

# Byron Bay Crystal Castle & Shambhala Gardens

## Single Entry Ticket

Flexible

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### • KEY FACTS •



General Admission to the Crystal Castle. Attraction opens 10am – 5pm (NSW time), last entry at 4pm (NSW time). Attraction opens daily except Christmas Day/Boxing Day/Easter Good Friday. Daily Peace Experience at 12noon and 3pm (NSW time).



1. Transport from/to hotels
2. Food & beverages not listed as Inclusions
3. Souvenirs
4. Travel Insurance
5. Any optional extra items (including but not limited to photo packages) that are not included in the standard admission. All optional extra items are at own expense.

## How to get there

### • By Car

Located approximately 21km west of Byron Bay, takes about 30 minutes; approximately 65km south of Gold Coast Airport, takes about 1 hour; approximately 238km north of Coffs Harbour, takes about 2 hours 40 minutes.

- Free Onsite parking available

### • By Public Transport

Unfortunately there is no direct public transport available. Most visitors drive.

## Operating hours

Daily	10:00 - 17:00	Last Entry 16:00
Christmas Day (25 December)	Closed	
Boxing Day (26 December)	Closed	
Good Friday	Closed	

## What to bring/wear

- Appropriate clothing for all weather conditions, eg. jacket for cooler months.
- Comfortable enclosed walking shoes. Insect repellent
- Protective clothing, hat, sunscreen lotion, and sunglasses. Umbrella / raincoat if it rains
- Water bottle, Snacks. Camera
- Money / credit card for optional purchases

## Other info

• Operating hours may change due to maintenance, improvements or safety reasons. Please always check the most up-to-date information on the attraction's official website closer to the date- [www.crystalcastle.com.au](http://www.crystalcastle.com.au)

- If you have visited a COVID-19 hotspot in the last 14 days, please do not visit Crystal Castle at this time.
- In keeping with physical distancing guidelines, the normal facilitated experiences have been replaced with a new twice-daily experience - Sound Healing with the Blessing Buddha. Enjoy 30 minutes of Crystal Singing Bowls taking you on a journey of deep relaxation and peace, held daily at 12pm and 3pm, weather dependent.

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The Crystal Castle with its peaceful ambience and exquisite natural splendour is a place of wonder for everyone.



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Stand between two of the tallest crystals on earth, the Crystal Guardians or be immersed in the magic of the Enchanted Cave, the largest amethyst cave in the world.

Walk in the lush rainforest and wander the botanical Shambhala Gardens, revealing the wonder of sacred statues and the World Peace Stupa, a project blessed by the Dalai Lama.

Discover the famous Buddha Walk and walk through the towering bamboo avenue.

Find yourself in the labyrinth or take flight in the Wings to Eternity mural.

You can also join in daily guided experiences, including the famous Peace Experience.

### Included in your visit:

- Sit in an ancient amethyst cave
- See rare and amazing giant crystals & fossils throughout, dating back 500 million years
- Take flight in the Wings to Eternity mural
- Wander 5 hectares of botanical Shambhala Gardens and rainforest
- Be at peace with the largest stone Blessing Buddha in Australia
- Touch the World Peace Stupa, a project blessed by the Dalai Lama
- Find yourself in a labyrinth
- Join the daily Peace Experience at 12:00 and 15:00
- Have fun in the children's playground
- Take home your own copy of the Crystal Castle Guidebook

### Features of The Gardens

#### Crystal Guardians

A pair of the world's tallest geodes. Standing at a breathtaking 5.5 metres, the Crystal Guardians are an exquisite smoky quartz geode with delicate sprinklings of amethyst and calcite crystal flowers and stand as sentinels watching over the property.

#### The Dragon Egg

The extraordinary 120 million year old geode comes from Uruguay and is open for all visitors to sit inside and enjoy, free with your entry. This magnificent amethyst cave, that Crystal Castle have affectionately called the 'Dragon Egg', weighs 10 tonnes and with its perfect deep purple colour is extremely rare. Surround yourself with the exquisite beauty and energy of this amazing crystal, and receive a crystal blessing as you sit inside this magical space.

