

Gladstone, Queensland, Australia

A hardworking harbour city with a world-class waterfront precinct and one of Australia's best Great Barrier Reef day-trip launchpads right at its doorstep.

Pier (docked) Free shuttle to city Typical call: 8–10 hrs AUD — card accepted everywhere English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Auckland Point Wharf (Berths 1 or 3); free shuttle to East Shores & CBD (port is active industrial, no pedestrian access)

Best For: Great Barrier Reef day trips, waterfront parks, fresh seafood (Queensland Mud Crabs)

Walk to centre: 5-min free shuttle; East Shores Precinct is the main drop-off, CBD a further 5-min walk uphill

Don't Miss: Feast on East Markets on cruise days, HMAS Gladstone II patrol boat tour, Heron Island reef day trip (ferry from Gladstone Marina)

Getting around: Taxi AUD \$6–15 · Rideshare Uber · Hop-on hop-off Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Heron Island — Great Barrier Reef** — Heron Island is a coral cay on the Southern Great Barrier Reef reached by the Heron Islander ferry from Gladstone Marina (about 2–2.5 hrs each way).
- Quoin Island Turtle Rehabilitation Centre** — A short ferry ride to a private island in Gladstone Harbour with a turtle rehabilitation centre where rescued and injured sea turtles are cared for...
- HMAS Gladstone II Guided Tour** — Step aboard a decommissioned Royal Australian Navy Fremantle Class patrol boat permanently berthed at East Shores.
- Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens** — 83 hectares of tropical and subtropical plants from North Queensland, with peaceful lagoons, a Japanese Tea Garden, and shaded walking tracks.
- Harbour & Industrial Port Cruise** — A 2-hour guided boat tour of one of Australia's largest commodity ports — spot dolphins, turtles, and dugongs against a backdrop of LNG tankers and...

BEST WALKS

- East Shores Waterfront Stroll** 1–2 km · Flat · 30–45 mins — From the shuttle drop-off at East Shores, walk the waterfront boardwalk past the water play park, outdoor cinema, and harbour views to the Gladstone Maritime Museum and...
- CBD & Auckland Hill Lookout** 2 km · Moderate (hill climb) · 45–60 mins — Walk from East Shores up to Goondoon Street for cafes and the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum (free entry).

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	81°	67°	7d
Jun	73°	58°	4d
Aug	74°	56°	3d
Sep	77°	61°	4d
Oct	80°	66°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Apr 6:08AM–5:40PM · Jun 6:35AM–5:15PM · Aug 6:21AM–5:37PM · Sep 5:52AM–5:48PM · Oct 5:22AM–5:59PM	

