

QUEENSLAND

Queensland is home to some of the world's most remarkable islands, beaches, reef and other ocean splendours. Most visitors come to snorkel or dive the Great Barrier Reef, sail around the Whitsunday's, find an island paradise and explore the world heritage rainforest; there really is something for everyone.

TOP EXPERIENCES

- Venture into the tropical rainforest in the Gold Coast Hinterland.
- Learn to surf with the locals at Surfers Paradise.
- Discover the world's largest sand island at Fraser Island.

FACT FILE

Climate: Queensland's climate is tropical with two seasons – the Dry and the Green (Wet). The Dry season starts around May, and the Green around November.

Driving Times: Brisbane to Hervey Bay - 4 to 5 Hours.
Hervey Bay to Airlie Beach - 11 hours

GMT: +10 hours



BRISBANE

Brisbane is the gateway to Southern Queensland, a city full of character, which has redesigned itself in recent years to become a hustling and bustling cosmopolitan society. However, it is the beaches that surround the city that are the area's biggest asset. To the south there is the Gold Coast - with the aptly named Surfers Paradise sitting on the edge of the wildlife haven of the Lamington National Park. Heading north is the Sunshine Coast, with its combination of exquisite beaches, rainforests and the sand dunes that make up the world's largest sand island - Fraser Island.



> BRISBANE ESSENTIALS

- 3 Day Package from £183 per adult
- Day 1: Arrive in Brisbane and transfer to your hotel
- Day 2: Day tour to Australia Zoo
- Day 3: Transfer to Brisbane airport for your onward flight

Please note: Prices are per person based on twin share and include two nights accommodation, return airport transfers and a day tour. Supplements apply over special events and prices may vary with availability.

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Mercure Hotel ★★☆☆☆

Situated on the banks of the Brisbane River, the hotel has panoramic views spanning across the river, the city and the South Bank Cultural Precinct. This centrally located hotel offers guests affordable accommodation.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates.

FROM £52 PER ADULT

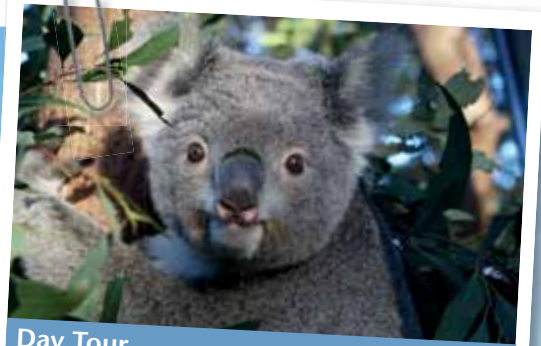


Day Tour

Australia Zoo - Croc Express

Head out of Brisbane north to the sunshine coast, and to Australia Zoo – founded by ‘The Crocodile Hunter’, the late Steve Irwin. Explore the numerous shows and demonstrations, including crocodile feeding and snake handling.

FROM £78 PER ADULT



Day Tour

Miramar River Cruise and Koala Sanctuary

Cruise from central Brisbane through some of the city’s most exclusive waterfront suburbs, before arriving at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. Hand feed kangaroos and emus, watch the sheep dog and sheep shearing show, spot a shy platypus, and get your photo taken whilst cuddling a koala, before sailing back into the centre of Brisbane.

FROM £78 PER ADULT



Rendezvous Hotel ★★★★★

Within one of Brisbane’s most loved historical listed buildings, the décor, ambience and service are of a bygone era. Offering 135 beautifully appointed heritage rooms and apartments, guests can enjoy the benefits of a deluxe hotel with service and facilities that are second to none.

FROM £52 PER ADULT



Traders Hotel ★★★★★

Conveniently located close to the cultural and entertainment precinct of the South Bank, Traders Hotel Brisbane offers 191 spacious and modern rooms. Enjoy views of the city skyline or Roma Street Parklands, all rooms featuring a spacious work area

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates.

FROM £46 PER ADULT



Quay West Suites ★★★★★

With each apartment featuring magnificent views of the Botanical Gardens, the Brisbane River, Kangaroo Point Cliffs and the city skyline, this luxury inner-city hotel is within close proximity to the Queen Street Mall shopping and dining precinct.

HONEYMOON OFFER - Selected dates.

FROM £80 PER ADULT

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SUNSHINE AND GOLD COAST

The Sunshine Coast pristine stretch of coastline is home to laid back towns and national parks overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The beautiful beaches around Noosa, Mooloolaba and Maroochydore are a haven for surfers and kayakers.

