

This unforgettable 3-month surf instructor course will be packed with a carefully curated array of practical and theoretical lessons, hosted by fully qualified and experienced instructors. Get ready to lap up your days under the sun learning all the necessary skills to become a surf instructor with expert tuition, instructors and feedback. You'll be catching, riding, and turning on unbroken waves in no time.

Immerse yourself into the Byron Bay surfer's lifestyle with included accommodation at the **Arts Factory Lodge**, an included meal per day, free camp activities, accommodation facilities, surf equipment and so much more.

Course Lessons

- Live the dream develop the skills to become a qualified surf instructor
- Develop your surfing with 5 x weekly practical surf development lessons
- Get to know the nitty gritty with 2 x weekly surf theory lessons
- Learn how to read a wave with ocean safety and awareness lessons
- Gain your confidence with lessons provided by highly qualified & experienced instructors
- Get in shape with 4 x fitness sessions every week
- Improve week on week with video analysis sessions
- All equipment provided (purchasing your own wetsuit recommended)

Accommodation Inclusions

- 90 nights of dorm accommodation
- Enjoy the hostel facilities including 24 Hour reception, communal kitchen, swimming pool, BBQ, on-site parking, volleyball court and more
- Enjoy your choice of complimentary breakfast or lunch daily
- Utilise kitchen facilities available at the surf camp at your leisure
- Enjoy onsite parking, swimming pool and BBQ
- Free wifi

Optional Add-ons

- Certified Level 1 ASI certified Surf Coaching qualification which includes Ocean Surf Safety Coach Award (OSSCA), Senior First Aid, Advanced Resuscitation and Work with Children Check.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Academy of Surf Instructors (ASI) Accreditation and Other Qualifications

Make it official and acquire your internationally recognised surf instructor qualifications. This optional add on allows you to acquire the following certifications and qualifications under one local payment fee of \$1000.

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- **Academy of Surf Instructors (ASI) accreditation**
- **Ocean Surf Safety Coach Award (OSSCA)**
- **Senior first aid**
- **Advanced resuscitation**
- **Working with Children Check**

These qualifications, along with a substantial contact experience shadowing lessons enable you to become a full fledged and employable surf instructor. The advanced resuscitation and first aid qualifications are also great life skills and also come in handy in many job roles. Successfully completing our 3 month Surf Academy course allows you to obtain all of these certifications and gain this valuable experience so that you can go to your future employer and demonstrate you have the skills, knowledge and drive to be their next surf teaching star

The OSSCA provides surf coaches completing the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme Level 1 Surf Riding Coach/Instructor qualification (as well as alternative and higher levels) to satisfy the specific rescue and beach management needs of surf coaches delivering programs to groups and individuals in open water surf locations, and as well provide for accredited coaches to meet mandatory annual update requirements.

The ASI (Academy of Surfing Instructors) is recognised as the world's leading professional membership body in surf instruction training and certification. The Level 1 instructor qualification is the entry level for anyone wanting to work as a surf instructor. Once gained, this certification is internationally recognised and allows the holder to work across the globe as a surf coach.

To pass all of the above certification and accreditation to become a Level 1 Surf Instructor you must attend all classes, you need to have an intermediate surfing skill level. (see FAQ re how long it takes to develop intermediate surfing skills, demonstrate the required surf skills, be found competent in the qualifications, and pay an additional \$1000 local payment for the statutory certification & accreditation.

Dates and Start Time

The 3-month surf instructor course starts every Monday all year round and is available to students of 18 years or older.

What facilities are available in camp?

The Arts Factory Lodge and has all the facilities you would need including:

- 24 Hour Reception
- Communal kitchen
- Free Luggage Storage
- Free Wifi
- Travel Shop
- Swimming Pool

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- BBQ
- Cafe
- Campsite
- Laundry Facilities
- Onsite Parking
- Volleyball Court

Are meals and accommodation included on weekends?

Accommodation and 1 meal per day are provided for the entire stay. Students have the weekends off to give them the opportunity for R&R as well as the chance to practice their surf skills and explore the local area. With Byron Bay at your fingertips there is plenty to do including, hiking, kayaking, horse riding, skydiving and hot air ballooning, not to mention the multitude of eateries and bespoke artisans around every corner!

Do I need to bring my own wetsuit and board?

No, we supply all the equipment for you including surf boards, wetsuits, rash vests, surf wax and sunscreen. If you prefer to bring your own wetsuit you can do so. If you decide that you would like to purchase your own equipment, the staff can assist in helping you choose the most appropriate surf equipment and surf boards from local shapers and surf shops.

What do I need to bring?

- Swimsuit and/or boardshorts, Beach towel, Hat and sunscreen
- Basic workout gear for fitness sessions
- Camera / your smartphone
- Party Funds
- Insect Repellent
- Funds for photos and merchandise if required
- A hoodie for cooler evenings

When do I pay the local payment and why?

The local payment of \$1,000 AUD is to cover the cost of the official certification and accreditation as a level 1 instructor through ASI. This is not a mandatory charge and the courses can just be used as a personal developmental tool if preferred. To ensure a successful pass rate, we also use internal assessments prior to the student commencing the official certification process. The local payment covers the following qualifications:

- Ocean Surf Safety Award
- Apply First Aid (Senior First Aid)

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- Work with Children Check
- Surf Coaching Level 1 Award
- Advanced Resuscitation

What is your COVID safety plan?

Contactless Check-in

[Download Goki](#) to use your phone as your room key. Goki can also be used to extend your stay and message staff without having to visit reception, so you can stay safe and keep your distance.

Hand Sanitiser – We provide hand sanitiser that you're encouraged to use.

Wash Your Hands – Regularly washing your hands with soap and water is important and this is backed up with signage on site and in our transfer vehicles.

The 1.5m rule – We request that you stay at least 1.5metres away from other people. There are markings in reception and communal areas to help us all adhere to this.

Rooms – Our rooms are at 50% occupancy. Meaning an 8 bed dorm will only house 4 people. . Most of our hostels have private rooms if you'd prefer your own space. Please enquire about availability.

Housekeeping – Our housekeeping staff are working hard to keep everything clean. They focus on high traffic areas and surfaces which are likely to be frequently touched.

Common Areas – Some common areas in some hostels may be out of use, but for those that can be safely used, please keep your distance from other people.

Vehicles Staff and Surf School – Our vehicles and surf equipment are all cleaned daily.

What are the chances to pass the instructor test?

Everyone progresses in their surfing at different speeds, but with the support and instruction from the qualified and experienced academy coaches we give everyone the same chance to pass the instructor course and gain your qualifications. You will attend surf fitness sessions that will increase your overall fitness including swim training giving you the best chance of passing the Ocean Surf Safety Award. Surf theory lessons and coaching practical opportunities will increase your chances of being completely prepared for the qualifications assessments. The academy is a challenging and exciting experience where you learn new skills and make new friends along the way.

How long does it take to develop an intermediate surfing skill?

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To surf at the intermediate level requires the ability to ride waves and perform manoeuvres in the correct section with correct balance. Most importantly, it requires an ability to read the waves and how the elements and conditions alter their state. A general knowledge of the ocean and surf, hazards and conditions at different types of surf breaks are all important factors to give a holistic understanding of intermediate level surfing. No wave is the same. No surf break is the same. Conditions can change constantly. This knowledge and skill can only be acquired by time in the surf and practice.

Depending on your ability, ocean and surf knowledge and experience, it takes approx. 500 – 1500 hours to be able to surf at the intermediate level.