



CAIRNS

A compact, low-rise city that enjoys a warm climate and relaxed atmosphere, Cairns has a vibrant restaurant and bar scene along the waterfront, an award-winning convention centre and is located only ten minutes from the airport. What is uniquely different about Cairns is that the city is the gateway to two World Heritage-listed wonders, the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics Rainforest.

Beyond the city you will find picturesque coastal and rainforest villages where you can enjoy a range of activities including hiking, diving, sailing and snorkelling in the blue waters of the Coral Sea.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 1

Transfer an hour inland by car to Mossman Gorge Centre, where the local Kuku Yalanji people will lead you on a Dreamtime Gorge Walk. Beginning with a traditional smoking ceremony, this 90-minute tour takes you to sacred Aboriginal sites, as guides explain local customs and culture. Return to the coast for a picnic lunch on a private beach at Thala Beach Nature Reserve, a resort located on a private headland. Next, travel ten minutes to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures to spot crocodiles and feed cawarries during an exclusive tour. Afterwards, plant a tree as part of Hartley's rainforest restoration project, to help restore the Notophyll rainforest. Finish your first day with a dinner at Flames of the Forest where you will be greeted with a fire dancing performance. This private, all-weather venue can cater for up to 850 people for a sit down dinner and offers a variety of branding opportunities including lighting the chandeliers in your corporate colours.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lizard Island, one of six islands of Lizard Island National Park, features a luxury resort, 24 beaches and a lagoon. Lizard Island Resort, which has recently undergone an AUD \$45 million renovation, offers a range of beautiful settings to hold an event including Chinaman Ridge, overlooking Anchor and Watson's Bay.

DAY 2

Charter a boat for up to 400 people and spend the day on Quicksilver Cruises' private pontoon at Agincourt Reef, at the outer edge of the Great Barrier Reef. Snorkel with a marine biologist and learn about the reef's ecosystem or dive among corals and kaleidoscopic fish. For those who prefer to stay dry, ride the semi-submersible through the reef lagoons or view the activity below from Quicksilver's underwater observatory. From a nearby heli-pad, take a 10-minute scenic helicopter flight over the Agincourt Reef system, where you may see a reef shark or stingray in the shallows. After a busy morning enjoying the clear blue waters, eat a delicious seafood buffet for lunch that includes oysters and prawns. Return to the marina at Port Douglas and prepare for tonight's dinner at the private beachfront house, Boonooloo. The property features a 120-square-metre deck fronting Newell Beach, and can accommodate 70 people for seated dinners or 100 for cocktail functions.

DAY 3

Head to the Port Douglas markets at Rex Smeal Park with Chef Nick Holloway from Nu Nu restaurant. The weekly market provides restaurants and caterers in the local area with their fresh produce. Learn about the tropical fruit from the region with Chef Holloway, before selecting ingredients for your cooking class. Next transfer 30 minutes to Palm Cove, a beautiful beachside town, where you will use the produce you collected to cook up a delicious lunch. Afterwards, spend the afternoon relaxing nearby at The Alamanda Spa where you will be greeted with a refreshing hibiscus iced tea before heading into one of their eight treatment rooms. Tonight, dine at Salt House in Cairns. Overlooking Cairns Marlin Marina, Salt House is an open-plan venue that features a private dining room and a modern Australian menu with a focus on seafood.

DID YOU KNOW?

Opened in 1891, the Kuranda Scenic Railway takes you on a journey from Cairns to the rainforest village of Kuranda, located in the World Heritage-listed Wet Tropics. Travel by Gold Class whilst enjoying canapés as you take in the panoramic views of dense rainforest, steep ravines and gorges, and waterfalls.



EVENTS

CAIRNS AMATEURS

Held over four days in September, the Cairns Amateurs is a celebration of fashion, food and entertainment built around two days of horse racing. Book an exclusive marquee in the Cairns Amateurs Aviary for up to 50 guests, including all-day dining and a private bar.

CAIRNS INDIGENOUS ART FAIR

In July, the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair celebrates the music, art, fashion and dance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Arrange a private dot-painting workshop with a local artist, attend the opening night party, or buy original artworks direct from the producers.

PORT DOUGLAS CARNIVALE

Comedy shows, cabaret, street parades and gourmet events combine in this 10-day celebration. Visit the Wonderland Spiegel tent for international acts, share a long lunch for Paradise on a Plate, or gather your team for sand-sculpting competitions on the beach.

EXPLORE FURTHER AFIELD

GREEN ISLAND

A 45-minute catamaran ride from Cairns, Green Island Resort on Green Island caters to small groups for meetings and incentive trips, with luxury accommodation and activities such as diving, snorkelling, scenic helicopter flights and the Seawalker underwater experience. Host meetings for up to 40 delegates in Emeralds Private Room, or enjoy exclusive beach dinners for up to 150 guests.

PORT DOUGLAS

Just an hour's drive north of Cairns, Port Douglas offers a range of accommodation options, including 3,700 beds across a mix of luxury resorts, boutique hotels and private villas. Incentive and team-building activities showcase the best of the reef and rainforest, such as sailing, snorkelling, mountain biking and ziplining.

ADD THE WOW FACTOR

The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest and most extensive coral reef system. Stretching for 2,300 kilometres, it includes around 2,000 coral reefs, 600 continental islands and 300 coral cays. For a unique experience, camp overnight on a pontoon out on the Great Barrier Reef for uninterrupted views of the southern night sky where your host will point out the Southern Cross constellation.

WHAT'S NEW

The Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas has completed a AUD40 million refurbishment. Updates include enhancements to the resort's 294 guest rooms and public spaces.

Cairns Convention Centre has recently undergone a AUD13 million upgrade, which includes customisable arrival zone, improvements to the Great Hall meeting space, new networking zones and LED screens.

Wildlife Habitat in Port Douglas will unveil Crocarena. The attraction will allow visitors to view crocodile feeding from above and below the water via a 300 seat grandstand, an underwater viewing area, or submerged in a cage in the crocodiles' enclosure.



Marina, Cairns

PLANNING AND LOGISTICS

ACCESS

The gateway to Australia's tropical north and the Great Barrier Reef, Cairns Airport is serviced by 10 international airlines, including direct flights from Asia and domestic flights from Australian capital cities. The airport is conveniently located seven kilometres from Cairns city, 30 minutes from Palm Cove, and an hour's drive from Port Douglas.

ACCOMMODATION

Base yourself in the central hub of Cairns, home to 7,000 rooms spanning international hotels and self-catering apartments. Or, choose from 3,700 rooms in the beachside village of Port Douglas and 1,500 rooms in Palm Cove, including five-star resorts, spa retreats and boutique hotels.

WEATHER

Cairns has a tropical climate. Average maximum temperature.

Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Temperature °C	32°	31°	31°	29°	27°	26°	26°	26°	28°	30°	31°	32°
Temperature °F	90°	88°	88°	84°	81°	79°	79°	79°	82°	86°	88°	90°

VENUE CAPACITY

You'll find a range of venues to suit your event in Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef region, catering for groups from 10 to 5,000. Book an intimate event at a rainforest or beach retreat, host team-building experiences on a private island, or enjoy the award-winning facilities of the Cairns Convention Centre.

