

QUEENSLAND

Queensland is home to some of the world's most remarkable islands, beaches, reef and other ocean splendours. Most visitors come to snorkel or dive the Great Barrier Reef, sail around the Whitsunday's, find an island paradise and explore the world heritage rainforest; there really is something for everyone.

TOP EXPERIENCES

Venture into the tropical rainforest in the Gold Coast Hinterland.

Learn to surf with the locals at Surfers Paradise.

Discover the world's largest sand island at Fraser Island.

FACT FILE

Climate: Queensland's climate is tropical with two seasons – the Dry and the Green (Wet). The Dry season starts around May, and the Green around November.

Driving Times: Brisbane to Hervey Bay - 4 to 5 Hours.
Hervey Bay to Airlie Beach - 11 hours

GMT: +10 hours

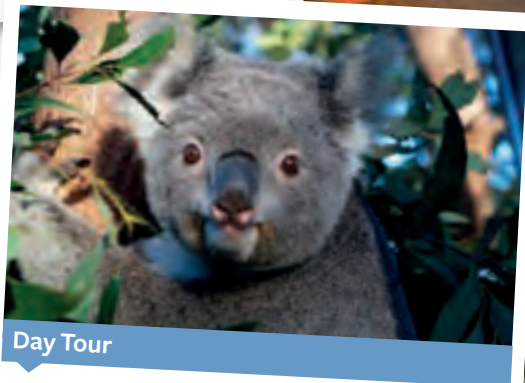


Day Tour

Australia Zoo - Croc Express

Head out of Brisbane north to the Sunshine Coast, and to Australia Zoo – founded by ‘The Crocodile Hunter’, the late Steve Irwin. Explore the numerous shows and demonstrations, including crocodile feeding and snake handling.

FROM £73 PER ADULT



Day Tour

Mirimar River Cruise and Koala Sanctuary

Cruise from central Brisbane through some of the city's most exclusive waterfront suburbs, before arriving at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. Hand feed kangaroos and emus, watch the sheep dog and sheep shearing show, spot a shy platypus, and get your photo taken whilst cuddling a koala, before sailing back into the centre of Brisbane.

FROM £39 PER ADULT



BRISBANE

Brisbane is the gateway to Southern Queensland, a city full of character, which has redesigned itself in recent years to become a hustling and bustling cosmopolitan society. The Queen Street Mall is home to a varied range of exclusive shopping and dining, or head to the South Bank; a lifestyle precinct of cafés, restaurants, boutiques and cultural experiences, with parklands and its very own beach and lagoon.



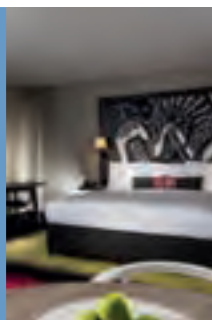
Mercure Hotel

★★★★☆

Situated on the banks of the Brisbane River, the hotel has panoramic views spanning across the city. This centrally located hotel offers guests affordable accommodation.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates

FROM £45 PER ADULT



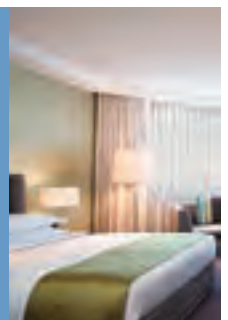
Traders Hotel

★★★★☆

Conveniently located close to the entertainment precinct of the South Bank, this hotel offers 191 spacious and modern rooms, enjoying views of the city skyline.

FREE UPGRADE - Selected dates

FROM £44 PER ADULT

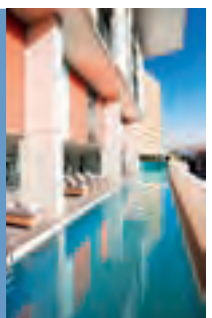


Mantra South Bank

★★★★☆

Featuring stylish contemporary studios, one and two bedroom apartments, within close proximity to the South Bank entertainment precinct.

FROM £59 PER ADULT



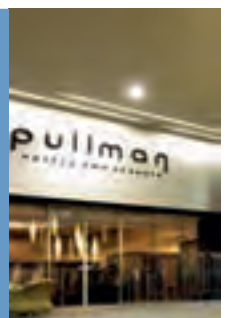
Pullman King George Square

★★★★☆

This stylish, modern hotel is located within walking distance of Queen Street Mall, with elegantly appointed rooms and suites.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

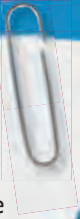
FROM £60 PER ADULT



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GOLD COAST

The Gold Coast stretches for 70km, boasting glorious beaches, the excitement of major theme parks, and the lush Queensland hinterland. This is the perfect getaway in which to relax and immerse yourself in the Australian surf culture. The entertainment capital of Surfers Paradise attracts millions of visitors every year with its breathtaking skyline, while the area of Broadbeach is home to boutiques and popular restaurants. Inland at Lamington you'll find hidden natural beauty and lush rainforest, a perfect combination.



Day Tour

Whales in Paradise

Cruise out down the Nerang River past the beautiful South Stradbroke Island to the waters of the Australian Whale Sanctuary. Along with humpback whales you can spot bottlenose dolphins, giant loggerhead turtles, killer whales and the various sea birds that inhabit this area. Cruise operates between June and October.

FROM £54 PER ADULT



Day Tour

Hot Air Ballooning - Gold Coast

An early morning start, but one which will provide a lifetime experience! Float over the Gold Coast Hinterland on a 30 minute journey, followed by a hot breakfast and Champagne at O'Reilly's Vineyard. Upgrade to 60 minute flight available.

