### LOCATION



## CLIMATE

Port Stephens weather is mild and very comfortable.

Seasonal Averages	Low°C	Low°F	High°C	High°F
Summer (Dec-Feb)	18	64.4	28	82.4
Autumn (Mar-Apr)	12	53.6	24	75.2
Winter (Jun-Aug)	9	48.2	18	64.4
Spring (Sept-Nov)	13	55.4	25	77

## HOLIDAY SEASONS

Low Season	June - August
Shoulder Season	March - May September – November
High Season	December – February March – April

#### TRAVEL INFORMATION

AIR: Just a 25-minute drive from Port Stephens is Newcastle Airport. The airport has direct flights within Australia to and from Brisbane, Melbourne, Gold Coast, Canberra, Sydney and Ballina (Byron Bay).

More Information: www.newcastleairport.com.au



Port Stephens Coaches depart daily from Sydney via Chatswood, Pymble and Hornsby to Port Stephens (including Raymond Terrace, Soldiers Point, Salamander Bay, Nelson Bay, Shoal Bay and Fingal Bay).

More Information: www.pscoaches.com.au

## RAIL

NSW Rail provides services in and out of Newcastle from all over New South Wales where you can connect with a bus service to Port Stephens.

More Information: https://transportnsw.info/

#### ROAD

Port Stephens is approximately 2.5-hour drive north from Sydney.

Approximate distances to Nelson Bay, Port Stephens:

Sydney - via M1	207km
Newcastle - via Nelson Bay Road B63	60km
Hunter Valley - via Nelson Bay Road B63	104km
Port Macquarie - via Pacific Highway A1	250km
Brisbane - via Pacific Highway A1	778km

# LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN

There's an adventure to suit everyone here in Port Stephens! Meet our friendly **resident dolphins** as you cruise around our sparkling bay that's twice the size of Sydney Harbour. Try **sandboarding**, or **quadbiking** down the 30 metre slopes of the monumental Stockton Bight sand dunes - the largest of their kind in the Southern Hemisphere. Discover the 26 pristine, white sandy beaches and bays, hike to the top of Mount Tomaree and enjoy stunning coastline views. Swim with the **wild dolphins**, take a cruise to see the magnificent **humpback whales** or paddle on a kayak or stand up board. Get up close to the local wildlife at the **native animal wildlife park** or try an interactive aquarium encounter with the **sharks and sting rays**. Your adventure awaits...

# EXPERIENCES

#### MOONSHADOW-TQC CRUISES

Our extensive fleet offers the region's largest vessels.

Dolphin Cruises: 3 Great Dolphin Watching Cruise options, there is one to suit everyone. Daily departures all year round.

Whale Cruises (May – November): Daily departures with two great Whale Watching Cruise options. Over 30,000 humpbacks pass Port Stephens. Don't miss the boat.

www.moonshadow-tqc.com.au sales@moonshadow-tqc.com.au

#### SWIM WITH THE DOLPHINS

If you are looking for a bucket list adventure, try swimming with wild dolphins and prepare yourself for a memorable, some say spiritual experience. Take a beautiful sunrise tour heading out into the open ocean to swim with pods of wild bottlenose dolphins. Unlike all other dolphin encounters, the dolphins choose to move through the open ocean just metres from you!

www.dolphinswimaustralia.com.au lesley@dolphinswimaustralia.com.au

#### SAND DUNE ADVENTURES

Sand Dune Adventures offers clients an exclusive "Cultural Quad Bike Riding" experience like no other, traversing the majestic and traditional landscape of the Worimi Sand Dunes in Port Stephens - the largest coastal moving sand mass in the Southern Hemisphere. Authentic Aboriginal culture and history, learning about the local bush foods and the secrets of finding fresh water.

www.sandduneadventures.com.au sda@worimi.org.au

#### OAKVALE WILDLIFE PARK

Oakvale Wildlife Park is set on 25 acres of natural bushland, and is home to Australian native, domestic farm and exotic animals. All guests are encouraged to embrace the opportunity to interact with the animals as they roam freely around the park.

www.oakvalewildlife.com.au leanne@oakvalewildlifepark.com.au

#### IRUKANDJI SHARK AND RAY ENCOUNTERS

Irukandji is renowned for being unique and educational with a life changing journey available for adults and children of any age. Embark on a dry tour with experienced guides or jump in for a SHARK ENCOUNTER whilst interacting and FEEDING the Sharks and Rays.

www.sharkencounters.com.au info@sharkencounters.com.au











# STAY AND PLAY

From budget adventurers on a world journey with a backpack to seasoned international travellers seeking luxury at a sensational Australian coastal getaway - Port Stephens has the accommodation style to suit your taste and budget! The range includes dormitory style for school camps, backpackers, holiday parks, glamping safari tents, cabins, self-contained apartments and holiday homes, bed & breakfasts, hotel rooms and resort style to name just a few.

#### ANCHORAGE PORT STEPHENS

Overlooking what is arguably one of the world's most beautiful ports, this idyllic, Hamptons-style resort is a haven of five-star excellence. The Anchorage offers luxurious accommodation - from spacious rooms to mezzanine-style loft suites - along with world-class Spa Lucca, heated family and adult exclusive pools, Hemingways whisky bar and two decadent dining options.

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#### **BANNISTERS PORT STEPHENS**

Surrounded by water, koala habitat and a sense of peace and seclusion, Bannisters Port Stephens embraces panoramic ocean views, simple seaside luxury and the region's fabulous produce and wines. This lovingly restored and reimagined iconic hotel has become a vibrant seaside experience befitting the impeccable menus created by celebrity chef - Rick Stein.

www.bannisters.com.au alice@bannisters.com.au

#### HOTEL NELSON

Hotel Nelson is a stylish and modern boutique style hotel in the heart of Nelson Bay. Spacious queen, family, spa suites, apartments with private balconies and filtered water views. Lounge by the heated pool, work up a sweat in the gym or de-stress in the steam room. On-site is The Little Nel cafe, which is open for breakfast and lunch, and has fast become the favourite cafe for the local residents.

www.hotelnelson.com.au hello@hotelnelson.com.au

#### THE RETREAT PORT STEPHENS

The Retreat is a family owned accommodation provider perfect for groups, schools, families, couples. The property is set on one and a half hectares and surrounded by natural bushland. Guests can enjoy a true Australian experience with the excellent onsite facilities such as self-contained cabins, covered BBQ areas, camp fires, a games room, swimming pool and great playground area for children.

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# Destination Port Stephens

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