The Gold Coast stretches for 70km, boasting glorious beaches, the excitement of major theme parks, and the lush Queensland hinterland. This is the perfect getaway in which to relax and immerse yourself in the Australian surf culture.

20miles
50kms

QUEENSLAND

1 Noosa – Home to stylish boutiques, a host of gourmet restaurants, and some of the best surf in the area.

2 Coolum – Learn to surf at Coolum Beach, or opt to laze in the sun at peaceful Mudjimba or Marcoola Beaches.

3 Mooloolaba – A quiet coastal township offering stunning walks up to the lighthouse at Point Cartwright, a picturesque marina and sweeping views of Mount Coolool.

4 Glass House Mountains – To the west of the Sunshine Coast in the Hinterland are the Glass House Mountains, a spectacular string of 20 million year old volcanic cones rising high from the coastal plain.

5 Tamborine National Park – One of Queensland's best kept secrets is the mountainous rainforest region which lies 40 minutes inland from the Gold Coast around Mount Tamborine.

11 Lamington National Park – World heritage listed Lamington National Park is known for its natural beauty, waterfalls, walking tracks and mountainous views.

6 Surfers Paradise – Attracting millions of visitors every year, and famous for its breathtaking skyline, Surfers is truly the entertainment capital of Queensland.

7 Broadbeach – Within easy reach of the attractions, theme parks and golf courses of the Gold Coast.

8 Currumbin – This bustling beachside village with boutique shops and eateries is just 15 minutes from amazing sub-tropical rainforests.

9 Coolangatta – With popular swimming and surfing beaches, plus walking tracks connecting the headlands, there's plenty to explore on the stretch of golden coastline.

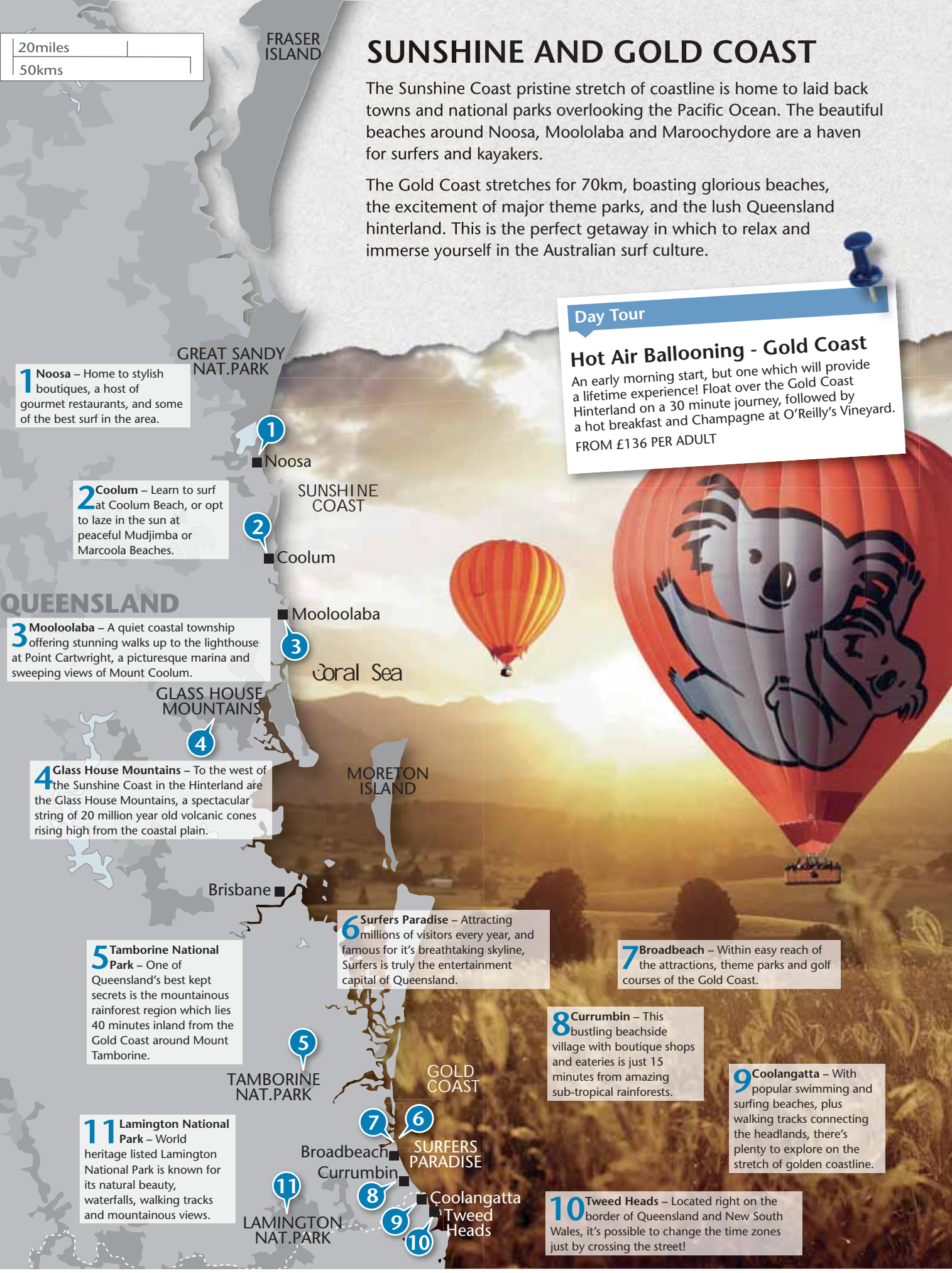
10 Tweed Heads – Located right on the border of Queensland and New South Wales, it's possible to change the time zones just by crossing the street!

