

Explore Rockhampton

The bustling hub of Rockhampton boasts authentic and easy going country hospitality, as well as cosmopolitan shopping, fine dining and a wide range of entertainment options and nightlife. Situated on the banks of the mighty Fitzroy River, Rockhampton is renowned for its elegant streetscapes with majestic sandstone buildings.

Take some time and enjoy what this beautiful City has to offer with this self-drive trail...



7. Dreamtime Cultural Centre
(Bruce Highway, 10 minute drive north from the city)

Take a guided Aboriginal Dreamtime tour and learn more about the original occupants of the land, the Darambal Tribe. There is a replica burial site, rock art, gunyahs and traditional ceremonial sites. Listen to the sounds of live didgeridoo playing as you walk through the 34m display of recreated sandstone caves and browse aboriginal arts and crafts.

Open Mon-Fri 9am-3:30pm. Regular tours from 10:30am.
Bruce Highway, Northern Entrance to Rockhampton. Phone: 07 4936 1655.



4. Rockhampton Art Gallery
(Victoria Parade, 3 minute drive from Archer Park)

Rockhampton Art Gallery was established in 1967 and houses a group of mid-twentieth century paintings and works on paper that is arguably the finest in regional Queensland, and one of the most significant in regional Australia.

Open Daily 10am - 4pm. Free Entry. Phone: 07 4936 8428



2. Rockhampton Botanic Gardens & Zoo
(Spencer Street, 5 minute drive from the Tropic of Capricorn Spire).

A relaxing oasis within the city limits, Rockhampton's 145-year-old Botanic Gardens are considered one of the best gardens of its kind in Australia. The Zoo - Wildlife at its best. Discover more than 50 species of native and exotic animals in their natural surroundings, while being entertained with feeding shows daily.

Free Entry. Open 8am - 4:30pm. Allow 2 - 4 hrs to explore.



8. Rockhampton Heritage Village & Visitor Information Centre
(Boundary Road, 2 minute drive north from Dreamtime Centre)

Step back in time at this friendly township museum showcasing the rich, colourful history of the Rockhampton district from 1850 - 1950. Wonderful displays of restored buildings, vehicles, machinery, doll and clock collections, and friendly farm animals are all set in beautiful gardens.

Allow 30min - 2hrs to explore. Open 9am-4pm daily (except public holidays). Last entry 3pm.



6. Mt Archer National Park
(Pilbeam Drive)

Reward yourself with some spectacular views of the city from the summit of Mt Archer. It's an easy drive to the lookout where you can picnic at one of the barbecue areas or take a short walk along one of the marked trails. The Mount Archer canopy walk extends 25 metres outward, 7.5 metres high and 604 metres above sea level.

Allow 30min - 2hrs to explore.

5. Quay Street
Riverside on Quay - boasting a wet play area, children's playground, water jet plaza, restaurant and a shaded amphitheatre. From sunset until 10pm the plaza is transformed into a magical water and light show.

Historic Quay Street - facing the Fitzroy River, Quay Street is the longest National Trust heritage street in Australia. Rich in architectural splendour, stroll past the Rockhampton Customs House and then further south and see one of Rockhampton's largest historic warehouses - Walter Reid Cultural Centre.



1. Tropic of Capricorn Spire & Visitor Information Centre
(Gladstone Road, Rockhampton)

Rockhampton straddles the Tropic of Capricorn and the Spire marks the spot where you leave the temperate zone and enter the tropics - a great photo opportunity for visitors.

Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm. Sunday 9am to 3pm. ANZAC Day 1pm to 5pm. Closed Christmas Day and Good Friday. Phone: 074936 8000.



3. Archer Park Rail Museum
(Archer Street, 7 minute drive from the Botanic Gardens & Zoo)

Magnificently restored, the Archer Park Rail Museum brings history alive as you learn about the Purrey Steam Tram, which once served Rockhampton's streets. The 'talking statues' will give you all the details.

Sunday 9am to 1pm. Monday to Thursday 10am to 3pm. Closed Fridays and Saturdays. Phone: 074936 8191. Allow 1hr to explore.

