



# AS GOOD AS GOLD

With sand, surf, and 300 sunny days a year, the Gold Coast is the gift that keeps giving. Apart from a radiant holiday glow, why not take home a keepsake from Queensland's sun-kissed shores?

## VILLAGE MARKETS

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Established in 2008, The Village Markets trades every first and third Sunday of the month at Burleigh Heads State School from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and is by far one of the best retail areas in the Gold Coast. This creative hub for emerging entrepreneurs plays host to more than a hundred boutique market stalls in fashion, vintage, art and lifestyle, as well as street food, live tunes, and a monthly pre-loved designer and vintage clothes sale. Dubbed TVM, The Village Markets is the go-to destination for good Sunday morning vibes on the Gold Coast.

[thevillagemarkets.co](https://www.thevillagemarkets.co)

**Grab this:** Instagram-worthy photos that are printed on stone. Burleigh business Imogen Stone combines their unique range of stone products with the latest UV printing technology to create a beautiful and sustainable new way to display your pictures. Moreover, the lightweight stone panels add depth and character to your images.

[imogenstone.com](https://www.imogenstone.com)



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### TICKLE ME PINK

Take a piece of Gold Coast home with a sundowner gin and tonic that is as pretty as the pink sunsets over the beach. Husk Distillers on the Tweed River has released Ink Gin, a unique gin that is distilled with 13 botanicals from the Gold Coast, Australia and around the world. Ink is infused with a flower petal which imparts a beautiful indigo colour, which mixes to a soft pink. Margot Robbie discovered Ink Gin in 2016 – trust her to drink pink gin before it was cool! Buy it online or at bottle shops around the Coast. [inkgin.com](http://inkgin.com)



### THE STRAND

The Strand at Coolangatta is the heart of the original Gold Coast. Located three kilometres south from the airport along Marine Parade, this shopping mecca overlooks the iconic Coolangatta Beach, which lays claim to some of the world's best surfing and annual events such as the Quiksilver and Roxy Pro, Cooly Rocks On, The Coolangatta Gold, Bleach Festival, and Opera on the Beach.

[strandcoolangatta.com.au](http://strandcoolangatta.com.au)

**Grab this:** An original hand-made piece of jewellery from Saltwater Silver. Crafted from Australian 925 Sterling Silver, as well as the finest of gemstones, semi-precious stones, and crystals, all pieces are inspired by the surrounding beauty of the ocean, Southern Queensland, and the Tweed Valley.

[saltwatersilver.com.au](http://saltwatersilver.com.au)





### SNUG AS AN UGG

Almost five decades on, UGG boots continue to be the top custom-built shoe workshop on the Gold Coast. Design and create your own pair of UGGs – from leather embossed initials to Swarovski crystal buttons, anything is possible when designing your personalised pair of Australian-made UGGs!  
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### JAMES STREET

Start your morning with sunshine and sand on one of the world's best beaches before strolling into Burleigh Heads for a relaxed coastal shopping experience. Looking for arts, crafts, boutique stores, or unique gifts? Look no further because James Street in Burleigh offers it all. What's more – the vibe here is so relaxed, it truly makes shopping a breeze.

**Grab this:** A Marsala Tri Bralette from Marloe Swimwear. This proudly-local swimwear company was born out of pure love for the ocean and design. The swimsuits also boast natural contours, quality fabrics, differing textures, and prints.  
 🌐 [marloeswimwear.com](http://marloeswimwear.com)