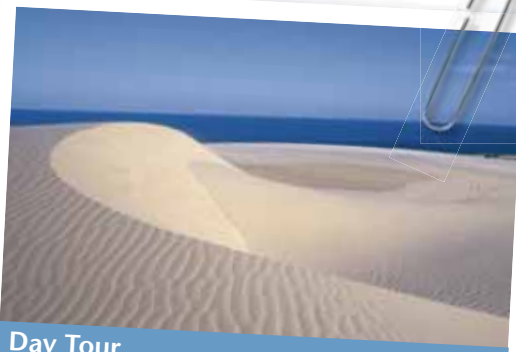
Day Tour

Hot Air Ballooning - Gold Coast

An early morning start, but one which will provide a lifetime experience! Float over the Gold Coast Hinterland on a 30 minute journey, followed by a hot breakfast and Champagne at O'Reilly's Vineyard.

FROM £136 PER ADULT





Day Tour

Fraser Island Discovery

Why not take a guided 4WD tour from Noosa where you can experience the best of Fraser Island in just one day. Drive along famous Seventy-Five Mile Beach then turn inland to follow the sand tracks through the tall rainforests. After an action-packed morning it's time to relax and enjoy an authentic Aussie BBQ, before a freshwater lake swim and afternoon tea on a remote stretch of stunning beach.

DAY TOUR FROM NOOSA FROM £115 PER ADULT
OVERNIGHT TOUR FROM NOOSA FROM £260 PER ADULT, INCLUDING ONE NIGHT STAY ON FRASER ISLAND.

Gold Coast

Sunshine Coast

The Vibe

★★★★★

Perfectly placed for a leisurely stroll to Surfers Paradise beach, fantastic nightlife, restaurants galore and lots of fun attractions... or you can just relax.

LONG STAY prices available

FROM £32 PER ADULT



Mantra Broadbeach On The Park ★★★★★

Boasting spacious one, two and three bedroom apartments in the fashionable Broadbeach area of the Gold Coast.

LONG STAY prices available

FROM £67 PER ADULT



Novotel Twin Waters Resort

★★★★★

Enjoy magnificent dining overlooking a private lagoon, walk barefoot in the sand or reward yourself with a pampering treatment.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £53 PER ADULT



Outrigger Little Hastings Street

★★★★☆

This Noosa resort is a short walk to stylish Hastings Street for shopping, people watching, and al fresco dining.

