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# Why Gold Coast Is The Best City To live In Australia?

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## **Abstract**

The Gold Coast, located in Queensland, Australia, is a vibrant coastal city known for its stunning beaches, world-class surfing spots, and iconic skyline. With a population of diverse cultures, the city offers a rich tapestry of experiences and entertainment. Surfers Paradise is the heart of the Gold Coast, boasting an array of high-rise buildings, shopping precincts, and lively nightlife. Beyond the coastline, the hinterland beckons with its lush rainforests and national parks, providing ample opportunities for hiking and nature enthusiasts. Theme parks like Dreamworld, Sea World, and Warner Bros. Movie World add to the region's allure, making it a family-friendly destination. Sports enthusiasts will find delight in the city's love for sports, evident during events like the Gold Coast 600 and the Magic Millions horse racing carnival. Overall, the Gold Coast stands as an exciting blend of natural beauty, modern attractions, and laid-back Australian lifestyle.



### **1. Introduction**

It thrives with a diverse population, offering a vibrant tapestry of cultural experiences and entertainment. Surfers Paradise, the beating heart of the Gold Coast, showcases a mesmerizing array of high-rise buildings, bustling shopping precincts, and an energetic nightlife. Beyond the coastline, the lush rainforests and national parks of the hinterland beckon, providing a haven for hiking and nature enthusiasts. The city's allure extends to its thrilling theme parks such as Dreamworld, Sea World, and Warner Bros. Movie World, making it an ideal family-friendly destination. For sports lovers, the Gold Coast is a true delight, evident in events like the Gold Coast 600 and the Magic Millions horse racing carnival.

## 2. Awesome Reasons to Live on the Gold Coast



With glorious beaches, perfect weather and a thriving entertainment and nightlife scene, who wouldn't want to be living on the Gold Coast? While the city is famous for its relaxed beachside lifestyle, there are also numerous world-class educational institutions and promising career opportunities.

If you're planning to study in Australia, here are ten awesome reasons to live on the Gold Coast.

### 1. The nature

It's almost impossible to talk about the Gold Coast without mentioning its most famous attractions – the beaches. From tourist hotspots like Main Beach to local gems such as Echo Beach, the Gold Coast has you covered.

Stretching across 57km, the Gold Coast is one white sandy beach after another, with lots of famous surfing spots that draw enthusiasts from far and wide. Gold Coast beaches also play host to several different sport and recreational activities and major events, so there's always something fun to do.

And while the beaches might steal most of the attention, the Gold Coast is also home to lots of national parks and bush walks that are pretty much as beautiful as it gets.

Burleigh National Park is a popular trekking spot that offers stunning views of Surfers Paradise and the Pacific Ocean. Or, step just outside the Gold Coast to explore the

breathtaking Gondwana Rainforests, which contain the largest subtropical rainforests in the world.

## **2. The sunny weather**

While the sun might not shine every day of the year on the Gold Coast, it does come pretty close. In fact, the city enjoys around 300 sunny days each year.

The winters are milder than in cities such as Sydney and Melbourne, and while Gold Coast summers may get uncomfortably hot and humid, it's the perfect excuse to swim at one of the many magnificent beaches.

## **3. The laidback vibe**



Thanks to the sunny weather, palm trees, and never-ending beaches, the Gold Coast is overflowing with holiday vibes. You'll find that the pace is slower on the Gold Coast than in other major cities, and the friendly locals love to have a chat.

Gold Coasters have perfected a laidback beach culture that balances hard work with plenty of sunshine and good times. You may be studying a lot, but living on the Gold Coast will make it feel like an endless vacation.

## **4. The multiculturalism**

With three universities located on the Gold Coast and a large TAFE Institute in Southport, the city attracts thousands of international students to its shores each year. Along with the many tourists that visit the area, the Gold Coast is a fun, diverse and multicultural place to live. In fact, nearly one in three Gold Coast residents was born overseas.

