



"Settling in Gold Coast : Tips for a Smooth Transition"

ABSTRACT

"Settling in Gold Coast: Tips for a Smooth Transition" offers valuable insights and practical guidance for individuals and families relocating to Gold Coast, Queensland. The PDF provides essential tips to help newcomers adapt seamlessly to their new environment.

From finding suitable neighborhoods and housing options to understanding the local culture and lifestyle, this concise guide ensures a hassle-free settling process. By incorporating these tips, readers can foster a sense of belonging and make the most of their new life in the vibrant and picturesque Gold Coast.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the captivating Gold Coast, Queensland! As you embark on this exciting journey of settling into your new home, our PDF guide "Settling in Gold Coast: Tips for a Smooth Transition" is here to support you. Discover essential tips and insights to ease your move and make the most of this vibrant coastal city. Let's get started on this remarkable new chapter together!

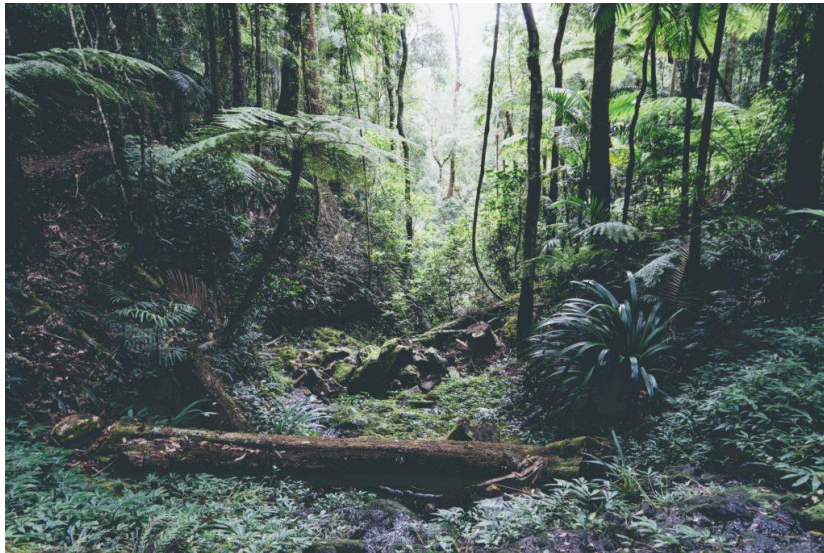
I. 10 Awesome Reasons to Live on the Gold Coast



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.

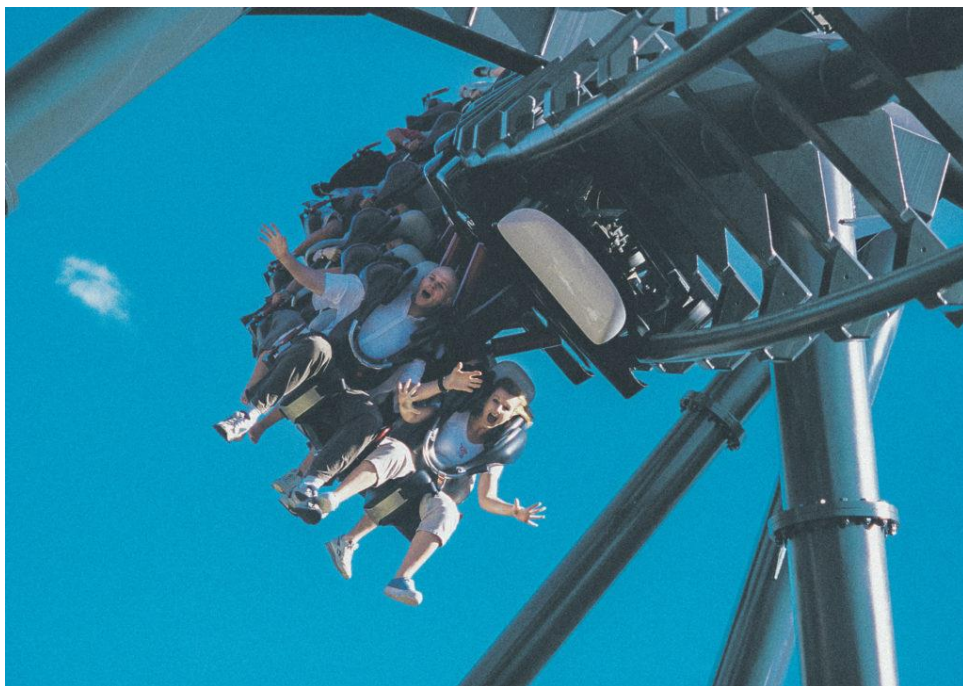
Combine this with cheap public transport and plenty of free and low-cost social activities, the Gold Coast is a very budget-friendly choice.

