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With over 300 days of sunshine a year, Townsville is a very popular destination for sun seekers and provides easy access to the Great Barrier Reef. Townsville is situated in the dry tropics region and is a gateway to the Outback, wet tropics rainforest, wetlands teeming with bird life and a number of tropical islands. Boasting a 2.5 km beachfront area, known as the strand, it is an exciting and vibrant city to visit.

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THE CITY



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Townsville is a vibrant region and offers everything from beautiful coastal towns to rainforests, the rough Outback and, of course, the area's biggest attraction, the Great Barrier Reef. The city itself offers a vast array of world-class bars, restaurants, hotels and shops. It also houses the world renowned Reef HQ, the world's largest living coral reef aquarium. So, whether you are up for a lazy holiday spent on the beach and browsing the city, or something more action-packed, you'll certainly find it in Townsville.

DO & SEE



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There is plenty to do and see around Townsville. Just off the North Queensland coast, and measuring in at a length of more than 100 metres, the wreck of the SS Yongala has been labelled one of the world's top-ten diving sites. Also, just 135 km to the southwest is Charters Towers, a living history site, which was established during the gold trade in the late 1800's. Today it contains a number of superb historic buildings. For nature lovers and families there is Billabong Sanctuary with its wombats and koalas and the Reef HQ on Flinders Street. Culture is catered to at the Aboriginal Centre and at the National Heritage Complex in the West End.

Magnetic Island



Escape to a tropical island, nearby Magnetic (or "Maggie" to locals). The island offers a wide range of activities for a perfect day off. Hop on

the ferry and spend the day swimming, sun bathing or simply relaxing at one of the many beautiful bays or beaches on Magnetic Island.

Photo: Milosz_M/Shutterstock.com Internet: www.magneticislandtourism.com Email: talk2maggieisland@gmail.com

Cattle Muster



Experience a real Australian adventure on a working Queensland cattle station. Ride a friendly horse through the beautiful Australian

bush and enjoy learning how to draft cattle, shear sheep and crack a whip. After a morning of hard work, you can tuck into an oven roast lunch.

Photo: Leah Kennedy/Shutterstock.com Address: Jones Road, Woodstock, Townsville Phone: +61 429 793 363 Internet: www.woodstocktrailrides.com.au Email: info@woodstocktrailrides.com.au



Billabong Sanctuary



Just 17 km south of Townsville crocodiles, snakes, wombats, and koalas are in abundance. Billabong Sanctuary offers visitors a chance to

experience crocodile and snake handling shows, wombat and koala petting and a dip in the resort-sized pool. Explore the diverse fauna and take a picture with these unique species.

Photo: Rob and Stephanie Levy / Flickr (image cropped) Address: Bruce Highway, Townsville Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9am-5pm Phone: +61 7 4778 8344 Internet: www.billabongsanctuary.com.au Email: rangers@billabongsanctuary.com.au

Reef HQ Aquarium



This is the largest living coral aquarium in the world - an example of the Great Barrier Reef on land. It has 100,000 visitors a year - so why

not try a fantastic fishy adventure for the whole family? Book your tour guide in advance and have one unforgettable experience.

Photo: Mads Bødker / Flickr (image cropped) Address: 2-68 Flinders St, Townsville Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-5pm Phone: +61 7 4750 0800 Internet: www.reefhq.com.au Email: info@reefhq.com.au More Info: Museum of Tropical Queensland

National Trust Heritage Centre

This historical complex has three Queensland houses dating from the last 150 years. All are furnished in the fashion of the period when they were built. The collection of preserved materials from the past, as well as the annual Heritage festival, present to its visitors an interesting part of local history and culture. National Trust Heritage Centre is definitely a good place for a blast from the past.

Address: 5 Castling Street, Townsville Opening hours: Wed 10am-1pm, Sat-Sun 1pm-6pm Phone: +61 7 4771 5873 Internet: www.nationaltrust.org.au Email: currajonghouse@gmail.com

Charters Towers



Just a 90 minute drive from the city, gold was discovered in 1871 by an Aboriginal boy named Jupiter. Today the town has 10,000 inhabitants

and has some beautifully preserved 19th and early 20th century buildings from its heyday. It is well worth a visit.

Photo: Jody81 / Wikimedia Commons (image cropped) Address: Charters Towers, Townsville

Great Barrier Reef



Discover the magical colours of the tropical marine fish and coral of the Great Barrier Reef. Departing from Townsville, it takes only 2

hours to get there. A full day adventure takes you to the crystal clear waters and includes snorkelling, glass bottom boat tours, a marine biology presentation and a scrumptious buffet lunch.

There are several tourist bureaus that can help you book the trip of a lifetime, including:

Tropical Travel & Accommodation



Photo: JC Photo/Shutterstock.com Address: Flinders Square, Townsville Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm, Sat-Sun 9am-4pm Phone: +61 7 4772 5800 Internet: www.tropicaltravel.com.au Email: admin@tropicaltravel.com.au

Mission Beach



Mission Beach is a beautiful stretch of sand offering all sorts of activities. Besides the obvious sun bathing you can skydive or kayak.

Paddle from South Mission Beach along the coast, passing golden sandy beaches and rocky headlands. As you cruise along, there will be plenty of opportunities to see turtles and many sea birds that frolic along this scenic coastline.

Coral Sea Kayaking:

Photo: Ingel Pictures/Shutterstock.com Address: 2 Wall St, South Mission Beach Phone: +61 7 4068 9154 Internet: www.coralseakayaking.com Email: info@coralseakayaking.com

The Strand



Townsville's beachfront promenade is a 2.5 km stretch of parkland dotted with barbecues, picnic areas, exercise facilities and restaurants, offering

fun for the whole family. The free water park delights adults and children alike. With its beautiful views the spot is also a great choice for a romantic stroll with your beloved one.

