

destination
fact sheet

Host your business event in the Ballina Coast and Hinterland

Experience it's unique natural environment, laid back lifestyle, perfect location and ease of getting here.

With lush subtropical rainforests, pristine sandy beaches and crystal-clear waterways, the Ballina Coast & Hinterland truly is a natural wonder.

Welcome to Ballina

GETTING HERE

is easy

BY AIR

The Ballina Byron Gateway Airport (BBGA) offers direct services between Sydney, Melbourne, Newcastle, Canberra and Dubbo with Jetstar, Virgin Australia, Rex, Fly Pelican providing up to 58 flights per week.

The airport is less than a five minute drive from the Ballina CBD. For further information visit

ballinabyronairport.com.au

Flying times from BBGA to:

Sydney 1hr 15 mins

Melbourne 2hrs

Newcastle 1hr 20mins

Canberra 2hrs

Dubbo 1hr 45mins

The **Gold Coast Airport** at Coolangatta, is located a 55 minute drive to the centre of Ballina.

For further information visit

goldcoastairport.com.au

BY ROAD

The Pacific Highway upgrade has been completed, making the journey from Ballina to Brisbane a two hour drive.

Brisbane
103km

Gold Coast
International Airport
at Coolangatta
88km

BYRON BAY
31km

BALLINA BYRON GATEWAY AIRPORT

Newcastle 1hr 25mins
Sydney 1hr 15mins
Dubbo 1hr 45 mins
Melbourne 2hrs
Canberra 2hrs

BALLINA

Sydney
610km

NSW

BALLINA

IT'S ALL ABOUT *location, location, location*



Located in the Northern Rivers of NSW, the most north-easterly region of New South Wales, top of the State.

Ballina enjoys a subtropical climate that is perfect for enjoying the outdoors all year round, with mid winters and balmy summers.

Month	Mean Maximum Temperature	Mean Minimum Temperature
<i>January</i>	28.2	19.7
<i>February</i>	27.9	19.5
<i>March</i>	27.0	18.2
<i>April</i>	24.9	15.3
<i>May</i>	22.4	12.1
<i>June</i>	20.3	12.1
<i>July</i>	19.9	8.6
<i>August</i>	21.3	8.8
<i>September</i>	23.5	11.4
<i>October</i>	24.9	14.0
<i>November</i>	26.2	16.5
<i>December</i>	27.4	18.2



OUR TOWNS

and villages

BALLINA

Centered on an island at the mouth of the Richmond River, Ballina is the social and commercial hub of the region. Loved for its relaxed riverside and seaside location and fresh local seafood. The town has blossomed into a beauty with café culture, international dining and a family friendly atmosphere. Its endless waterways and pristine beaches offer some of the best recreation in the region.

LENNOX HEAD

A friendly beach village just 10 minutes north of Ballina and 20 minutes south of Byron. Set alongside stunning Seven Mile Beach, you'll find boutiques, restaurants and funky cafes all serving great local food and coffee. Lennox also boasts the fresh-water tea tree Lake Ainsworth and a coastal recreational path from Lennox Village to the Pat Morton Lookout, that extends all the way along the coastline to Ballina's town centre.

ALSTONVILLE

A picturesque village in Ballina's hinterland is just a 15 minute drive from Ballina's town centre. Known for its wide streets, heritage buildings and beautiful gardens, it provides plenty of hidden gems to discover and offers a great day out. Find cosy cafes and unique stores, farm product, boutique stores and rainforest walks nearby.

NEWRYBAR

Instantly fall in love with this historic jewel in Ballina's hinterland just 15 minutes from Ballina. This one-street town with just a few historic houses, shops, a café, deli and historic bakery is like something out of a romantic movie. The charm, character and beauty of this village is a destination in its own right. Surrounded by macadamia and coffee plantations that welcome visitors. It is also a conferencing hot spot with dining venues that cater for business groups and special occasions, to add a very special touch to any itinerary.

SURROUNDING TOWNS

Byron Bay, Nimbin and Lismore are all within close proximity.



ACCOMMODATION

and transfers

The Ballina Business Events team can recommend accommodation for your delegates and guests. We have the local knowledge and expertise to ensure your delegates needs are met, with a selection of places to stay that are centrally located and within walking distance to conference venues.

ACCOMMODATION	BALLINA COAST & HINTERLAND
Serviced Apartments, Hotels & Motels	Over 600 delegate capacity
Holiday Rentals and AirBnB properties	A wide selection available, perfect if family are joining you
TRANSFER OPTIONS	
Choose from limousines, coach, mini-van, rental vehicles or something more exciting! There are many options we can recommend to help your group get from A to B.	

RAMADA HOTEL & SUITES, BALLINA



CONNECT *with nature*

When you bring your business event to Ballina, you connect with the beauty of this natural wonderland.

