

## WHERE TO STAY

Each of the 94 villas at Elements of Byron Bay has been designed with relaxation in mind. With its beach-inspired decor (think driftwood accents and soothing touches of blue and white), tranquil surrounds and crashing waves as your soundtrack, prepare to leave all your worries behind



The charm of the northern NSW coastal town lies in its ability to provide relaxation of a different nature. It has all the quintessential elements of a beach holiday—great surf, warm weather and a laidback vibe, combined with a sophisticated food scene and boutiques that rival any major city. If you're looking for your next escape or just a quick weekend getaway, Byron Bay is the perfect spot to recharge. A word of warning: you may find it hard to say farewell at the end of your stay

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## Shop 'til you drop

When you've had your fill of surf and sand, Byron Bay and its neighbouring towns offer plenty of chic stores that will give your credit card a workout

### HOMEWARES

#### BOHEMIAN PIECES

**HENDRIX & HARLOW**  
The boutique includes a cleverly curated selection of unique homewares. Whether you're in the market for a Moroccan ottoman, a woven hammock or silk tie-dye throw, you'll find a stylish souvenir.

12 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay; [hendrixandharlow.com](http://hendrixandharlow.com)

#### OFFBEAT ACCESSORIES

**LIBERTY TRADING CO.**  
It's often the little decorative touches that make a space, and Liberty Trading Co. is the kind of spot where you'll find the

ideal accessory to finish any room. You'll lose track of time browsing for the perfect printed cushion or quirky bowl to add to your crockery collection.

Shop 2, 1 Marvell St, Byron Bay; [libertytradingco.com.au](http://libertytradingco.com.au)

#### DESIGN HUB

**NEWRYBAR MERCHANTS**  
Located in the historic town of Newrybar, this charming retail enclave includes pieces from some of Australia's most well-known interior designers such as Sibella Court and Shannon Fricke. There's also some charming buys from a few of Byron's local artisans.



**NEWRYBAR MERCHANTS**

You'll think you've died and gone to homewares heaven. 19 Old Pacific Highway, Newrybar; [newrybarmerchants.com](http://newrybarmerchants.com)

### FASHION

#### UNIQUE LOOKS

**ISLAND LUXE**  
For unconventional fashion finds look no further than this Bangalow store. With a stylish selection of cutting-edge international brands mixed with local favourites, such as Bassike, this is one shopping trip you'll definitely want to make. Bonus: they sell homewares, too!

62 Byron St, Bangalow; [islandluxe.com.au](http://islandluxe.com.au)

#### FUN FAVOURITES

**11:11 O'CLOCK**  
This hip space stocks Australian labels such as Bec & Bridge, One Teaspoon and Senso. Whether you're looking for an outfit for your next night out or casual basics to add to your weekend wardrobe, this is the place for your fashion fix.

3/20 Fletcher St, Byron Bay; 02-6680 9190



**HENDRIX & HARLOW**

#### HARD-TO-FIND LABELS

**DRIFTLAB**  
One of the aims of Driftlab is to support independent local fashion labels, resulting in an eclectic mix of products. The vibe of the store is a little bohemian, a little street and is a great snapshot of the area's style scene.

16 Old Pacific Highway, Newrybar; [driftlab.com.au](http://driftlab.com.au)



**DRIFTLAB NEWRYBAR**

### MUST-DO HOTSPOTS

What would a getaway be without a list of local highlights to add to your itinerary? Byron Bay has the ideal mix of beaches, local attractions, and a healthy supply of quaint little adjoining towns so you'll never be short of something to see



#### For a touch of history CAPE BYRON LIGHTHOUSE

Built in 1901 and located on the most easterly point of mainland Australia, this still-functioning lighthouse is well worth a visit, if only to take in the spectacular views.

Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay; [nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)



#### For chilling out LENNOX HEAD

Byron Bay will leave you with more beach options than you'll have days to visit, but make sure to check out Lennox Head. Surfers love to make the pilgrimage to this spot for its famous right hand point break.

[visitsnw.com](http://visitsnw.com)



#### For a relaxing stay ELEMENTS OF BYRON BAY

Live the luxe life in this newly opened resort in the heart of Byron Bay. Spend a day at the private beach, lay by the infinity pool and spoil yourself with a massage at the Osprey Spa. Rooms start at \$525.

144 Bayshore Dr, Byron Bay; [elementsofbyron.com.au](http://elementsofbyron.com.au)



#### For exploring BANGALOW TOWN CENTRE

Located 15 minutes from Byron Bay this delightful small town is filled with treasures, such as the Bangalow Pharmacy that is reminiscent of a Parisian apothecary. The perfect spot to while away a relaxing afternoon.