Photo: Hector Garcia / Flickr (image cropped) Address: The Strand, Townsville

Castle Hill



Castle Hill is a popular tourist site which offers some of the best views over the city of Townsville. You can drive up there and park at the

top. From there you can continue walking or cycling for an even more amazing view over the city and the surrounding area.

Photo: Andrew Dolman / Flickr (image cropped) Address: Castle Hill Road, Townsville

Paluma and Crystal Creek Rainforest



Paluma and Crystal Creek Rainforest is a hidden gem and a lovely cooling spot where you can escape the hot summer days and indulge in

tranquility. After the hike to the creek, take a cold swim, have a picnic, barbecue and just enjoy your day in these beautiful surroundings.

Photo: Rob and Stephanie Levy / Flickr (image cropped) Address: Paluma Range Road, Townsville Phone: +61 7 4770 8526

The Palmetum



The Palmetum welcomes you to a serene and beautiful botanical garden in the middle of Townsville. Walk around these lovely surroundings

and enjoy the tranquility and the variety of plants from different environments, such as rain forest, lagoon, desert and much more.

Photo: Rob and Stephanie Levy / Flickr (image cropped) Address: University Road, Cranbrook, Townsville Opening hours: Daily sunrise-sunset



Internet: www.soe-townsville.org/parks/palmetum.html

Riverway



Riverway is a great destination for culture, sports and other fun and leisure activities, well-visited among both locals and tourists. Come

here with the whole family, swim in the lagoons, make yourself comfortable in the shaded spots and fire up a barbecue.

Photo: jojo / Flickr (image cropped) Address: Ross River Road, Pioneer Park, Townsville Phone: +61 1300 878 001 Internet: www.townsville.qld.gov.au/facilities-and-recreation/

parks-beaches-and-community-venues/riverway

Royal Australian Air Force Museum



The Royal Australian Air Force Museum is located only 10 minutes from the heart of the city. Discover the military history of North Queensland from

World War II until today. Take half a day to see the extensive exhibits. The entrance is free of charge.

Photo: Gary Blakeley/Shutterstock.com Address: Ingham Road, Garbutt, Townsville Phone: +61 7 4752 1712 Internet: www.aviationmuseum.eu Email: info@raafmuseum.com

Maritime Museum of Townsville



The Maritime Museum of Townsville is a museum which covers a considerable period of the town's maritime history. It welcomes everyday people from all around the world, and it is a big attraction for everyone who is keen on human activity at sea. Visit the different galleries, explore the preserved materials and artefacts and have an exciting maritime experience.

Photo: Mark McIntosh / Wikimedia Commons (image cropped) Address: 42-68 Palmer St, South Townsville Opening hours: Daily 10am-3pm Phone: +61 7 4721 5251 Internet: www.townsvillemaritimemuseum.org.au Email: tmhs@bigpond.com

DINING



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Townsville boasts three fine dining precincts: on Palmer Street, you'll find various cuisines from Greek, Italian, Asian to French and traditional Australian. Townsville's waterfront esplanade -The Strand - offers a string of waterfront cafés with stunning views, fine restaurants and the famous Seaview Hotel Steakhouse. Finally, Gregory Street offers fine coffee and light alfresco dining. Flinders Street also offers a range of eateries for those out to experience Townsville's nightlife.



Southbank Grill



Famous for its range of gourmet steak dishes, the Southbank Grill also offers a range of fresh seafood, and a mouth-watering dessert

menu, making it a must visit restaurant. The establishment is open both for breakfast and dinner and guarantees attentive service in a cosy atmosphere.

Photo: LoboStudioHamburg / Pixabay Address: 23 Palmer Street, Townsville Opening hours: Breakfast: Mon-Fri 6am-9am, Sat-Sun 7am-10am. Dinner: Mon-Thu 6pm-8:30pm, Fri-Sat 6pm-9pm Phone: +61 7 4726 5207 Internet: www.rydges.com/accommodation/townsville-qld/tow nsville/eat-drink/southbank-bar-grill/ Email: reservations_townsville@rydges.com

Michel's Restaurant



Palmer Street's first restaurant offers a great mix of multi-cultural dining experiences, utilising fresh local ingredients. It is a

favorite among both locals and tourists. Finely prepared meals served with style and a sense for detail offer a high quality culinary experience.

Photo: Alias Studiot Oy / Shutterstock.com Address: 7 Palmer Street, Townsville Opening hours: Lunch: Tue-Fri 11:30am-2:30pm, Dinner: Tue-Sat from 5:30pm Phone: +61 7 4724 1460 Internet: www.michelsrestaurant.com.au Email: info@michelsrestaurant.com.au

Masala



Masala is an Indian experience you won't forget. This top quality establishment uses the finest spices and herbs in the preparation of its

varied menu. It is well known in the area because it offers both vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes and serves takeaways, as well.

Photo: Foodio / Shutterstock.com Address: 79 Palmer Street, Townsville Opening hours: Dinner: daily 5pm till -lte, Lunch: Friday 12pm-2pm Phone: +61 7 4721 3388 Internet: www.masalaindian.com.au Email: masalaindian@hotmail.com

The Pier



For relaxed waterfront dining overlooking the Townsville Marina, don't miss the Pier Restaurant and Bar. Here you can enjoy an abundance of

seafood, sitting directly over water. The restaurant has a magnificent backdrop offering superb views of the city, harbour and marina by day or night.