FROM £126 PER ADULT

Gold Coast and Lamington National Park

5 Day Self Drive from £451 per adult



Explore the highlights of both the Gold Coast and hinterland with this suggested itinerary. This can be adapted to suit your preferences, or time limitations.

DAY 1: BRISBANE – GOLD COAST

Depart Brisbane and head south along the Pacific Highway to Surfers Paradise, the main hub of the Gold Coast.

DAY 2: GOLD COAST

Enjoy a day at leisure, with a host of activities on offer and spectacular beaches to explore. Head south to Coolangatta for a stroll along the shore, or for the more adventurous head to one of the theme parks for an adrenaline-fuelled day.

DAY 3: GOLD COAST – LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK

Head inland from Surfers Paradise past Mount Tamborine and along the winding roads towards the sub-tropical Lamington National Park for a stay at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat.

DAY 4: LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK

Take today to immerse yourself in the rainforest surroundings, with plenty of wildlife to spot, plus bush walking, picturesque waterfalls and a boutique vineyard with fine food and wine.

DAY 5: LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK – BRISBANE

Head back north, perhaps travelling via Tamborine National Park, Queensland's first national park, before returning to Brisbane for your onward journey.

Please Note: Itinerary valid from 1st April 2014 and may alter prior to this. Prices are per person and include four nights twin share accommodation and are based on a Group B car hire. Accommodation, board basis and prices are subject to change with availability. Minimum nights and surcharges apply on some properties on certain dates.



O'Reillys Rainforest Retreat ★★★★★

Located high in the Gold Coast Hinterland, 2 hours south of Brisbane. The Retreat features a range of guest rooms, many offering breathtaking mountain views.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £84 PER ADULT



The Vibe ★★★★★

Perfectly placed for a leisurely stroll to Surfers Paradise beach, fantastic nightlife, restaurants galore and lots of fun attractions...or you can just relax.

REDUCED RATES - Selected dates

FROM £31 PER ADULT



Mantra Legends ★★★★★

Just 100m from the golden beaches at Surfers Paradise, offering luxurious guest rooms and suites with private balconies.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates

FROM £49 PER ADULT



Softel Broadbeach ★★★★★

In the heart of dynamic Broadbeach with bars, restaurants and the beach nearby, the Softel exudes style and exceptional personal service.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £71 PER ADULT



Surfers Paradise

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SUNSHINE COAST

The Sunshine Coast is home to a pristine stretch of coastline, with laid back towns and national parks overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The Glass House Mountains are spectacular volcanic cones rising from the lush hinterland, while further north the beaches around Maroochydore, Mooloolaba and Noosa are a haven for surfers and kayakers. Fraser Island, the largest sand island in the world, can also be easily reached from these beach towns.



Tangalooma Island Resort ★★★★★

Cruise from Brisbane across Moreton Bay, to arrive at this hotel. A highlight of any stay will be the opportunity to interact closely with the native dolphins.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £88 PER ADULT



Spicers Hidden Vale ★★★★★

This old homestead is just an hour west of Brisbane, in the charming Queensland countryside. Rooms are colonial-style cottages.

FROM £91 PER ADULT



Mantra Mooloolaba Beach ★★★★★

Situated on the waterfront, this hotel offers one, two and three bed suites with private balconies and ocean or garden views.

FROM £60 PER ADULT



Outrigger Little Hastings Street ★★★★★

This Noosa resort is a short walk to stylish Hastings Street for shopping, people watching and al fresco dining.

FROM £65 PER ADULT



Rainforest and Reef Discovery

5 Day Package from £841 per adult



DAY 1: Fly from Hervey Bay out to the heart of the Great Barrier Reef at Lady Elliot Island for your stay in this marine paradise. Soak in the natural island atmosphere, wander to a deserted beach or snorkel in the tropical waters.

DAY 2: Head out on guided island activities and take a glass bottom boat tour and snorkel – if you're lucky enough you may spot one of the resident Manta Rays, which can grow up to an enormous 7 metres in wingspan, as they majestically swim by. From June to October you may also spot whales passing as they migrate north.

DAY 3: Fly back to Hervey Bay to catch the catamaran out to Fraser Island – the largest sand island in the world. Spend the afternoon with a range of guided walks and nature talks.

DAY 4: Take an adventure across the island with a guided Beauty Spot tour, swimming in the crystal clear waters of Lake McKenzie, and walking the banks of Wangoolba Creek as it flows silently through the rainforest. Cool off at the fresh waters of Eli Creek and marvel at the coloured sands of the Pinnacles, before heading back to Kingfisher Bay Resort.

DAY 5: Travel back to Hervey Bay to continue your journey through Queensland, or ask our expert Travel Designers about extending your adventure.

Please note: Itinerary valid from 1st April 2014 and may alter prior to this. Price is per person and includes 2 nights at Lady Elliot in a Reef Unit with return flights, and 2 nights at Kingfisher Bay in a Resort Room with catamaran transfers. Accommodation, board basis and prices are subject to change with availability. Minimum nights and surcharges apply on certain dates.

Fraser Island

Lady Elliot Island ★★★★★

Step straight off the beach to swim, snorkel or dive on an island teeming with an array of marine life. Accommodation is in reef and garden units, or safari-style eco huts set in the tropical gardens. Accessible by short flight from Hervey Bay.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £100 PER ADULT

Kingfisher Bay Resort ★★★★★

Kingfisher Bay Resort is an ideal base from which to explore Fraser Island.

A two night adventure is recommended, which includes a 4WD tour to allow you to explore the island.

FROM £54 PER ADULT

Day Tour

Fraser Island Discovery

Why not take a guided 4WD tour from Noosa where you can experience the best of Fraser Island in just one day. Drive along famous Seventy-Five Mile Beach then turn inland to follow the sand tracks through the rainforests. After an action-packed morning it's time to relax and enjoy an authentic Aussie BBQ, before a freshwater lake swim and afternoon tea on a remote stretch of stunning beach.