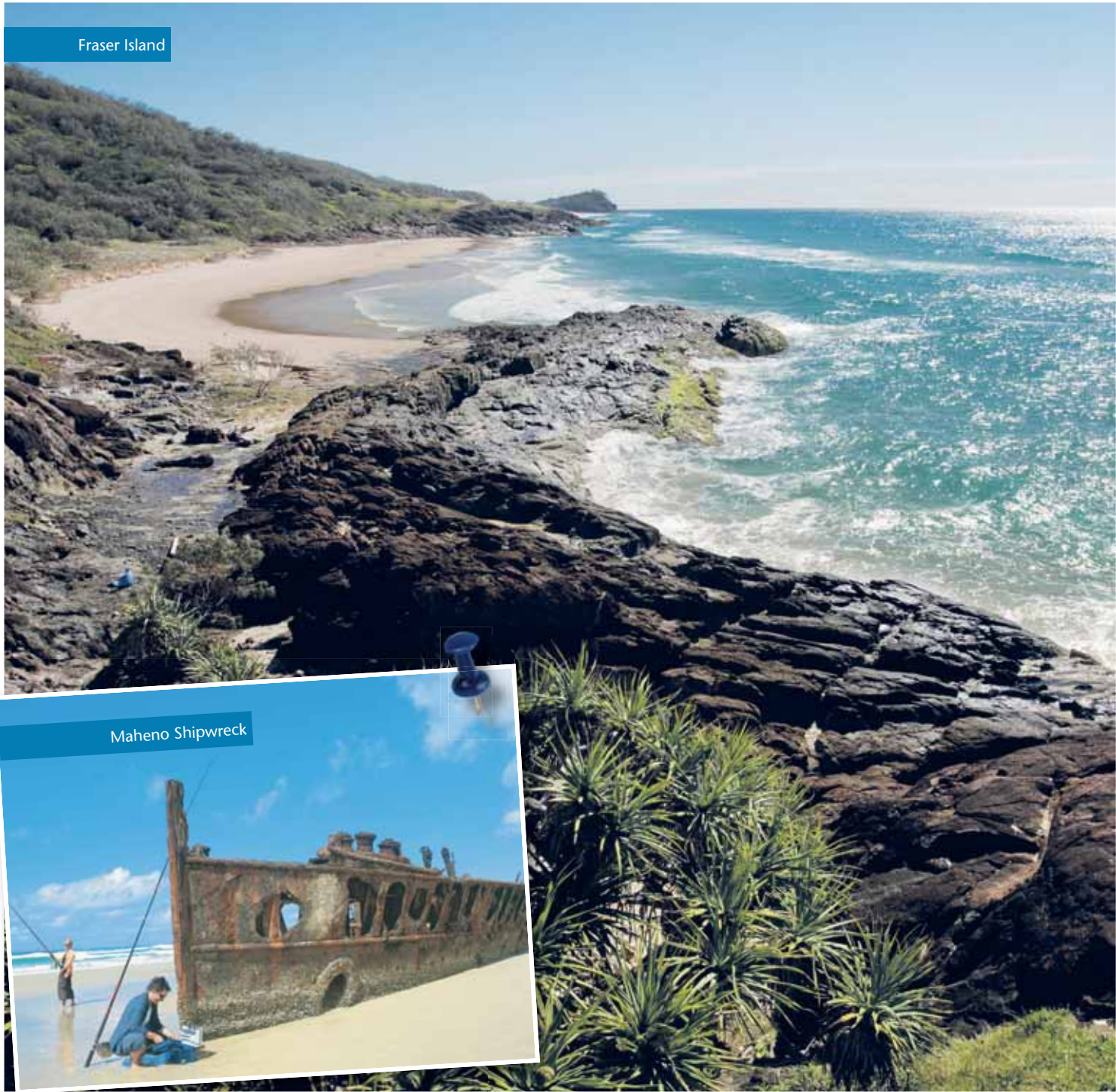
FROM £77 PER ADULT



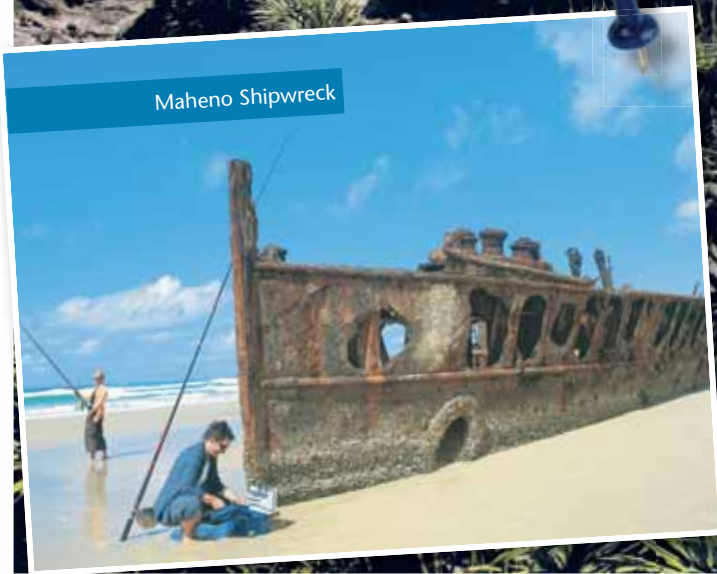
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DISCOVER SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

Queensland is home to some of the most diverse landscapes, from unique Fraser Island - the largest sand island in the world, to the rainforest of Lamington National Park with its breathtaking mountain views and famous treetop walk.