There are plenty of multicultural events and activities occurring each year, including Harmony Week in March and Multicultural Month in August. The popular Chinatown in Southport also hosts regular street markets and cultural festivals.

## **5. The nightlife**

Surfers Paradise boasts an unrivalled party reputation. The streets are lined with pounding dance clubs, bars, restaurants, and live music venues, meaning there's an awesome venue to be found around every corner.

Outside of Surfers Paradise, the fun continues. Check out suburbs like Broadbeach and Burleigh Heads to discover top restaurants and trendy bars that'll keep the drinks flowing from dusk until dawn.

## **6. The world-class universities**

The Gold Coast is home to several fantastic educational institutions. Griffith University ranks 30th in the 2020 Times Higher Education Young University Rankings and 33rd in the 2021 QS World University Rankings Top 50 Under 50. Plus, in the Shanghai Ranking Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2020, the University placed in the top 10 for Hospitality and Leisure Management (3rd in the world) and Nursing (2nd in the world).

Bond University has been consistently rated as one of the top universities in Australia for student experience, as well as the leading university in Australia for employer satisfaction with graduates.

Southern Cross University sits in the world's top 200 universities under the age of 50 according to the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. It's also considered the best university in Australia for international student support.

On top of universities, you'll find several colleges and TAFE campuses on the Gold Coast offering courses in all kinds of areas, including cookery, hospitality, design, tourism, IT and more.

## **7. The employment opportunities**

While the Gold Coast is smaller than big capital cities like Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, there are plenty of opportunities to secure work and build a career. Plus, the Gold Coast is considered a 'regional area', which means graduating students in the Gold Coast can now stay and work for between three and five years (check the Department of Home Affairs for more details). They'll also have access to the Regional Occupation List, meaning a choice of more jobs and visa options.

The health and medical industry is undergoing major employment growth and is currently the leading sector for the most available jobs. Other areas with high employment opportunities include ICT, tourism, education, and hospitality.

## **8. The affordability**

Compared to living in a capital city, the Gold Coast can be an extremely affordable city to live in. Accommodation rates are generally lower than in capital cities, with rooms in a share house starting from as low as \$135 per week in great areas such as Southport and Surfers Paradise.

Combine this with cheap public transport and plenty of free and low-cost social activities, the Gold Coast is a very budget-friendly choice.

## **9. The good public transport access**



The Gold Coast has a fantastic public transport system that makes getting around the city very easy. There's no shortage of buses, trains, and trams to get you where you need to go, and the network usually runs on time. Plus, the public transport network can take you to several day-trip and overnight destinations outside the Gold Coast, including Brisbane.

As a student, you may qualify for a concession rate on your GO card, meaning you can save up to 50% off on your rides.

## **10. The endless entertainment and events**

There's always something happening on the Gold Coast.

The city offers the biggest collection of theme parks in the Southern Hemisphere including Warner Bros. Movie World, Sea World, Dreamworld, Wet'n'Wild, and more.

You'll find countless festivals celebrating food, film, music, culture, art, and everything in between. Some of the best events include the Gold Coast Film Festival, Sand Safari Arts Festival, Surfers Paradise LIVE, and Bleach\* Festival.

The Home of the Arts (HOTA) is a cultural hub showcasing the latest movies, live concerts, exhibitions, and shows across all kinds of genres. Plus, there's always events and activities taking place in parks, entertainment venues, beaches, and libraries across the city.

Whatever you're into, you'll never get bored on the Gold Coast.

### **3. Things To Do As A local In Gold Coast**

Discover places locals love, located in every corner of the coast. From the beach to the Broadwater, hinterland to the city heart and all the neighbourhood treasures in between.



#### **1. Stroll the local markets**

Soak up some rays, grab a boutique brew and fill your bag with the very best local produce at any of the Gold Coast's much-loved markets. There's beachfront craft markets, vibrant farmers markets, vintage finds and eat-street extravaganzas, just waiting to be discovered. There's also plenty of twilight markets complete with street eats and live music perfect for the whole family.

