

Queensland's Top 10 Beach Houses

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A holiday in Queensland simply wouldn't be complete without spending some time at one of our many beautiful beaches. And what better way to soak up the sun and relax on the white sands, than staying in your own beach front holiday home?! Whether you're chasing the waves at the southern end of the State, relaxing by the calm waters in the north, or lazing on an island beach on the Great Barrier Reef, there are literally hundreds of beach houses for rent in Queensland. So grab your swimmers, sunscreen and beach towel and start planning. Here's our pick of Queensland's top 10 beach houses...

Alinghi voted one of world's top five beach houses

With a private beach, 30 metre pool, access to a personal chef and masseur, Alinghi is well deserving of its spot in the UK Independent Magazine's top five beach houses in the world. Nestled in 14 acres of native bushland at Agnes Water on the Central Queensland coastline, Alinghi is a stunning four bedroom architect-designed house set within an exclusive private estate known as Rocky Point. Alinghi can sleep up to 12 people comfortably however it is the ideal self-contained retreat for a couple or a family. Built into the cliff face and boasting floor-to-ceiling windows, there are incredible views to enjoy from every room. The beach house also features a modern kitchen, several well appointed living areas, entertaining deck, water sports equipment and bushwalking tracks.

www.1770beachaccommodation.com.au

View the Blue Ocean from this Beach House

The Blue Ocean View Beach House is a privately owned holiday home situated on a hillside within Tangalooma Island Resort on Moreton Island near Brisbane. Guests at the beach house enjoy full use of the resort's many facilities and activities on offer including quad bikes, sand tobogganing, whale watch cruises, parasailing, jetskiing, and bushwalking. From the deck of the Blue Beach House guests enjoy uninterrupted views over Moreton Bay from Brisbane city to the Sunshine Coast's Glasshouse Mountains. Sit back and enjoy the cool sea breezes as ships and yachts meander within the waterways, or head down to the beach to go snorkelling, diving, or fishing at the mysterious shipwrecks of Moreton Island. The Blue Ocean View Beach House features three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a large lounge room, family room and kitchen. www.bluebeachhouse.e8.com.au

Mission set to Altitude ONE40

A private helipad and views to die for give a hint of the luxury to be savoured at new Mission Beach executive retreat, Altitude ONE40. Taking its name from a location 140 metres above sea level, Altitude ONE40 is a stunning architect-designed retreat. Its open plan design opens up to an 18 metre pool and 270 degree views of Dunk, Bedarra and Hinchinbrook Islands. Set among 17.5 acres of pristine rainforest and manicured lawns, Altitude ONE40 is conveniently located 3km from the restaurants and cafes of Mission Beach and 800 metres from Clump Point Jetty, departure point for trips to the nearby Great Barrier Reef. Altitude ONE40 offers tailored packages that cater for intimate weddings, honeymoons, executive retreats or couples who want privacy and seclusion. Mission Beach is located 90 minutes drive south of Cairns. www.altitudeone40.com.au

Pure luxury at Mali Mali retreat

The newest Tropical North Queensland addition to the exclusive Executive Retreats portfolio of beach houses is the peaceful Balinese-themed Mali Mali. An indigenous word for butterfly, Mali Mali takes a commanding 40 acre hilltop site with 360 degree views over the World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest and sparkling blue of the Pacific Ocean. The retreat features a tranquil open plan design of tropical pavilions surrounded by cascading water gardens. There are three king-size bedrooms with ensuites, furnishings from Jimmy Possum and Miele appliances. The luxurious feel extends to Mali Mali's facilities which include a heli pad, world-class tennis court, infinity pool, media room, gourmet kitchen and massage pavilion. Mali Mali is located on top of Mt Somerset, 15 minutes' drive north of Port Douglas and five minutes north of Mossman. The retreat caters for a maximum eight guests. Executive Retreats offers more than 70 exclusive private retreats within the Tropical North Queensland region.

