

Theme & Adventure Parks in QLD

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Queensland's world-class amusement and theme parks are continually introducing new shows and attractions to excite and challenge their guests. Read on to see what's on offer...

Australian Outback Spectacular, Gold Coast

Guests now have an extra chance to experience The Australian Outback Spectacular at a new lunchtime matinee on Sundays at 12.30pm. 'Heroes of the Light Horse' is the new show for the Spectacular and celebrates the link between the stockmen and the legendary Australian Light Horse. The 90 minute show also runs nightly Tuesday to Sunday and entry includes a three course dinner, drinks and a stockman's hat. www.myfun.com.au

Sea World, Gold Coast

A multi-million dollar children's adventure precinct, the Adventure Zone will include a huge range of activities to delight the young and young at heart. The theme park's roller coaster, the Corkscrew, was also given a makeover and relaunched for Christmas 2009 as the Sea Viper, featuring new low profile carriages allowing riders to experience thrills on the triple loop-the-loop track like never before. www.myfun.com.au

Wet 'n'Wild, Gold Coast

The Aqua Loop joins the ride line-up at Wet'n'Wild this year. The new thrill sensation begins as the rider plummets through a trap door at their feet, accelerating into a massive vertical free fall drop and then up into a looping slide! The new ride will take riders to speeds of up to 60km per hour! www.myfun.com.au

Warner Bros. Movie World, Gold Coast

Hollywood Stunt Driver is the live-action show thrilling guests at Warner Bros Movie World with its breath-taking stunts and precision driving on a purpose built 'working' movie set. And it's a while off yet, but Warner Bros. Movie World has promised visitors a Christmas to remember when they celebrated a white Christmas in 2010 with snow falls and a spectacular display featuring one million Christmas lights. www.myfun.com.au

Dreamworld, Gold Coast

Virtual V8 racing and new generation laser combat AVPX are the latest attractions catching the attention of visitors at Dreamworld. Visitors booking in for the V8 Supercars Redline experience literally put themselves in the driver's seat and test their skills against Australia's best in simulated racing cars. They even strap themselves in for the ride on the famous Mt Panorama race track. AVPX is an immersive combat experience where humans are the bait and their mission is to survive. Combat is with a phaser that triggers shotgun and rifle-effect beams and comes with LCD screens and speakers. www.dreamworld.com.au

White Water World, Gold Coast

White Water World has launched the "The Wedgie", a looping 85 metre long waterslide where riders take the challenge alone with no mats or tubes. It takes only seven seconds to complete and has been given a 4+ in the thrill rating when four is the max. The rider starts with a near vertical descent and then barrels through a human-sized half coil before entry into the splash pool. www.whitewaterworld.com.au

Adventure Parc, Gold Coast

Located at North Tamborine in the Gold Coast hinterland on 3.6 hectares of rainforest, the challenging ropes course is designed for family fun and fitness. In 2010 they welcomed an addition of another green course, offering two different starting points and a flying fox down to reception. The course is open to all willing adults and children 1.6 metre tall from their heels to the tip of outstretched hands and qualified supervisors guide participants through the activities. www.adventureparcaustralia.com

Green Challenge, Gold Coast

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary's treetops ropes course, the Green Challenge, has expanded to now offer 65 challenges over four separate courses through the eucalypt and rainforest canopy above the native wildlife at the sanctuary. Based on the Adventure Parc concept, the Green Challenge includes a beginners' course, two intermediate courses and the Extreme Green Challenge – an advanced course designed to offer the ultimate challenge for participants with high Tarzan swings and a giant flying fox. www.cws.org.au

Dracula's Haunted House, Gold Coast

The latest "thrill" offering for the popular Surfers Paradise attraction is a \$AUD6.5 million experience called Digestion. The walk through horror maze features 30 metres of themed passages giving victims a taste of what it's like to be swallowed whole and then slowly digested. The five-level purpose-built attraction offers visitors an interactive journey through creepy comedy satire, museum oddities and optical illusions. www.draculas.com.au

Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum, Gold Coast

The museum at Surfers Paradise includes hundreds of hands on exhibits and state of the art interactives, amazing movies, fun games, magic, mystery and incredible illusions in 15 themed galleries. Guests can explore the world's first recollection's fantasy room and Australia's only twin spinning tunnels. The attic room is filled with treasures, including a genuine piece of Mars rock. www.ripleys.com.au

Infinity, Gold Coast

This special effects fun house in Surfers Paradise has been delighting guests for the past decade. The series of multi-sensual environments are continually being upgraded and new sound and light technologies added to keep the maze like world of wonders spectacular for every visitor. www.infinitygc.com.au

Aussie World, Sunshine Coast

Colourful new signage and refurbished fairground rides and attractions have given this family fun park a new vibrancy. Set in native bushland gardens, Aussie World provides a variety of rides for all ages and is located behind the iconic Ettamogah Pub, a much-loved highway landmark. New menus have also introduced at the cafes and restaurants at Aussie World and the pub. www.aussieworld.com.au