



Cairns & Great Barrier Reef in Brief

**CAIRNS & GREAT
BARRIER REEF**
Where rainforest meets the reef

Unique experiences

Skyrail – The Edge Lookout

Dare to stand on a transparent boardwalk 160 metres above the Barron Gorge at The Edge Lookout for an unimpeded panoramic view of the Barron Falls, north of Cairns.

skyrail.com.au

KUR-Cow Barnwell Farm

Kuranda's newest experience visit KUR-Cow Barnwell Farm for hayrides, cattle feeding, arena horse and cattle show, mini animal farm, ATV (Quad Bike) and Horse Riding.

kurcowfarm.com

Hartley's Crocodile Adventures 85th Birthday

The award winning ecotourism attraction celebrates its 85th birthday in 2019! With over 2100 metres of timber boardwalks and pathways leading you on a journey of discovery through woodlands and rainforest where you can see an array of wildlife.

crocodileadventures.com

Spirit of Cairns

The ultimate waterside dining onboard the luxury 26m sailing catamaran, the Spirit of Cairns. Offering evening dinner cruises, it is the perfect way to end a perfect day in paradise. Sunday lunch cruising is also available.

spiritofcairns.com.au

Quicksilver Dive School

A purpose-built dive training centre on the door step of the Great Barrier Reef in Port Douglas, offering a range of PADI accredited courses; from entry level to advance courses.

quicksilverdive.com.au

Dreamtime Dive and Snorkel

Step back into the Great Barrier Reef's Dreamtime with Indigenous sea rangers on a day tour to two spectacular outer Great Barrier Reef sites.

reefmagiccruises.com/dreamtime-dive

Fitzroy Island – Eye Spy

Exclusive scenic sailing cruises showcasing the sun setting over two World Heritage Areas from Fitzroy Island Resort. Catering to 20 people, the catamaran Eye Spy sails on the Great Barrier Reef for a stunning view of the sun dipping behind rainforest-clad mountains.

fitzroyisland.com

Barramundi Discovery Centre

Hand feed giant barramundi and visit a fish hatchery at the Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre, a spectacular interpretive centre in Karumba, the outback town by the sea. The centre showcases the local wetlands and mangroves, birdlife and flora of the southern Gulf of Carpentaria.

barracentre.com.au

Sunlover by Starlight

Experience Australia's most unique small group adventure, an overnight Great Barrier Reef glamping experience. Wrap up in your deluxe swag under the brilliant stars of the southern night skies and awake to an epic sunset afloat the Sunlover multi-level, state-of-the-art activity Marine Base at the exquisite Moore Reef.

sunlover.com.au

Heli Pub Tour

See and taste what the Atherton Tablelands has to offer on this Heli Pub Tour, visiting four Queenslander pubs, flying over volcanic crater lakes and stopping at award-winning Mt Uncle Distillery.

helitoursnq.com.au/trips/heli-pub-tour

Wildlife Habitat – Predator Plank

The new Predator Plank at Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas allows visitors to test their courage as they "walk the plank" over crocodile-filled waters.

wildlifehabitat.com.au

Dundee's at Cairns Aquarium

Watch schools of sharks and fish swim by at the newly opened Dundee's Restaurant at the Cairns Aquarium. Dishing up Australian beef and seafood, Dundee's can be included as part of the new VIP Premium Experience, featuring a behind-the-scenes tour and feeding of a cownose ray.

cairnsaquarium.com.au

Master Reef Guides

The first official interpreters for the Great Barrier Reef have graduated and are armed with stories and facts to give visitors the best possible reef experience. The Master Reef Guides can introduce you to a citizen science project or explain the intricacies of life on the world's largest coral reef ecosystem.

gbrmpa.gov.au/our-partners/master-reef-guides

Daintree Attractions Pass

Three popular Daintree Attractions are offering culture, adventure, education and fun in one great money-saving package. The Daintree Attractions Pass provides entry to the Mossman Gorge Centre Dreamtime Walk, Jungle Surfing Canopy Tour and the Daintree Discovery Centre.