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.

II. How much does it cost to live on the Gold Coast?

The Gold Coast is a budget-friendly destination for anybody who wants to move here.

The cost of living on the Goldie is similar to the East Coast's bigger cities, such as Brisbane or Sydney, but it will grant you access to much more exquisite locations while maintaining high levels of comfort.



The cost of utilities

Utilities, including power supply, water, heating, and Internet access, will cost you around 200\$ per month if you live in a private apartment.

Consider that if you are sharing your flat with other people, this cost will be divided between the tenants making these expenses even more affordable.

What is the average rent on the Gold Coast?

Renting a private apartment will cost you around 400\$. This price tends to vary depending on the area you choose to live in.

Practically it can slightly increase if you want a front seat along the coastline and decrease if you are settling into the inner suburbs.

Young couples and professionals can find a private room with an ensuite bathroom in larger share houses within walking distance from the beach for 300\$-350\$ a week.

For families, renting a three-bedroom house will cost 650\$-700\$ per week, depending on the area.



Property prices on the Gold Coast

Due to increased house demands caused by the pandemic, the median property price on the Gold Coast has expanded to 700K dollars in the last year.

Houses in the most sought-after suburbs are now close to 1 million dollars and over for beach-front & luxury estates.

The cost for a house goes down to around 500k-650k dollars in the rear suburbs, slightly more distant from the beach but still at close reach.

Units prices range between 300k dollars in residential areas and 500k dollars in the chicest spots.

However, after the exponential growth of the real estate market in the last year, the prices will tend to decrease once again as a consequence of lessened property demand.

How much do you need to live comfortably on the Gold Coast?

With a budget of 5000\$ per month, a family of 4 people will comfortably afford the costs of living on the Gold Coast.

A single person can take advantage of Goldie's perks for just 2000\$ per month – consider even less if sharing the accommodation costs.

Where is a good place to live on the Gold Coast?

The Gold Coast offers a wide range of great places to live. Practically, it is a very personal choice depending on your lifestyle and the activities you want to pursue the most.

You can easily pick your best choice from salty life suburbs and nature-immersed locations to quieter suburban areas.

Where on the Gold Coast is it good for families to live?

The suburbs of Bundall, Broadbeach Waters, Ashmore, Labrador, Mudgeeraba, or Carrara are the best option for families that want to relocate to the Gold Coast.



These areas have excellent schooling facilities, green spaces, and lively shopping centers close to the notorious beaches and the stunning Gold Coast Hinterland.

Also, Elanora, Currumbin, and Coolangatta to the south are valid options for families that want to enjoy the Gold Coast vibes in a relaxed environment surrounded by nature.

Where should I retire on the Gold Coast?

If you want an off-the-radar location with luxury riverfront mansions, well-cured green areas, and access to plenty of facilities, Hope Island is probably the first choice for people who wish to retire on the Gold Coast.

Otherwise, the suburbs of Miami and Palm Beach are two great options if you want to enjoy ocean-front residences in areas less patrolled by tourists.

Robina, with its medical facilities, shopping centers, and quieter neighborhoods, is perfect for retirees that prefer to be closer to the Hinterland.

