

Affordable Summer Holidays: Tamborine Mountain

AT's guide to the best cheap accommodation for summer and Christmas holidays



The cute Witches Falls Cottages are great value for couples over summer

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Why do we rate it?

Tamborine Mountain is the perfect quaint Gold Coast hinterland escape from the heat of the coast – without sacrificing beach trips.

Where is it?

About 40km, or just under a 1hr drive, from Surfers Paradise. Also 1hr from the Gold Coast Airport.

Where to stay

B&B accommodation is the stay de jour, ranging in style from the posh Witches Falls Cottages to the more down-to-earth Wallaby Ridge and Tamborine Mountain B&B. The latter has four cabins and an amazing balcony with 180-degree views of the coast below. Witches Cottages are five stone self-contained gabled cottages with spas and full kitchens. Wallaby Ridge has three suites.

How much is it?

Not much – even at the height of summer. Wallaby Ridge starts at \$165 a night for a couple, which includes a breakfast basket with fresh-baked organic breads and muesli plus supplies to make your own cooked brekkie. Tamborine B&B is a minimum two-night stay at \$390 for both nights, including breakfast. A midweek special at Witches Falls Cottages for a minimum two-night stay is \$245 per night, including breakfast packs.

Availability

There is availability after Boxing Day at any number of B&Bs. Make a few calls and you'll find somewhere to stay. The first to book out is usually Witches Falls.

What to do

It's just a 1hr drive to the beach but there is loads to do on the mountain, too. Try the firewater at the famous – or infamous – Tamborine Mountain Distillery. There is an increasing number of wineries with cellar doors, and many rainforest walks. Witches Falls Cheese Company has a great reputation, as does Ripples Massage for spa treatments.

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