Photo: svariophoto / Shutterstock.com Address: Sir Leslie Thiess Drive, Townsville Opening hours: Breakfast: Sun from 8:30am. Lunch: Fri-Sun from 12pm. Dinner: Wed-Sun from 5:30pm Phone: +61 7 4721 2567 Internet: www.pierrestaurantandbar.com.au Email: hello@pierrestaurantandbar.com.au More Info: Townsville Marina



Cactus Jack's



Cactus Jack's is a Mexican restaurant which offers mouth watering starters and juicy steaks to die for. Flavourful chicken wings and crispy

potatoes are also on the menu. With its huge range of imported and local beers, Cactus Jack's is the place to be.

Photo: Olga Nayashkova / Shutterstock.com Address: 21 Palmer Street, Townsville Opening hours: Daily from 5pm Phone: +61 7 4721 1478 Internet: www.cactusjacks.com.au Email: enquiries@cactusjacks.com.au

GYO Japanese Restaurant



GYO is a Japanese tapas restaurant with a menu that ranges from small courses, such as edamame beans, to big sushi platters. The menu

is well selected, comprised of lunch, dinner and snack options. A recommendation is to end your meal with the tempura ice-cream.

Photo: szefei / Shutterstock.com

Address: Shop 2/48 Gregory Street, North Ward, Townsville Opening hours: Wed-Sun 11:30am-2:30pm and 5:30pm-9:30pm Phone: +61 7 4771 5151 Internet: www.gyojapaneserestaurant.com.au Email: info@gyojapaneserestaurant.com.au

A Touch Of Salt



A Touch Of Salt has a spacious indoor and outdoor area for warm summer nights and cosy evenings. The menu is contemporary, and if you

have a hard time choosing what to take then ask the knowledgeable waiter, who will gladly help you. You are sure to enjoy your evening here.

Photo: rawpixel / Pixabay Address: 86-124 Ogden Street, Townsville Opening hours: Lunch: Fri from 12pm, Dinner: Tue-Sat from 6pm Phone: +61 7 4724 4441 Internet: www.saltrestaurants.com.au Email: info@saltrestaurants.com.au

Townsville Brewing



Townsville Brewing is the city's old post office, re-built into a brewery, restaurant and event centre. The food is varied and tasty, and the

entrees, including Crispy Coconut Prawns and Beef Tataki, are some of the best in town. The beer and the wine will, of course, not disappoint.

Photo: Pexels / Pixabay Address: 252 Flinders Street, Townsville Phone: +61 7 4724 2999 Internet: www.townsvillebrewery.com.au Email: venue@townsvillebrewery.com.au

Yongala Lodge



This restaurant is located by The Strand, and is a part of the Yongala Lodge. Here you can try authentic dishes from French cuisine which are



prepared using fresh, locally produced ingredients. Enjoy the delicious food from either the front veranda or the historic dining room.

Photo: ShenXin / Pixabay Address: 11 Fryer Street, Townsville Opening hours: Breakfast: Mon-Fri 7am-11:30am, Sat-Sun 8am-11:30am, Lunch: Mon-Fri 11:30am-2:30pm, Sat-Sun 11:30am-3pm, Dinner: 6pm-late Phone: +61 7 4772 4633 Internet: www.historicyongala.com.au Email: info@historicyongala.com.au

Jam Corner



Jam Corner is a great option for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Seasonal fruits, seafood and meat options are all included in the menu. The

outdoor seating allows you to enjoy the beautiful view over the river and city skyline. The waiters are friendly and welcoming, and the Australian cuisine is very tasty.

Photo: James_Jester / Pixabay

Address: 1 Palmer Street, Townsville Opening hours: Tue-Thu 6.30am-2.30pm and 5.30pm-late, Fri: 6.30am-2.30pm and 5.30pm-late, Sat: 7am-2.30pm and 5.30pm-late, Sun: 7.30am-2.30pm Phone: +61 7 4721 4900 Internet: www.jamcorner.com.au Email: manager@jamcorner.com.au

Summerie's Authentic Thai Cuisine



Summerie's Authentic Thai Cuisine truly lives up to its name, as the food tastes just as it would if you were in Thailand. You can choose to sit at the

restaurant or take the food with you and enjoy it out in the sun. No matter which you choose, you are sure to have one real Thai experience. Photo: Dar1930 / Shutterstock.com Address: 232 Flinders St, Townsville Opening hours: Tue-Sun: 11:30am-2:30pm and 5:30pm-10:00pm Phone: +61 7 4420 1282 Internet: www.summeriesthaicuisine.com.au

Wayne & Adele's Garden of Eating



Wayne & Adele's Garden of Eating has an Australian menu where you can choose from many unique combinations of delicious

meals. You can also choose between indoor and outdoor seating. The atmosphere is just as laid back and relaxing as the Australians themselves are.

Photo: Evgeny Litvinov / Shutterstock.com Address: 11 Allen Street, Townsville Opening hours: Mon 6:30pm-10:30pm, Thu-Sat 6:30pm-11pm, Sun 12pm-3pm Phone: +61 7 4772 2984

Ribs and Rumps Townsville



Ribs and Rumps offers a complete steakhouse experience. By dining at this establishment you will feel the familiar flavors of barbecue

grilling. The restaurant is widely recognized for its delicious ribs. The friendly ambiance make this a good option for a great time out with friends.

