# 8 Day | Tropical North Queensland Tour

**10 – 17 August 2021**

## CORAL GARDENS & LUSH CANOPIES

Discover a paradise where the rainforest meets the sea

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**Cairns and Port Douglas are what tropical dreams are made of. Explore both destinations and spend your days cruising over the glistening waters, exploring tranquil rainforests and feeling connect with nature in a place unlike anywhere else!**

***8 days - Twin / Double $TBA***
***Single $TBA***
***Deposit $500.00***

**DAY 1: (D) SUNSHINE COAST TO TOWNSVILLE** **10 August 2021**

Set off with anticipation to discover the tropical north! Arriving into Townsville Airport we meet our coach captain and head to our hotel where we settle in. We'll re-join later to get to know each other better over dinner before a good night's rest.

1 night | The Ville Resort Casino
Dinner at hotel

## DAY 2: (BLD) TOWNSVILLE TO CAIRNS 11 August 2021

This morning we begin to make our way to Cairns. Along the way we will visit the magical **Paronella Park,** where history and romance seamlessly fuse together. After lunch here, you'll be immediately struck by the immense beauty of the Park as you explore the enchanting grounds through a series of winding paths that snake through the forest and Castle ruins. Then at the **Australian Sugar Heritage Centre** we learn of the people who made the industry and uncover the rich fakelore associated with one of Australia's Great rural industries. Continuing our way, we stop to admire the scenic cascading waters of **Josephine Falls** before our final leg to Cairns.

**3 nights | Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort**
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Paronella Park

## DAY 3: (BD) TROPICAL CANOPIES AND A MOUNTAIN VILLAGE 12 August 2021

Embark on a breathtaking experience with **Skyrail Rainforest Cableway.** Gain a truly unique perspective while gliding metres above the pristine jungle canopy and the secrets of the world's oldest continually surviving tropical rainforest. Perched above Cairns, we find the mountain village of **Kuranda** to explore. Engage with local artists, indulge in wonderful food or browse the many boutiques that cater to all. Meeting up again we then board the historic **Kuranda Scenic Railway**. Track through picturesque valleys and century old tunnels of the magnificent **Barron Falls National Park** before returning to our hotel to relax. Returning to our hotel we then have time to re-fresh before our special evening aboard a **Sunset Cruise.** With your glass charged, stroll the deck and admire the view as the sky transforms from blue to orange and finally silky back filled with twinkling stars. The water is calm, the weather mild and the night is yours to enjoy with entertainment and a delicious buffet dinner featuring some of the region's best produce.

Breakfast at hotel | lunch not included | dinner on the Spirit of Cairns

## DAY 4: (BLD) THE ATHERTON TABLELAND 13 August 2021

The **Atherton Tableland** is rather a unique place in Australia; with its tropical location accompanied by pleasant climate. Today you'll discover what these rich lands hold. At **Jaques Coffee** take a journey through the process of creating a fine brew with a presentation and self-guided tour. Enjoy a lovely **morning tea** with a plantation cuppa and the opportunity to sample the Jaques speciality "Jaques Coffee Liqueur". After immersing ourselves in this popular bean we head across the range to witness the breathtaking **Curtain Fig Tree** where to count its tangled roots would take a week! We now come to one of the most dramatic landscapes of this region, **Lake Barrine**. Lunch will be served at the Lake Tearooms before boarding the relaxing **cruise** around the volcanic crater rim to behold one of the most complex rainforest eco-systems in the world.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | morning tea included | lunch at the Lake Tearooms

## DAY 5: (BLD) CAIRNS TO PORT DOUGLAS 14 August 2021

This morning we farewell Cairns and travel to **Hartley's Crocodile Adventures!** Relax while cruising the still waters of Hartley's Lagoon, exploring the natural habitat of the legendary Saltwater Crocodile. Keeping our eyes peeled while listening to the lively commentary, we are almost guaranteed to see a salty or two! Returning to the deck overlooking the lagoon we'll enjoy morning tea before exploring more of the park. Continuing to Port Douglas we join the historic **Bally Hooley Rail** originally operated by the Mossman Sugar Mill. It will be a fun, short ride that takes us from the Marina Station to **St Crispins Station**. We'll disembark and enjoy lunch on the lagoon. This afternoon we have time to wander along Macrossan Street browsing the many lovely shops before our coach take us to our hotel for the next three nights.

**3 night | Oaks Resort Port Douglas**
Breakfast and dinner at motel | lunch included

## DAY 6: (BLD) TROPICAL BIRDS, GORGES AND RIVERS — 15 August 2021

This morning we indulge ourselves in the ultimate **"Breakfast with the Birds"** at the **Rainforest Habitat**. Immersed within the Wetland environment, enjoy an array of sounds and colours from wildlife as they wander freely amongst us while we are treated to a fantastic tropical breakfast. Meander the walk ways of the tranquil rainforest and wetland discovering how close to nature we really are. From here we head to the start of the Daintree National Park - **Mossman Gorge**. Feel the serenity while watching the river as it tumbles its way over and around huge granite boulders. Continuing on to the **Daintree River**, here you'll **cruise** one of the most densely populated mangrove estuaries in the world…. There's nothing quite like watching wildlife while cruising along the beautiful Daintree River!

"Breakfast with the Birds" | lunch at Mossman Gorge |dinner at hotel

## DAY 7: (BLD) GREAT BARRIER REEF — 16 August 2021

We have a fabulous day planned today as we discover the unforgettable **Outer Barrier Reef**. For an experience of a lifetime, we board **Quicksilver's wavepiercer catamaran** which will take us to a reef at the very edge of Australia's Continental Shelf, to an underwater world that is a dazzling kaleidoscope of colour and brilliance. At Agincourt Reef, a magnificent ribbon reef, we experience firsthand the magic that is the Great Barrier Reef. We can choose to snorkel or stay dry and **explore the reef** from the comfort of the semi-submarine, just one metre underwater. Watch **the fish feeding** from the unique underwater viewing platform and underwater observatory, or fly in a helicopter over the reef (diving and helicopter flights are optional and at own expense). We'll be given a **talk by a Marine Biologist**, to answer all our questions and enjoy **morning and afternoon tea** and **smorgasbord lunch.**

Breakfast and dinner at motel | lunch on cruise

## DAY 8: (B) HOMEWARD BOUND — 17 August 2021

Today marks the last day of our tropical north adventure. With our bags pack we return to Cairns Airport and begin the journey back to Brisbane Airport eager to share our holiday stories of cruising over the glistening waters and exploring lush rainforests.

Breakfast at hotel

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