

DISCOVER TOOWOOMBA

*High
Country
Escape*

AND THE DARLING DOWNS



Where the pace *softens* and
the *details* STAY with you.



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Getting *here*

Perched on the crest of the Great Dividing Range, Toowoomba is a high country city that feels close enough to reach with ease and just distant enough to feel like a world apart.

By road, Toowoomba is a 90-minute drive from Brisbane CBD and just over two hours from the Gold Coast. The journey climbs steadily through the Lockyer Valley, where farmland gives way to forested ridges and the light shifts as you rise into cooler air. Whether you take the Warrego or opt for the quieter country roads, the drive offers space to settle and stretch into a slower rhythm.

For guests arriving from further afield, Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport offers direct flights from Sydney and Brisbane, with the airport just 20 minutes from the city centre. You land with open space, no rush, and your luggage almost before you're off the tarmac.

Or take your time. The Westlander train travels twice weekly from Brisbane, climbing into the High Country on a historic rail route that winds through the Darling Downs and continues west to Charleville.

However you arrive, there's a moment the landscape starts to shift.
The trees thin. The sky stretches.
But the world opens
just enough to remind you-
this might be a beginning.



Toowoomba *through time*

1870s

GARDENS TAKE ROOT

Queen's Park is thoughtfully designed, trees are planted, creating a lasting green heart at the city's core.

1950s

CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS BEGINS

A city gathers to celebrate the simple joys of blooming gardens, a tradition that quietly grows in renown and charm.

2022

SLOW STAYS

More visitors find sanctuary in thoughtfully designed Airbnb escapes across the Darling Downs, drawn by quiet landscapes, slower rhythms, and space to reconnect.

1850s

MOVEMENT BEGINS

Trade routes open, quietly connecting the bounty of the land to the markets beyond. Toowoomba emerges as a stable link between rural richness and urban promise.

1920s

STREETS IN SHADE

Tree-lined avenues take shape, offering dappled light and quiet symmetry. The city's edges soften, its streets made more walkable, more gracious.

2013

STREETS SPEAK SOFTLY IN COLOUR

Street art murals emerge, thoughtfully capturing Toowoomba's contemporary creativity and artistic spirit.

2025

QUIETLY NOTICED

Toowoomba experiences gentle yet assured growth, increasingly recognised as a city of quiet excellence and grounded promise.



Where to *stay*





THE TEA HOUSE, EAST TOOWOOMBA

Set in a quiet, tree-lined street near Queen's Park, this freshly renovated three-bedroom home blends comfort with calm. Features include a pool, full kitchen, two bathrooms, and a peaceful deck for slow breakfasts.



KENT'S STUDIO

A secluded studio made for two, set on 40 private acres in Ravensbourne's misty hinterland. Inside: a fireplace, warm textures, and mountain air that lingers in the morning. Wake to birdsong, end with wine by the fire.



THE FLOWER GROCER COTTAGE

A vintage cottage and working floral studio tucked into Rangeville's leafy ridge. Two bedrooms, two baths, a garden firepit, and wood-burning fireplace set the tone.



COTTAGE ON BRIDGE STREET

A 1920s cottage reimagined for modern stays. With four bedrooms, a firepit, and a covered deck for outdoor dining, this family-friendly home is spacious, polished and walking distance to The Baker's Duck.



RAVENBURN ESTATE, RAVENSBORNE

This 60 acre High Country property boasts sweeping sunset views that paint the sky in golden hues each evening. Perfect all year round, with a stunning outdoor pool, providing an idyllic spot to relax in summer plus an indoor fireplace offering a cosy and inviting atmosphere during winter.



*Elegant Hamptons
styling meets family
comfort*



MODERN LUXURY, MIDDLE RIDGE

This three-bedroom apartment sits just 20 metres from the Gabbinbar front gates - a rare, walkable stay with polished interiors, courtyard, and wine on arrival. Smart TVs in every room, a fully equipped kitchen, and luxe linen make it easy for groups to settle in.



RENOVATED 1890s COTTAGE

A character-filled three-bedroom home with original charm and a full-scale renovation. Inside: a cosy fireplace, freestanding bath, Miele gas stove, and a dining space that invites slow dinners, cards, or just one more glass. Cafés and parklands are a short stroll away.



EAST TOOWOOMBA STAY

A four-bedroom haven with two inviting lounges, a dedicated workspace, and a sun-drenched deck perfect for slow afternoons and shared meals.



NORWOOD ROSES, TOOWOOMBA CITY

A storybook Queenslander wrapped in roses. Built in 1895 and featured in Country Style and Home Beautiful, this one bedroom cottage pairs antique charm with quiet luxury.