Photo: RitaE / Pixabay

Address: 2 Dibbs St, South Townsville Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11:30am till late, Sat-Sun 11:30am till late

Phone: +61 7 4721 6088

Internet: www.ribsandrumps.com.au/location/townsville/ Email: info@ribsandrumps.com.au



Donna Bionda



Donna Bionda is an Italian restaurant named after a beautiful lady, and this beauty, finesse and sophistication are transmitted onto the

meals. The delicious focaccia, pasta and pizza are offered in different styles. Finish your Mediterranean experience with a sinfully delicious Tiramisu.

Photo: Denizo71 / Shutterstock.com Address: 385/373 Flinders St, Townsville Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-2.30pm and 5pm-10pm, Fri-Sat 11am-late Phone: +61 7 4771 2245 Internet: www.donnabionda.com.au Email: ciao@donnabionda.com.au

Rambutan Townsville North QLD



Located in the resort of the same name, Rambutan's restaurant offers a wide range of selected flavors, emphasizing South

American cuisine. The rooftop setting offers plenty of seating available, and you have the privilege of enjoying the beautiful panorama.

Photo: Brandon Bourdages / Shutterstock.com Address: 113-119 Flinders St, Townsville Opening hours: Daily 12pm till late Phone: +61 7 4771 6915 Internet: www.rambutantownsville.com.au Email: enquiries@rambutantownsville.com

CAFES



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No matter where you choose to enjoy your coffee and snack you will not be disappointed with Townsville's great selection of cafes, bakeries and coffee shops. Nothing is as relaxing as sipping on a latte in this lovely atmosphere surrounded by friendly people and great weather.

C Bar



C Bar built its reputation on quality service, great coffee and food, including varied international flavors, and a privileged waterfront location. The

two C Bars occupy a prime space in the Twin Cities. Relish the spectacular views from the bar all day long.

Photo: Dubova / Shutterstock.com Address: The Strand, Gregory Street Headland, Townsville Opening hours: Daily 6am-10pm Phone: +61 7 4724 0333 Internet: www.cbar.com.au Email: strand@cbar.com.au



Sidewalk Café and Bar



Sidewalk Café and Bar is a peaceful spot in the busy day. The establishment serves tea, coffee and a variety of drinks, delicious cakes

and homemade desserts, as well as filling snacks and soups. The home-grown products are a guarantee for quality and freshness, and the laidback atmosphere makes for a relaxed break.

Photo: Pexels / Pixabay Address: 143 Wills Street, Townsville Opening hours: Mon-Thu 7am-10am and 6pm-10pm, Fri 7am-10am, Sat 7:30am-9:30am Phone: +61 7 4771 6048 Internet: www.cityoasis.com.au/dining Email: reservations@cityoasis.com.au

Hervey's Range Heritage Tea Rooms



If cups of tea are your cup of tea you can always head out to the Heritage Tea Rooms – a fully restored Cobb & Co era building offering the

great Aussie cuppa. The Heritage Tea Rooms offer a great taste of historical Australiana combined with the great tastes of traditional Australian fare.

Photo: congerdesign / Pixabay Address: Lot 6 Thornton's Gap Road, Hervey's Range Road, Townsville Opening hours: Daily 9am-4pm Phone: +61 7 4778 0199 Internet: www.heritagetearooms.com.au Email: scones@heritagetearooms.com.au

Barefoot Art Food Wine



Good food, great art, fine wine. The owners of Barefoot merged their passions for dining and all things artistic to create a wonderful

cultural mix. Located on the beachfront on Horseshoe Bay, there's also a well-stocked art gallery for diners to peruse at their leisure.

Photo: JeffersonLiu / Pixabay

Address: 5 Pacific Drive, Horseshoe Bay, Magnetic Island Opening hours: Wed-Sat 11:30am-9pm, Sun 9am-4pm Phone: +61 7 4758 1170 Internet: www.barefootartfoodwine.com.au Email: barefootartfoodwine@hotmail.com

Odyssey on the Strand



Odyssey on the Strand is a great place to stop for a snack when you are out shopping. Ideally located on The Strand, overlooking the rock

pools, this Mediterranean style cafe offers breakfast and lunch every day, and on weekend nights there's a Greek taverna-style menu.

Photo: TheAndrasBarta / Pixabay Address: 120 The Strand, Townsville Opening hours: Mon-Thu 6:30am-4pm, Fri 6:30am-late, Sat 6:30am-late, Sun 6:30am-4pm Phone: +61 7 4724 1400 Internet: www.odysseyonthestrandqld.com.au Email: odstrand@bigpond.net.au



Juliette's Gelateria



Juliette's Gelateria is a great place for a delicious gelato after a walk around the town. You can choose among vegetarian-friendly

options and a big selection of excellent coffee. Sit outside and take in the sun and the spectacular view over the ocean.

Photo: Tyler Olson / Shutterstock.com Address: Landsborough St & The Strand, Townsville City Opening hours: Sun-Thu 7am-9:30pm, Fri-Sat 7am-10pm Phone: +61 7 4772 5565 Internet: www.juliettes.com.au Email: gelateria@juliettes.com.au

MJ&Co.Espresso Bar



Located in the heart of Townsville, MJ&Co.Espresso Bar offers many healthy options, making the cafe a great choice for

breakfast or lunch. A cup of delightful coffee brings a bright morning pick-me-up, and the fresh salads, omelettes, french toasts and pancakes give you the productivity you need throughout the day.

Photo: Olga Nayashkova / Shutterstock.com Address: 320-334 Flinders St, Townsville City Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6am-3pm, Sun 6am-2pm Phone: +61 422 359 295 Email: mj.co.tsv@gmail.com

Coffee Dominion



Dominion is for all of you who need to start their day with a cup of warm coffee. The variety of espresso coffee blends, filter and plunder coffee,

as well as decaffeinated coffee guarantees that every single whim of yours will be satisfied by the skilled baristas.