Take your delegates on an adventure of a lifetime. Here we show you a selection of what's possible, from sea turtle releases, to close animal encounters, and unique and authentic experiences to save our planet.

The Ballina Coast & Hinterland isn't pretentious, its honest, its real and its laid back, but most of all, it's your opportunity to connect with nature!



CRYSTAL MAGIC

De-stress and unwind inside the amazing world of natural crystals. Enjoy tranquil Shambhala gardens, sacred statues, World Peace Stupa, crystal and meditation workshops.



ABORIGINAL TEACHINGS

Local Arakwal Bundjalung women shares customs, knowledge, ceremonies and stories that have been passed down from her ancestors.



TURTLE & SEABIRD RESCUE

Ballina's education and marine wildlife rescue centre. Go behind the scenes and see how they care for sick and injured sea turtles, pelicans, shore and seabirds.



ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Unique animal experiences and encounters. See the great work taking place, get up close and personal and learn about animal conservation.



GUIDED COASTAL WALKS

Immerse yourself in nature and experience the very best of the region. Discover the beauty, history, flora & fauna. Tours tailored for each group.



ECO ADVENTURES

Discover a world of eco adventures and experiences, from walks & wildlife, water based activities and hinterland adventures.



KOALA CARE

See the work of volunteers in caring for the welfare and rehabilitation of our local koala population. Get up close to koala's and learn all about these fascinating animals.



ENVIRONMENTAL RANGERS

Fun group experiences with a difference. Do something positive to protect the planet and have an amazing time doing it.



COASTAL RECREATIONAL PATH

TEAM ACTIVITY *menu*



BREWERY TOUR

A behind-the-scenes look at craft breweries and distilleries. Meet the makers, see their operations and of course enjoy their craft with beer and spirit tastings.



TEAM BUILDING

Choose from a variety of team building activities. We have suppliers that can motivate with fun and laughter or challenge and conquer!



SURF LESSONS

Learn to surf from one of our reputable surf schools that operate in Lennox Head and Ballina.



NINJA FUN

Functional movement classes, training, overcoming obstacles and challenges under the guidance of local Ninja guru.



RIVER AND OCEAN CRUISING

Jaw dropping whale encounters (May-Oct). Cruise alongside pods of dolphins and spot turtles, or choose a sunset river cruise.



CHOCOLATE MAKING

Who doesn't like chocolate? A fun, hands-on class packed full of tastings. Make your own hand crafted chocolate box!



GOLF

Ballina Golf Club features easy walking, lush fairways, 328 greens and shady trees or tee off at Teven Valley Golf Course, a 9 hole course amongst the trees in the hinterland.



PADDLE IN PARADISE

Kayak or stand up paddle board on the river or in the quiet and safe surrounds of Shaws Bay or tea tree Lake Ainsworth.



ART CLASSES

Home to creative souls that will inspire your creative side, workshops and group classes available in silk painting, paper making, playing with clay and more!



SAND SCULPTURE WORKSHOP

Need an excuse to spend some time on one of our magic beaches? A great stand along event or a fun break from conference sessions.



FUNCTIONS *and* FOOD

Ballina boasts a booming fresh seafood industry. The region really is heaven for lovers of quality, fresh produce. With rich volcanic soils and sub-tropical climate – there is not much we don't produce here.

Combine great food with unique locations, talk to us about your group dinners, gala event or catering needs. We can recommend venues and put you in touch with the right people. Here are just a few of some of the venues we have available.

ZENTVELDS COFFEE PLANTATION & ROASTERY

A family plantation great for a group visit to see how coffee is grown and roasted. Enjoy a barista made coffee while enjoying views of Mt Warning, or a location for a group function.

CAPE BYRON DISTILLERY

Rainforest gin made locally, with a unique facility set above the rainforest, see how it's made, enjoy tastings, have a tour or host a group cocktail session.

HARVEST RESTAURANT, & HISTORIC BAKERY

A unique destination in its own right in the village of Newrybar. Edible gardens that supply the restaurant. This venue caters for larger groups, special occasions or casual get togethers.

SEVEN MILE BREWERY

Australian Summer Ale made locally in Ballina with tours, a funky function space and dining options available.



CONFERENCE facilities

BALLINA SURF CLUB

RAMADA BALLINA

Located on the riverfront in the heart of Ballina. Offers function spaces and accommodation with 115 rooms. Catering for most small to medium-sized conferences and events, the hotel features four dedicated meeting spaces designed and equipped to deliver an optimum environment for up to 140 guests.

 UP TO 140  115 ROOMS  ON SITE CATERING

THE ISLANDER RESORT

Set on 3 acres just minutes to beaches, shopping and attractions. This 40 room facility with onsite conference centre can cater for business events for 10 to 100 delegates.