Affectionately known as 'Wisteria', this four-bedroom cottage offers the *quiet elegance* of modern Hamptons living.

WISTERIA, MIDDLE RIDGE

Just 70 metres from the Gabbinbar gates, this four-bedroom cottage combines refined interiors with relaxed, open-plan living. Featuring a marble kitchen with ILVE stove, outdoor entertaining deck, gas fireplace, and Smart TVs in every room. A bottle of wine on arrival and hotel-quality linen complete the welcome.





THE ARBOUR, EAST TOOWOOMBA

Boutique apartments with a quiet, design-led feel. Chevron timber floors, stone finishes, and generous balconies. One to three-bedroom options, ideal for longer stays or groups.



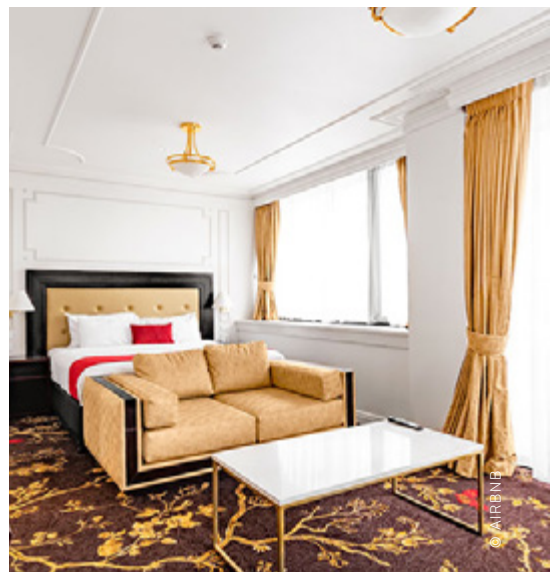
AVENUE, SOUTH TOOWOOMBA

These newly built apartments offer a hotel alternative for individuals, couples, and larger groups. Clean lines, luxury bedding, and contactless check-in. Ideal for a modern, self-contained stay.



POTTERS BOUTIQUE, TOOWOOMBA CITY

Quiet, central, and consistently reliable. Potters is just steps from Grand Central, with 54 rooms including accessible and two-bedroom options.



BURKE & WILLS, TOOWOOMBA CITY

An established name with a modern edge. Located in the heart of the CBD, Burke & Wills offers 82 rooms with contemporary styling, king spa suites, and complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi.



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Brunch, coffee & *ritual*





Gourmet Traveller meets *weekend moodboard*

THE BAKER'S DUCK

A polished café with a cult following for its croissants, sourdough, and strawberry cheesecake. Seasonal menu, great coffee, and plenty of seating. Busy on weekends, but the line moves quickly - and it's always worth it.





SWEET TALK COFFEE

The coffee's always on point, the menu small and seasonal, with a few standouts that hit every time. For lunch, don't miss the brisket toastie or the miso mushroom sandwich - both are bold, satisfying favourites. The house-made BBQ sauce is a must.



GROUND UP ESPRESSO BAR

Tucked into a colourful laneway, Ground Up Espresso Bar is a true café with a full brunch menu, served warm and creatively presented. The coffee is carefully made, and the service is friendly, delivered by people who know their craft.



THE FINCH

The Finch has an easy rhythm that suits its CBD setting. The coffee is smooth, the menu fresh and modern without fuss. Inside is bright and lively, while the outdoor tables provide space to pause and watch the city move around you.



BURROW

Burrow feels like it's always been there. Seasonal, veg-leaning food that's thoughtful but never contrived. Inside is warm and worn-in with shelves, second-hand charm, and natural light; outside, you'll find quiet seating under the trees and space to slow down without disappearing.

Dining,
wine
& distilleries





ROSALIE HOUSE

KNOWN FOR Vineyard views, seasonal share plates, chef-led menu

STYLE Scenic, welcoming, social



PICCOLO PAPÀ

KNOWN FOR Woodfired pizza, handmade pasta, laneway-esque setting

STYLE Authentic, family-friendly, Italian soul



LOULAKI

KNOWN FOR Modern Greek share plates, coastal interiors, warm service

STYLE Mediterranean, social, relaxed



HOST

KNOWN FOR Rotating seasonal menu, curated wine list, wine splash tastings

STYLE Intimate, refined, chef-led



TAPESTRY BAR

KNOWN FOR Live music, Chesterfields, bar bites and cocktails

STYLE Warm, local, intimate



SANTÉ COCKTAIL BAR

KNOWN FOR Beer garden, live music, multi-level venue

STYLE Contemporary, easygoing, spacious



SOFRA TURKISH CUISINE

KNOWN FOR Turkish cuisine, shared plates of meze appetisers, group-friendly dining