Photo: baranq / Shutterstock.com Address: Corner Ogden & Stokes Streets, Townsville City Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6am-5pm, Sat-Sun 7am-1pm Phone: +61 7 4724 0767 Internet: www.coffeedominion.com.au Email: roaster@coffeedominion.com.au

Fratello Coffee



Fratello Coffee is a lovely spot where you can have breakfast, a lunch break or just stop by for an afternoon snack. They have a rich selection of

coffee, as well as delicious food, such as wraps, paninis, pies and filos. The fruit salad is very popular and the tempting muffins are a must, and it can all be enjoyed in the cafe's outdoor seating area.

Photo: Shaiith/Shutterstock.com Address: 1/520 Flinders St, Townsville City Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6am-3pm, Sat 7am-2pm Phone: +61 7 4724 0022 Internet: www.fratellocoffee.com.au Email: info@fratellocoffee.com.au



The Cat's Meow



The Cat's Meow presents a creative interior concept in a casual style. This small and cute place

possesses everything you need to feel comfortable

and engaged while having a serving of poached eggs, toast, melon or chickpea salad. The vintage cafe has a wide range of tea, the trademark product of the establishment.

Photo: Joe Gough/Shutterstock.com Address: 7/260 Charters Towers Rd, Hermit Park Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 7am - 3pm Phone: +61 7 4728 7849 Internet: www.thecatsmeowcafe.com.au Email: info@thecatsmeowcafe.com.au

Pie House



Pie House is a bakery-cafe where from early in the morning until late in the evening you can find a variety of pastry delights. You can

choose different sorts of donuts, bagels, pies and coffee. It is ideal to grab something for an afternoon snack at the office or at home.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com Address: 221 Flinders Street, East, Townsville City Opening hours: Tue-Sun 24h, Mon 12am-3pm Phone: +61 7 4724 3926 Internet: www.facebook.com/piehousebakerycafe Email: piehouseflinders@gmail.com

That Place on Sturt



That Place on Sturt is a good option for breakfast and lunch. Try the burritos, which are one of the specialties of the cafe. A kids' menu is also

featured to make sure that everyone gets what they are looking for. A dinner menu is available on Friday and Saturday evening and includes some egg, salmon and lamb dishes.

Photo: StudioByTheSea/Shutterstock.com Address: 256 Sturt St, Townsville City Opening hours: Sun-Thu 7am-3pm, Fri-Sat 7am-10pm Phone: +61 7 4724 4667 Internet: www.facebook.com/thatplaceonsturt Email: info@thatplaceonsturt.com.au

Vitti's Cafe



Vitti's Cafe is a place where you can taste quality coffee or a delicious homemade cake in a pleasant atmosphere. The breakfast and lunch

meals contain healthy vegetables like avocado, tomatoes and potatoes. You can even hire the establishment for organizing the catering for your private party.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com Address: 3/42 Mitchell Street Townsville, Queensland, North Ward Opening hours: Mon-Sun 5:30am-4:30pm Phone: +61 7 4772 3890 Internet: www.vitti.com.au Email: info@vitti.com.au



Hoi Polloi Cafe



Hoi Polloi Cafe is a cool cafe in a convenient location. The concept of being a non-standard coffee shop makes it attractive, and it is a

worthy stop for all who would like to try something new, out of the ordinary. The place welcomes everyone who would like to have a chat and drink a cup of quality coffee.

Photo: Bplanet/Shutterstock.com Address: LOT 2 Flinders St, Townsville City Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:15am-11:30am, Sat-Sun 8am-1pm Phone: +61 432 025 129 Email: thehoipolloicafe@gmail.com

Born Wild Wholefoods + Espresso



Drop by Born Wild Wholefoods + Espresso and get a reviving smoothie for a more productive morning. For all who want to start their

day with coffee, check out the menu and find your perfect coffee match. The cafe also serves freshly cooked food, as avocado on toast, chicken schnitzel and lamb, and the good quality ingredients highlight every dish.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com Address: 373-383 Flinders St, Townsville City Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6:15am-3pm, Sat 6:30am-3pm, Sun 7am-2:30pm Phone: +61 7 4771 4045 Internet: www.bornwildwholefoods.com.au Email: kymbo@bornwildwholefoods.com.au

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Being the largest tropical city in Australia, Townsville tends to be very laid back, but don't let that fool you, as there is a hot music scene, as well as plenty of clubs and places where you can dance till dawn. Home to a large student and army population, Townsville's largest contingent of night spots is found on Flinders Street East.

Heritage Exchange



Heritage Exchange is a trendy bar which is very popular among locals, and it is ideal for late-nighters. The party here starts in the late

afternoon and it continues all night long. The good food, the great drinks and the nice music promise a high quality experience.

Photo: Dmitry Kalinovsky/Shutterstock.com Address: 151 Flinders St Townsville Opening hours: Tue-Thu 5pm-late, Fri 4pm-5am, Sat 5pm-5am Phone: +61 7 4771 2799 Internet: www.theheritagetownsville.com Email: heritagebarandgrill@bigpond.com



The Brewery



This is an internationally recognised, award winning brewery producing and distributing eight brands of beer and six alco-pops.