What is the best area to live on the Gold Coast in general?

Overall, Burleigh Heads deserve a special place on the list of the top places to live on the Goldie.

With cafes, restaurants, and boutique stores, you won't need to shuffle around too much to find everything you need.

Shopping centers and schools in the back of town and plenty of green areas perfect for picnics or family and friend reunions right in front of the beach –with Burleigh, you can't go wrong.

Areas to avoid

Considering that the Gold Coast is a well-known touristic destination, we suggest avoiding settling down in the hotspots of this event.

If you plan to live long-term on the Gold Coast, then Surfers Paradise and the side of Broadbeach adjacent to it are probably not the best suburbs to live in permanently.

These spots tend to get very busy and noisy, especially during the summer holidays.

III. Moving and Packing Tips for Your Smoothest Move Yet

Packing up your life and moving down the street or across the country doesn't have to be disastrous. Learn how to pack boxes for moving, and you'll be relaxing in your new space before you know it.



Moving—like getting a tooth pulled or driving a very long distance through uninteresting landscapes—is one of those trials almost everyone must face. It's sometimes unpleasant, it's never exactly fun, but it usually leads to a positive outcome. Of course, particularly with moving, the success of the endeavor really depends on avoiding moving mistakes and planning ahead to make the process as smooth as possible.

Prep Ahead

Fortunately, and likely because almost everyone does end up moving at some point, there are plenty of tried-and-true moving tips out there to make the whole process easier. Following a moving checklist can help you make sure everything's in order before, during, and after the move; another good moving tip is to commit to having a good attitude about all the change to come.

Some moving tips focus on how to pack a moving truck most effectively, while others offer reminders to cancel various services or arrange for things to be prepared at the new house; still more focus on smaller details, such as how to care for pets during a move or what to do when the movers are late. The most important moving tips, though, may relate to the physical move itself.

A lot can go wrong during a move. With all the details and moving parts, there's no one-size-fits-all guide with moving tips for every single scenario that could come up during the moving process. Different people will have specific needs or concerns—such as how to pack china for moving, safely moving valuable wood furniture or

delicate heirlooms—but for most cases, this general list of moving tips and tricks will help. Take a look, and prepare for a smoother, quicker, easier move.

Moving Tips, Tricks, and Advice

1. Get rid of everything

Packing all your possessions into boxes, bags, and more can be overwhelming. Make it a little bit easier on yourself by cutting back on clutter as much as possible. Before you pack a single box, do a merciless purge of unused or unnecessary items. You'll have less to pack, less to move, and less to unpack—and you'll start life in your new space with a clean slate.

2. Make a moving folder

Start collecting new addresses, rental or purchase papers, moving contracts, and more in one folder. (Consider a hard copy, rather than a digital one, in case computer or phone batteries die during the move.) If any questions come up during the planning process or the move itself, you'll have the answer (and records of agreements, payments, and more) on hand.

3. Pack as far in advance as possible

Ideally, you'll know about a move (even if you're not sure of the final destination) weeks or even months in advance. Start by packing off-season items and the items you won't miss. If you're moving in summer, you can pack winter coats in advance—and likely books and other once-in-a-while items. When it's finally time to move, many items will already be ready to go, giving you less to stress about.

4. Book early

If you're hiring moving services, renting supplies, or hiring professionals such as painters or cleaners to work on the house, book early. Waiting to do so could mean paying a higher price, or not being able to get a truck or movers at all, particularly if it's peak moving season.



5. Schedule utilities for your new place

Once the dates are finalized, contact your utility providers to schedule service at your new home. You don't want to arrive there, tired from the move, only to find that the electricity, water, or heat is off. Schedule it ahead of time, and keep records of your requests in your moving folder. At the same time, request service stops for your move-out date at your current home.

