

# 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](http://www.bayweb.com.au) Byron Shire Echo (local newspaper) [www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au) and [www.byronbaynow.com](http://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](http://www.echo.net.au). You might also look at [www.byronbay.com](http://www.byronbay.com) and [www.byronbayaccom.net](http://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](http://www.oanda.com) [www.x-rates.com](http://www.x-rates.com) [www.xe.com](http://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](http://www.virgin.com.au)  
Qantas Airlines, 13 13 13, [www.qantas.com.au](http://www.qantas.com.au)  
Rex Airlines, 13 17 13, [www.rex.com.au](http://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](mailto:editor@echo.net.au), [www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au)  
Byron Body & Soul Guide, 6685 9829, [bodysoul@linknet.com.au](mailto:bodysoul@linknet.com.au)  
Byron Guide, 6685 9829  
Here & Now, 6685 9829, [herenow@linknet.com.au](mailto:herenow@linknet.com.au)

### **Where to find a house for rent:**

[www.byronbay.com](http://www.byronbay.com)  
[www.byronbayaccom.net](http://www.byronbayaccom.net)  
See 'To Let' section in Byron Shire Echo, 6684 1777, [www.echo.net.au](http://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](http://www.byronbayfn.com.au)  
Professionals, Crner Lawson and Fletcher, 6685 6552  
Ed Silk Real Estate, Lawson St, 6685 7000, [www.edsilk.com.au](http://www.edsilk.com.au)  
Ray White Real Estate, 52 Jonson St, 6685 6588  
[www.raywhite.net/nsw/byronbay](http://www.raywhite.net/nsw/byronbay), [byronbay.nsw@raywhite.net](mailto:byronbay.nsw@raywhite.net)  
A1 Accommodation, 6685 7523, [a1@norex.com.au](mailto:a1@norex.com.au), [www.a1accommodation.com.au](http://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](http://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](http://www.artsfactory.com.au)  
Belongil Beachhouse, Childe St, Belongil, 6685 7868,  
[www.belongilbeachhouse.com](http://www.belongilbeachhouse.com)  
Arcadia Guest House, 48 Cowper St, 6680 8699, [www.studioplus.com.au](http://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](http://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