Fraser Island



Maheno Shipwreck

Cool Dingo Youth Adventure

3 Day Tour from £296 per adult

Spend an action-packed three days exploring Fraser Island with Cool Dingo - fun and adventure for 18 to 35's.



DAY 1: Cruise to Fraser Island and join the rest of your group. First stop is Basin Lake where you can meet the resident freshwater turtles, before heading on past ancient rainforests to Wangoolba Creek and Lake McKenzie with its white sandy beach and crystal clear waters. After an afternoon swim head back to your overnight accommodation for a buffet dinner.

DAY 2: Get an early start to explore Seventy Five Mile Beach - float down the fast-flowing Eli Creek and visit the Maheno shipwreck which washed ashore in a cyclone in 1935. Climb to the top of Indian Head for awesome beach and cliff views,

and look out for sharks, rays and humpback whales (Aug-Oct). Chill out in the bubbling Champagne Pools before an optional scenic flight over the island.

DAY 3: Walk through the cool rainforest to beautiful emerald-green Lake Wabby - the island's deepest lake and a favourite swimming hole. Trek over the vast Hammerstone Sandblow and enjoy a poolside BBQ lunch at Eurong Beach Resort, before catching the ferry back to the mainland.

Please see austravel.com for full details

Island & Rainforest Escape

5 Day Tour from £946 per adult

DAY 1: LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK

Travel to Australia's largest subtropical rainforest, climbing to over three thousand feet above sea level and O'Reilly's Plateau. On arrival at O'Reilly's enjoy a brief tour then take time to explore the famous tree top walk and magnificent rainforest.

DAY 2: O'REILLY'S RAINFOREST RETREAT

In the morning take the famous bird walk and feed the birds that visit each morning, then join a nature guide on a half day rainforest walk and 4WD bus excursion to scenic lookouts. In the evening join a nocturnal walk or simply relax at the guesthouse!



DAY 3: FRASER ISLAND

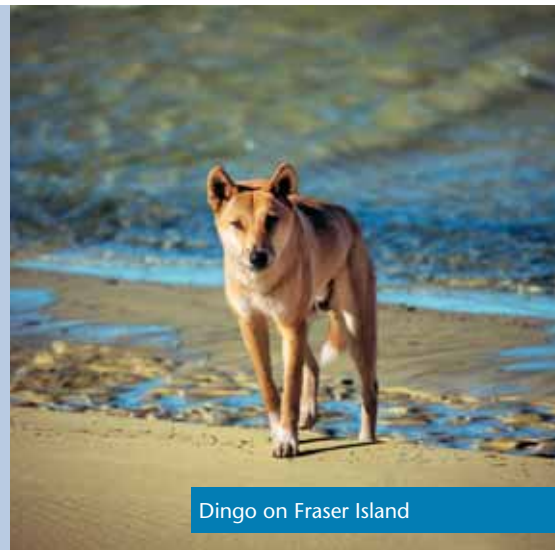
Enjoy an early breakfast before departing for Kingfisher Bay Resort on Fraser Island. Connect with the Tilt Train to Maryborough where you will be transferred by coach to Hervey Bay to join the catamaran transfer to Fraser Island and Kingfisher Bay Resort. Relax in the afternoon or explore the island.

DAY 4: FRASER ISLAND

Before breakfast join a ranger tour and discover the birdlife on Fraser Island. Then depart for a 4WD tour to visit the crystal clear lakes, magnificent rainforest, shipwreck and the coloured sands. Drive along the famous 75 Mile Beach and enjoy lunch then return to resort late afternoon.

DAY 5: After breakfast depart by catamaran and transfer on the Tilt Train to Brisbane.

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Dingo on Fraser Island

Gold Coast and Sunshine Way

10 Day Self Drive
from £811 per adult



Explore the highlights of both the Sunshine and Gold Coast with this suggested itinerary. This can be adapted to suit your preferences, or time limitations.

DAY 1: BRISBANE – GOLD COAST

Depart Brisbane and head south along the Pacific Highway to Surfers Paradise, the main hub of the Gold Coast.

DAY 2: GOLD COAST

Enjoy a day at leisure.

DAY 3: SURFERS PARADISE – LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK

Head inland from Surfers Paradise past Mount Tamborine and along the winding roads towards the sub-tropical Lamington National Park.

DAY 4: LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK

Take today to immerse yourself in the rainforest surroundings, with plenty of wildlife to spot.