 10 TO 100  40 ROOMS  ON SITE CATERING

BALLINA BEACH RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTRE

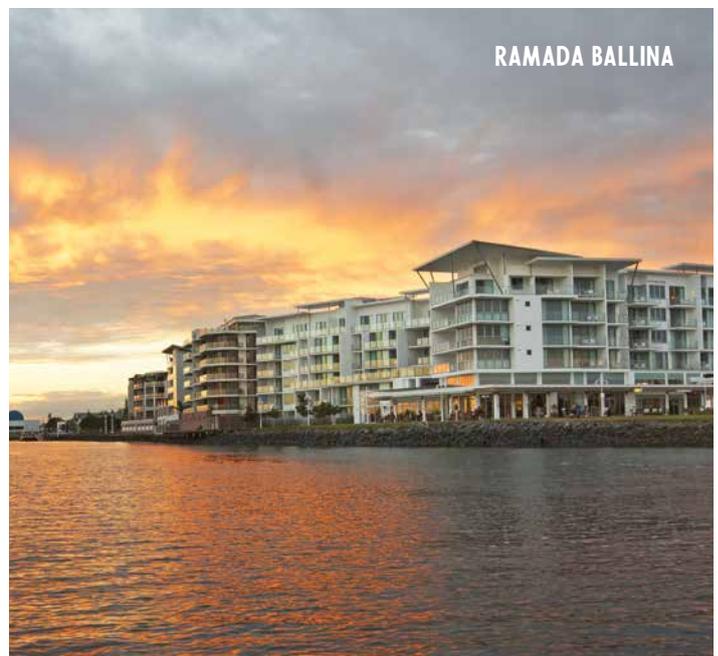
Located just 200m from stunning Lighthouse Beach and offer 46 accommodation rooms, 3 conference rooms, a fully licensed restaurant and bar/lounge.

 6 TO 200  46 ROOMS  ON SITE CATERING

BALLINA RSL CLUB

Offers the very best in facilities for up to 500 guests overlooking the Richmond River in the heart of Ballina. With three well-appointed conference and function rooms catering for all occasions.

 UP TO 500  ON SITE CATERING



RAMADA BALLINA

CAMP DREWE

A conference facility with accommodation in dorm style rooms. Set amongst native heath vegetation, walking distance to surf beaches and Lake Ainsworth.

 UP TO 200  20-112 PAX

SUMMERLAND FARM

A 238 acre property offering modern facilities for events of all sizes. Surround yourself with beautiful country views, warm hospitality and several options for indoor and outdoor spaces, including break out options.

 20 TO 150  ON SITE CATERING

MACADAMIA CASTLE

Set in the Ballina Hinterland and offers an indoor air-conditioned conference room with views of the animal park, and two outdoor areas.

 60 TO 100  ON SITE CATERING



CAMP DREWE



SUMMERLAND FARM
BY FIG TREE PHOTOS

THE COMPASS ROOM

Located at Alstonville Country Cottages, offers a function space ideal for meetings and workshops and can cater for up to 70 delegates. Added bonus of eight self contained cottages on site for overnight accommodation.

UP TO 70  **CABINS**

BALLINA RACECOURSE & CONFERENCE CENTRE

Situated at the Ballina Jockey Club and conveniently close to the airport. This conference centre offers three rooms and can cater for 15-250 guests and offers onsite catering.

15 TO 250  **ON SITE CATERING**

COMFORT INN ALL SEASONS

Centrally located in the heart of Ballina. This conference venue offers two flexible meeting rooms, 40 room accommodation and an onsite restaurant.

UP TO 80  **40 ROOMS**  **ON SITE CATERING**

THE BEACH HOUSE EAST COAST

A unique beachfront property. Can cater for groups of up to 250 people whilst allowing you exclusive use of the property's lush 2-acres with the addition of the boutique style onsite accommodation.

UP TO 250  **12 ROOMS**



BALLINA RACECOURSE & CONFERENCE CENTRE



BALLINA MANOR

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A unique heritage listed building situated close to the CBD of Ballina. Host your next workshop or meeting in the elegant dining room, the beautiful sandstone courtyard or on the large veranda areas. Also offers onsite accommodation and restaurant.

UP TO 70  **12 ROOMS**  **ON SITE CATERING**

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Ballina Shire Council operates several community facilities in the Ballina Shire. There are a variety of spaces, from small interview rooms to a spacious event venue seating 550 people, along with a new state-of-the-art indoor sports centre that are available for hire at competitive rates. For details visit communityspaces.com.au

CONNECT *with us*

Ballina's business events team can help with the planning of your next event.

We can assist with venue and accommodation bookings, catering suppliers, provide a menu of delegate activities and keep you up to date with what's happening across the region.

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