6. Keep the essentials with you

On the night before the move, tuck everyday essentials—a change of clothes, a toothbrush, must-have stuffed animals or toys for the kids, medications, paperwork, etc.—into a suitcase or bag you'll keep with you in the car, the truck cab, or on the plane. If catastrophe strikes and the moving truck gets lost, at least you'll have some essentials with you.

7. Invest in equipment

A few days before the big move, stock up on supplies. The last thing you want is to have to make a run to the store while you're packing moving boxes or making sure everything is out of the house. Order or purchase box cutters, adhesive bandages, permanent markers, packing tape, paper towels, and garbage bags. (If they aren't all used during the move, they'll still be useful afterward!)

For larger moving equipment, considering renting moving tools from a moving company. (If you hire a moving service, they'll likely have their own.) If you move very frequently, you may be better off purchasing these tools. Either by buying,

renting, or borrowing, make sure you have a furniture dolly, furniture pads or covers, and tie-down straps or rope at your disposal during the move.

8. Get a truck with a loading ramp

If you're a DIY mover, you absolutely need a truck with a ramp. It may be cheaper to rent a truck without one, but the hassle (and struggle) of lifting every box and piece of furniture high enough to get it into the truck will add hours—plus sore muscles—to your move.

Packing Tips for Moving

1. Use the right size boxes

When you pack books for moving, pack them or other heavy items in small boxes; light items, like linens and pillows, can be packed in bigger ones. (Large boxes packed with heavy items are a common complaint of professional movers. They not only make the job harder but also have a better chance of breaking.)

2. Put heavier items on the bottoms of boxes, lighter items on top

And if you're loading the truck yourself, pack your heaviest boxes first, toward the front of the truck, for balance.

3. Don't leave empty spaces in the boxes

Fill in gaps with clothing, towels, or packing paper. Movers often won't move boxes that feel loosely packed or unbalanced.



4. Avoid mixing items from different rooms in the same box.

It will make your packing quicker and your unpacking a lot easier, too.

5. Label each box with the room it's destined for and a description of its contents

This will help you and your movers know where every box belongs in your new place. Numbering each box and keeping an inventory list in a small notebook is a good way to keep track of what you've packed—and to make sure you still have everything when you unpack.

6. Tape your moving boxes well

Use a couple of pieces of tape to close the bottom and top seams, then use one of the movers' techniques—making a couple of wraps all the way around the box's top and bottom edges, where stress is concentrated.

7. If you're moving expensive art, ask your mover about special crating

Understand exactly how to pack artwork for moving to help keep it safe. You should never wrap oil paintings in regular paper; it will stick. When you pack pictures for moving, make an X with masking tape across the glass to strengthen it and to hold it

together if it shatters. Then wrap the pictures in paper or bubble wrap and put them in a frame box, with a piece of cardboard between each framed piece for protection.

8. Take special care packing the kitchen for moving

Packing the kitchen involves a lot of different types of items. Learn how pack dishes for moving: Put packing paper around each dish, then wrap bundles of five or six together with more paper. Pack dishes on their sides, never flat. And use plenty of bunched-up paper as padding above and below. Cups and bowls can be packed inside one another, with paper in between, and wrapped three or four in a bundle. Pack them all in dish-barrel boxes.

When you pack glasses for moving, use a box with cardboard dividers to help protect the glasses, and wrap them in plenty of layers of paper to protect them.

9. Get your wardrobe in order

There are a few different options to pack clothes for moving—you can pack folded clothes in cardboard boxes, suitcases, or even leave them in the dresser (if it doesn't make the dresser too heavy to move!). For hanging clothes, use a special wardrobe box, so you can hang your clothes right in it. (Bonus: you won't have to worry about figuring out how to pack your hangers for moving!)



You need to protect your shoes from each other when you pack shoes for moving. Wrap shoes individually to keep sharp heels or buckles from damaging other shoes,

and to keep dirt from one pair of shoes from messing up the rest of your shoes. You can pack socks into shoes to help them hold their shape.

When you pack jewelry, you can recycle some items to help you—you can string necklaces through straws or toilet paper rolls to keep them from being tangled.