DAY 5: LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK – MOOLOOLABA
Head back north, bypassing Brisbane, towards the Sunshine Coast resort of Mooloolaba.

DAY 6: MOOLOOLABA

Plenty of options today, such as taking a short walk along the coast to neighbouring Maroochydore, kayak the surf, or simply relaxing on the pristine sands.

DAY 7: MOOLOOLABA - NOOSA

Continue north along the Sunshine Coast highway, to the stylish Noosa area, with a diverse natural environment, and a mix of untouched beaches and rainforest.

DAY 8 - 9: NOOSA

The next two days are free to explore the Noosa area - wander along the beach, or into the Noosa National Park, with the Mount Tinbeerwah lookout just a short walk from the main area, Hastings Street.

DAY 10: NOOSA - BRISBANE

Head back south to Brisbane to pick up your ongoing flights, or maybe continue north along the coast via Rockhampton towards the many islands of the Whitsundays.

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Please Note: Itinerary valid from 1st April 2013 and may alter prior to this. Prices are per person and include nine nights twin share accommodation and are based on a Group B car hire. Accommodation, board basis and prices are subject to change with availability. Minimum nights and surcharges apply on some properties on certain dates. Driving times and distances are approximate.



Tangalooma Island Resort

Tangalooma Island Resort ★★★★★

After a relaxing 75 minute cruise from Brisbane across Moreton Bay, you arrive at Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort. A highlight of any stay will be the opportunity to interact closely with the native wildlife. Each evening the Tangalooma dolphins eagerly swim up to the beach, adjacent to the well lit jetty, where they are rewarded with fresh fish hand fed to them by the dolphin care staff and resort guests. If you pay a visit between mid-June and the end of October, you can join the whale watching cruise to catch a close look at these majestic mammals. .

FROM £105 PER ADULT

3 DAY WILD DOLPHIN PACKAGE FROM £203 PER ADULT

O'Reillys Rainforest Retreat and Mountain Villas

★★★★★

Located high in the Gold Coast Hinterland, 2 hours south of Brisbane. The Retreat features a range of guest rooms, many offering breathtaking mountain views.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £103 PER ADULT



Kingfisher Bay Resort

★★★★★

Kingfisher Bay Resort is an ideal base from which to explore Fraser Island. A two night adventure is recommended, which includes a 4WD tour to allow you to explore the island.

FROM £62 PER ADULT



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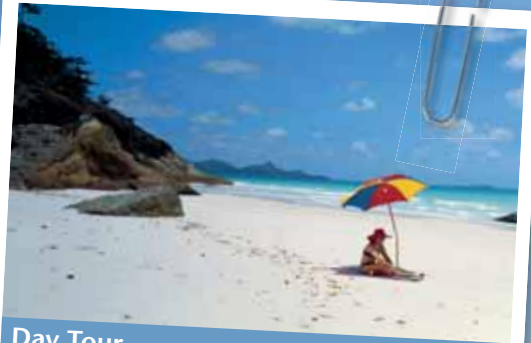
Queensland is home to some of the world's most remarkable islands – from the deserted white sands of the Whitsunday Islands to coral fringed private retreats. Snorkel or dive the Great Barrier Reef – or simply relax and be pampered!



Green Island Resort ★★★★★

Just a 45 minute boat ride from Cairns will find you in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef. Home to 46 luxurious suites nestled in the lush rainforest, Green Island boasts a unique island ecology.

FROM £204 PER ADULT



Day Tour

Islands & Whitehaven Beach

See the very best of the Whitsunday Islands National Park on a half day cruise – keep an eye out for an array of wildlife, from turtles to sea eagles and dugongs. Experience the picturesque Whitehaven Beach with its beautiful white sands and crystal clear waters. Relax on the stunning silica sands and take a stroll along the beach or a swim in the azure sea.

FROM £63 PER ADULT

Please Note: This tour is available from Hamilton Island or Airlie Beach



Lizard Island Resort ★★★★★

Australia's northern most resort, Lizard Island Resort is fringed with coral reefs and 24 powdery white beaches. Each of the 40 villas is elegant and spacious, with either ocean or beach views.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates.

FROM £499 PER ADULT



Daydream Island Resort and Spa

★★★★★

Daydream Island Resort and Spa, in the tropical Whitsundays, offers affordable luxury with 296 rooms and suites, each one framed by magnificent views of secluded beaches or stunning rainforest. Feed sharks and stingrays at the world's largest outdoor aquarium, or for the more adventurous experience diving and snorkelling off the fringing coral reef.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates.

