



TOWNSVILLE (QUEENSLAND), AUSTRALIA

The largest settlement in North Queensland, Townsville is an industrial hub of Australia. Home to one of the world's largest zinc refineries, as well as significant nickel refineries (required for lithium batteries). The city is a national hub for renewable energy, green hydrogen and polysilicon

KEY INFO

Currency: Australian Dollar (1 USD = 1.5 AUD)

Population: 179,000 (5.2 million QLD)

Emergency #: 000


Drinking water: Tap water is drinkable

Time Zone: GMT+10


ID Requirements: Photo ID

Languages: English

Drive on the: Left

Pharmacy: Chempro Chemist, 280 Flinders St 



Protection: Bug Spray & SPF 30+


Wi-Fi: Libraries, Flinders Sq, Strand (MiTownsville) 

Post Office: Australia Post, 152-160 Sturt St 

PORT LOCATION

Ships dock at the Port of Townsville, which is about 7-minute drive or 30-minute walk from the CBD

Getting Around: Townsville's public bus network is run by Kinetic. Tickets can be purchased onboard the bus in cash. A single (one-way) ticket allows 2 hours of travel (from \$2.40 for single zone), and a Daily Ticket allows unlimited travel (from \$4.80 for single zone). The port is served by routes 200, 201 and 206 For taxis, dial 13 2227 ( [13cabs](tel:132227)) or 133 222 ( [Black & White Cabs](tel:133222))

 www.translink.com.au (click [here](#) for network map)


Port Facilities: Wi-Fi, Telephone, Toilets, Taxis

Port Address: Port of Townsville Ltd, Lennon Drive, Townsville, QLD 4810 

TOWNSVILLE CBD HIGHLIGHTS

① **The Strand:** 2.2km beachfront promenade, with paths, safe swimming beaches, restaurants and bars. Free | 9-minute drive/50-minute walk (5km from port)

 www.townsville.qld.gov.au

② **Queens Gardens:** Heritage-listed 19th Century botanic garden. Includes mazes, rose garden and an ornamental fountain.  [Garden Guide](#) | Free | 7-minute drive/50-minute drive (4km from port)

 www.townsville.qld.gov.au


③ **Castle Hill:** Meters short of being classified a mountain, Castle Hill is an excellent hike, with beautiful views from the top. The Indigenous name is Cootharinga. Free | 14-minute drive (7km from port)


 www.townsvillenorthqueensland.com.au

④ **Reef HQ:** The largest living coral reef exhibit in the world. Reef HQ is the official aquarium of the Great Barrier Reef, and home to the Australian Government's National Education Centre for the reef. **Temporarily Closed** | 6-minute drive/35-minute walk (3.3km from port)

 www.greatbarrierreefaquarium.au

For more: www.townsvillenorthqueensland.com.au, www.queensland.com, www.australia.com

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⑤ **Museum of Tropical Queensland (MTQ):** One of five Museum of Queensland sites, this outpost includes a permanent gallery about the HMS Pandora – the ill-fated ship sent to capture the Bounty. 9:30a-4p | Free | 7-minute drive/35-minute drive (3.4km from port)

📍 www.museum.qld.gov.au/tropics

⑥ **Perc Tucker Regional Gallery:** The leading art gallery in the region, displays across two main exhibition spaces, with works by North Queensland artists, as well as national and international touring exhibitions. 10a-5p (Tue-Fri), 110a-1p (Sat-Sun) | Free | 4-minute drive/30-minute walk (2.3km from port)

📍 www.townsville.qld.gov.au

⑦ **Maritime Museum:** Look for the red lighthouse on Palmer Street. The collection includes HMAS Townsville and a large collection of model ships and lighthouse lenses.

9:30a-2p (Mon-Sat) | \$12 🚗 📞 | 3-minute drive/18-minute walk (1.9km from port)

📍 www.tmml.org.au

⑧ **Museum of Underwater Art:** Intriguing underwater gallery, home to the world's largest underwater sculpture – the Coral Greenhouse. Explore on a dive, or closer works can be enjoyed from the Strand.

📍 www.moua.com.au

OUT OF TOWN HIGHLIGHTS

⑨ **Billabong Sanctuary:** Opened in 1985, some of the original animals still live in the park. The park is home to breeding colonies of koalas, crocodiles, kangaroos and much more. Awarded Best Tourism Attraction in Queensland in 2007. 9a-4p | \$46 | 20-minute drive (19km SE of Townsville)

📍 www.billabongsanctuary.com.au

⑩ **Townsville Palmetum:** 17-hectare botanic garden with one of the largest and most diverse palm tree collections in the world. Established in 1998 as one of Australia's Bicentennial Projects. 📍 [Garden Guide](#)
Free | 20-min drive (15km SW of Townsville)

📍 www.townsville.qld.gov.au

Magnetic Island National Park: A picturesque island a short ferry ride from Townsville. Known for its large granite boulders, hoop pines, sandy beaches, and fringing coral reefs. Passenger Ferry is much faster than Car Ferry. Park Entry: Free | \$39 (ferry) | 20-minute ferry (8km NE of Townsville)

📍 parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/magnetic-island

MAP OF HIGHLIGHTS



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