

CAIRNS, RAIL, REEF & RAINFOREST



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Far North Queensland Escape & Tours

Duration: 8 days

Stay: 6 nights resort hotel, 1 night train

Travel style: Independent with sightseeing & Queenslander train

Booking code: QCNRRR8AZ

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8 Days Rail, Reef & Rainforest Queensland Escape

About the holiday

This exciting trip captures the iconic highlights of Far North Queensland in an ultimate reef and rainforest adventure with legendary rail journey to Cairns!

Board the famous Spirit of Queensland train in Brisbane and travel 1681 kilometres to arrive in Cairns the next afternoon.

This week-long escape introduces you to the tropical north that's brimming with beauty and wonder. Based in the peaceful surrounds of a Cairns resort, the laid-back vibe and relaxed lifestyle is ideal. From here you'll get to enjoy snorkelling on the Outer Great Barrier Reef and cruise to exclusive reef locations.

Spend a day exploring the ancient Daintree Rainforest, cruising down the Daintree River and discovering the coral sands and lush surrounds of Cape Tribulation. The thrills continue with a cruise to Green Island and the protected Marine National Park. Plus, take a fun journey on the historic Kuranda Scenic Railway. Enjoy plenty of time to relax, explore at your own pace or take part in the many activities that are available in the region.

Why you'll love this trip...

The adventure starts with the Queenslander train in a comfy rail bed for the 24-hour trip
Enjoy a tropical retreat with lush gardens, sparkling pools & tranquil atmosphere
All the must-do sightseeing is included with Great Barrier Reef & island cruises
Experience the best of Far North Queensland in one spectacular week!

Travel dates

Departs Brisbane – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday*
2023 & 2024 – 15 January to 15 December

*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price will vary depending on travel dates. Please contact us for current prices and availability.

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Holiday Inclusions

Our rail package includes:

Train – One-way Spirit of Queensland from Brisbane to Cairns

Rail Bed, recliner seat converts to a bed at night

Accommodation - 6 nights in Cairns, standard room based on twin share

Palm Royale Resort, Bay Village Tropical Retreat or similar

Sightseeing tours – local tours from Cairns

Great Barrier Reef and Snorkel Cruise

Green Island Escorted Cruise

Cape Tribulation and Daintree Rainforest Escorted Day Tour

Kuranda Railway Escorted Tour

Package excludes:

Transport to Brisbane and from Cairns – contact us for the latest airfare deals

All transfers

Meals, sightseeing & activities not specified in the inclusions

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi etc.

Travel insurance is strongly recommended

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

This package is subject to confirmation by the rail company, hotel and local operators.

Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

Want to see more of Queensland?

You can extend your stay or add car hire and more!

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Itinerary

Day 1: Depart Brisbane on the Spirit of Queensland

Board the Queensland train from Brisbane for your overnight train tour to Cairns. The train departs Brisbane at 3.45 p.m. and arrive in Cairns at 4.30 pm the following day. The Spirit of Queensland is a Queensland Rail long-distance passenger rail service. It runs five times a week on the North Coast line between Brisbane and Cairns, a distance of 1,681 kilometres. At the start of 2015, it replaced the diesel-hauled train The Sunlander.

The Spirit of Queensland combines modern seating and entertainment options with the charm of long-distance rail travel. Contemporary, comfortable and designed for relaxation, the Spirit of Queensland redefines the modern rail travel experience with a comfortable and convenient way to access spectacular holiday destinations such as the Great Barrier Reef and Cairns.

Day 2: Arrive Cairns

Arrive Cairns railway station in the late afternoon and make your own way to your hotel for the next 6 nights.

Day 3: Great Barrier Reef Cruise & Snorkelling Tour

Set out from Cairns for a day of snorkelling and sightseeing at 2 spectacular destinations in the Great Barrier Reef. Each day, your captain chooses amongst 12 exclusive moorings at 6 reef locations based on the water and weather conditions, making sure you get the best experience to be found. Seasoned dive masters are on hand to provide an in-depth briefing on your gear and what to expect at each site. Relax aboard the vessel as you leave the Australian coast behind and get your gear ready for some quality time in the sea.

With outer reef locations chosen for their variety and the striking contours of the ocean floor, you're in for an outstanding experience when you plunge into the water. Once you've had a chance to mingle with the amazing sea life of beautiful corals and tropical fish, kick back aboard the vessel to enjoy a barbecue lunch before you cruise back to shore.

Day 4: Day Tour Daintree Forest & Cape Tribulation

Spend a day exploring the ancient Daintree Rainforest and its incredibly diverse tropical ecosystem with an expert guide. Cruise down the Daintree River and walk through the Daintree Entomological Museum before venturing further to the Cape Tribulation National Park.

Start your day with morning pick-up from your hotel, driving north to the Daintree Rainforest. Dating back 135 million years, the rainforest is one of the oldest in the world and is now home to one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world. Your guide takes you first to the Daintree River, where you enjoy morning tea before stopping on board a cruise. As you float down the gentle current, look for birds, frogs, crocodiles, and even flying foxes in the flourishing nature around you.

