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DAYS

Reef & Rainforest Explorer

FLY-DRIVE TOUR — ROUND-TRIP FROM CAIRNS

EST. 1989

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Discover the wonders of tropical North Queensland as you follow the expressively-named routes of the Cane Cutter Way, Gillies Highway and Great Barrier Reef Drive.

You'll travel along the Cassowary Coast, home to the rare flightless birds of the same name, and will be treated to the sight of numerous falls on the 'waterfall circuit'. Discover rainforest, wetland and savannah in the Atherton Tablelands, and visit Daintree, the oldest tropical rainforest on earth, before arriving at the picturesque seaside village of Palm Cove.



What's Included?

Accommodation as detailed or similar on a room only basis unless otherwise shown

Meals as shown

Car rental

Please Note

This fly-drive can operate in either direction and be tailored to your own requirements.

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Day 1 Mission Beach (139 kms)

After your flight into Cairns, collect your rental car and leave the city, heading south. This quiet coastline forms part of the Cassowary Coast which runs all the way down to Townsville, following the Cane Cutter Way your destination is Mission Beach. Mission Beach lies on a 14-kilometre length of palm-fringed beach — it's uncommercialised, laid-back and was actually the birthplace for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park; it's also home to one of the highest concentrations of cassowary in Australia, giving rise to its name. These rare flightless birds can often be spotted walking through fields and gardens and even swimming across rivers.

Accommodation: Castaways Beach Resort & Spa (4 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Included: Continental Breakfast

Days 2–3 Atherton Tablelands (124 kms)

From Mission Beach retrace your steps to Innisfail where you'll turn inland and follow the 'waterfall circuit' as you climb up into the cool air of the Atherton Tablelands. Stop for a dip at Tchupala, Wallicher and Nandroya Falls before arriving at Milla Milla Falls, arguably the most beautiful and certainly the most photographed falls in this region.

The Atherton Tablelands is part of the Great Dividing Range and offers a diverse blend of rainforest, wetland and savannah. Your base for the next two nights is Rose Gums, a delightful retreat with 9 timber-and-pole treehouses set in 230 acres of rainforest, that's home to an abundance of both bird and wildlife.

Accommodation: Rose Gums Wilderness Retreat (4 Star Retreat)

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Day 4 Daintree (165 kms)

The World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest is simply spectacular and the oldest tropical rainforest on the planet. Discover plants and animals found nowhere else in the world — even Sir David Attenborough described it as 'the most extraordinary place on earth'. There are myriad ways to explore, but a wildlife cruise on the Daintree River is an excellent way to see and photograph the environment and its inhabitants at close range.

Accommodation: Daintree Wilderness Lodge (3.5 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast

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Days 5–6 Palm Cove (88 kms)

Leave the emerald green of the rainforest behind you and begin your journey south along the Great Barrier Reef Drive. Sandwiched between the UNESCO World Heritage-listed wet tropics to one side and the Great Barrier Reef on the other, this is a pretty remarkable drive. Ellis Beach and Rex Lookouts are favourites spots to pull over and soak in the views. You're heading for Palm Cove, a pretty seaside village with a seafront promenade flanked by a paperbark-lined sandy beach and a mix of cool cafés and stylish restaurants and boutiques.

Accommodation: Paradise on the Beach Resort (4 Star Hotel)

Day 7 Departure

It's a short drive back to Cairns, where your tour comes to an end.

Please Note: Details are correct at the time of producing this document but may be subject to change without notice. Accommodation is subject to availability, and similar hotels may be substituted.

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