

Townsville, Queensland, Australia

Tropical North Queensland's gateway city — a sun-drenched waterfront promenade, a granite hill with panoramic views, and the Great Barrier Reef and Magnetic Island beckoning just offshore.

Docked (Port of Townsville) Typical call: 8–10 hrs Australian Dollar (AUD) English

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Port of Townsville (~3 km from centre)

Walk to center: Shuttle or taxi needed

Best For: Magnetic Island · Reef trips

Don't Miss: Magnetic Island ferry day

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ A\$19–24 · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, DiDi

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Magnetic Island Day Trip** — Catch the Sealink ferry to Magnetic Island for koalas in the wild, the Forts Walk through WWII ruins with sweeping sea views, snorkelling at Alma...
- **Great Barrier Reef Dive & Snorkel** — Day-boat trips from Breakwater Marina reach the outer reef in under two hours — world-class coral, sea turtles, reef fish, and optional scuba.
- **Billabong Sanctuary** — A wildlife park about 17 km south of the city with crocodile shows, koala holds, wombats, cassowaries, and freshwater crocs in a natural bush setting.
- **Reef HQ Aquarium & Museum of Underwater Art** — The world's largest living coral reef aquarium, right in the city centre, with a predator exhibit (sharks, rays) and the striking Museum of...
- **Castle Hill Lookout** — A distinctive pink granite monolith rising 286 m over the city — drive or walk a track to the summit for sweeping views of Townsville, Magnetic...

BEST WALKS

- **The Strand Waterfront Walk** ~3 km one-way · 1.5 hrs · easy — Townsville's signature promenade stretches along the beach from the Strand rock pool at the northern end past a series of parks, cafes, and beachfront barbecue areas.
- **Castle Hill Summit Walk** ~3 km return · 1 hr · moderate — A winding trail climbs through granite boulders to the Castle Hill summit for the best views in Townsville — the city grid, The Strand, and Magnetic Island laid out...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