[visitsnw.com](http://visitsnw.com)



# Eat, Drink, Relax

The impressive local food scene ensures your tastebuds are spoilt for choice 24/7

## BREAKFAST

**BYRON FRESH CAFE**  
From the Byron Balance breakfast plate to a haloumi roll topped with fried egg and avocado salsa, the menu will have you counting down to the first meal of the day.

7 Jonson St, Byron Bay;  
byronfresh.com

**GRAZE AT ELEMENTS OF BYRON BAY**  
Great food, great location. You'll well and truly feel like you're on holiday as you enjoy everything, from blueberry and ricotta hot cakes to a granola parfait, as you sit by Elements' stunning infinity pool and soak up the sun.

144 Bayshore Dr, Byron Bay;  
elementsofbyron.com.au

**BAYLEAF**  
If you take coffee seriously this place serves a local blend that will definitely hit the spot. The relaxed vibe, bluesy music and outdoor area will have you coming back a second time.

2 Marvell St, Byron Bay;  
02-6685 8900

**LEAF & GRAIN**  
For a quick meal on the run, try Bayleaf's sister cafe. It serves healthy,

locally sourced organic produce, and five per cent of profits goes to local charities.

6/87 Jonson St, Byron Bay;  
leafandgrain.com.au

## LUNCH

**THE FARM BYRON BAY**  
The sprawling farmyard (complete with pigs and chickens) at this Byron hotspot provides the perfect backdrop for a long lunch. The on-site restaurant is the famed Three Blue Ducks and the food is as expected, next-level.

11 Ewingsdale Rd, Ewingsdale;  
thefarmbyronbay.com.au

**FOLK**  
This tiny little cafe in the arts-y section of town serves a mean banana and cacao smoothie with plenty of Insta-worthy meals on the menu, too.

1/399 Ewingsdale Rd, Ewingsdale;  
folkbyronbay.com

**FOAM**  
With an ever-changing menu and impressive wine list, add this to your must-try list. The beach location can't be beat.

41 Pacific Parade, Lennox Head; foamlennox.com



## DINNER

**ST ELMO'S**  
The ideal spot for dining with friends. Prepare yourself for exceptional Spanish tapas—the arroz negro (black rice with king prawns and cuttlefish) and the pan tomaquet (Catalan tomato bread) are a must.

22 Fletcher St, Byron Bay;  
stelmodining.com

**DOMA**  
A Japanese fusion cafe tucked away in the Byron hinterland that serves fresh, tasty fare such as organic hand rolls alongside beef burgers.

3-6 Albert St, Federal;  
02-6688 4711

**HARVEST**  
The restaurant employs a full-time forager so you can bet that they're serious about their produce. Located in an old

weatherboard house, there's an impressive menu with a focus on sustainable and seasonal food.

18-22 Old Pacific Highway, Newrybar Village;  
harvestcafe.com.au

## DRINKS

**MISS MARGARITA**  
This colourful cantina is great for a few relaxing drinks. The margarita menu is exotic (think chilli chocolate strawberry) with plenty of tequila and mezcal on offer, too.

2 Jonson St, Byron Bay;  
missmargarita.com.au

**FLEET**  
A 22-seat restaurant that serves mostly organic and preservative-free wine. With an impressive food menu, you'll want to settle in for the night.

2/16 The Terrace, Brunswick Heads; 02-6685 1363

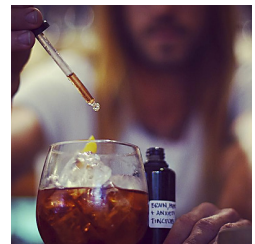
## BEFORE YOU GO: FOLLOW THESE 'GRAMMERS



### THE ARTISAN

@haveliofbyronbay

Haveli is a local store with a focus on ethnic and bohemian furniture and homewares. Their account features lots of interiors eye candy.



### THE FOODIE

@roadhousebyronbay

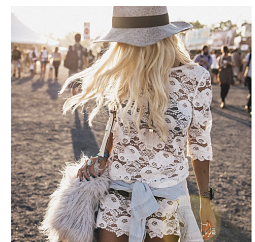
Photogenic food. Bartenders with beards. Interesting drinks. Roadhouse's Insta feed will leave you hungry (or thirsty) for more.



### THE LOCAL

@uniquelybyron

Each post celebrates all things Byron: whether it be a local artist or its stunning beaches. It will leave you feeling inspired to visit again.



### THE DESIGNER

@spell\_byronbay

Spell Byron Bay's online outpost delivers plenty of festival fashion inspo, one snapshot at a time.



BYRON FRESH CAFE



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THE FARM