

# Family Friendly Holidays

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**D**id you know it is possible to open a door to join some of the Townhouses together at **Aqua Villa**? It makes this combination very popular with extended families. By joining two Townhouses together, it enables adults to stay up late at night chatting and having fun, while the kids are in bed.

Grandparents love the ability to escape the hubbub of grandkids, while remaining interconnected so the grandkids can run in to see them early in the morning.

This is just one of the big advantages of the range of accommodation types. Another advantage is you may find a **FREE bottle of wine** in your room waiting for you!

One of the very satisfying aspects of managing the Aqua Villa Holiday Apartments is chatting to guests who return for their second, third and fourth holiday etc. It is rewarding to observe their reactions to the ongoing cycle of upgrades. It is also instructive to understand what inspired their decision to return.

We have seen couples who told us they used to stay in the one-bedroom Garden Villas, move to the two-bedroom Garden Villas as the family expands. While empty nesters sometimes go the other way round.

We have been surprised at the number of members who request to stay in the single level Townhouse. Purpose built to accommodate wheelchairs, it is popular with people who are not as mobile as they once were and yet still want the aspect of overlooking the pool, while being kinder to dodgy knees - without stairs to climb.



**Coffs Harbour** has become a sought-after holiday destination, year-round. The sub-tropical relaxed atmosphere and a growing list of things to do has boosted the number of guests arriving in all seasons. Activities on the mid-north-coast are extensive. **Whale watching** is a drawcard from May-November. **The Big Banana** has something for everyone small and tall, and I don't just mean banana milkshakes (although they are good too). It is a true tourist park saving people from driving all the way to the Gold Coast. It has water parks, toboggan runs, ice rinks and much more.



Sea Salt Fish & Chips

The **Dolphin Marine Conservation Park**, in Orlando Street is exceptional. Book ahead and make sure you book the **Ultimate Dolphin Experience**. Swimming with a dolphin is something you will remember forever.

“The Ultimate Dolphin Experience is the Ultimate Gift”



Pizza Vino

There is something about being on holiday near the sea and feasting on fish'n'chips. **Sea Salt** at 361 Harbour Drive will not disappoint you, if you get similar cravings. In fact, you could dine at the jetty every day on your holiday and not eat in the same restaurant twice. The **Urban Espresso**

**Lounge** is awesome, as is **Pizza Vino**. We also have had excellent service at the **Hog's Breath**.



Interconnecting Townhouses

“Interconnecting two townhouses is popular with families.”

You can get a great view over the entire area and 100km up and down the coast by driving a short way north and turning off to the **Forest Sky Pier at Sealy Lookout - Niigi Niigi**. It's free, and on a clear day the views of the Great Dividing Range meeting the sea will be mesmerising.

The Forest Sky Pier also happens to be adjacent to the **Treetops Adventure Centre** located in the **Orara East State Forest**. It's inspiring to watch youngsters revelling in the challenges and enjoying the ziplines and doing it all well above the forest floor. A gift certificate to take part will create precious memories.

For those of you that have passed through on your way to somewhere else, or never stayed in Coffs Harbour before, I urge you to think again. Coffs has come of age. It is a destination in its own right, not a stop-over anymore. As an API member, you get amazing rates at an API holiday home you will be proud to call 'home', for your holiday. So, come and visit us. [API](#)

Book your stay online or call us directly on **02 6652 3539**, we look forward to meeting you.