Some of the best beer brands in the area are featured on the menu, and are well worth a try. The pub offers dining options as well, including some local specialties.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com Address: 252 Flinders Mall, Townsville Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11:30am-11pm, Fri-Sat 11:30am-12am Phone: +61 7 4724 2999 Internet: www.townsvillebrewery.com.au Email: sales@townsvillebrewery.com.au

Flynns



An Irish pub that tends to get loud, especially when big games are broadcast or live music performances are on there is usually one of

those every night. You can show off your skills at Irish pool, and for the brave ones, there is also a weekly karaoke night.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com Address: 101 Flinders St, Townsville Opening hours: Tue-Sun 5pm-late Phone: +61 7 47211655 Internet: www.flynnsirishbar.com Email: info@flynnsirishbar.com

Bullys



Bullys is a long-standing nightlife venue located in the heart of Townsville's entertainment district. The music played is both local and international,

and the party starts as early as Tuesday night. Visit Bullys with your friends, chill out and dance the night away.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 108 Flinders St, Townsville Opening hours: Tue 8pm-5am, Thu-Sun 8pm-5am Phone: +61 7 4771 5647

The Basement Bar 409



Located in the basement of the old Chifley Plaza Hotel, this bar and lounge hosts themed dance parties (rumba on Thursdays), live

performers (jazz features prominently) and serves a variety of snack foods. Stay updated with The Basement's upcoming events and have a memorable night.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 409 Flinders St, Townsville Opening hours: Thu 7pm-11pm, Fri-Sat 7pm-12am Phone: +61 429 676 045 Internet: www.facebook.com/thebasementbarevents Email: tim@thesocialdept.com.au

Seaview Hotel



With its spotless reputation and both indoor and outdoor seating areas, this reputable hotel's bar is a favorite weekend spot.

The dining options include seafood dishes, but



also some international ones. After finishing your meal, you can attend the gaming room where you will be provided with the necessary entertainment for a night to remember.

Photo: Jan Smith (image cropped) Address: 56 the Strand, Townsville Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-12am, Sat 10am-1am Phone: +61 7 4771 5005 Internet: www.seaviewhotel.com.au

Centenary Hotel



Located away from the main tourist haunts is the Centenary Hotel - popular among locals for its food and drinks, as well as its great outdoor play area

for kids. You will find an extensive menu, which includes varied food selections, such as Thai beef salad, lasagna and steak. The spacious establishment is also ready to host your private or corporate event.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com Address: 35 French St, Pimlico, Townsville Opening hours: Daily from 12pm Phone: +61 7 4779 2575 Internet: www.centen.com.au

The Australian



Located inside the Australian Hotel, this bar is one of the town's favorite spots for dining, which also features multiple large screens

which are perfectly fit for watching sports and events. The steaks offered are quite popular and deserve a try. Grab a couple of drinks with your friends and make yourselves comfortable.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com

Address: 11 Palmer Street, Townsville Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-12am Phone: +61 7 4771 5269 Internet: www.facebook.com/australianhoteltownsville Email: manager@australian-hotel.com.au

Hooch and Fellow



Hooch & Fellow is trendy bar where you can find a wonderful selection of drinks. The place is a great choice to chill out with friends and try some

of the most exquisite beverages in town. Indulge in the cosy and intimate atmosphere with an elegantly served cocktail and enjoy an experience of the highest class.

Photo: bogdanhoda/Shutterstock.com Address: 181 Flinders St, Townsville City Opening hours: Tue-Sat 5pm-12am Phone: +61 7 4721 0225 Email: hoochandfellow@outlook.com

The Lighthouse Bar and Grill



The Lighthouse Bar and Grill is a contemporary establishment where the attention to detail is expressed in every single aspect, from the interior,

through the stylish menu, to the way the food is served on the plate. Find a combination of great food, for example lamb, pork, vegetarian dishes, as well as selected wines. Surrounded by beautiful spots you just cannot get enough of the views all around you.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: 61-63 Palmer St, South Townsville Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11am-2pm and 5pm-late Phone: +61 7 4724 4452 Internet: www.lighthousebarandgrill.com.au Email: info@lighthousebarandgrill.com.au



Shaw & Co



Shaw & Co is a place which exudes charm and warmth. The best way to appreciate this hidden gem is to visit it when you are really hungry for

lunch or dinner. You can choose from among a variety of snacks, salads, sandwiches, chicken wings and some delicious fruity cocktails.

Photo: archimede/Shutterstock.com Address: 383 Flinders Street, Townsville City Opening hours: Mon-Sun 12pm-12am Phone: +61 7 4721 0585 Internet: www.citylane.com.au/dining/shaw-co/ Email: info@shawandco.com.au

The Wild Goose Brews & Chews



Wild Goose Brews & Chews boasts an abundance of lovely international flavors, like Tukish gourmet sandwiches, Greek salad

and Italian pasta. The bar has plenty of experience in organizing parties, and you can even plan any event here, from your birthday to girls' or boys' night.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: 137 Flinders St, Townsville City Opening hours: Tue-Sat 11:30am-1am Phone: +61 7 4771 2799 Internet: www.wildgoose.net.au Email: info@wildgoose.net.au

Cactus Saloon



Cactus Saloon, known also as Cactus Jack's older brother, is a place where you can have endless entertainment. In the establishment are

housed three bars which are unique in themselves. Choose the one which best matches your lifestyle. It is time to have fun sipping on emotions and positive vibes.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com Address: 237 Flinders St, Townsville City Opening hours: Tue-Sat 3pm-3am Phone: +61 7 4721 5705 Internet: www.cactusjacks.com.au

SHOPPING



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There are a number of shopping malls and plazas in Townsville where you can visit department stores, spaciality shops, boutiques and cafés. Cotters Market at Flinders Mall (open on Sundays) is also very popular weekend shopping spot.



Flinders Street Mall



Flinders Street Mall, the city centre's shopping hub (Flinders Street, Townsville), offers a range of boutiques and speciality stores including

retail chains, local businesses, cafes and an art gallery. The Mall is transformed on Sundays when Cotters Market takes over the open spaces.

