

Self drive tours
Capricorn
Queensland

Rockhampton

Real Cultural Heritage Tour



Tropic of Capricorn Spire

Rockhampton straddles the Tropic of Capricorn, and the spire marks the spot where you leave the temperate zone and enter the tropics. It provides a great photo opportunity and the visitor information centre, located just behind the Spire, offers a certificate of your visit.

Botanic Gardens and Zoo

(5 minute drive from The Spire)

A relaxing oasis within the city limits, Rockhampton's 130 year-old Botanic Gardens, considered one of the best gardens of its kind in Australia, has amazing tropical plants. The zoo is home to a variety of birdlife, ducks and swans and is also a haven for local koalas which are hand fed daily.

Historic Quay Street

(10 minute drive from Botanic Gardens)

Facing the Fitzroy River Parkland and boardwalk, Quay Street is the longest National Trust Heritage Street in Australia. Rich in architectural splendour, you can take a guided tour through Customs House.

Rockhampton Art Gallery

(3 minute walk along from Quay Street)

You'll be surprised by this regional gallery which offers a fascinating range of touring exhibitions by local, national and international artists. The gallery also includes a bookshop and cafe.

Archer Park Railway Station

(2 minute drive from Art Gallery)

Magnificently restored, the Archer Park Railway Station brings history alive as you learn about the Purrey Steam Tram, which once served Rockhampton's streets. The 'talking statues' will give you all the details.

Kershaw Gardens

(10 minute drive from Archer Park Station)

On the northern bank of the Fitzroy River, this unique park features native plants and a replica bush hut hidden away in the foliage. Walking trails take you through the scented garden, with spectacular waterfalls making this a peaceful oasis.

Mt Archer

Environmental Park

(10 minute drive from Kershaw Gardens)

Reward yourself with some spectacular views of the city from the summit of Mt Archer. It's an easy drive to the lookout where you can picnic at one of the excellent BBQ areas or take a short walk along one of the marked trails.

Heritage Village

(10 minute drive from Mt Archer)

Step back into the 1800s at this re-created historical township, complete with townfolk dressed in period costume. Each building is a replica of those that once stood in and around Rockhampton.