STYLE Lively, flavourful, authentic



BERGEN

KNOWN FOR Seasonal menus, paddock-to-plate focus, quality wine and beer selection

STYLE Refined, grounded, quietly elegant





CORK & LEVER

KNOWN FOR Heritage charm, courtyard dining, seasonal fare and a lively, late-night buzz

STYLE Intimate and moody, with a funky, laid-back vibe



GEORGE BANKS ROOFTOP

KNOWN FOR Rooftop views, bistro dining, stylish interiors

STYLE Contemporary and vibrant, with a lively, social atmosphere



WALTON STORES

KNOWN FOR Multiple venues, casual courtyard dining, local favourite

STYLE Relaxed and social, with a vibrant, family-friendly feel



TONIC BAR AND LOUNGE

KNOWN FOR Elevated cocktails, shareable comfort food, live music, and a stylish social setting

STYLE Moody and intimate, with a refined atmosphere



MOUSE PROOF BREWERY

KNOWN FOR Onsite brewing, local produce ethos, converted dairy setting

STYLE Craft-driven, laid-back, community feel



THE ROCK

KNOWN FOR Elevated pub classics, social dining, lively atmosphere

STYLE Warm, lively, community favourite



FITZY'S

KNOWN FOR Craft beer, live music, local crowd

STYLE Energetic, social, easygoing



KURO BEKO

KNOWN FOR Modern Japanese dining, inventive small plates, and a refined selection of drinks

STYLE Contemporary and refined, with authentic Japanese influences and a sleek, minimalist aesthetic

Studios,
finds &
local threads

HARRY AND KIT

An evocative homewares store filled with treasures from across the globe. From Worlds Away offers an ever-changing collection of antique furniture, artisan décor, and one-of-a-kind finds—each piece selected for its history, craftsmanship, and soul. Perfect for those seeking a meaningful keepsake or a gift with depth and character.

Antique furniture,
artisan décor, *globally
sourced pieces*







HAROLD'S FINISHING TOUCHES

KNOWN FOR Considered homewares, thoughtful gifting, interior style



IVY DESIGNER COLLECTIONS

KNOWN FOR Premium fashion, personal service, curated labels



FLORENCE AND MARABEL

KNOWN FOR Fashion labels, event wear, personal styling



ANTARA STUDIOS

KNOWN FOR Yoga/Pilates, Reformer, Mat classes

Hair, skin
& *beauty*



CROPT STUDIO

KNOWN FOR Contemporary colour, relaxing studio atmosphere, premium products



BEAUTY BOUTIQUE ON BRIDGE

KNOWN FOR Facials, spa treatments, pre-wedding pampering



LUMINOSA

KNOWN FOR Bridal-ready facials, makeup services, luxe experience



PROFILE HAIR DESIGN

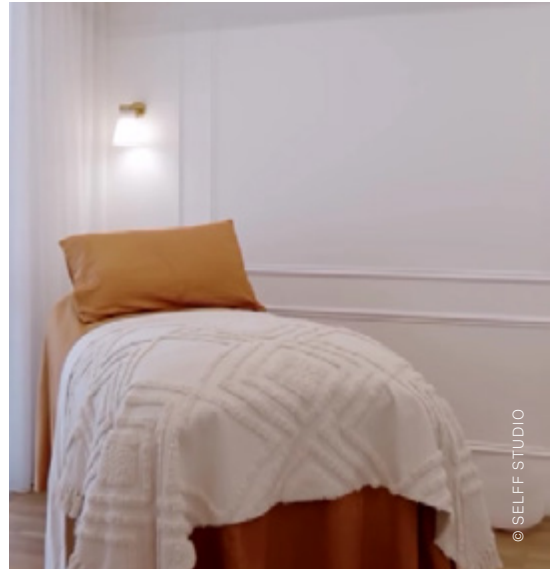
KNOWN FOR Master colourists, tailored cuts, elevated experience





KALM SPRINGS

KNOWN FOR Infrared saunas, private wellness treatments, quiet luxury



SELFF STUDIO

KNOWN FOR Integrative health care, holistic treatments, calming environment



MINX HAIR STUDIO

KNOWN FOR Blonde specialists, award-winning stylists, personalised service



BEAUTY BED

KNOWN FOR Restorative treatments, expert care, and a tranquil, elevated experience



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