

AUSTRALIA'S GOLD COAST

Events

Very exciting

Australia's Gold Coast will electrify every sense with a variety of world-class events set in this incredibly vibrant location.



January

Mondial Australian Women's Hardcourt Tennis

Sunday 1 - Saturday 7

Royal Pines Resort hosts the cream of women's tennis with former champions including Justine Henin-Hardenne, Venus Williams, Martina Hingis and Japan's Ai Sugiyama.

www.tennisaustralia.com.au

Conrad Jupiters Magic Millions Carnival

Monday 2 - Friday 20

A heady mix of horse racing action, the biggest yearling sales in the southern hemisphere and three weeks of glittering social events.

www.magicmillions.com.au

February

ANZ Australian Ladies Masters Golf

Tuesday 2 - Sunday 5

The richest women's golf tournament in the southern hemisphere will see the world's best vying for Karrie Webb's crown at Royal Pines Resort.

www.tagolf.com.au

Australian Beach Volleyball Championships

Friday 17 - Sunday 19

This year the beautiful Surfers Paradise beach will host the Australian Championships for the fourth straight year. Over the preceding three years there has been plenty of high drama as teams have won and lost the coveted title of Australian Champions in a single weekend.

www.beachvolleyballtour.com.au

Quiksilver and Roxy Pro Surfing

Monday 27 - Sunday 12 (March)

The world's best surfers battle for supremacy in the first WCT sanctioned event of the 2006 calendar. The Quiksilver and Roxy Pro's are staged annually on the Gold Coast at Kirra Beach.

www.aspworldtour.com

March

Gold Coast Triathlon, Luke Harrop Memorial and Australian Sprint Championships

Sunday 5

The Gold Coast Triathlon, Luke Harrop Memorial, was this year awarded the Australian Sprint Distance Championships, which will attract athletes from around the country.

www.usmevents.com.au

Somerset Celebration of Literature

Wednesday 8 - Saturday 11

One of Australia's most significant writers' festivals, this annual event hosted by Somerset College features author signings, lectures, writing workshops and concerts.

www.somerset.qld.edu.au

April

Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships

Tuesday 28 (March) - Sunday 2

The annual Australian Surf Life Saving Championships are one of the world's most exciting sporting events, with almost 7500 competitors from Australia and international lifesaving countries participating each year.

www.slsa.asn.au

May

Blues on Broadbeach

Wednesday 17 - Sunday 21

Five days of nothing but the blues! Featuring a huge line-up of national and international blues stars in a festival of free outdoor concerts, street parties and jam sessions.

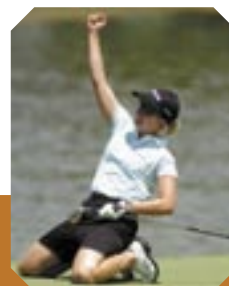
www.bluesonbroadbeach.com

Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show

Thursday 18 - Sunday 21

Showcasing the most luxurious yachts and latest marine designs from more than 300 manufacturers from Australia, the US and the UK.

www.sanctuarycoveboatshow.com.au



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June

Wintersun Festival

Friday 2 - Monday 12

A ten-day feast of rock n roll nostalgia with live bands, dance competitions, street parades and hot rods, held in Coolangatta on the southern end of the Gold Coast.

www.wintersun.org.au

July

Gold Coast Airport Marathon

Sunday 2

Australia's premier distance foot race will again see the nations elite and developing runners take on some of the world's best. Catering for not only the elite but also those striving for personal challenge or just a fun time, the 2006 Gold Coast Airport Marathon, Half Marathon, 10km Run, 7.5km Walk and Junior Dash should not be missed.

www.goldcoastmarathon.com.au

August

Tastes of Gold Coast Festival

Throughout August

Feast your senses during the month long program of events showcasing the very best in the Gold Coast's food and wine. A celebration of the good life, the festival provides a taste of the Gold Coast's lifestyle and what makes it one of the most culturally diverse destinations to live, work and play.

www.tastesofgoldcoast.com.au

F1 Superboats Grand Prix

Saturday 26 - Sunday 27

Round 6 of the Australian F1 Superboats Grand Prix held at The Spit, Main Beach, incorporating over 90 powerful vessels with speeds in excess of 260 kph.

www.f1boat.com.au

September

Swell Currumbin Sculpture Festival

Friday 15 - Tuesday 26

An outdoor sculpture exhibition showcasing more than 50 of Australia and the World's leading artists works along the picturesque Currumbin foreshore.

www.swellsculpture.com.au

October

Lexmark Indy 300

Thursday 19 - Sunday 22

The streets of Surfers Paradise are transformed into a high-octane international motor racing track. The main event is greeted with plenty of fanfare, including dozens of social events, street parties and festivals that all add to the Indy carnival atmosphere.

www.indy.com.au



November

Pan Pacific Masters Games

Saturday 4 - Sunday 12

In 2006 the Pan Pacific Masters Games will be the largest multi-sport masters event in Australia & New Zealand.

www.mastersgames.com.au

NRA Australian Fashion Design Awards and Festival

Throughout November

The glamorous, high profile fashion and lifestyle event staged on the Gold Coast – the Festival is a celebration of style with a program featuring a wide variety of 'fashionable' events including the annual Australian Fashion Design Awards.

www.nra.net.au

December

Surfers Paradise Grand Prix Cycling

Sunday 10

Australian and International cycling stars will compete in the heart of Surfers Paradise, through Cavill Mall and Orchid Avenue. The Surfers Paradise Cycling Grand Prix includes a Corporate Pro-Am event, Open Men and B / C Grade events, and a great corporate hospitality area where you can mix with the stars.

www.usmevents.com.au

New Year's Eve Fireworks

Sunday 31

Bring in the New Year with a fantastic series of fireworks displays colouring the summer night skies high above the Gold Coast's beachfront skyline.

www.surfersparadise.com

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