

Macleay Magic

Share your Favourites

Remember the kind of easy, relaxed, and happy family holidays you took as a kid? How it was just swim-eat-swim, campfires, bare sandy feet, exploring with friends (old and new) corner stores, icy poles, sunscreen and mozzie spray and not a care in the world? Where there were no traffic lights or long commutes, and the sounds of suburbia were replaced with the ocean and cicadas in equal measure?



The Macleay Valley Coast is one of the few unspoilt, authentic coastal meets country regions. Set in a sublime location, this nature-lovers' haven has miles of pristine coastline, world-class surf breaks, majestic rivers, fertile farmland and ancient rainforest. We are so very lucky to live in such a special place - and who better to share the best spots with than visiting friends and relatives?!

Since 'Visiting Friends and Relatives' is the number one reason people make the trip to this stunning region, the team at Destination Macleay Valley Coast were keen to arm you with all the tips you will need to be the best tour guide in town for your loved ones this silly season. So, grab your mozzie spray and beach towel and dive into some inspiration!

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Adventure

Take the road less travelled

Discover the Macleay Valley Hinterland

The Macleay Valley Hinterland is a wild and natural area with a rich Indigenous, agricultural and musical history.

Exploring this neck of the woods requires a bit of initiative and an adventurous spirit, so load your dusty old kayak, don your Akubra and get ready to be surprised.

About 40 minutes up the Mighty Macleay from Kempsey, you'll find the heritage listed village of Bellbrook, a timeless place that reflects an era when bullocks still pulled logs down the main street. If you're craving a freshwater adventure, hop in or pop your kayak in the river nearby, or up a bit further at Blackbird Flat - keep your eyes peeled for platypus!

Don't forget to soak up the olde-world atmosphere at the perfectly restored **Bellbrook Hotel**, where you can enjoy a pub meal and a chinwag with the locals.



Mountain Bike Trails

Adventure seekers will be in heaven on the **Kalateenee Mountain Bike Trails** - 25 kilometres of tracks that loop through stunning bush scenery of towering trees. The trails are graded and well-maintained, featuring plenty of fun obstacles and challenges, though most are suitable for young enthusiasts and beginners. The trails are located behind the Kempsey Golf Club.



Kayak the waterways

Hire a **single or double kayak** and explore the Macleay River at Stuarts Point. Pick up your kayak at **Stuarts Point Holiday Park** and take pleasure in paddling down the river, taking in the tranquil scenery and range of wildlife. Or if you happen to possess your own canoe or kayak, the possibilities for adventures in our waterways are endless.

Out on the water

The region's turquoise waters beckon ocean lovers to take a deeper look at what lies below the surface. **South West Rocks** offers world class scuba diving opportunities, spectacular beaches and several fishing charters that will keep them busily immersed in salt and sun for an experience they'll never forget.



If exploring the depths is not something your guests enjoy, the clear waters of **Korogoro Creek** offer the perfect opportunity for the whole family to enjoy a snorkeling expedition at high tide. Pack a snorkel kit and keep your eyes peeled for the elusive octopus and marvel at the many varieties of tropical fish that abound. Experienced snorkelers can venture out of the creek and around the headland to spot wobbegong sharks.



Arts & Culture

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Art Trail

From start to end, art enthusiasts and cultural adventurers alike will find inspiration at every turn on the Macleay's new Art Trail. Immerse yourself in the cultural history and environmental beauty of the region through the eyes of talented local artists.

Filled with sculptures, murals and mosaics in unexpected locations, the Macleay Valley Coast Art Trail does not disappoint!



Nulla Nulla Regional Gallery

Located within the **Slim Dusty Centre** in South Kempsey, the Nulla Nulla Regional Gallery features a range of local and touring exhibitions that provide an engaging and thought-provoking experience. The Slim Dusty Centre also celebrates Kempsey's home-grown Australian country music icon, Slim Dusty, through its well-known museum.

The Nulla Nulla Regional Gallery is **open Monday to Saturday** and admission is free.



Yarrakuun experience

Yawayi (hello), the **Yarrakuun Cultural Experience** offers visitors, locals and groups the chance to learn about culture and country through storytelling and dance. Reach out and book in with Yarrakuun for a cultural experience like no other.

Laneway Murals

If you love street art, don't miss the jaw-dropping murals displayed in the heart of Kempsey on **Savages Lane**.

Part of Kempsey Shire Council's innovative laneways project, From the Mountains to the Sea, the murals have been created by over ten exceptional artists to celebrate the natural beauty and shared culture and history of the Macleay Valley Coast.

Take time to stroll down the laneway and marvel at the vibrant colours and soulful depictions of the people, places and wildlife that form part of our wonderful region.



Then head to **Elringtons Laneway**, to see artist Daniel Hend and Busta Marrs's enormous collaborative mural which offers a panoramic view of the region, its villages, mountains and beaches. The other side of the lane features a collaborative artwork created by local Elders and Aboriginal artists, inspired by Dunghutti and Thunggutti imagery.



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