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Morning mist lifts over rolling mountains, fertile farmland stretches to the horizon, and winding roads lead to hidden waterfalls, boutique cafés and panoramic lookouts – this is the Scenic Rim. Just an hour from Brisbane and the Gold Coast, this region is made for curious explorers and slow travellers offering a blend of nature, award-winning produce, local craft beverages and unforgettable experiences.

On your way to [Tamborine Mountain](#), stop for a 1.5 km elevated boardwalk eco-adventure through 30 acres of private rainforest at the [Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk](#) then continue to Curtis Falls for a gentle 1.1 km loop through shaded rainforest to a cascading waterfall.



Day 1

Then, with the walking done, it's time to taste the flavours of the mountain! First, head to [Loborn](#) at [North Stores](#) for a modern amaro tasting with Head Distiller Tom. Using native and Tamborine Mountain botanicals, each sip offers a local take on this Italian classic, showcasing locally born creativity – the name Loborn literally means Locally Born.

For lunch, head next door to [Picnic Real Food](#), the brainchild of Queensland chef Brenda Fawdon. Every plate celebrates local produce, and a closed-loop system turns kitchen waste into compost, keeping the café sustainable and eco-friendly.

Once refuelled, walk across the road and grab an e-bike and food hamper from [Peddly Picnics](#) and cycle to [Cauldron Distillery](#), an award-winning estate set on seven scenic hectares. Sample their famed Five to Five Gin or the brand-new Australian Agave Spirits. Stay for tastings, tours, or a long lazy lawn session with pizza and cocktails.



Keep pedalling (yes, the bikes are electric!) to [Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation](#) for a locally grown and freshly roasted coffee, then circle back to Robert Sowter Park Lookout for panoramic views over the Scenic Rim. Finish your rise at [Saint Marthe Brasserie](#), the newest gem on Main Street, where French flair meets mountain soul.

Accommodation on the mountain is just as tempting. [Tamborine Mountain Glades](#) is set on over 114 extraordinary hectares and is home to the country's number one adventure playground in Thunderbird Park.



Your spoilt for choice with cabins, camping and 5 star glamping to stylish vista suites. The newly opened [Tamborine Boutique Hotel](#) reimagines a 1980s Hacienda-style motel, offering 23 rooms with luxe king beds, breathtaking views, and a sensational pool. For a touch of luxury and even more scenery, [Verandah House Country Estate](#) provides a refined retreat with expansive mountain vistas.





Day 2

Start the day with a little mountain adrenaline at [Thunderbird Park](#), home to the [Canyon Flyer](#), Australia's largest, highest and fastest zipline. For even more adventure, tackle the [TreeTop Challenge](#) with over 100 obstacles, including 11 massive flying foxes. Families with love [Dig IT](#), Australia's first mini excavator park (popular with kids and grownups!).

After the thrills, unwind at Sol Elements, Australia's first floating bathhouse. Immerse yourself in serene lakeside pools and enjoy treatments with views of the surrounding greenery.

Next, it's time for a coffee and pastry stop at [Franquette Bakery](#), consistently ranked among the country's best. Grab an almost croissants or toastie, then stroll [Gallery Walk](#) on the famous Long Road to explore art, craft, artisan food, and unique gift stores. Don't miss a visit to [Tamborine Mountain Distillery](#), Australia's most awarded distillery, for tastings and a behind-the-scenes look at their craft. Follow it with lunch and a refreshing drink at St Bernards Hotel, Tamborine's oldest and most iconic pub, boasting sweeping views over the valley.



Later, take a scenic drive to the charming mountain village of Canungra, just under 30 minutes away. The historic Canungra Hotel makes a perfect spot for dinner or an overnight stay and is centrally located to bushwalking tracks, nearby vineyards, and a main street brimming with local food options.

Day 3

Start the day soaring above the clouds with a [Hot Air Balloon](#) ride over the Scenic Rim, followed by breakfast at [O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyard](#). Then, wander next door to [Mountview Alpaca Farm](#) for a selfie with one of their friendly herd, or simply relax by the creek and soak up the peaceful sounds of nature.



Next, it's time to choose your adventure. Take Beechmont Road to [Binna Burra](#) or Lamington National Park Road to O'Reilly's – both iconic eco-tourism hubs perched atop ancient mountains and surrounded by lush rainforest. For a more leisurely option, head to [Beechmont Estate](#) and enjoy a fine dining lunch at The Paddock, with sweeping views over the estate's rolling paddocks.



The Scenic Rim is made for lingering longer, and accommodation is just as enticing as the experiences. At O'Reilly's, [Pat's Farm](#) off-grid luxury with six self-catered chalets, fire pits, a heated pool and couple's hammock outside for Stargazing. Meanwhile, at [Binna Burra](#), the Tiny Wild Houses sit atop the Bellbird cliffs, offering spectacular mountain views right from your bed. Adventurers can also try [Happitat Adventure Park](#), the world's first eco-adventure experience of its kind, featuring a mega zipline, via ferrata, cliff-face challenges, and more.

Stay for longer at these places and hike, take guided walks, view birdlife and indulge in great local produce dishes, but at some stage, it will be home time!