Photo: Ivanko80/Shutterstock.com Address: 336 Flinders St, Townsville

Stockland Plaza



Stockland Plaza is one of the city's largest shopping centres, with 135 speciality stores and 7 major retailers, including Big W. The

atmosphere is relaxed and comfortable. The food court has a wide variety of tasty treats and there are many outlets for fashion, jewelry, electronics, accessories and more.

Photo: argo74/Shutterstock.com Address: 310-330 Ross River Rd, Townsville Opening hours: Mon-Wed 9am-5:30pm, Thu 9am-9pm, Fri 9am-5:30pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 11am-4pm Phone: +61 7 4779 6033 Internet: www.stockland.com.au/shopping-centres/centres/st ockland-townsville

Email: townsville@stockland.com.au

More Info: Corner of Nathan Street and Ross River Road, Aitkenvale

Castletown Shoppingworld



Castletown Shoppingworld is located on Woolcock Street at the corner of Kings Road, Hyde Park. The center is home to two

supermarkets and over 150 specialty stores including Target. Clothing stores, jewellers and gifts shops, health and beauty studios and many more turn this contemporary shopping center into a place to be.

Photo: g-stockstudio/Shutterstock.com Address: Woolcock Street & Kings Rd, Townsville Opening hours: Mon-Wed 9am-5:30pm, Thu 9am-9pm, Fri 9am-5:30pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm Phone: +61 7 4772 1699 Internet: www.castletown.com.au Email: enquiries@castletown.com.au

Willows Shoppingtown



Willows Shoppingtown is located in Thuringowa's city centre, 15 km west of Townsville's CBD. Major retailers including Woolworths, Coles, and

Target and 150 speciality retailers. The place is famous among the locals as a retail facility where you can have a relaxed shopping experience.

Photo: Karramba Production/Shutterstock.com Address: Cnr Thuringowa Drive and Hervey Range Road, Townsville Opening hours: Mon-Wed 9am-5:30pm, Thu 9am-9pm, Fri 9am-5:30pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm Phone: +61 7 4799 9100 Internet: www.willowsshoppingcentre.com.au Email: townsville@dexus.com



Willows Weekend Markets



Willows Weekend Markets - each Sunday the centre plays host to the Willows Rotary Markets. Get around the market and find the huge

variety of goods

Over 120 stallholders offer fresh produce, arts and crafts, souvenirs and jewellery, as well as homemade sweets.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com Address: Cnr Thuringowa Drive and Hervey Range Road, Townsville Opening hours: Sun 7:30am-11:30am Phone: +61 7 4799 9100 Internet: www.willowsshoppingcentre.com.au Email: townsvillerotarymarkets@gmail.com

Cotters Markets



Cotters Markets are a popular Sunday shopping spot among locals and a good starting point for your tour around the town. Browse through

this flea market packed with all sorts of items, like clothing, craft goods, fresh local fruit and vegetables and much more. Stop by and find your very own treasure.

Photo: View Apart/Shutterstock.com Address: Flinders Street, Townsville Opening hours: Sun 8.30am-1pm Phone: +61 417 721 822 Internet: www.townsvillerotarymarkets.com.au Email: townsvillerotarymarkets@gmail.com More Info: Located between Stanley St & Denham St

Plant Essentials



This boutique is a true find if natural and organic cosmetics and remedies are what you are after. Body care, aromas and even homeopathic

medicine are just some of the items on sale. Book your massage therapy and let the specialists take care of you.

Photo: Valua Vitaly/Shutterstock.com Address: 365 Bayswater Road Townsville Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-2pm Phone: +61 7 44 201 888 Internet: www.plantessentials.com.au Email: toni@plantessentials.com.au

Strand Night Markets



If you happen to be in town on the first Friday of the month, make sure to stop by one of the Strand Night Markets and have fun browsing through the

eclectic items on sale. You will be pleasantly surprised by the wide range of stalls and the variety of products which are offered. The food stalls are a trademark. What makes it even more attractive is the fact that it is located right on the beach.

Photo: Twenty-two hours/Shutterstock.com Address: Strand Park, Townsville Opening hours: May to December: First Friday of the month: 5pm-9.30pm Phone: +61 477 477 040 Internet: www.townsvillerotarymarkets.com.au Email: townsvillerotarymarkets@gmail.com



Mary Who? Bookshop



Mary Who? Bookshop is for all those who enjoy turning the pages, feeling the smell of a book and reading. In this bookstore you can find the latest

publications. Besides the wide range of books, you can also find a big collection of music and DVDs. To make your stay even more memorable you can add some chocolate to your basket.

Photo: sheff/Shutterstock.com Address: 414 Flinders St, Townsville City Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm Phone: +61 7 4771 3824 Internet: www.indies.com.au/marywho Email: marywhobooks@iinet.net.au

Fairfield Central Shopping Centre



Fairfield Central is a shopping centre which offers its clients a diverse mix of goods and services, including beauty salons, cafes, restaurants

and grocery shopping, and all of them combine comfort with cosiness and a unique atmosphere. Turn your shopping experience into a real pleasure.

Photo: ESB Professional/Shutterstock.com Address: 2-30 Lakeside Dr, Townsville Opening hours: Mon-Wed 8:30am-6pm, Thu 8:30am-9pm, Fri 8:30am-6pm, Sat 8:30am-5:30pm, Sun 11am-4pm Phone: +61 7 4778 4249 Internet: www.fairfieldcentral.com.au Email: fairfieldcmanagement@lancinigroup.com.au

The Katz Alley Townsville



The Katz Alley will please everyone who is inspired by the fashion of the past and is into vintage clothing. The women can find tops, bottoms,

dresses, skirts and shoes, and the men, button up shirts, workshirts, T-shirts and caps. You can also find some small wonders like purses, brooches and earrings which will make your day.