junglesurfing.com.au/daintreeattractionspass

Jungle Surfing Canopy Tours

Embark on a voyage of discovery and adventure in the heart of Cape Tribulation. The adventure starts with the world's first interactive cable lift – the Human Hamster Wheel which propels jungle surfers to the first tree platform. The newest addition to the experience is The Grandstand.

junglesurfing.com.au

Back Country Bliss Adventures

This Port Douglas company offers a range of tours to the Daintree National Park and Cape Tribulation including river drift snorkeling, bushwalking tours, rainforest tours including a half day Cape Tribulation tour. Fantastic choices for the nature lover.

backcountrybliss.com

Blue Dive

Jump onboard the Choo Choo Explorer catamaran in Port Douglas for a relaxed sunset cruise and captivating stargazing experience under the stars.

bluedive.com.au/stargazing

Nautilus Aviation – Helifish

A unique experience for the avid, "fair dinkum" fisherman. Your personal helicopter accesses exclusive fishing spots from river to reef.

nautilusaviation.com.au

Jarramali Rock Art Tours

An up close and personal Aboriginal cultural experience, exploring the Quinkan Rock Art sites found among the sandstone escarpments around the small town of Laura, North Queensland.

jarramalirockarttours.com.au

Brett's Outback Tasting Adventures

Offers guests a small and personalised tour of the Atherton Tablelands. Eat your way through this tropical food bowl, visiting wineries, award winning distilleries, dairy properties and coffee plantations.

outbacktastingsdventures.com.au

Thala Beach Nature Reserve

An award-winning eco-retreat offering guests special experiences: Indigenous story-telling, stargazing and unique nature and wildlife walks.

thalabeach.com.au

Billy Tea Safaris – Chillagoe and the Outback

A full day spent exploring the Tropical North Queensland outback – lunch in an Aussie pub, guided tour of the Chillagoe-Mungana limestone caves, Aboriginal rock art and wallaby feeding.

billytea.com.au

Half-day adventures

Sea Explorer – Cairns Aquarium

Brand new Sea Explorer is an exciting, virtual submarine journey into the ocean depths. Hold on tight while you are transported through the animated, underwater world of Polar and Deep Sea regions.

cairnsaquarium.com.au

Paradise to Plate

A new concept in local, tropical and native foods of the region. Offering e-bike foodie tours showcasing the local gems of the Cairns foodie scene. Three tours: Off the Eaten Track, Local Foodie Gems and Bike to Brewery.

paradisetoplate.com.au

Calypso – Low Isles

A 30min boat ride from Port Douglas gives you 2.5 hours to snorkel, see the reef from a glass-bottom boat or explore the sand cay.

calypsoreefcruises.com

Ocean Safari

Snorkel the untouched Mackay and Undine Reefs on this half day Great Barrier Reef Tour from Cape Tribulation with maximum 25 passengers.

oceansafari.com.au

Accommodation updates

Riley, a Crystalbrook Collection Resort

Riley is the newest five-star hotel in Cairns for over 20 years. The first of three new Crystalbrook Resorts in Cairns, guests can expect understated elegance, contemporary design and a splash of fun. Bailey and Flynn are due to open mid and late-2019.

crystalbrookcollection.com/riley

Silky Oaks Lodge

Baillie Lodges has added Silky Oaks Lodge to its portfolio. Set among the World Heritage-listed wilderness of the Daintree National Park, the lodge offers driving safaris, Indigenous guided walks and the Healing Waters Spa.

silkyoakslodge.com.au

Bedarra Island Resort

Bedarra Island Resort offers scenic flights from Mission Beach over the Great Barrier Reef and its islands. The private tropical haven offers secluded luxury in just 10 villas hidden in 45 hectares of rainforest.