#### **2. Take a dip at the beach**

It doesn't matter how long you've been a local the beckoning call of the Gold Coast's shimmering coastline is irresistible to many. There's nothing quite like getting away from it all playing on the sand and taking an exhilarating plunge into the pristine waters of our creek and ocean beaches. From the calm-water swimming enclosures of the Broadwater, to the white sands of Main Beach and world-famous surf breaks in the south, you are sure to find a piece of paradise that's your local favourite.

#### **3. Catch a live gig or stage show**

Let the music move you, with a night of raw entertainment at an intimate live gig or at a concert under the stars. Perhaps theatre, opera or ballet is more your style? No matter what

you are into, the Gold Coast entertainment scene has got you covered. Exploding with new talent, vibrant venues and a crammed calendar of exciting events and festivals.

#### **4. Get into nature**

We are a rare seaside city that boasts not only stunning beaches, but a diverse landscape, stretching west into luscious rainforested hinterland. Breathe in the cool, fresh air of a rainforest nature trail, hike to waterfalls or go mountain biking in the tranquil surrounds of our rugged hinterland.

We have parklands, nature reserves and the beautiful Gold Coast Botanic Gardens for those nature lovers looking to stay central. It's time to get out and explore.

#### **5. Eat and drink**

There's a plethora of cafés, bars, delis and dining spots north, south, east and west. From urban breweries, iconic Surf Lifesaving Clubs, coastal-cool restaurants, hidden laneway bars, quaint country teahouses and exciting venues offering 'dinner and show' experiences, you'll be sure to find whatever you're in the mood for.

But just sometimes it's hard to beat the simplicity of enjoying fish and chips at the beach with family or friends.

#### **6. Explore the city by water**



The Gold Coast has nine times more waterways than Venice and over 260 kilometres of navigable boating waters. Spectacular lakes, dams and canals wind their way through our iconic landscape to our famous ocean beaches.



Explore the city via the water, either on a boat, a jet ski, kayak or stand-up paddle board. There are sunset cruises on offer, Aqua Duck tours, jet boating, parasailing and we even have our very own hop on, hop off water ferry, HOPO.

## **7. Go shopping**

The Gold Coast is a mecca for retail therapy. Shop high-end labels and high street staples at premium shopping destinations, explore waterfront retail precincts, unearth locally made market-treasures or mingle with locals at our village-style centres and boutique lanes.

You will find an exciting array of local, national and international brands paired with top coffee spots, hidden bars and delicious eateries, making for a perfect day of retail therapy.

## **8. Get active**

The Gold Coasters tend to be an active bunch, making the most of our incredible natural terrain and climate to get out and about. Whether it's mountain biking through the hinterland, running suburban network of pathways, sunset walks on the beach, surfing the morning breaks, or stand-up paddle boarding, the Gold Coast is THE place to get out and get moving.

## **9. Experience the arts**



Experience art through a distinctly different Gold Coast lens by taking in a mix of emerging and established artists. We have local, national and international exhibitions across a range of artistic disciplines, along with galleries, pop-up performances and cultural experiences to tantalise your creative side.

## **10. Play tourist**

We live in Australia's favourite holiday playground. With endless attractions, outdoor adventures, entertainment and dining experiences to choose from, it's fun playing 'tourist' in

our own backyard. Why not local-cation and stay a night or two at one of the Gold Coast's hotels, apartments or holiday houses. A moment at home could make you feel a million miles away.

#### **4. Most Liveable Suburbs On The Gold Coast for Families**

Though not a capital city, the Gold Coast is by far the largest non-capital city in Australia – and in fact is larger than Hobart, Darwin and Canberra.



Additionally, the city is expected to reach a million people by the middle of the century.

Also, there is just 5.5 months of new apartment supply left.

The Gold Coast, like Queensland, has seen an explosion in demand, resulting in higher asking prices, especially in the central part of the Gold Coast, according to SQM Research data.

Although prices began increasing gradually from 2014 onwards, they rose sharply from 2021 to as recent as this August, especially for houses. At the time of publication, house asking prices rose by 39.6% during the past 12 months.

As part of an ongoing series at The Property Tribune, we have explored the best and most liveable suburbs across the capital cities for families, including Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra.

#### **So, what about the Gold Coast?**

We have selected 20 suburbs deemed to be the best on the Gold Coast, based on a range of factors such as greenery, access to sporting and other recreational facilities, and schooling options. We have included a broad range of suburbs; some right on the coast, some more inland and both sides of the median price for the Gold Coast.

## Top 20 Best & Most Liveable Suburbs In Gold Coast for Families

- Palm Beach
- Currumbin Waters
- Labrador
- Mudgeeraba
- Biggera Waters
- Coombabah
- Broadbeach Waters
- Bundall
- Burleigh Heads
- Elanora
- Runaway Bay
- Coomera
- Coolangatta
- Ashmore
- Oxenford
- Carrara
- Nerang
- Bonogin
- Pacific Pines
- Upper Coomera

### **Palm Beach, 4221**

Brendan Andrews, Director at Stone Real Estate Palm Beach, said Palm Beach is consistently one of the best-ranked and searched suburbs in not just Gold Coast, but the entire state for a range of reasons.

“To start with, the whole suburb is very flat, so it’s hugely popular among those who like to walk, run and bicycle around,” he said.

“The picturesque suburb sits between two of the Gold Coast’s most popular summer destinations in Tallebudgera and Currumbin Creek, and Palm Beach features Beautiful canal homes with blue water and sandy beaches, and beachfront homes at the front.

“There are more than ample amenities like surf clubs, cafes, restaurants and shops, while a light rail will soon be a new feature making getting around even easier.

Additionally, he noted that the airport is just 10 minutes away, and there are great schools nearby, including the famous sporting school Palm Beach Currumbin (PBC) State High School.

### **Currumbin Waters, 4223**



Next, Mr Andrews noted Currumbin Waters as a fantastic spot for families on the Gold Coast.

“Like many suburbs in the area, it’s located just five minutes from the beach, but represents great buying in comparison to sisterly beachfront suburbs like Palm Beach,” he said.

“It’s more of an up-and-comer, with many new cafes, restaurants, shops being opened recently.

Mr Andrews said the suburb is very family-oriented and has easy access to the motorway for travel. The airport is also just 10 minutes away.

“Brisbane is an hour’s drive, while the hub of Surfer’s Paradise is 20 minutes away, and there’s some great schools nearby including St Andrews Private School.

### **Labrador, 4215**

Once a quiet holiday suburb, Labrador has experienced major growth and is now of the most desirable suburbs on the Gold Coast. It offers a range of affordable housing, a strong

commercial market and high-end infrastructure. Given its beachside location, the suburb attracts active people who enjoy running, walking and cycling – ideal for families. Next to Charis Seafood Market, there is a secure swimming area and playground area. The median house price is \$877,500, up 33% during the past 12 months.

### **Mudgeeraba, 4213**

Covered by a range of green spaces, Mudgeeraba offers strong schooling options, sporting facilities and other amenities. The suburb is also just five minutes away from major shopping centres and markets. It offers a perfect blend of a peaceful yet convenient suburb. The median price is \$1,065,000, up 22.7%.