FROM £102 PER ADULT



Witness the hatching of rare turtles on the beach at Heron & Wilson Islands - a unique Queensland experience you won't forget!



Hayman Island Resort ★★★★★

Hayman presents magnificent resort living, superb restaurants showcasing contemporary Australian and international cuisine, beauty and spa therapies and treatments at Hayman Spa, a children's activities centre and a stunning chapel for weddings.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates.

FROM £182 PER ADULT



Heron Island Resort ★★★★★

Surrounded by crystal clear waters and coral gardens, Heron is a natural sanctuary for nesting birds and green turtles. The resort caters to both couples and families and has 109 comfortable rooms, all with ceiling fans and either balconies or terraces.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates.

FROM £138 PER ADULT



Wilson Island ★★★★★

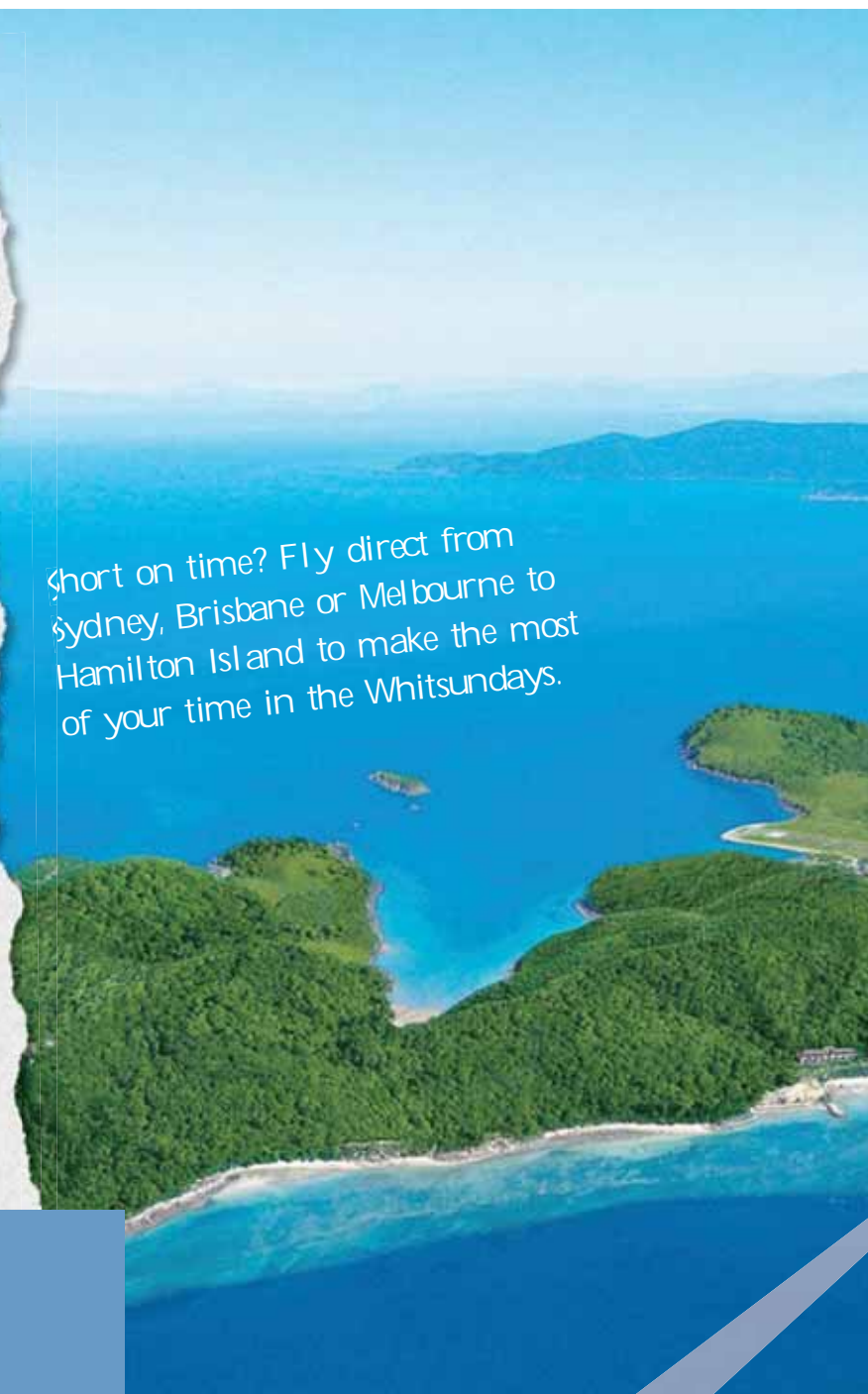
Wilson Island's pristine waters host an unimaginable variety of marine life including coral and fish - in fact some of the best snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef is right off the beach. This is the ultimate island castaway experience, offering a setting of natural beauty and hosting just 12 guests at any one time.