10. Learn how to pack a TV for moving

Some movers treat TVs like any other piece of furniture, wrapping them in quilted furniture pads. Plasma TVs, though, require special wooden crates for shipping if you don't have the original box and can be ruined if you lay them flat. If you're packing yourself, double-box your TV, setting the box containing the TV into another box that you've padded with packing paper.

IV. Should You Hire Packers to Pack Your Home When Moving?

When moving, there's so much to do that hiring a professional packing service might be the way to go. Keep in mind that there are lots of options available, from packing your entire household to packing selected things only.



If cost is not an issue, then consider hiring professionals for both packing and unpacking. There are many services that provide everything from packing up your household to unpacking and setting up your new home, but before

you hire or even decide to hire, you'll need to weigh your time and energy versus the cost involved in hiring professionals to pack and unpack your home.

Home Assessment

First, the company will send out a surveyor to assess the details of your move. They'll list each item that needs to be packed, including furniture, cupboard contents, and kitchen drawers. This is not only a way of costing out your move but also will help determine what's of value and may need extra special care.

Valuables, including paperwork, artwork, and jewelry will be discussed during the household survey, determining how these items should be handled. Usually, items that can be taken with you on moving day, instead of being loaded in the moving truck, will be packed separately by the company and set aside for you to take with you.

Full-Service Packers

Full-service packers will make sure all furniture is taken apart, properly wrapped, and secured using padding and protective packing. Pictures and frames are removed from walls and carpets are rolled and ready to move. Boxes are labeled and sorted according to room and placement.

The company will also provide you with a time estimate on how long it'll take them to pack your goods and the cost involved. Usually, they can do it in a day. Your time frame and how much stuff you have will also determine the price. If you're in a rush to move, more staff will be needed to get your home packed. Make sure you arrange for babysitters or petsitters to ensure that children and pets are kept busy when the company is packing.



So, should you hire a full service? As mentioned earlier, this is a decision you need to make based on time versus cost. A packing service could add significantly to your moving budget. If you need to take two weeks off work in order to get the house packed and organized, though, it may be worth the price.

Packing takes a lot of time, and you need to add in the preparation that comes with packing, too, such as obtaining packing supplies and organizing before you pack. Remember, when you pack yourself, you'll need to first pack items that you won't need over the next few weeks. This takes time to plan, and the inconvenience of living without things can take its toll, too.

Most packing services can pack your home in one day. This saves not only time but the hassle of living out of boxes.

Packing Specialty Items

If you're on a budget or you want to save money on your move, many packing services offer packing of specialty items, particularly fragile things like artwork, mirrors, or other breakables. The company will come to your home to do an assessment then provide you with a quote.

Other items you may want to consider hiring a professional packer for are chandeliers, antiques, china, vases, valuable artwork, and fragile furniture. It's worth it to pay an extra charge to ensure the safe arrival of your most treasured pieces.

Appliances

Moving appliances often have to be handled by specialty movers. Many moving companies will suggest you hire a professional to prepare and move large appliances such as refrigerators, stoves, washers, and dryers. If appliances are not properly prepared, the moving company will not take responsibility if they don't work in your new home.

V. What To Expect When You Hire Professional Local Movers

Do you plan on moving homes in Gold Coast, Australia, and are wondering if you should get professional movers to help you? Moving homes can be a stressful experience as you have to plan and complete several tasks like packing, loading and transporting loads. Besides this, you will also have to ensure you update your address and transfer your utility services on time.



With so many tasks to handle, it can get overwhelming to complete this process yourself, which is why you should let professional removalists Gold Coast handle your move. These local movers will save you time and energy and help you complete your move within your deadline.

If this is your first time relocating to Gold Coast, you must know what to expect when you hire these expert removalists to be well-prepared for the move.

But first, it is good to note the costs involved when hiring professional movers so you can start planning your moving budget.