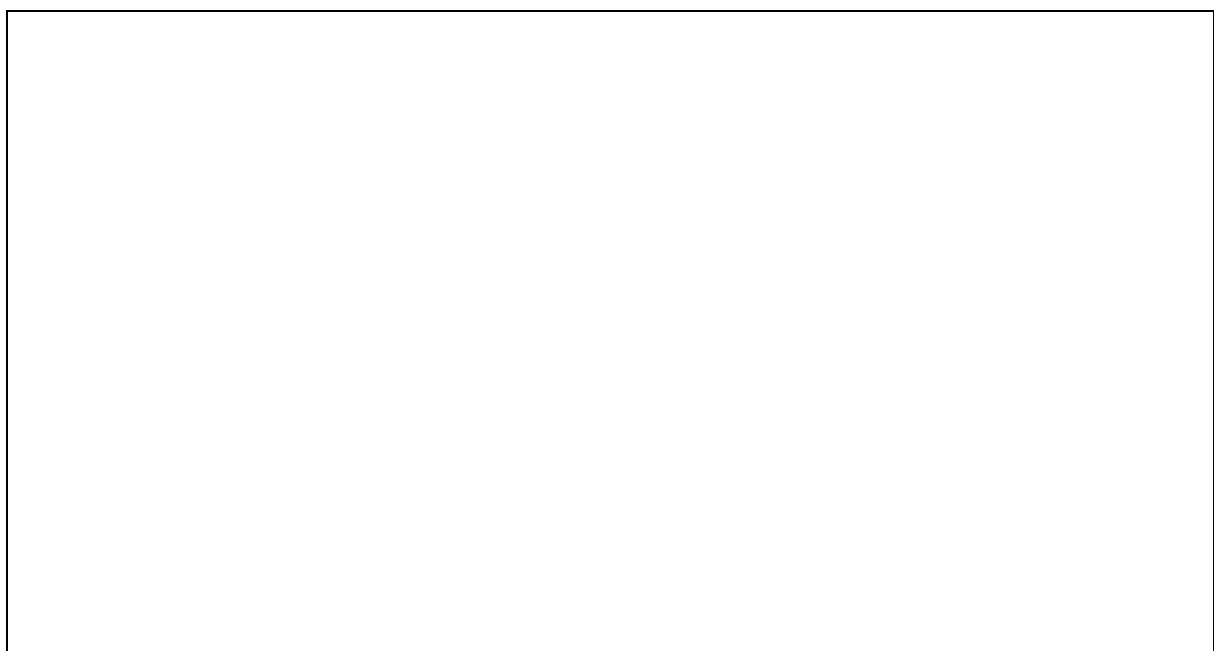
### **Biggera Waters, 4216**

Located on the western side of the Broadwater, Biggera Waters is a popular coastal suburb of Gold Coast. It offers a range of housing options, high-quality schools, health centres and parks along with shopping and entertainment hubs. The median house price is \$1,087,500, up 21.2% over the past year.

### **Coomabah, 4216**

Ideal for families with kids and young couples, Coombabah is a vibrant suburb and is home to a range of renowned schools, childcare, restaurants, hospitals and other entertainment hubs for families. Coombabah is near Paradise Point too. Given its location, the median house price is \$800,000, up 28% over the past year.

## **4.1. The Best Student-Friendly Suburbs On The Gold Coast**



Home to more than 700,000 people, Gold Coast is ranked as the sixth largest city in Australia. This beautiful metropolitan city is renowned for its diversity, beautiful beaches, and high-end infrastructural developments.

It boasts around one million visitors each year from different countries worldwide- all thanks to vibrant art and craft scene, culinary delights, well-preserved heritage sites and top-notch tourism attractions.

According to the latest statistics, Gold Coast's international student enrolments have raised to 32,000 annually because of its world-renowned educational facilities, modern-age institutions and easy-going lifestyle. More and more students are moving to this beautiful city for higher education.

However, finding the right accommodation at the best price is quite tricky in a cosmopolitan region. Instead of living close to the CBD, you can consider student-friendly suburbs on the Gold Coast.

You can get a rental property at an affordable cost, easy access to public transport, good cafes and restaurants, close proximity to the educational institutes, vibrant nightlife and safety when you choose the right suburb as per your preference and budget.

Let's Get Started

Top Student-Friendly Suburbs on the Gold Coast

### **1. Southport: A Perfect Blend Of Education & Lifestyle**

Close proximity to top-notch educational institutions, Southport is a beautiful and well-developed inner suburb on the Gold Coast, offering high-end amenities. It is home to Griffith University, TAFE, CQ University and other institutes.