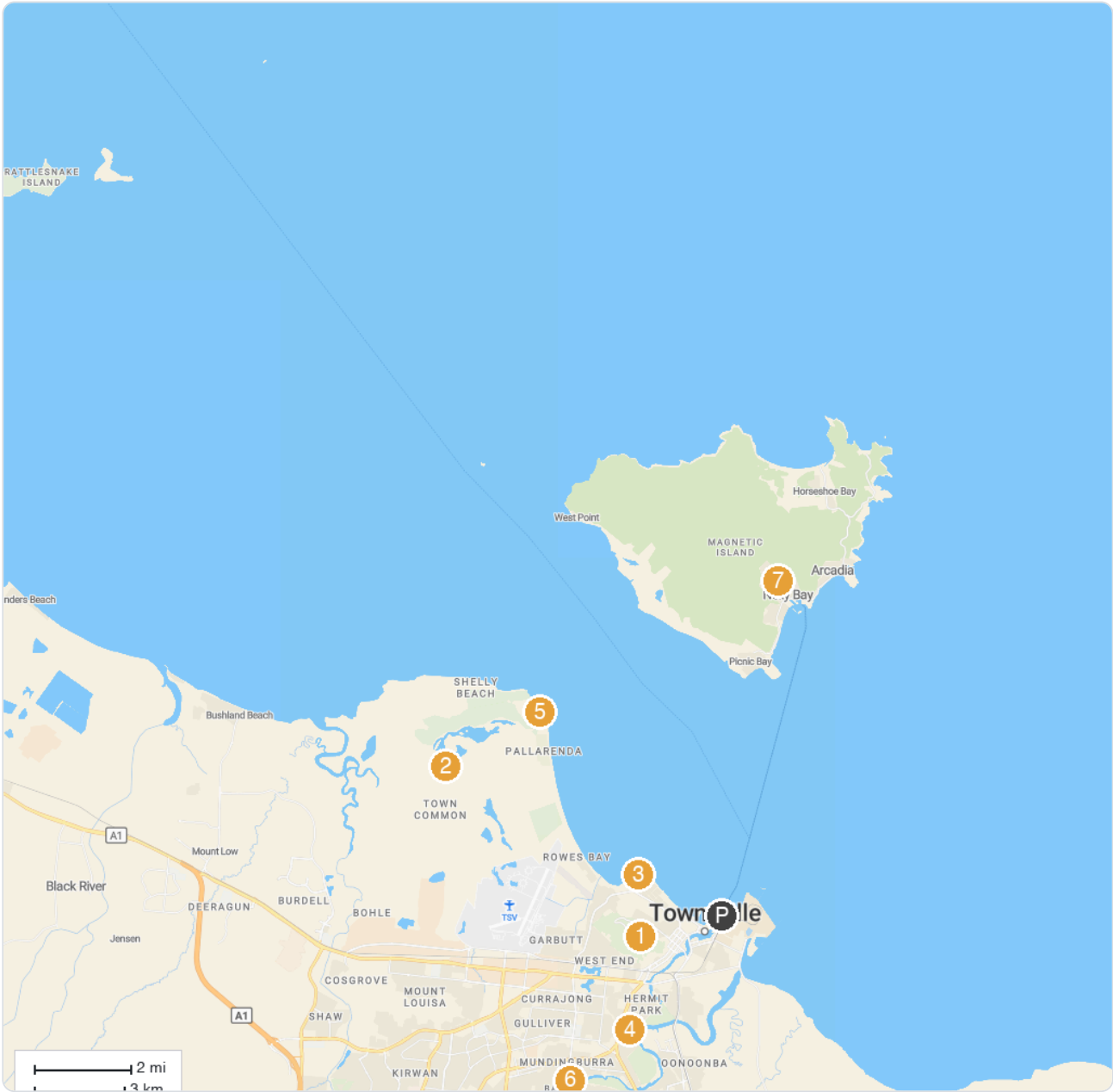
CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
	Mon	High	Low	Rain	
Apr		84°	71°	10d	Apr 6:23AM–6:02PM · Jun 6:44AM–5:42PM · Aug 6:34AM–6:00PM · Sep 6:09AM–6:07PM · Oct 5:43AM–6:14PM
Jun		77°	62°	5d	
Aug		78°	61°	2d	
Sep		81°	65°	3d	
Oct		84°	71°	6d	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Magnetic Island in advance. The Sealink ferry runs hourly and is easy to DIY, but reef and island tour boats fill fast on cruise-call days — book ahead or use a ship excursion.
- The port is not walkable. Budget AUD \$15–20 for a taxi to the city centre or ferry terminal, or check if your ship runs a paid shuttle. Uber also operates in Townsville.
- Sun and heat are serious. Townsville is one of Australia's sunniest cities — SPF 50+, a hat, and water are essential, especially on Magnetic Island or a reef day.
- Stinger season (Oct–May). Marine stingers (jellyfish) are present in tropical waters from October through May. Wear a stinger suit on reef trips and at beaches; The Strand rock pool is safe year-round.
- Cards are universal. Australia is near-cashless — cards and contactless payments work everywhere. A small amount of AUD cash is handy for market stalls or small operators.
- Magnetic Island has wild koalas. The Forts Walk on Magnetic Island is one of the best places in Australia to spot koalas in the wild, not just in sanctuaries.

Townsville, Queensland, Australia — Port Map

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



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| 1 | Castle Hill Lookout | Prominent pink granite monolith offering panoramic Townsville views. | 2 | Townsville Town Common Conservation Park | Large coastal wetland park for birdwatching and nature walks. |
| 3 | Army Museum North Queensland | Museum showcasing Australian Army history in North Queensland. | 4 | Corcoran Park | Local park with playgrounds, BBQ facilities, and open space. |
| 5 | Cape Pallarenda Conservation Park | Coastal park with beaches, walking trails, and WWII history. | 6 | Mt Stuart Lookout | Highest scenic lookout in Townsville, offering stunning city views. |
| 7 | Aquasearch Aquarium | Small public aquarium focused on Great Barrier Reef marine life. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |