

Cairns, Atherton Tablelands & Port Douglas

Featuring the Daintree Rainforest

10 Days | Wednesday 16 to Friday 25 June 2027

Escape the winter chill and journey with us to tropical North Queensland where sunshine, rainforest and reef await. Experience the region's stunning diversity starting with a stay in the multi-cultural city of Cairns for highlights such as the iconic Kuranda railway, the world class aquarium and a dinner cruise. From the coast you will go inland to the fertile plateau of The Atherton Tablelands where you will discover waterfalls, a heritage village, dairy delights and even have an opportunity to spot platypus. Leaving the Great Dividing Range, you travel to the seaside resort town of Port Douglas stopping off at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures along the way. The final leg of the adventure is a day trip to the Mossman Gorge and the breathtaking World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest. This itinerary will give you a full taste of why far north Queensland is such a popular place to visit.

Highlights

- Cairns Botanic Gardens
- Aquarium of Far North Queensland
- Kuranda Railway & Skyrail
- Lake Barrine cruise
- Curtain Fig Tree and platypus spotting
- Rainfalls of Atherton Tablelands
- Herberton Historical Village
- Hartley's Crocodile Adventures
- Port Douglas
- Cape Tribulation, the Daintree and Mossman Gorge.

Inclusions

- Pre/post transfers (ex Perth, WA)
- Airfares and taxes (ex Perth, WA)
- 23 meals
- 9 nights' accommodation
- Tours and attractions
- Professional Villa Tour Leader

Your holiday itinerary (ex Perth, Western Australia)

Day 1. Perth to Cairns (D)
Today we collect you from home for the flight to Cairns via Brisbane. Upon arrival in Cairns, we transfer to our hotel and we will come together for a late welcome dinner.
Three nights: Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort.

Day 2. Exploring Cairns (BLD)
Wake up in tropical North Queensland and discover the vibrant heart of Cairns on a city orientation tour. Wander through the lush Flecker Botanic Gardens, home to rare tropical plants, tranquil streams and picturesque bridges, before exploring the spectacular Cairns Aquarium, showcasing the incredible wildlife of the Wet Tropics and Great Barrier Reef. Enjoy free time this afternoon to explore Cairns at your leisure, browse local shops or stroll along the Esplanade. This evening, relax on a memorable sunset dinner cruise on Trinity Inlet, soaking up the tropical beauty as the sun sets over the water.

Day 3. Rainforest and railways (BD)
Today, step aboard the historic Kuranda Scenic Railway and be captivated as you journey through the breathtaking landscapes of Barron Gorge National Park. Wind past towering rainforest-clad mountains, cascading waterfalls and hand-carved tunnels on one of Australia's most scenic rail experiences. Arriving in Kuranda, the charming "Village in the Rainforest," enjoy time to explore its vibrant markets, attractions and laid-back tropical atmosphere. Complete your day with a spectacular Skyrail Rainforest Cableway experience*, gliding high above the World Heritage-listed Wet Tropics rainforest on your return to Cairns. **Subject to operating restrictions.*

Day 4. Atherton Tablelands (BLD)
Say goodbye to Cairns as you take the scenic drive to the Atherton Tablelands. Enjoy a cruise on Lake Barrine, a world heritage listed volcanic crater. Look out for native wildlife such as turtles, eels and waterbirds while learning about the geology of this beautiful body of water. After, enjoy lunch at the Lake Barrine tea house before continuing to the spectacular 500-year-old strangler fig tree standing at 50 metres tall with a girth nearly as wide! Take the opportunity to sample the rich Atherton dairy produce at Gallo Dairyland before checking in to your hotel in Atherton. Just before sunset, travel to Yungaburra Platypus viewing platform to spot one of these unique water creatures.
Three nights: Atherton Motel

Day 5. The historic Herberton Village Herberton and The Crystal Cave (BD)
This morning step back into pioneer history at Herberton, the vintage precinct is home to a remarkable collection of over 60 buildings and witness demonstrations of crafts such as blacksmithing and wood turning. Be dazzled by one man's incredible collection of crystals, fossils and minerals from all over the world. Enjoy some free time in Atherton this afternoon before coming together for dinner.

Day 6. Tropical Waterfalls (BLD)
This morning you will have the opportunity to learn about the waterfalls in this area at the Malanda Falls Visitors Centre where you can also take a walk on the board walk to visit the falls and try to spot a tree kangaroo. Continue to one of the most iconic waterfalls, the Milla Milla Falls, here you are welcome to throw on your bathers and enjoy a dip. Just before sunset, travel to Yungaburra Platypus viewing platform to spot one of these unique water creatures.

Day 7. Hartley's Crocodile Sanctuary and Port Douglas (BLD)
Today drive down from the Tablelands and start heading north to the idyllic, tropical town of Port Douglas. On the way, you will stop to view the crocodiles at Hartley's Creek Crocodile Adventures wildlife park, an award-winning eco-tourism attraction. Wander along boardwalks and pathways to discover the wildlife zones and join a boat cruise on the wetlands.
Three nights: Oaks Port Douglas

Day 8. Free day Port Douglas (BD)
Today is your free day to do as you wish. You may like to stroll the boutiques, laze by the pool or take a tour out to the Reef.
Optional tours can be pre booked through the Villa Office

Day 9. Cape Tribulation, Mossman and Daintree (BLD)
Today, journey to Cape Tribulation aboard a 4WD coach, travelling through the ancient Daintree Rainforest — one of the oldest living rainforests in the world. Discover the spectacular Mossman Gorge on a guided rainforest walk, cruise along the tranquil Daintree River, and stroll along Daintree Beach, where the rainforest meets the reef. Enjoy lunch in the tropics before taking in breathtaking panoramic views from Alexandra Lookout. This evening, we'll come together to relax, share stories and celebrate the unforgettable memories we've made along the way.

Day 10. Depart Port Douglas (B)
Rise bright and early to soak in the last of the warm weather before beginning your journey home.

Itinerary is subject to change. Terms and conditions apply. Call 08 94754 2026 for details.

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Cost per person twin share (inc GST)

Price: $6,085

Single option: $ 1,135

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For travellers comfortable with full sightseeing days. Building on *Moderate* requirements, these tours feature more activities, extended periods of standing and walking, and nature-based excursions. You must be able to walk confidently over uneven surfaces at a steady pace and negotiate busy transport terminals. Expect feature walks for up to 3 hours, and activities that may include small aircraft, vehicles, vessels and watercraft. Not suitable for travellers requiring walking aids or assistance from others.