

# 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...
- **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...
- **Billabong Sanctuary** — A wildlife park about 17 km south of the city with crocodile shows, koala holds, wombats, cassowaries, and freshwater...
- **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...
- **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...

## 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...
- **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...

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

**CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr |     | 84°  | 71° | 10d  |
| Jun |     | 77°  | 62° | 5d   |
| Aug |     | 78°  | 61° | 2d   |
| Sep |     | 81°  | 65° | 3d   |
| Oct |     | 84°  | 71° | 6d   |

**DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

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

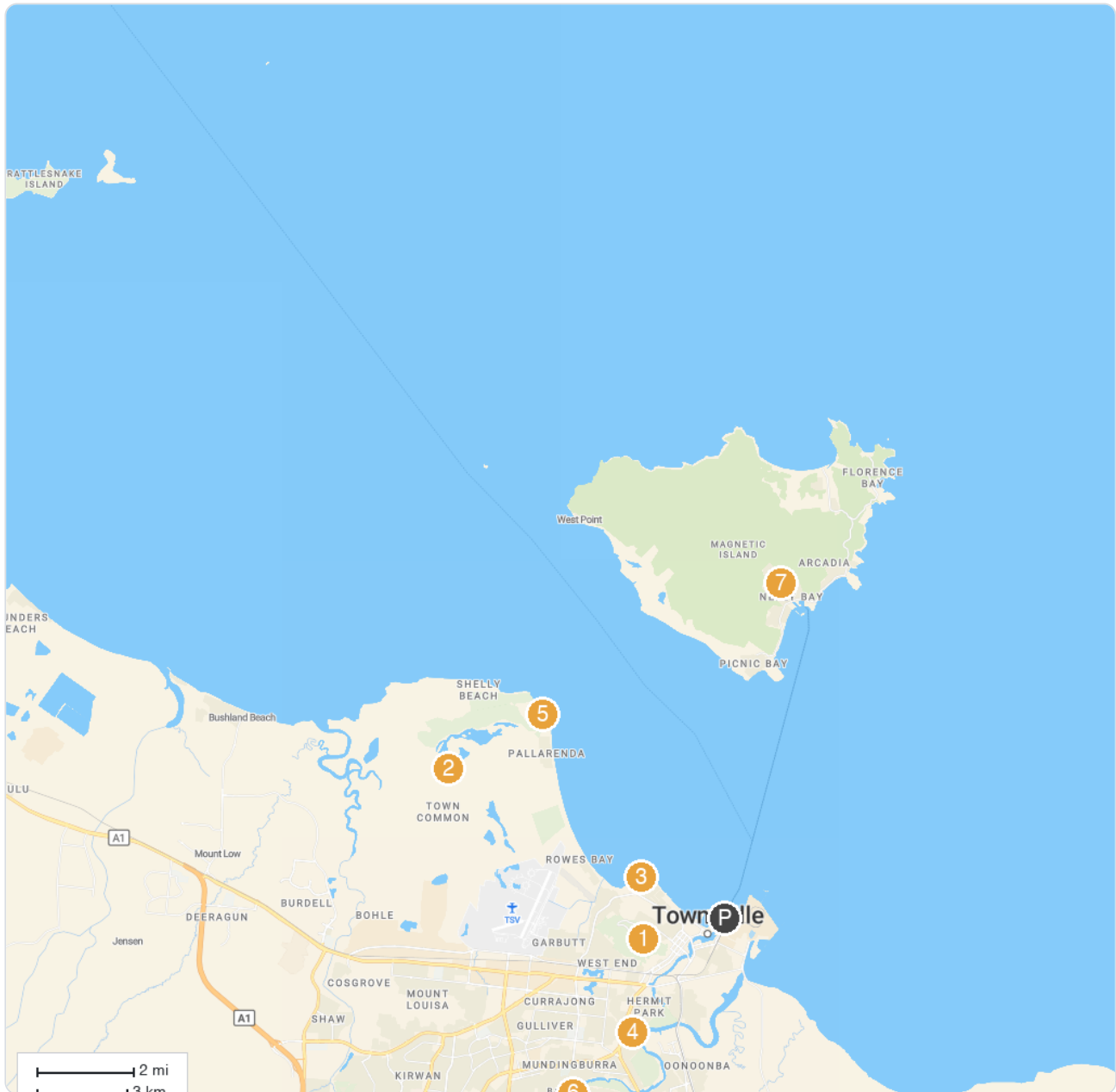
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- 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...
- 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.

# Townsville, Queensland, Australia — Port Map

[cruiseports.org](https://cruiseports.org)

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



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