bedarra.com.au

Shangri-La Hotel Cairns

Cool neutral tones with a splash of nautical blue set the scene for a relaxed stay. The hotel recently completed a refurbishment of its spacious rooms and waterfront bar and restaurant, The Backyard.

shangri-la.com

Pacific Hotel Cairns

The brand-new luxurious Tropical Luxe Room Collection at Pacific Hotel Cairns provides a uniquely lush accommodation option for your next stay.

pacifichotelcairns.com

Gilberton Outback Retreat

An exclusive outback experience in a remote luxury lodge, where you can find yourself amongst life on a working cattle station.

gilbertonoutbackretreat.com

Mt Mulligan Lodge

A quintessential Australian outback experience at an all-inclusive luxury lodge in the shadow of the majestic Mount Mulligan.

mountmulligan.com

Kinrara Expeditions

A five-day outback expedition to 70,000 acres of remote, breathtaking land, flooded with diverse animal and plant life, waiting for you to explore.

kinraraexpeditions.com.au



Cairns & Great Barrier Reef events

Undara Rock & Blues Festival 25–27 April 2019

A selection of some of Australia's best rock and blues artists against the backdrop of the rugged Outback. A truly unique and must-do event.

undara.com.au

Karumba Barra & Blues Festival 4–5 May 2019

A weekend festival celebrating the legendary barramundi and blues music. Live entertainment, Barramundi feeding and much more.

barracentre.com.au/
karumba-barra-blues-festival

Cairns Craft Beer Festival 11 May 2019

The inaugural Cairns Craft Beer Festival will bring five local breweries together at Hemingway's Brewery on the Cairns wharf. More than 20 craft beers and a special collaboration brew will be served along with local food and music.

hemingwaysbrewery.com

World Rafting Championships 13–20 May 2019

White water speed demons will try to tame the Tully River in May 2019 when the World Rafting Championships are held for the first time in the world's oldest rainforest. Teams from 30 countries will descend on the Cassowary Coast for the eight-day event.

wrc2019.com

Port Douglas Carnivale 24–26 May 2019

The iconic Port Douglas Carnivale, celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2019. A must do for all thing's food, fun and sun. Live concerts, longest lunch and a host of family friendly free events.

carnivale.com.au

Cairns Airport Adventure Festival 6–10 June 2019

A week long sporting festival in one of the world's most iconic tropical destinations culminating in the Cairns Airport Ironman Asia-Pacific Championship.

ap.ironman.com

Cairns Indigenous Art Fair 12–14 July 2019

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices will sing in their languages at Cultural Heights, a new event for the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, which celebrates its tenth anniversary this year. Indigenous artists from across Queensland exhibit at the prestigious fair.

ciaf.com.au

Targa Great Barrier Reef 30 August – 1 September 2019

Targa Great Barrier Reef will return to the tropics after a hugely successful launch in 2018. It will be an event like no other as it passes through landscapes that are truly unique to Cairns & Great Barrier Reef.

targa.com.au

Reef Feast Palm Cove 4–6 October 2019

Over three days Palm Cove's Reef Feast presents an explosion for all the senses – innovative cuisine, fresh produce, music and a relaxed atmosphere along the beautiful palm fringed Palm Cove beach.

reeffeast.com.au

Lizard Island Black Marlin Classic 5–12 October 2019

Celebrating over 30 years, Lizard Island Black Marlin Classic is one of the great Blue Water fishing competitions in the world. Seven days of amazing fishing in the Black Marlin rich waters of the north Coral Sea.

lizardislandgfc.asn.au

New self-drive itineraries

From reef to outback, through rainforest and grasslands, driving in the region is an unforgettable travel experience. Explore the website and plan your next road trip with twelve new drive itineraries.

tropicalnorthqueensland.org.au/plan-your-trip/roadtrips

More information

Western: tropicalnorthqueensland.org.au

Japan: tropicalnorthqueensland.org/jp

Germany: tropicalnorthqueensland.org/de

China: GreatBarrierReef.cn

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