

...more on Southport

Although it has been caught up in the tourist-driven development and extraordinary growth that has seen the city's population close rapidly on the 400,000 mark, Southport retains much of its early 20th century architectural character and is considered by many to be the Toorak of the Gold Coast.

Bordered by the Nerang River and the Broadwater, Southport beats to the rhythm of the sea and millions of dollars worth of craft tie up at the Southport Yacht Club and neighboring marinas.

Southport boasts Australia Fair Shopping Centre, a large shopping mall with over 230 stores, smaller malls and an outlet centre for discount fashion items.

One of the Gold Coast's acclaimed theme parks, Sea World, is just across the Broadwater on the Southport Spit. Fine accommodation, boutique shops and waterfront restaurants, swimming, fishing, windsurfing, sailing, boating and jet skiing in the sheltered Broadwater, beautiful parkland, with shady picnic areas and pathways, complete the Southport Spit's reputation for indulgence and fun.