Photo: Bohbeh/Shutterstock.com Address: 3/5 Illuka St, Townsville Opening hours: Tue-Wed 9am-4pm, Thu 9am-5:30pm, Fri 9am-4pm, Sat-Sun 9am-2pm Phone: +61 7 4728 1611 Internet: www.thekatzalley.com.au Email: shop@thekatzalley.com

Renegade Gift Shop



If you are looking for something a bit different, an original gift to surprise your loved ones, then you have to visit Renegade Gift Shop. You

can find many quality and unique handmade gifts, including jewellery, home decoration items and greeting cards, all in numerous creative designs.

Photo: Julia Sudnitskaya/Shutterstock.com Address: 3 Illuka St, Currajong, Townsville Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun 9am-3pm Phone: +61 477 900 222 Internet: www.renegadehandmade.blogspot.com.au Email: renegadehandmade@hotmail.com



ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Airport - Townsville



The airport is located five kilometres from the city centre. Taxis are available from the arrivals end of the building by phoning 131

008. A cheaper option is to take the airport shuttle bus or coach into town. Townsville City Shuttle: +61 478 160 036 Gordonvale Coaches: +61 400 392 244

Photo: Juan Garce Address: Cnr Halifax St & Stinson Ave, Townsville Phone: +61 7 4727 3211 Internet: www.townsvilleairport.com.au Email: info@tsvairport.com.au

Public Transport



The city center is quite compact, so the main visitor areas are easy to get around on foot. Sunbus, the local bus service, runs regular

routes around the city and to the outlying suburbs. Most lines include a stop at Flinders Mall, but detailed routes and ticket prices can be found at www.sunbus.com.au. Tickets can be bought at ticket vending machines, transport shops and some convenience stores, as well as upon boarding the bus.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair/Shutterstock.com Address: 451-459 Woolcock St, Garbutt, Townsville Phone: +61 7 4771 9800 Internet: www.sunbus.com.au Email: townsville@tagroup.net.au More Info: www.railaustralia.com.au

Ferry - Magnetic Island



Magnetic Island is serviced by two ferry companies – SeaLink Queensland runs a regular service to the island. Fantasea Cruising

Magnetic also runs regular services to Magnetic Island (+61 7 4796 9300).

Address: Breakwater Terminal, Sir Leslie Thiess Drive, Townsville Phone: +61 7 4726 0800 Internet: www.sunferries.com.au Email: infoqld@sealink.com.au

Taxi



You can find a taxi stand at Flinders Street Mall. You can also book online or call and pre-book: Townsville Taxi +61 7 4778 9555

Internet: www.tsvtaxi.com.au



Pharmacy



Calanna Pharmacy Aitkenvale: 290 Ross River Rd, Aitkenvale, +61 7 4725 5244, Mon-Sun 8am-10pm Chemist Warehouse Townsville:

126 Sturt St, Townsville, +61 7 4771 2348, Mon-Fri 8am-7pm, Sat 8:30am-5pm, Sun 8am-5pm

Townsville City Chemmart Pharmacy: M/280 Flinders St, Townsville City, +61 7 4771 2571, Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm, Sun 8:30am-1pm

Photo: Gemma Garne Internet: www.friendlieschemists.com.au

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Country code: +61 Area code: 07

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Tourist information

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		Gregory Street	A2	Palmer Street	C3
Alexandra Street	A2	Griffith Street	C4	Paxton Street	A2
Allen Street	C4 D4	Hale Street	A3 B3	Perkins Street	C4 D3 D4
Anthony Street	C3	Hamilton Street	B3	Plume Street	C3 C4
Archer Street	D3 D4	Hanran Street	B3 B4	Queen Street	A2
Barlow Street	C4	Herbert Street	B2 C3	Redpath Street	A1
Bell Street	D4	Hubert Street	D4	Roberts Bridge	B3
Break Water Road	D3	Jones Street	A4	Rooney Street	B4
Burke Street	A1 A2	Kennedy Street	A2 B1	Ross Street	D3
Cannan Street	D4	King Street	C3	Saunders Street	B4
Carter Street	B2 C2	Kricker Street	D3	Sir Leslie Thiess Drive	D2 D3
Castle Hill Road	A2	Landsborough Street	A1	Stanley Street	A3 B3
Cleveland Terrace	B2 C2	Leichhardt Street	B2	Stokes Street	B3
Clifton Street	A2	Lowths Bridge	B4	Stuart Street	A1
Cook Street	A1	Macrossan Street	D4	Sturt Street	A4 B3
Davidson Street	C4	McIlwraith Street	C3 D3	The Strand	A1 B1 B2 C2
Dean Street	B3 B4	Melton Terrace	B3 C3	Tomlins Street	C3
Denham Street	B2 B3	Mitchell Street	A1 B2	Tully Street	C4 D4
Dibbs Street	C3	Morehead Street	C4	Victoria Street	A2 A3
Eyre Street	A1 B2	Morey Street	C4 D4	Walker Street	A3 B3
Fletcher Street	A4	Murray Street	A2 B2	Warburton Street	A1
Flinders Mall	B3	Nelson Street	D4	Wickham Street	C3
Flinders Street	A4 B3	Ogden Street	B3	Willmett Street	B3 C3
Flinders Street East	B3 C3	Old Rifle Range Road	D3	Wills Street	B3
Fryer Street	B2	Oxley Street	B2		