How Much Will Your Move Cost With Local Removalists

When hiring experienced removalists Gold Coast, you must always take at least 2-3 estimated quotes to compare and choose the best one. Your moving professionals can charge you a fixed quote or the number of hours you take for the move. But your final price will be based on the following factors:

- Number of items
- Number of movers
- Distance to be covered
- Included services
- Time taken
- The season and day of the move

On average, the cost of moving a 3-bedroom home in Gold Coast can come to around \$919.69 with local moving services.



Tip:

If you are on a tight budget, you can save on moving costs with these tips.

Now that you have estimated the costs of moving with local removalists, you should look at the services they offer for your move:

What Services Do Moving Companies Offer

1. Provide Estimated Quotes Of Your Moving Costs

Professional removalists Gold Coast will inspect your home and belongings before the move and provide you with an estimated quote. This quote will also take into account the

- Transportation costs
- Distance travelled
- Inaccessible stairs
- A narrow pathway

A fixed quote will help you set a budget and start saving for it so you can move homes without getting too stressed about the costs involved.

2. Arrange Packing And Moving Supplies For You

Before you take on the tough task of packing your belongings, you will have to first gather your packing supplies like:

- Cardboard or plastic boxes
- Packing paper
- Packing tape
- Bubble wrap
- Moving blankets
- Furniture pads
- Plastic wrap
- Toolset
- Moving dollies
- Lifting straps
- Cargo straps
- Ramps

Arranging these supplies will not only be time-consuming but will also cost you a lot of money. But when you hire full-service removalists Gold Coast, they will bring their high-quality packing and moving equipment, and you won't have to spend anything.

3. Pack Your Belongings In A Timely And Organised Manner

Packing is undoubtedly one of the most time-consuming and tedious tasks when relocating homes. If you are not looking forward to packing your belongings or want to avoid handling them, your local removalists can do this for you.

These trained professionals will use the correct boxes and packing supplies to wrap and protect each item and label them. The best part is that these professionals will take extra care when handling your fragile and antique items.



Tip:

If you are packing your items on your own, you can use these easy packing hacks to help you out.

4. Disassemble Your Furniture And Heavy Items

If you have a lot of heavy furniture and bulky items, it is best to let professional movers handle packing and transporting these items. Your movers will also know how to disassemble your furniture pieces, making them easier to load onto the truck. They will also help reassemble these pieces for you in your new home.

Tip:

Make sure you find out in advance if services like disassembling furniture will cost you extra, so you know what to expect.

5. Transport Your Moving Load To Your New Home

You will have to rent a moving truck and transport heavy loads to your new residence when you move homes. This is especially true if you have heavy furniture

pieces, as you must secure them on the truck with moving straps and rubber padding to ensure they do not fall off the vehicle and get damaged.

To avoid the stress of transporting these loads, you can hire professional removalists Gold Coast who have experienced drivers to move your shipment and will also give you an estimated delivery time.

6. Unpack Your Belongings In Your New Residence

If you are worried about unpacking your belongings in your new home, you can destress by hiring local movers. These experts will ensure your items have reached safely and help unpack your boxes in the way you want. You can ask them to unpack boxes room by room or start by unpacking the essentials and moving on to the non-essential items.



Once your local movers have unpacked your boxes, you can start decorating your new home!

Tip:

It is a good idea to create an inventory of your items before you move so that you can cross-check all your items have reached safely.

Thus, when you hire local professional movers, you can relax as they will take care of your moving tasks. If there are tasks you want to handle on your own, like packing, you can inform your moving services and remove them from the total costs. Local movers will help you complete other tasks on your moving checklist like

changing your address and paying your bills on time so you have covered everything.

CONCLUSION

As you embark on this exciting new chapter in Gold Coast, our guide is here to support your smooth transition. Embrace the opportunities, immerse yourself in the vibrant culture, and connect with the friendly community. Remember, settling takes time, so be patient and open-minded. With determination and our helpful tips, you'll thrive in this picturesque destination. Welcome to your new home in the dazzling Gold Coast!

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