Living in this region can provide convenient access to institutes, campus facilities, libraries and other basic amenities. The best part is that Southport offers students a range of accommodation options. Griffith University offers on-campus living, while others can access other affordable suburbs close to Southport. These suburbs are Ashmore, Labrador and Parkwood.

These suburbs offer low-cost rental rooms starting at \$150 per week for a room in a shared house.

Other Key Features are:

- Easy Access to Cafes and Restaurants
- Supermarkets and Shopping centres
- Bus rail and light rail connections

- Low Crime rate
- Good healthcare facilities

If you plan to relocate to Southport, contact the best removalists Gold Coast in advance for a safe and sound transition of your household belongings.

## **2. Surfers Paradise: Known As The ‘Glitter Strip’ Of The City**

Do you want to live in the heart of the Gold Coast? Look no further than Surfers Paradise. Though it is not home to major universities, you can explore great proximity to the CBD, inner suburbs and hotspots where you can find top-notch universities.

Bond and Griffith Universities are within reasonable reach from Surfers Paradise. Students can easily commute to their educational institutions using public transport, including a ferry, bus or train.

The suburb is popular among youngsters because it offers eclectic nightlife, the best cafes, bars, and affordable restaurants. You can live close to the Surfers Paradise beach by choosing a suitable housing option within your estimated budget.

You can easily find everything from shared houses to sky-high apartments and student accommodation. You can live in a private rental room which is around \$140 per week- which is affordable. You can do a proper research ahead and manage your time during a house move, especially when you are doing it for the first time.

Key Features:

- Vibrant Entertainment scene
- Affordable public transportation
- Employment opportunities
- Convenient Amenities
- Mesmerising beachside views

## **3. Robina: A Suburb Of Education Excellence**

Home to Bond University and other renowned educational institutions, Robina is a great suburb for students of all ages. It is also located in proximity to the Griffith University campus and TAFE. This makes Robina a perfect suburb for students attending these educational institutions.

The best part is that the suburb offers affordable housing options, including townhouses, shared houses and apartments. Private room rentals start at around \$150 per week.

Apart from studies, Robin is also known for its sports recreational centres and the Cbus Super Stadium for rugby leagues and football matches.

If you want to live in this thriving suburb, make sure you do proper research, hire the most reliable removalists in Gold Coast and find the most affordable housing option for your comfortable stay throughout your academic journey.

Key Features:

- Great educational facilities
- Top-class healthcare options
- Well-planned residential estates
- Multiple Primary and Secondary Schools
- Affordable Culinary options
- Various entertainment hubs

#### **4. Burleigh Heads: A Coastal Paradise Of Gold Coast**

The majority of students across the globe are heading towards Burleigh Heads because of its vibrant lifestyle, eclectic nightlife scene and picturesque beaches. The suburb offers a great café culture, bars, fashion markets and trendy restaurants.



It is conveniently nestled near Bond University, Griffith University and, of course, Southern Cross University. This makes it easy for students to commute from one place to another.

However, residential properties' rental prices are slightly higher than in other suburbs, but you can opt for shared accommodation. The rentals of a private room start from \$200 per week.

Key Features:

- Home to Golden beaches



- Burleigh Headland National Park
- Surfing Culture
- Affordable Public Transport
- Proximity to basic amenities

Here are the tips to know the interesting facts about Gold Coast before moving to this metropolitan city.

### **5. Varsity Lakes : Education, Serenity, And Community**



With a population of 16,493 people, Varsity Lakes is renowned as one of the most thriving suburbs where you can find world-class educational facilities. From Bond University to Griffith University, the suburb offers you quick and easy access to these institutes without a hint of stress.

It also offers various student-friendly amenities, from shopping centres to cafes and restaurants, library and art scene, entertainment options to sports recreational centres, and much more.

Varsity Lakes offers a perfect balance of natural beauty and top-class educational options. You can opt for a shared room at an affordable rental rate and access to the following facilities

Smooth public transport

- Entertainment hubs
- Cafes and restaurants

- Sports activities, etc.