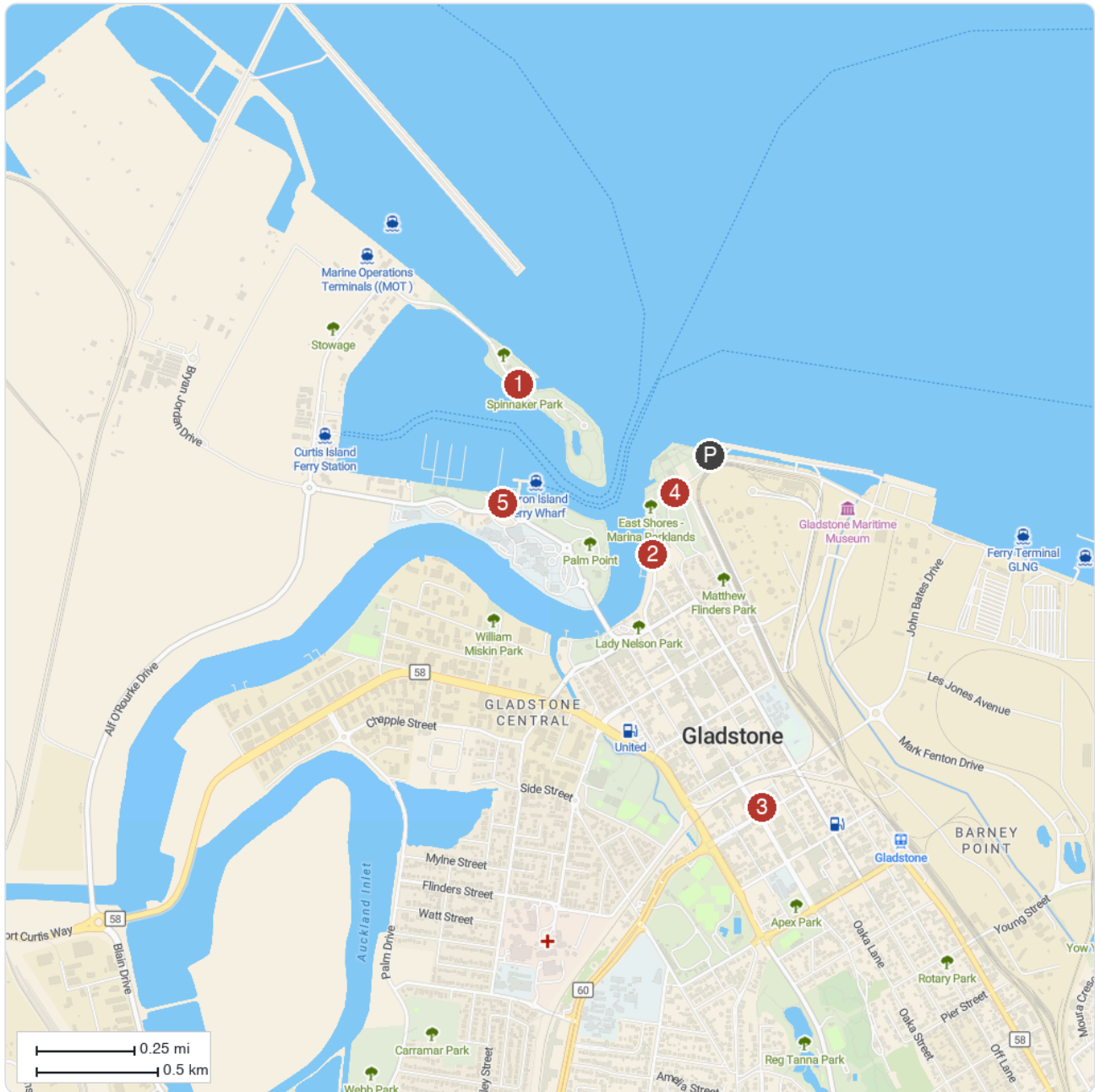
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Shuttle is not optional. Auckland Point is an active industrial wharf — pedestrians are not permitted in the port area. Board the free bus and don't try to walk.
- Eat the mud crab. Gladstone is famous for Queensland Mud Crabs. The Gladstone Yacht Club at the marina is the locals' pick — cold beer, great deck, fresh seafood.
- Plan the reef carefully. The Heron Islander ferry leaves Gladstone Marina on a fixed schedule, so confirm it fits your call window before committing. Lady Musgrave Island day trips run from the Town of 1770 / Bundaberg, not from Gladstone — easier on an organised cruise-line transfer than independently.
- Sun is serious here. Gladstone is subtropical — UV is high year-round. Hat, sunscreen SPF 50+, and water are non-negotiable for any outdoor time.
- Sunday CBD closures. If you're in port on a Sunday, many Goondoon Street shops close. East Shores, cafes, the Yacht Club, Botanic Gardens, and cruise markets stay open.
- Card-everywhere economy. Tap-to-pay works at cafes, markets, taxis, and even most market stalls. Minimal need for AUD cash.

Gladstone, Queensland, Australia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Spinnaker Park | Waterfront park with playgrounds, walking paths, and harbour views. | 2 East Shores | Modern waterfront park, water play, cafes, and marina precinct. |
| 3 Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum | Regional art gallery and museum showcasing local history and art. | 4 William Golding Memorial Lookout | Scenic lookout offering panoramic views of Gladstone and harbour. |
| 5 Heron Island Ferry Terminal | Terminal for ferries departing to beautiful Heron Island reef. | P Cruise port / terminal | |