Following your cruise, take lunch by the Daintree Entomological Museum before touring its fascinating exhibits, which house the largest live and dead collection of insects in Australia. Your afternoon is spent visiting the Cape Tribulation National Park, where the beach beckons as you stroll along its coral sands. After a pause for refreshing afternoon tea, begin the return journey, catching sight of the extraordinary and primitive king ferns of the Alexander Range on the way back.

Day 5: Green Island Cruise

Cruise to Green Island, the only coral cay in the Great Barrier Reef with a lush rainforest. Spend the day exploring this protected Marine National Park—immersing yourself in its surrounding undersea universe teeming with coral and marine life.

Your journey begins aboard a high-speed catamaran steering for the soft, white beaches of Green Island. This 6000-year-old coral cay boasts its own rainforest—the only of its kind in the Great Barrier Reef. Mid-cruise, tune in to your local guide's informative snorkelling and reef presentation. Upon arrival, step ashore to soak up the turquoise waters, glittering sand, and fringe of emerald palms ringing the island. Climb into a glass-bottom boat and lean over the railings to get an up-close look at a colourful underwater world. Feast your eyes on brilliant colonies of zany Brain Coral, orange sea stars, and scores of blue damselfish flitting to and fro. If you're craving a swim, strap on a snorkel and mask to see everything up close: black and white angelfish feeding on sponges and striped clownfish nestled amongst anemones. Emerge from the water to amble around the island at your leisure. Relax on the beach to soak up the sun, or choose to indulge in an optional semi-submarine tour, or buffet lunch before cruising back to Cairns.

Day 6: Free day Cairns

Today is a free day for you to enjoy the sights of Cairns at leisure, or take it easy by one of the resort pools.

Day 7: Kuranda Railway Tour

Immerse yourself in the ancient, World Heritage-listed rain forest of Tropical North Queensland. Your full-day adventure begins with pickup at your Port Douglas hotel and a ride on the historic Kuranda Scenic Railway. During the 1.5-hour journey, wind around mountainous curves and stop briefly at beautiful Barron Gorge for photos. When you arrive at the station in Kuranda, enjoy several hours of leisure time to spend as you choose. Browse heritage markets and enjoy lunch at a local café (own expense), or select from a variety of optional activities. Join in an indigenous celebration at the Tjupakai Aboriginal Cultural Park, take an amphibious duck tour at the Rainforestation Nature Park or enjoy an up-close observation of some of Australia's amazing animals at Birdworld and the Kuranda Koala Gardens.

Day 8: Depart Cairns

Your tour concludes today as you check out of your hotel and catch a taxi to the airport for flights home.

Please note: The day by day descriptions published are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.

When to visit Cairns

If you're planning a trip to Cairns but aren't exactly sure when you should visit, here's a guide to the best times to visit, according to popular holiday interests including, weather, climate and local events to help you plan your tropical adventure with ease.

January - March

During the Australian Summer, Cairns boasts a very warm and humid tropical climate. Temperatures average around 30 °C and you can expect hot days, warm nights and increased rainfall. However, despite the wet weather, Summer is still a popular time to visit the Cairns region. Thanks to the heavy downpours, Summer is the perfect time for exploring the World Heritage Listed Daintree Rainforest. Additionally, the increased rainfall makes the water clarity on the Great Barrier Reef unbelievable. Many of Australia's exotic tropical fruits are in season during this time, and can be sampled at the amazing local markets, which are held most weekends.

Summer is stinger season for northern Queensland, with box jellyfish and irukandji jellyfish frequenting the waters. Luckily the main beach at Port Douglas (Four Mile Beach) is enclosed with protective stinger nets. Swimmers are advised only swim in safe enclosures and patrolled beaches. If you plan on visiting the Great Barrier Reef during this time, wearing a full body stinger suit will limit the chance of being stung. These can be hired from your tour operator.

April - June

Boasting cooler temperatures and plenty of sunshine, April through June is a great time to visit Cairns. As the weather begins to cool off, this marks the beginning of Cairns' dry season and temperatures average at a balmy 25°C. May also draws the close of stinger season and swimmers can venture into the water without the need for a stinger suit.

The Annual Quicksilver Port Douglas Race Week kicks off in May and draws yacht enthusiasts from across the globe. This open class regatta is held over five days and showcases a brilliant display of sailing. May also plays host to Port Douglas' biggest event of the year, the Port Douglas Carnivale. Established over 20 years ago, the carnival displays vibrant street performances, art and crafts as well as some amazing food and wine.

July - September

Renowned as a favourite time of year to visit, July through September brings cooler temperatures, gorgeous sunshine a low chance of rainfall. Although the temperatures are slightly cooler, the weather is still lovely and pleasant averaging at 24°C with warm waters. So while the rest of Australia rugs up for the Winter months, you can enjoy swimming, sunbathing and snorkelling in beautiful Cairns and the nearby beaches. During this period, Cairns receives high crowds, especially during the Winter school holidays, so it's recommended to book at least 3 months in advance.

October - December

October through December is a great time to visit Cairns. While October marks the end of the dry season, there are still plenty of sunny days to enjoy with temperatures reaching a top of 28°C. Rain is more common throughout this period, so it's always a good idea to pack a light rain jacket with you. With the festive season drawing upon us, the end of the year is a popular time for families visiting Cairns. The region is buzzing with excitement over the Christmas/New Year's period and there are many wonderful events on offer.

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