DAY TOUR FROM NOOSA FROM £99 PER ADULT
OVERNIGHT TOUR FROM NOOSA FROM £226 PER ADULT,
INCLUDING ONE NIGHT STAY ON FRASER ISLAND.

Lady Elliot Island

Cool Dingo Youth Adventure

3 Day Tour from £257 per adult



Spend an action-packed three days exploring Fraser Island with Cool Dingo - fun and adventure for 18 to 35's.



DAY 1: Cruise to Fraser Island and join the rest of your group. First stop is Basin Lake where you can meet the resident freshwater turtles, before heading on past ancient rainforests to Wangoolba Creek and Lake McKenzie with its white sandy beach and crystal clear waters. After an afternoon swim head back to your overnight accommodation for a buffet dinner.

DAY 2: Get an early start to explore Seventy Five Mile Beach - float down the fast-flowing Eli Creek and visit the Maheno shipwreck which washed ashore in a cyclone in 1935. Climb to the top of Indian Head for awesome beach and cliff views, and look out for sharks, rays and humpback whales (Jun-Oct). Chill out in the bubbling Champagne Pools.

DAY 3: Walk through the cool rainforest to beautiful emerald-green Lake Wabby - the island's deepest lake and a favourite swimming hole. Trek over the vast Hammerstone Sandblow and enjoy a poolside BBQ lunch at Eurong Beach Resort, before catching the ferry back to the mainland.

Please see austravel.com for full details

QUEENSLAND ISLANDS

Queensland is home to some of the world's most remarkable islands – from the deserted white sands of the Whitsunday Islands to coral fringed private retreats. Snorkel or dive the Great Barrier Reef – or simply relax and be pampered!



Heron Island Resort ★★★★★

Surrounded by crystal clear waters and coral gardens, Heron Island Resort is a natural sanctuary for nesting birds and green turtles. The resort caters to both couples and families, and has 109 comfortable rooms, all with ceiling fans and either balconies or terraces.

Getting there: Launch transfers operate daily (except Tues and Thurs from May-Aug) from Gladstone and are 2 hours in duration. Seaplane transfers are also available.

FREE TRANSFERS - Selected dates

FROM £114 PER ADULT



Daydream Island Resort and Spa

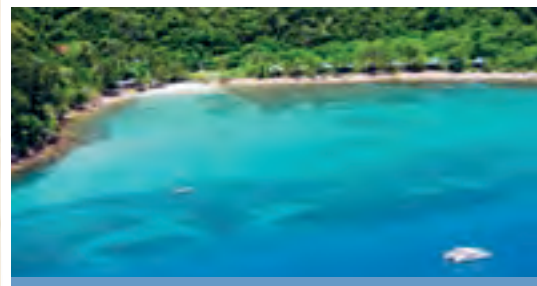
★★★★★

Daydream Island Resort and Spa, in the tropical Whitsundays, offers affordable luxury with 296 rooms and suites, each one framed by magnificent views of secluded beaches or stunning rainforest. Feed sharks and stingrays at the world's largest outdoor aquarium or for the more adventurous experience diving and snorkelling off the fringing coral reef.

Getting there: Travel by launch from Airlie Beach (30 minutes), or by launch from Hamilton Island (30 minutes) for those flying into Hamilton Island Airport.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £84 PER ADULT



Paradise Bay, Long Island ★★★★★

A unique blend of eco lodges set within a luxury resort, access to Long Island is by a spectacular heli from Hamilton Island. With just 18 guests at any time, this is an exclusive island getaway.

Getting there: Travel to Hamilton Island and then transfer by 10 minute helicopter flight out to Paradise Bay.

Please note: Price includes all meals and selected beverages. A two night minimum stay is required.

FROM £543 PER ADULT



Witness the hatching of rare turtles on the beach at Heron Island - a unique Queensland experience you won't forget!

Lizard Island



Orpheus Island ★★★★★

With the fringing reefs of the Great Barrier Reef accessible from the beachfront, Orpheus is located in the heart of one of the world's natural wonders. Orpheus only caters for 34 guests at any one time; and rooms come complete with private terraces boasting fabulous Coral Sea views.

Getting there: Travel by helicopter from Townsville on a 25 minute flight. Please note there is a minimum 2 night stay.

FROM £423 PER ADULT



One & Only Hayman Island ★★★★★

Hayman presents magnificent resort living, superb restaurants showcasing contemporary Australian and international cuisine, beauty and spa therapies and treatments at Hayman Spa, a children's activities centre and a stunning chapel for weddings.

Getting there: Travel by launch from Airlie Beach (60 minutes), or by launch from Hamilton Island (60 minutes) for those flying into Hamilton Island Airport. Helicopter transfers are also available.

FROM £194 PER ADULT



Lizard Island Resort ★★★★★

Australia's northernmost resort, Lizard Island Resort is fringed with coral reefs and 24 powdery white beaches. Each of the 40 villas is elegant and spacious, with either ocean or beach views.

Getting there: Fly from Cairns to Lizard Island on a 60 minute flight departing twice a day at 11am and 2pm.

FREE TRANSFERS - Selected dates

FROM £444 PER ADULT

HAMILTON ISLAND

Surrounded by idyllic coral fringed beaches, Hamilton Island is a tropical paradise of unspoilt beauty right on the edge of the Great Barrier Reef. Easily accessible, and with a range of restaurants, bars and activities on offer, Hamilton Island has something to suit everyone.

Short on time? Fly direct from Sydney, Brisbane, Cairns or Melbourne to Hamilton Island to make the most of your time in the Whitsundays.



