



Queensland Rail, Reef & Tropical Islands

Rail, reef and island time along Queensland's tropical coast

10 Days | Sunday 19 to Tuesday 28 July 2026

Follow Queensland's glorious coastline from Cairns to the Whitsundays to immerse yourself in some of the world's finest beaches, colourful marine life, tropical rainforests and scenic rail journeys. Arrive in tropical North Queensland to enjoy the highlands, botanic gardens and a harbour cruise, then step aboard the Spirit of Queensland for the beautiful train journey from Cairns to the Whitsundays. End your tropical escape by basking in the warmth and wonder of the Whitsundays.

Highlights

- Hamilton Island & The Whitsundays
- Alluring Cairns & Kuranda
- Spectacular Kuranda rail journey
- Fabulous Cairns dinner cruise
- Tropical paradise of Cairns Botanic Gardens
- Must see Cairns Aquarium
- Deep dive into the Museum of Tropical Queensland
- Spirit of Queensland rail journey (Cairns – Whitsundays)
- Discover Magnetic Island touring
- Stunning Airlie Beach

Inclusions

- Pre/post tour transfers (ex Perth, Western Australia)
- Airfares & taxes (ex Perth, Western Australia)
- 22 meals – 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 9 dinners
- 9 nights' accommodation
- Tours & attractions
- Professional Villa Tour Leader

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Your holiday itinerary (ex Perth, Western Australia)

Day 1. Perth to Cairns (D)

We collect you from home and transfer you to the airport. On arrival in Cairns, settle into your hotel and enjoy a late supper to start your tropical adventure.

Day 2. Exploring Cairns (BLD)

Discover Cairns on a guided city walk that brings the region's stories to life through landmarks, art and architecture. After a relaxed group lunch, explore the Cairns Aquarium to learn about the Wet Tropics and Great Barrier Reef. Continue to Flecker Botanic Gardens for a guided wander among rare tropical plants, shady creeks and historic Tanks precinct. Dinner is nearby, with an optional stroll to the lively Night Markets to finish the evening.

3 nights: Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort

Day 3. Rainforest, railways and dinner cruise (BD)

Start your day in Kuranda enjoying the village markets and rainforest atmosphere before taking a Scenic Railway through rainforest-clad ranges, granite tunnels and past Barron Gorge waterfalls. This evening, step aboard a sunset dinner cruise and watch Cairns' waterfront glow as you dine on the inlet.

Day 4. Spirit of Queensland to Townsville (BLD)

Board the Spirit of Queensland for the scenic daytime journey south to Townsville. Settle into premium seating, enjoy on-board refreshments and watch coastal and rural Queensland roll by. On arrival, take an orientation drive including Castle Hill for sweeping views over Magnetic Island and the Coral Sea, then dine at your hotel.

2 nights: The Ville, Townsville

Day 5. Magnetic Island (BD)

Cruise across Cleveland Bay to Magnetic Island for a day of island discovery. With your local guide, explore pristine bays, granite headlands and eucalypt forest home to koalas and birdlife. Return to Townsville in the afternoon for time to relax before dinner at the hotel.

Day 6. Townsville and Spirit of Queensland to the Whitsundays (BLD)

Begin with a visit to the Museum of Tropical Queensland to delve into reef science, maritime history and the wonders of the tropics. After a light lunch, rejoin the Spirit of Queensland for the onward journey to Proserpine. Transfer to Airlie Beach and settle into your resort overlooking the Coral Sea, with dinner on arrival.

2 nights: Coral Sea Resort, Airlie Beach

Day 7. Airlie Beach Hinterland & Coast (BLD)

Venture into the Whitsunday Coast to Cedar Creek Falls. If conditions permit, take a refreshing dip before continuing through sugar-cane country to Hydeaway Bay and Dingo Beach. Enjoy a relaxed lunch, then return to Airlie Beach for free time by the resort pool or a wander along the boardwalk. Dinner is at the resort.

Day 8. Hamilton Island (BD)

Sail through the Whitsunday Islands to world-famous Hamilton Island. The afternoon is yours to embrace island life—perhaps a scenic walk, beach time or optional activities such as snorkelling or a reef flight. This evening, dine at a favourite island restaurant.

2 nights: Reef View Hotel, Hamilton Island

Day 9. Whitsundays at leisure (BD)

A day to do as much—or as little—as you like. Choose from optional Great Barrier Reef and island experiences, or simply soak up the views from Catseye Beach. Gather at sunset for a relaxed farewell dinner on the island.

Day 10. Hamilton Island to Perth (B)

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before transferring to the airport for your journey home. On arrival in Perth, we will see you safely home.

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Featuring the Spirit of Queensland rail journey - Cairns to Whitsundays

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Cost per person twin share (inc. GST)

Price Twin Share: \$ 6,575

Single option: \$ 1,545

Earn 132 villabucks



Active

Requires some fitness. Involves longer days filled with activities, excursions requiring standing and walking for extended periods of time and nature-based activities. You will be required to walk confidently over uneven ground and surfaces at a timely pace. Your accommodation may require access via stairs and have showers over baths. You are required to independently board and disembark from trains, aircraft and boats, and to manage your own luggage.

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