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MAGICAL NOOSA HEADS

The Noosa Shire first gained popularity as a surfing town, a reputation that perpetuates with its consistent waves and variety of surfing breaks scattered through an unspoiled national park.

In recent years, the town of Noosa Heads has become a cosmopolitan tropical escape and is a popular destination for Australians across the country - including numerous celebrities - and a steady influx of international visitors.

With this has come premier hotels, fine dining, and boutique clothing stores, all without compromising the town's natural beauty. Great efforts have been taken to retain the untouched bushland that fringes the coastline, just a stroll from the cafés and shops at the town's heart. Hastings Street, Noosa's chic high street, traces the golden sands of Main Beach, and national chefs and superb eateries have established themselves here to provide gourmet cuisine with unbroken ocean views.

Though there is always a surfboard within view in Noosa Heads, it has come a long way from its surfer-hippy heritage, and yet Noosa has retained a certain authenticity and unabashed reverence for the waves, the ocean and the pristine environment that envelops it.

QUICK FACTS:

- Noosa lies about 2 hours north of Brisbane on the Sunshine Coast, which also has its own domestic airport
- Noosa was originally founded as a weekend getaway for inland logging communities & was only accessible by boat. The original timber hotel is still standing today
- Noosa is divided into three key areas: Noosa Heads, the Noosa River & the idyllic village of Sunshine Beach
- From March to October each year, humpback whales can be spotted along the coastline
- The Noosa Farmers' Market takes place every Sunday & is not to be missed
- A wealth of local produce is available, from wines & craft beers to cheeses, coffee & chocolate

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BISTRO C - Hastings Street

With a breathtaking view of Noosa's Laguna Bay, the talented culinary team at Bistro C has crafted each menu by drawing inspiration from the incredible local produce of the region. Award-winning dishes showcase the changing seasons in carefully-created cuisine that resonates with the flavors of land and sea. Perennial favorites include succulent steak, locally-caught fish, fresh oysters, and signature dishes such as a caramelized pork belly, a coconut chicken salad, and mouthwatering calamari that will melt in your mouth. Experience a laid-back and light-filled atmosphere serenaded by the gently-lapping waves and cool ocean breeze. Bistro C is perfect for a leisurely lunch, refreshing afternoon cocktail with sand still on your toes, or a more formal romantic dinner under the moonlight.

LOCALE - Hastings Street

Drawing heavily on Italian tradition, Locale offers a seasonally-changing menu using the best of local produce and premium imported ingredients. Surrounded by lush gardens, Locale sits in a secluded corner of Hastings Street mere steps from the golden sands of Noosa's Main Beach. A seasonal menu features handmade pasta, traditional Italian antipasti and desserts alongside an impressive selection of wines, beers and cocktails.

HERBERT - Noosa Junction

The premise of Herbert is in the impeccable creation and presentation of local sustainable produce, allowing each ingredient to shine in its own right. Conscious cuisine abounds across the menu, with numerous plant-based options and the impetus not on dietary fixation but simply on thoughtful, nutritious, yet flavorful and abundant dishes. Several courses and share plates are suggested at Herbert, allowing the menu to take you on a journey of intrigue. The combination of seemingly incompatible ingredients finds wonderful harmony and balance in every mouthful. Charred carrots are served with harissa and a savory granola, a Mexican-themed beef brisket is accompanied by a salsa verde taquera and mango, and a local king prawn masala lies on a bed of cucumber noodles drizzled in a spiced coconut immersion. Each dish is as intriguingly delicious as it is wonderfully inventive.

RICKY'S BAR & RESTAURANT - Gympie Terrace

Ricky's Bar & Restaurant encapsulates the coastal chic of the Noosa lifestyle. Ricky's stunning waterfront location on Noosa River offers uninterrupted views, gorgeous sunsets and a chic venue for a relaxed lunch or romantic dinner. The River Bar is an elegant space to unwind after a full day exploring Noosa, while the restaurant offers a chic setting for a memorable evening.

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SUMYUNG GUYS - Noosaville

The inordinately popular Sum Yung Guys is the Asian fusion creation of celebrity chef, Matt Sinclair. Drawing on Japanese, Korean, Malaysian and Thai influences, Sinclair and his passionate team create an assortment of superb dishes absolutely bursting with flavor. Selecting fine ingredients from local producers, the assortment of choice is more than enough to satisfy every diner. The vibrant, Asian-inspired venue enhances the wonderful energy brought by staff and patrons alike.

EL CAPITANO - Hastings Street

El Capitano, conveniently situated in the heart of Noosa, is a pizza lover's dream. Tucked away above the popular Café le Monde, El Capitano's nautically-inspired restaurant is relaxed yet intimate, and equally appropriate for larger parties or quiet couples. The pizzas are straight out of Italy, though with a distinct Noosa twist. The 72-hour fermented sourdough bases are hand stretched to order and topped with the finest, freshest ingredients with a wide selection of flavors and additions to choose from. Takeaways are also available for a freshly-baked, delicious meal in the peace of your apartment.

BANG BANG NOOSA - Hastings Street

Eclectic Asian influence also comes to the table at Bang Bang Noosa, though with a gentle lean towards Chinese dishes. The open-air dining room is a wonderful setting at any time of year. Sharing is the *modus operandi* at Bang Bang Noosa, and while individual meals are served, multi-dish banquet-style dining is encouraged. The tasty array of dishes is superbly complimented by an extensive cocktail menu, and dinner is best finished by visiting one of Hastings Street's several ice cream bars.

AROMAS RESTAURANT & BAR - Hastings Street

For a touch of European alfresco in the heart of Noosa, Aromas is a fantastic spot to enjoy a coffee while watching the world go by. A local favorite, Aromas has plenty of choice across its breakfast, lunch and dinner menus, with live music performed several nights a week. Aromas is a wonderfully scenic destination for those in favor of a more conventional menu.