Reef View Hotel ★★★★★

Directly opposite the beautiful Catseye Beach, every room has a private balcony facing the sea allowing you to experience the spectacular sunrises and sunsets over the surrounding Whitsunday Islands.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £101 PER ADULT

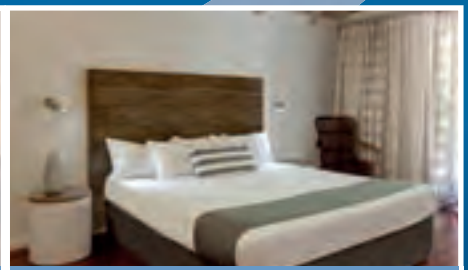


Beach Club ★★★★★

Set in landscaped gardens, all rooms in this adults only boutique hotel face directly onto Catseye Beach, each with their own private courtyard or balcony.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £158 PER ADULT



Palm Bungalows ★★★★★

A popular and delightful property, featuring forty-nine individual bungalows in a tropical garden setting. Catseye Beach is just a short walk away, as are the main swimming pools.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates

FROM £96 PER ADULT



Day Tour

Great Barrier Reef Adventure

Cruise from Hamilton Island to Hardy Reef, one of the most spectacular on the Great Barrier Reef, with over 150 different types of coral and home to over 200 fish species. At the reef pontoon you'll be able to take a semi-submersible ride, glass bottom boat, or discover the marine life by snorkelling the crystal clear waters.

FROM £129 PER ADULT

GOLF

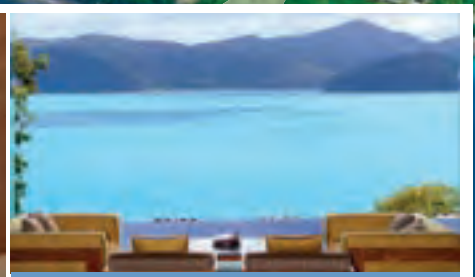
Tee off beside the Whitsundays at the Hamilton Island Golf Club, one of the world's premier golfing destinations. The course is adjacent to Hamilton Island on its own patch of paradise, Dent Island.

Austravel Secret...

View a legendary Whitsunday sunset with early-evening cocktails at dusk on One Tree Hill, Hamilton Island's hill-top lookout. Sip a glass of champagne as the sun sinks below the horizon and the stars come out to play.

HAMILTON ISLAND WILDLIFE PARK

Centrally located, the Hamilton Island Wildlife Park provides the perfect place for you to explore some unique Australian wildlife. There are a range of furry marsupials that call the Wildlife Park home, and for those that like reptiles, meet the park's snakes and lizards. You will even be able to get up close and personal by having a cuddle with one of the resident Koalas.



qualia ★★★★★

qualia is nestled neatly into the northern most tip of Hamilton Island, surrounded by the unsurpassed beauty of the Great Barrier Reef. Its distinctive style combined with its secluded location makes it a stunning resort of world-class standards. All of the luxurious hillside pavilions boast postcard views.

FROM £264 PER ADULT

CAIRNS & TROPICAL NORTH

North Queensland is a jigsaw of tropical rainforests, mangrove swamps and river gorges. Cairns is the hub of the north, allowing access to the natural wonders of the Great Barrier Reef and the wilderness of Cape York Peninsula. Explore the ancient forests of the Daintree National Park, the deserted beaches of Cape Tribulation, or the marina boardwalks of Port Douglas. The activities on offer make this an ideal place to relax and appreciate the wonders of nature.

TOP EXPERIENCES

Cruise, snorkel, dive or even fly over the Great Barrier Reef – the World’s largest living organism.

Venture into the tropical rainforest north of Cairns at Daintree National Park.

Explore Cape Tribulation beach where the rainforest meets the reef.



Day Tour

Green Island Discovery

Home to a unique reef and rainforest environment, Green Island is the closest reef destination to Cairns – an idyllic tropical paradise where you could either relax on sandy beaches or enjoy a multitude of activities. Sail out on a high speed catamaran and spend up to 7 hours at Green Island – snorkel the reef and explore the coral gardens, enjoy a glass bottom boat trip, or head out on a self guided eco island walk.

FROM £72 PER ADULT



Esplanade Lagoon, Cairns

Quicksilver Wavedancer Low Isles Cruise

The Low Isles offers everything you can dream of in a tropical island paradise.

Moor in the calm waters of the picturesque lagoon and enjoy snorkelling, experience a first-time dive, view the coral through a glass-bottom boat or just laze on the beach at Low Isles. Visitors are limited to protect the reef's ecology.

PRICES FROM £97 PER ADULT

Day Tour



Day Tour

Quicksilver Outer Barrier Reef

Quicksilver's high-speed, air-conditioned luxury catamaran will whisk you to their floating platform on the Agincourt Reef.

From here, you have the option to view the coral and marine life from a semi-submersible, or to snorkel and scuba dive.

PRICES FROM £126 PER ADULT

Hot Air Ballooning

Float gently above the wide-open spaces of tropical Queensland, ballooning with the Hot Air company.

Binoculars are provided on board to capture sightings of local birdlife and kangaroos. Once the thrill of the hot air ballooning is over, why not head to Port Douglas to join Quicksilver and cruise to the Outer Barrier Reef, or enjoy a day in Kuranda.

PRICES FROM £117 PER ADULT

Day Tour



Day Tour

Kuranda All Inclusive

Board the Kuranda Scenic Train at Freshwater Station for a spectacular rainforest rail journey past cascading waterfalls.

