



**Magnetic Island is the perfect place for a family get away, and to set the kids free in the great outdoors.**

### Kids holidays on Magnetic Island

#### Outdoor fun for kids is easy on Magnetic Island.

You can either choose any of the great [activities](#) , such as [bushwalking](#) or [water sports](#) on offer, see some of the island's [history and heritage](#)

, fly a kite on any one of the beautiful beaches, grab a reel and throw a line off the jetty, or hop on a boat for some [fishing and boating](#) fun.

(You can hire any extra water sports equipment you'll need from Fish'n N Fuel'n in Mandalay Ave, in Nelly Bay).

Here's a handy list of ['Top Island To Do's'](#) that will give you lots of ideas to choose from.

If you like the more artistic approach, visit the many [artists and galleries](#) on Magnetic Island.

There are [23 of beaches](#) to explore and some great spots for picnics and adventures. If you want a shoreside [BBQ](#) there are 4 to choose from that are all FREE to use.

If you've got any keen skaters in the family, the Magnetic Island Skate Park is on Horseshoe Bay Road, right next to the [Solar Cities Smart Lifestyle Centre](#) , in Horseshoe Bay. The centre is also a great stop for info on water and energy saving information. You'll also find a tennis court and football oval in the same area.

**Your visit may happen when the [turtles](#) are nesting, the [markets](#) are on, or an [annual event](#) is happening. So make sure you check them out and visit the What's On calendar!**

Not sure of where to pick up [dinner](#) ? With two main [supermarkets](#) and quite a few dining options, you'll be able to fill the day and nights with fun. Just remember that many restaurants and supermarkets close around 8-8.30pm.

You can also hire out a DVD at the IGA in Nelly Bay for a great night in at the movies, or keep and eye out for the 'Movies Under The Stars' as part of the Magnetic Island (Bay Dayz) Festival each September school holidays. (Check out the [2013 Festival](#) page).

You can either decide to drive your own car to Magnetic Island, or take the ferry. [Services](#) run regularly each day so it's easy!

[Getting around the island](#) is easy with quite a few options to choose from.

Whether you're visiting Magnetic Island for an overnight stay, a weekend, or longer, you can choose [accommodation](#) which will suit your budget.

Just check over our list of Magnetic Island [services and facilities](#) to find out where everything is, to make your family holiday fun one. We look forward to meeting you!

### **Need a [babysitter](#) on Magnetic Island?**

#### **Magnetic Island school holiday entertainment for kids.**

Just check out the What's On calendar to find out what's happening during the school holidays, as well as other fun stuff for kids with the links above.

### **Living on Magnetic Island**

#### **Planning a sea change with your new home nestled on the Great Barrier Reef?**

Magnetic Island has a strong sense of community and a very low crime rate. You might call it a safe haven for kids.

With over 2500 permanent residents on the island, the great tropical climate encourages children to enjoy a vast range of outdoor activities such as fishing, swimming, snorkelling, skateboarding, bushwalking, and generally enjoying the abundant wildlife that surrounds them.

Junior science and junior theatre groups work closely to keep kids occupied. Island artists also work on projects with children outside school hours, plus there's always the opportunity to take dance or karate class, join the film society, get a hand in at the kids fishing, golfing and bowling days, or get up on stage at the Magnetic Island Musicians Club evenings.

### **[PCYC Magnetic Island](#)**

After care and vacation care.

**C & K Magnetic Island - Child Care** For more information please call 4758 1168 or email [magnetic@candk.asn.au](mailto:magnetic@candk.asn.au)

**Magnetic Island State School** For more information please call 4758 2333 or email [info@magneticislandss.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@magneticislandss.eq.edu.au)

**Secondary Education and above** Townsville has a wide selection of secondary and tertiary schools to choose from, including being home to James Cook University (JCU - the largest university in Northern Queensland), as well as a variety of TAFE colleges.

**Townsville Kids Activities** A great resource to find out what's happening in Townsville for kids and families is [Townsville Kids](#).