

Top 12 tips *under \$100* to get your Straddie holiday rental guest-ready

Small spends that win five-star reviews. Island-tested by the team who look after 90+ North Stradbroke holiday homes — no renovation required.

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Build a sand station at the door

Straddie sand follows guests home. A stiff coir mat, a timber sand brush and a tub for thongs keeps it outside — and keeps “the floors were gritty” out of your reviews.

≈ \$60

2



Hooks — everywhere, marine-grade

Wet towels, swimwear, hats and bags need a home in every room and on the deck. Buy 316 stainless — cheap chrome rusts in months in our salt air.

≈ \$70

3



Blockout the main bedroom

An east-coast summer sunrise lands at 4:45am. Blockout blinds or a curtain liner in the master is the cheapest sleep upgrade there is — and sleep is what guests rate.

≈ \$80

4



Ditch the big light after dark

Two table lamps with warm 2700K globes turn a lounge room into a holiday. Overhead fluorescents photograph badly and feel like a dentist's waiting room.

≈ \$80

5



Go all-white on the master bed

A crisp white quilt cover and four plump pillows is the single best photo upgrade under \$100. White reads “clean and hotel-quality” before a guest reads a word.

≈ \$95

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A pedestal fan in every bedroom

The sea breeze doesn't always show up on cue. In homes without air-con, a quiet fan per bedroom is the difference between a 5-star January and a refund request.

≈ \$45 ea

7



Take the coffee seriously

A plunger, a bag of good beans in the freezer and mugs that aren't chipped. The first morning coffee sets the tone for the whole stay — and the review.

≈ \$70

8



Fit a key safe for late ferries

Guests miss boats; it's island life. A wall-mounted key safe means a relaxed 9pm self-check-in instead of a stressed phone call — arrival is your first impression.

≈ \$45

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Write a one-page island guide

Ferry times, tide chart, coffee, fish & chips, the Gorge Walk, where to see dolphins. Laminate it, add a QR to bookings and menus. Costs almost nothing; guests rave.

under \$20

10



Stock a beach-kit crate

Buckets and spades, a beach cricket set, sand pegs, a spare esky. Families choose the house that saves them packing — and mention it in reviews every time.

≈ \$85

11



Light the deck with solar festoons

Dusk on the deck is where Straddie holidays actually happen. A string of solar festoon lights (plus citronella on the table) buys you the best hour of the guest's day.

≈ \$40

12



One hero art moment, then declutter

A single oversized local print above the sofa beats ten souvenirs. Box up the knick-knacks — empty surfaces photograph bigger and clean faster between stays.

≈ \$90

Every Discover-managed home gets this setup help as standard.

This guide comes with your free rental assessment — when you're ready, we'll walk the property with you and do the rest.

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