Meet at the unique Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, a world first in eco-tourism, for your journey over the rainforest canopy. A short distance from the Skyrail Terminal is Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park where, after lunch, you can enjoy stage shows and the Aboriginal village.

PRICES FROM £126 PER ADULT

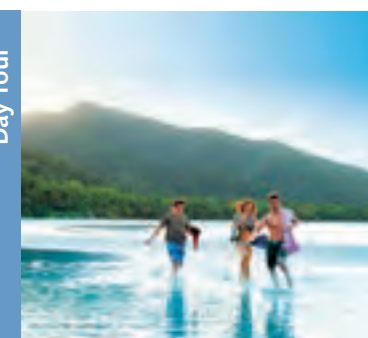
Cape Tribulation Daintree by 4WD

Explore the rainforest and amazing landscapes of the Daintree and Cape Tribulation Wilderness area by 4WD.

Head to the Daintree National Park, where an expert guide will walk you through one of the world's oldest rainforests. Amble along Cape Tribulation Beach before enjoying a delicious lunch. The afternoon includes a crocodile spotting cruise on the Daintree River.

PRICES FROM £110 PER ADULT

Day Tour



Day Tour

Quicksilver Silverseries for Divers

Discover the underwater wonder of the Great Barrier Reef on a dive trip with the ultramodern Silverseries.

These speedy vessels reach the reef in 60 minutes – allowing five hours of diving and snorkelling at three different dive sites. Certified divers can make up to three dives, whilst two dives are available for beginners. Snorkelling equipment is available for all to enjoy the wonders of the reef.

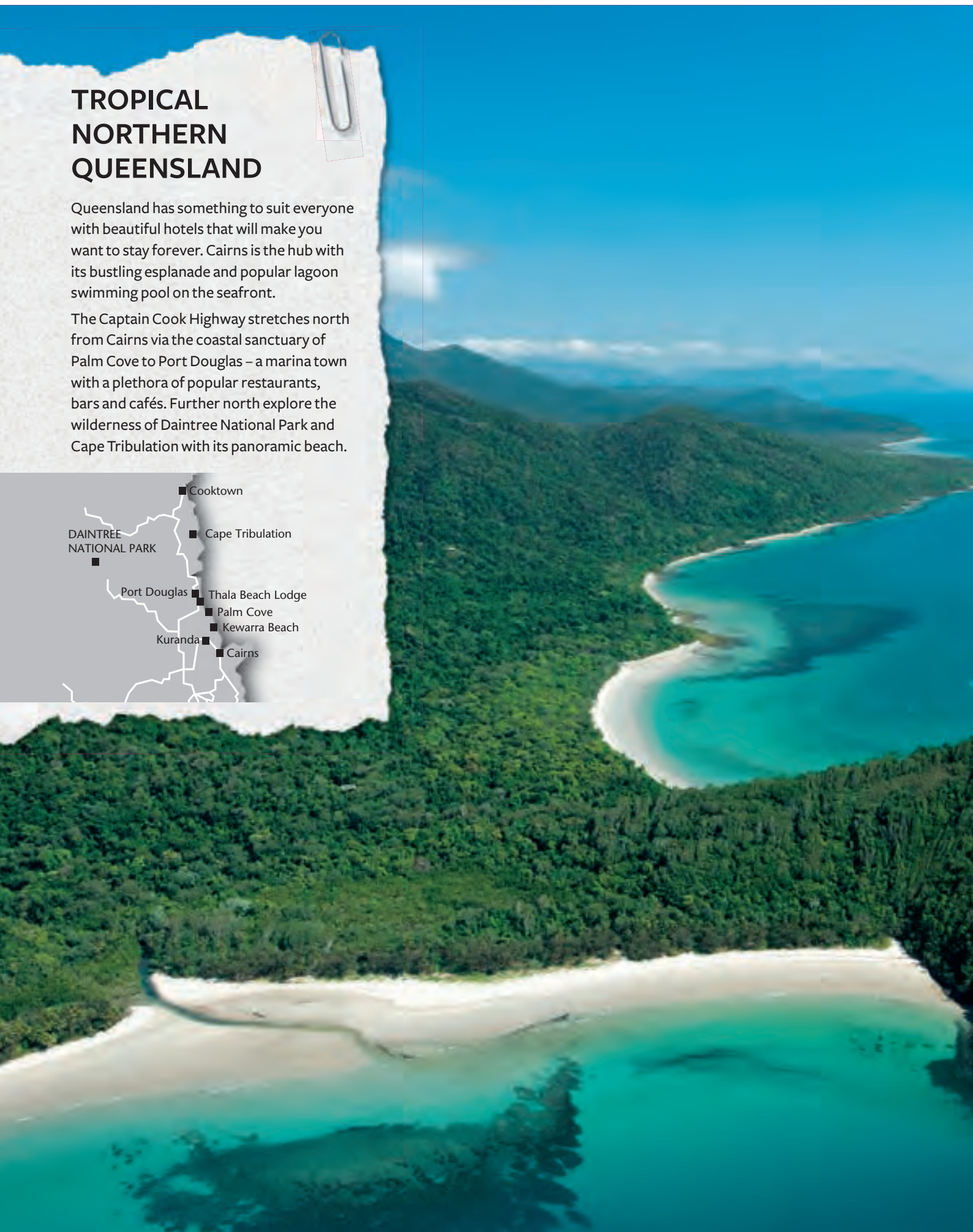
SILVERSWIFT FROM CAIRNS FROM £139 PER ADULT

SILVERSONIC FROM PORT DOUGLAS FROM £122 PER ADULT

TROPICAL NORTHERN QUEENSLAND

Queensland has something to suit everyone with beautiful hotels that will make you want to stay forever. Cairns is the hub with its bustling esplanade and popular lagoon swimming pool on the seafront.