#### Buddha Walk

The 'Buddha Walk' is a unique half kilometre walk offering spectacular views of Byron's hinterland. On the walk you will discover giant crystals, lush sub-tropical gardens, enormous statues, a bamboo walk, and beautiful spaces for contemplation and meditation. The

amazing statues are hand carved from volcanic rock from Gunung Merapi (mountain of fire), the same stone used to carve the famous Buddhist monument Borobudur in Java, Indonesia.

Take the Shambhala Gardens Tour for a more indepth experience. Who you will meet along the way:

- **Blessing Buddha** – sitting on his lotus this amazing statue is almost 4 metres high and weighs 14 tonne.
- **Buddha's Lotus Mosaic** – by Turiya Bruce
- **Amethyst Gateway**
- **Castle Sculpture and Dragon** – by Steve the Sandman
- **Lakshmi** – Goddess of Abundance – 3.5 metres high
- **Ganesh** – God of new beginnings, over 2 metres high
- **Garuda & Vishnu** – Vishnu, the God of love and saviour of the world, rides upon Garuda, representative of honesty and the preserver of truth
- **Nandi** – The Lord of Joy and vehicle of Shiva
- **Avalokiteshvara** – The Buddha of Compassion

### **Enchanted Cave**

The Enchanted cave is approximately 5.5 metres wide and weighs over 20,000 kilograms, that's 20 tonne!

### **Wings to Eternity Mural**

The extraordinary Wings to Eternity Mural is their magical backdrop within the Shambhala Gardens. Become part of the flutter of butterflies or rest in the foliage with the fairies. These deep purple amethyst crystal wings will delight all ages. Take flight with the Wings to Eternity!

### **The Labyrinth**

The Labyrinth is a walk of spiritual reflection and meditative enquiry, an entrance into sacred time and space to seek insight or inspiration. Walking the mysterious, twisting path towards the centre, allows you to quiet your mind, shedding thoughts and distractions and open to the insight of your heart. In the centre is a rose quartz flower of life design, a place of prayer and contemplation, where you can stop, wait and receive. Each journey into the Labyrinth is unique with guidance and insight appearing in many ways.

Created in 2000, the Crystal Castle's Labyrinth is based on the same design as the most famous Labyrinth still in existence today at Chartres Cathedral near Paris, which was built around 1200 AD.

### **Rainforest Walk**

The one kilometre walk was planted with massive help from the wonderful community and is aimed at restoring the indigenous plants and wildlife of this area. Enjoy abundant bird life, water sculpted feature rocks and rare species of wildlife. 'And don't forget to look up, you may even see a koala!'

### **Kalachakra World Peace Stupa**

The Stupa at the Crystal Castle is a Kalachakra Stupa, a rare sacred monument created to protect against negative energies. It is known as the World Peace Stupa, and its specific purpose is to restore balance to the earth in times of war, conflict and environmental destruction.

One of only seven in the world and the only stupa in the southern hemisphere, this amazing structure has been engineered to last 1,000 years. Tibetans believe that great benefit can be gained from walking clockwise around the Stupa. Indeed, the mere sight of a stupa is said to put you in touch with your own innate goodness, inspiring compassion, kindness and ultimately good karma.

### **Damanhur Spiral**

The Damanhur Spiral is energetically connected to the stone spirals and labyrinths in the Sacred Woods Temple of Damanhur Federation of Communities in Northern Italy. These spirals are in turn connected to the awe-inspiring Temples of Humankind, dug under the mountain at Damanhur.

Their combined energy is said to act as an extensive store of knowledge and inspiration that can reawaken the divine essence present in each individual.

The spiral form invites you to journey deeper into yourself, and the walk inwards to the expansive Smoky Quartz throne, can be a deep healing journey and shift in energy.

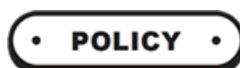
Walking the Damanhur Spiral can be a deep transformative experience.

### **Forest of Friends & Family**

Each year in November a ceremony is held at the Crystal Castle in conjunction with the Natural Death Care Centre, to celebrate the Day of the Dead, and together with the Natural Death Care Centre and community, Crystal Castle has created the "Forest of Friends and Family" as a permanent and sacred place visitors can go to honour and connect with the memory of those they have loved and lost.

This beautiful Quandong Grove provides an inherent sacredness and natural home for quiet contemplation, memories and the scattering of ashes.

The names of those loved ones are recorded in a Book of Remembrance and at the annual ceremony their names are read out.



## **Cancellation Policy**

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