You can easily relocate to this beautiful suburb with the help of best Gold Coast Removalists and stay organised throughout the process. It is good to ask important questions before handing over your precious possessions to professionals.

## **5. Things That You Must Know About Gold Coast Before moving**



Your mind is made, your bags are packed, and your one-way ticket is booked.

It's time to relocate to the strange and sunny coastlines of the Gold Coast. Those born and raised here can't even begin to imagine what a frightfully fantastic occasion this must be.

Though everyone's experience will prove extraordinarily different, here are a few things you can pretty much bank on...

1. You'll inaugurate yourself with a night (or five) in Surfers Paradise complete with 4am margarita pizza and too many selfies taken on the back of a man-powered rickshaw.
2. You'll decide you're far too mature for the antics of Surfers Paradise and upgrade yourself to the likes of Nobbys/Broadbeach/Coolangatta/anywhere but Surfers...
3. ... only to accidentally forget your maturity and regress back to Surfers Paradise the following weekend, letting things slide even further down the scale of dignity with a trip to both Hollywood Showgirls and Shooters.
4. The route to Byron Bay will become so imprinted in your mind that you could rattle off the Pacific Highway exits in your sleep.
5. Many Sunday mornings will be spent sitting under a waterfall watching the sunrise through a valley in Springbrook, because the view from Burleigh Heads National Park will start

getting old (but you'll still be posting Instagram pics of you gazing over Burleigh Beach in active wear captioned, "never gets old").

6. Great despair will come

7. You'll start a door knocking survey on Hedges Avenue in which the first question is "how exactly do you make your money on the Gold Coast?"

8. Being stuck at a set of lights for more than three minutes will make you genuinely entitled to the statement, "traffic was a nightmare."

9. There will be a moment when you find yourself privately wishing for a real winter, one with legitimate winter clothes and open fires and mulled wine and a few flakes of snow.

10. A bout of restlessness will take you to Brisbane and see you desperately apologetic for all the "it's not a real city" statements you slashed around when justifying your move to the Gold Coast.

11. You'll be crowned a local on discovery of the not-so-secret Secret Currumbin rock pools.

12. You'll decide Currumbin Valley is your favourite place on earth, declaring that every special event in your life moving forward must take place here... Not excluding the birth of your first child in which you will roll out a Yoga mat and squat stream-side channeling Simone Thurberin in the Daintree.

13. Planning a holiday will become increasingly difficult—competing with paradise is no easy feat.

14. Learning to surf, stand-up paddleboard, or do something moderately cool involving the ocean will become a high priority.

15. Owning more bikinis/boardies than underwear won't seem ridiculous.

16. Moaning about the weather will become completely acceptable when Nine Gold Coast News announces anything worse than "partly cloudy and 25 degrees".

17. Thanks to the weather in your new home, working out will be a year-round affair. \*Sigh\*

18. Boating on anything less than 12-feet long will become a little embarrassing.

19. Terms like "Aquaduck", "togs", "Straddie", "Fishos", and "Paccas" will actually mean something.

20. Hearing that someone spent \$45,000 on plastic surgery won't make you flinch.

21. You'll find yourself completely unsure of how you actually feel about the Gold Coast; hearing yourself moaning and groaning about a distinct lack of culture one day, then singing its praise as a euphoric heaven on earth the next.

## Conclusion

The Gold Coast thrives with a diverse and vibrant population, offering a rich tapestry of cultural experiences and entertainment. At its core lies Surfers Paradise, pulsating with a captivating skyline adorned by high-rise buildings, bustling shopping precincts, and a lively nightlife that keeps the city alive after the sun sets. Venturing beyond the coastline, the hinterland reveals lush rainforests and national parks, beckoning nature enthusiasts and hikers to explore its breathtaking landscapes. The city's allure is further amplified by its world-class theme parks, including Dreamworld, Sea World, and Warner Bros. Movie World, making it an enchanting and family-friendly destination.

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