The Captain Cook Highway stretches north from Cairns via the coastal sanctuary of Palm Cove to Port Douglas – a marina town with a plethora of popular restaurants, bars and cafés. Further north explore the wilderness of Daintree National Park and Cape Tribulation with its panoramic beach.



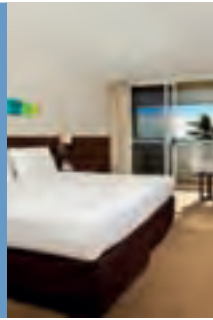
Mercure Cairns

★★★★★

Nestled on the Cairns Esplanade close to the city centre, this hotel enjoys picturesque views of Trinity Bay and the surrounding mountains.

ROOM CREDIT - Selected dates

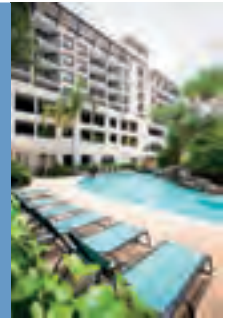
FROM £36 PER ADULT

**Mantra Esplanade Cairns** ★★★★★

Overlooking the harbour and close to the many lively street cafés, fine restaurants and the swimming lagoon at the seafront.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £45 PER ADULT

**Novotel Cairns Oasis**

★★★★★

The resort is within walking distance of the Esplanade, Marina, and the lively night markets. Alternatively choose to simply relax by the lagoon pool.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £42 PER ADULT

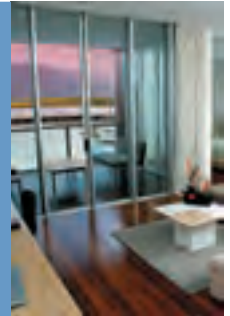
**Shangri-La Hotel The Marina Cairns**

★★★★★

Overlooking the Marlin Marina. Upgrades to the Horizon Club offer Marina front rooms.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £81 PER ADULT

**Hilton Cairns**

★★★★★

A waterside hotel in the centre of Cairns, this hotel offers modern and contemporary rooms and the option to upgrade to Executive Level.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £72 PER ADULT

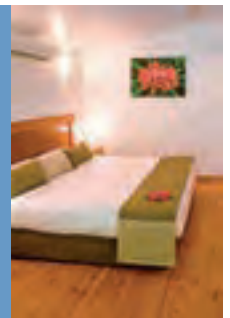
**Kewarra Beach Resort**

★★★★★

Situated on a pristine stretch of private beach fifteen minutes north of Cairns, this exquisite resort is built around a lagoon and surrounded by lush tropical rainforest.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £81 PER ADULT

**Thala Beach Lodge**

★★★★★

Unwind at this eco retreat located on a private beach and surrounded by 145 acres of native forest with breathtaking ocean views, 15 minutes south of Port Douglas.

FROM £81 PER ADULT

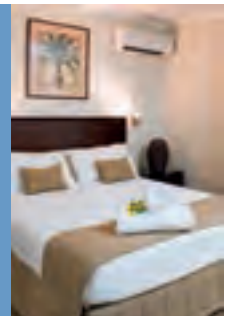
**Novotel Palm Cove**

★★★★★

Set in lush tropical gardens, the Novotel Palm Cove is just a five minute walk from the beach and the charming Palm Cove Village.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

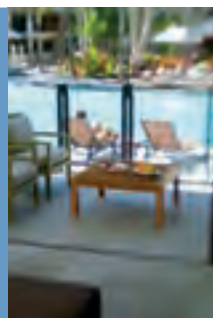
FROM £42 PER ADULT

**Pullman Palm Cove Sea Temple**

★★★★★

Located on a white sandy beachfront, this hotel offers the ultimate in sophisticated accommodation.

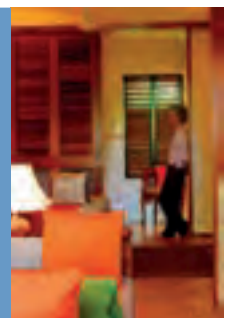
FROM £77 PER ADULT

**Hibiscus Resort and Spa** ★★★★★

A tropical oasis in the heart of Port Douglas, Hibiscus offers Balinese-style rooms and an award winning spa.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates

FROM £46 PER ADULT

**Shantara Resort**

★★★★★

Contemporary and boutique apartment style accommodation a short stroll from Port Douglas and Four Mile Beach.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

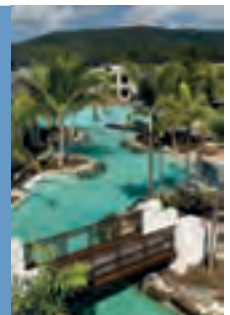
FROM £57 PER ADULT

**Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple**

★★★★★

All studio rooms and elegant apartments are centred around an expansive lagoon pool at this exclusive hotel just a few miles from the centre of town.