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A seaside hideaway at Woodwark Bay

Situated near Airlie Beach in the Whitsundays, Woodwark Bay is one of Australia's most exclusive holiday rentals. Set on 1618 hectares, the property boasts lush tropical rainforest, a private beach and deep freshwater lake, manicured gardens, more than 100 kilometres of roads, waterfalls and picnic huts and is surrounded by 20,000 hectares of uninterrupted and untracked national parkland. A secluded haven for the rich and famous, the King of Morocco, Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman are just some of the celebrities who have holidayed at Woodwark Bay. Guests stay in one of six private thatched cottages, which sleep a maximum of 14 guests, and are each filled with one-of-a-kind pieces. www.woodwarkbay.com.au

Angkasa on the Sunshine Coast

Situated opposite secluded beaches and nestled in a tropical rainforest setting, Angkasa is a contemporary and luxurious retreat on the Sunshine Coast. Between four luxurious suites, which feature lush rainforest and sparkling ocean views, the property can cater for a maximum of eight guests whose stay at the Angkasa can be as personalised as each group wants. Each room's mini bar can be pre stocked with a range of gourmet foods, personal chefs and caterers can be arranged, private yoga lessons, in house massages as well as a choice of many other activities can be packaged together. www.theangkasa.com.au

Laid back style at Sejala Beach House

Enjoying an absolute beachfront setting under the coconut trees, the Sejala Beach House is a hidden gem in Mission Beach, two hours south of Cairns. The beautiful old timber house captures the elegance and understated luxury of the tropics with breezy light filled rooms, shuttered doors and windows, lazy overhead fans, courtyards, ponds, beach chairs and hammocks. Set a few metres from the main beach, Sejala is also only a four minute walk to the township of Mission Beach where you still find that old far north Queensland tropical charm and ambience. The large pavilion style sitting room opens onto either a large terrace overlooking the Coral Sea and the islands, or a private glass-tiled terrace pool and sunbathing area. www.sejala.com/beachhouse.html

1770 reasons to stay at The Beach Shacks

Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and all that the Town of 1770 has to offer at the perfectly situated Beach Shacks in Central Queensland. Each of the spacious and self-contained bungalows have their own magnificent views out over the bay, so after a day exploring the Great Barrier Reef or enjoying Australia's northernmost surf beaches, you can watch the sunset over the water from your own private deck. Discovered by Lt James Cook in the year of 1770, the Town of 1770 remains unspoilt and secluded, surrounded by pristine national parks and magnificent waterways. Each of the air-conditioned one and two-bedroom bungalows come complete with a gas BBQ, outside dining setting and fully-equipped kitchen. www.1770beachshacks.com

Beachside pleasures at Gaia

Combining modern modern Asian architecture with beachfront living, the Gaia Beach House is situated on the golden sands of Trinity Beach, just 15 minutes north of Cairns. Up to eight guests can stay at Gaia within four large bedrooms all individually designed and with private ensuites. The open-plan house is split over two levels, has direct access to the beach and enjoys uninterrupted views of the Coral Sea, making it the perfect base to explore the diversity of the Tropical North Queensland region. Go scuba-diving or snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef, explore the wonders of the World Heritage-listed Wet Tropics Rainforest, enjoy a day of sailing and island hopping, or simply sit back and relax by Gaia Beach House's private pool. www.gaiabeachhouse.com.au

Island living on Bedarra

Offering the ultimate in privacy and seclusion, the Bedarra Beach House is surrounded by pure white beaches, turquoise waters, searing granite boulders and lush green rainforest. Situated in the tropical waters of North Queensland's Great Barrier Reef, Bedarra Island is accessed from Mission Beach south of Cairns. The pavilion style beach house has been architect-designed for the tropical climate and relaxed holiday living, nestling high in the trees and enjoying stunning views of the Coral Sea and nearby Dunk Island. The outdoor dining areas, BBQ, hammocks, large timber deck, gourmet granite kitchen and well stocked pantry mean you can easily spend your whole holiday without leaving the beach house, but if you feel like stepping out, the two private beaches are a hard spot to beat. www.bedarrabeachhouse.com.au