FROM £87 PER ADULT



Cape Tribulation

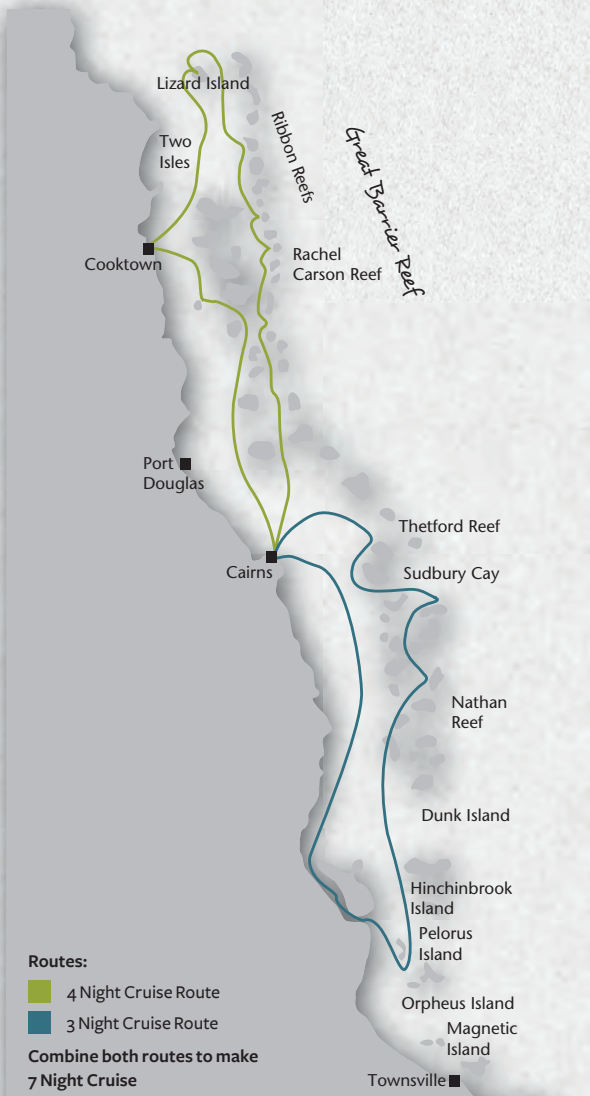
CRUISING QUEENSLAND WITH CORAL PRINCESS

Let Coral Princess Cruises introduce you to the hidden jewels of the Great Barrier Reef. Their three, four and seven night small ship cruises allow you to swim, snorkel and scuba dive amid the fish and corals in the clear tropical waters. Alternatively, join a marine biologist on board the glass-bottom boat, stroll golden sandy beaches on remote coral cays or visit secluded tropical islands and ancient rainforests.

ALL CRUISES INCLUDE

- All meals, morning and afternoon teas and soft drinks
- Use of snorkelling equipment, masks and fins
- Guided coral viewing tours
- Presentations by marine biologists
- Island and Rainforest walks
- Introductory SCUBA diving skills session for first time divers

*Looking for an extended cruise?
Combine both these itineraries
for a 7 night adventure on
the Great Barrier Reef.
Prices from £1,636 per adult.*



3 Night Cruise

From £855 per adult



DAY 1: BOARD AT 10.30AM Enjoy the afternoon experiencing the reef at our exclusive Thetford Reef and Sudbury Cay moorings, and discover some of the 1500 species of fish that live on the reef, including Spangled Emperor, Giant Trevally and the Hump-Headed Maori Wrasse as they are hand fed by the Marine Biologist.

DAY 2: Awaken this morning as we cruise the spectacular Hinchinbrook Channel, discovering Hinchinbrook Island's towering cliffs and mangrove eco-systems. Then, travel ashore at Coral Princess's private tropical Island, Pelorus, for a gourmet Aussie beach BBQ, snorkelling, glass bottom boat tours and relaxing on the spectacular golden beach.

DAY 3: This morning join our naturalist guides on a fascinating rainforest walk discovering Dunk Island's unique flora and fauna. Following lunch, discover Nathan Reef at your own pace. Laze away the late afternoon on the sun deck, enjoying the comfortable onboard facilities including the spa pool and sun loungers. Tonight, join us in the dining room for another sumptuous dinner as we settle in for our final night cruising the Great Barrier Reef.

DAY 4: Travel ashore to explore beautiful Fitzroy Island, offering wonderful bush walking opportunities and idyllic white sandy beaches. Following lunch, early this afternoon we cruise through Trinity Bay before arriving in Tropical Cairns at 1.30pm for disembarkation at Trinity Wharf.

Please note: Cruise departs every Friday (CC3)



4 Night Cruise

From £1,069 per adult



DAY 1: 4PM Board your Coral Princess Cruises small ship for a 5pm departure from Cairns to Trinity Bay, where there is time to settle in and discover your home for the next four nights. In the evening, cruise past Palm Cove and enjoy champagne before a sumptuous dinner.

DAY 2: We have the morning to discover historic Cooktown, steeped in history with most stone buildings dating back almost a century. This afternoon visit one of the remote uninhabited islands of the Great Barrier Reef. Join our marine biologist for a glass bottom boat tour before snorkelling over the hundreds of varieties of coral growing on this section of reef.

DAY 3: This morning we awaken moored beside beautiful Lizard Island. You may wish to simply relax on the golden beach soaking up the sun, join the Marine Biologist for a glass bottom boat tour, or for the ultimate Great Barrier Reef experience, take the plunge with our dive instructor on a guided SCUBA dive. The choice is yours!

DAY 4: Spend today visiting two of the most pristine sections of the reef, Ribbon Reef No. 3 and Rachel Carson Reef. Explore the coral gardens and marine life with guided snorkelling and glass bottom boat tours.

DAY 5: 8AM Disembark your cruise in Cairns.

Please note: Cruise departs every Monday (CC4)

ALL PRICES ARE A GUIDE. PRICES AND SUPPLEMENTS CAN INCREASE OR DECREASE. Prices in £ per person per cruise based on 2 adults sharing a room. Prices shown are a starting price and will vary according to departure date and time of booking. Package prices do not include international flights unless stated. Accommodation prices will be dependant on date of occupancy and not date of departure. Hotel and peak supplements may apply. Important: See the back of the brochure for terms and conditions - a full version can be found on our website and must be read prior to booking.

Captain Cook Highway



Daintree National Park

Queensland Classic

8 Day Self Drive from £511 per adult

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DAY 1: BRISBANE – FRASER ISLAND

Join the Bruce Highway and continue to River Heads to take the launch to Fraser Island. The world's largest sand-massed island, Fraser Island is accessible for the most part by 4WD. You can park your car securely at the harbour and cross on the ferry by foot.

DAY 2: FRASER ISLAND

Spend the day exploring the island – make sure to visit the Maheno Shipwreck, Eli Creek and Lake McKenzie. You can do all of this by booking a 4WD day tour, specially designed to traverse the sand dunes and reach every nook and cranny of the island. Alternatively, take part in a whalewatching cruise between August and October.

DAY 3: FRASER ISLAND – ROCKHAMPTON

Depart Fraser Island and head north towards the historic town of Agnes Waters and the Eurimbula National Park. Your overnight stay is in Rockhampton – although you may wish to upgrade to a stay at Henderson Park Farm for a taste of the Aussie outback!

DAY 4: ROCKHAMPTON – AIRLIE BEACH

Continue north today to Airlie Beach where 74 tropical islands make up the spectacular Whitsundays. Watch the sun set over this magnificent chain of islands.

DAY 5: AIRLIE BEACH & THE WHITSUNDAYS

Spend the day in the Whitsunday Islands. Ask your Travel Designer for details of tours.

DAY 6: THE WHITSUNDAYS – TOWNSVILLE

Travel north on the Bruce Highway towards Townsville, a bustling and vibrant destination, with reef, rainforest, Outback and wetlands all within an hour.

DAY 7: TOWNSVILLE

Today is free to spend at leisure, we recommend a visit out to Magnetic Island, home to the highest population of Koala's in Australia. It is possible to walk around the island in its entirety in a day – make sure you take your hat, sun cream and plenty of water.

DAY 8: TOWNSVILLE - CAIRNS

Leaving Townsville, continue north to Cairns, the gateway to Tropical North Queensland. Return your Avis car, or why not extend your Queensland adventure and explore Cape Tribulation and the Daintree. Ask your Travel Designer for extended touring options.

Please Note: Itinerary valid from 1st April 2014 and may alter prior to this. Prices are per person and include eight nights twin share accommodation, an information pack and are based on a Group B car hire. Accommodation, board basis and prices are subject to change with availability. Minimum nights and surcharges apply on some properties on certain dates. Driving times and distances are approximate. (BN5)

Rainforest and Reef

7 Day Suggested Itinerary
from £473 per adult



DAY 1: CAIRNS

Take time to explore Cairns, with the popular esplanade full of restaurants and cafés, and a swimming lagoon perfect for the hot, sunny afternoon.

DAY 2: CAIRNS – PORT DOUGLAS

Drive north up the scenic Captain Cook Highway, perhaps stopping on one of the spectacular beaches en route for a picnic – the road here hugs the jaw-dropping coastline and offers panoramic photo opportunities. In Port Douglas wander through the friendly village or relax on Four Mile Beach.

DAY 3: PORT DOUGLAS

A day to explore the Great Barrier Reef! Quicksilver depart from the central Marina and their speedy catamarans reach the Outer Barrier Reef in just 90 minutes. The reef platform at Agincourt is a hive of activity, with snorkelling, diving and even heli trips available.

DAY 4: PORT DOUGLAS – CAPE TRIBULATION

Leave Port Douglas and heading north you'll pass Mossman Gorge, here Austravel recommends a guided walk with chance to swim in the cool waters. Take the ferry across the Daintree River and head into the rainforest, watching out for Cassowary's which amble slowly across the road. Take time to explore the boardwalks through the rainforest which lead you to white sand beaches.

DAY 5: CAPE TRIBULATION – PALM COVE

Heading south back across the Daintree River, through the seaside hamlet of Wonga, and arrive at Palm Cove, your home for the next two nights.

DAY 6: PALM COVE

A day to relax and explore the popular town of Palm Cove, alternatively why not book a day trip to discover the scenic railway at Kuranda and the Skyrail which travels high above the rainforest canopy.

DAY 7: PALM COVE – CAIRNS

Return back to Cairns for your onward journey, or why not continue your road trip by heading south towards Brisbane along the Queensland coast.

Please see austravel.com for full details of accommodation options

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Day Tour

Mossman Gorge Dreamtime Walk

This indigenous eco tour departs from the Mossman Gorge Centre 20 minutes north of Port Douglas – a perfect addition to any self drive heading north towards Daintree National Park. Meander through stunning rainforest with an indigenous guide, with the chance for a refreshing swim at the water hole and views of the picturesque Mossman Gorge. Finish with traditional bush tea and damper.

FROM £31 PER ADULT

Aboriginal Rock Art

Cooktown Explorer - Bloomfield Track and Aboriginal Rock Art



2 Day Package from £260 per adult

Join Adventure North on a 4WD adventure from Cairns, via the heart of the Daintree National Park, to Cooktown. Travelling north along the Captain Cook Highway, one of the most scenic coastal drives in Australia, the trip then heads into the rainforest, with stops at Cape Tribulation, before continuing along the infamous Bloomfield Track. Only accessible by 4WD the track takes in some of the most incredible scenery in the area, including the unique Black Mountain, an Aboriginal legend.

An overnight stay in Cooktown is arranged, allowing time to explore the township, which remains relatively unchanged since its settlement. An optional half day Rainbow Serpent Aboriginal rock art tour is available, where the traditional story tellers will reveal an amazing insight into the legends of Aboriginal society and spirituality. The tour returns to Cairns via the Mulligan Highway, through the diverse outback and mining regions and cattle stations.

If time is short then opt for the two Day Cooktown & Rainbow Serpent flight tour, which includes return scenic flights from Cairns.

Please see austravel.com for full details