FROM £401 PER ADULT

HAMILTON ISLAND

Surrounded by idyllic coral fringed beaches Hamilton Island is a tropical paradise of unspoilt beauty right on the edge of the Great Barrier Reef. Easily accessible, and with a range of restaurants, bars and activities on offer, Hamilton has something to suit everyone.

Short on time? Fly direct from Sydney, Brisbane or Melbourne to Hamilton Island to make the most of your time in the Whitsundays.



> HAMILTON ISLAND ESSENTIALS

5 Day Package from £525 per adult



Day 1: Transfer from Hamilton Island marina or airport; the rest of the day is yours to discover this tropical paradise

Day 2: Join a full day cruise for a Great Barrier Reef Adventure

Day 3-4: Two days at leisure – spend them beachside with free unlimited use of catamarans, windsurfers and snorkelling equipment!

Day 5: Depart Hamilton Island; alternatively transfer to one of the other Whitsunday Islands to extend your stay in paradise

Please Note: Prices are per person and includes four nights accommodation on Hamilton Island, daily breakfast, Cruise Whitsundays day cruise, use of non-motorised water sport equipment, and use of island shuttle.

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Reef View Hotel ★★★★★

Directly opposite the beautiful Catseye Beach, every room has a private balcony facing the sea allowing you to experience the spectacular sunrises and sunsets over the surrounding Whitsunday Islands.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates.

FROM £117 PER ADULT

Day Tour

Whitehaven Beach

After a leisurely cruise from Hamilton Island, spend the afternoon relaxing on the white silica sands which stretch for over seven kilometres along Whitsunday Island, before enjoying an al fresco BBQ lunch.

FROM £63 PER ADULT

Day Tour

Ultimate Seaplane Experience

Experience a spectacular scenic flight by seaplane over the Whitsundays. Soar over amazing Heart Reef and Whitehaven Beach.

FROM £263 PER ADULT

GOLF

Tee off beside the Whitsundays at the Hamilton Island Golf Club, one of the world's premier golfing destinations. The course is adjacent to Hamilton Island on its own patch of paradise, Dent Island.

Austravel Secret...

View a legendary Whitsunday sunset with an early-evening cocktails at dusk on One Tree Hill, Hamilton Island's hill-top lookout. Sip a glass of champagne as the sun sinks below the horizon and the stars come out to play.

HAMILTON ISLAND WILDLIFE PARK

Centrally located, the Hamilton Island Wildlife Park provides the perfect place for you to explore some unique Australian wildlife. There are a range of furry marsupials that call the Wildlife Park home, and for those that like reptiles, meet the park's snakes and lizards. You will even be able to get up close and personal by having a cuddle with one of the resident Koalas.



Beach Club ★★★★★

Set in landscaped gardens, all rooms in this boutique hotel face directly onto Catseye Beach, each with their own private courtyard or balcony.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates.

FROM £184 PER ADULT



Palm Bungalows ★★★★★

A popular and delightful property, featuring forty-nine individual bungalows in a tropical garden setting. Catseye Beach is just a short walk away, as are the main swimming pools.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates.

FROM £108 PER ADULT



qualia ★★★★★

qualia is nestled neatly into the northern most tip of Hamilton Island, surrounded by the unsurpassed beauty of the Great Barrier Reef. Its distinctive style combined with its secluded location makes it a stunning resort of world-class standards. All of the luxurious hillside pavilions boast postcard views.

FROM £301 PER ADULT

CAIRNS & TROPICAL NORTH

North Queensland is a jigsaw of tropical rainforests, mangrove swamps and river gorges. Cairns is the hub of the north, allowing access to the natural wonders of the Great Barrier Reef and the wilderness of Cape York Peninsula. Explore the ancient forests of the Daintree National Park, the deserted beaches of Cape Tribulation, or the marina boardwalks of Port Douglas. The activities on offer make this an ideal place to relax and appreciate the wonders of nature.

TOP EXPERIENCES

Cruise, snorkel, dive or even fly over the Great Barrier Reef – the World’s largest living organism. Venture into the tropical rainforest north of Cairns at Daintree National Park. Explore Cape Tribulation beach where the rainforest meets the reef.



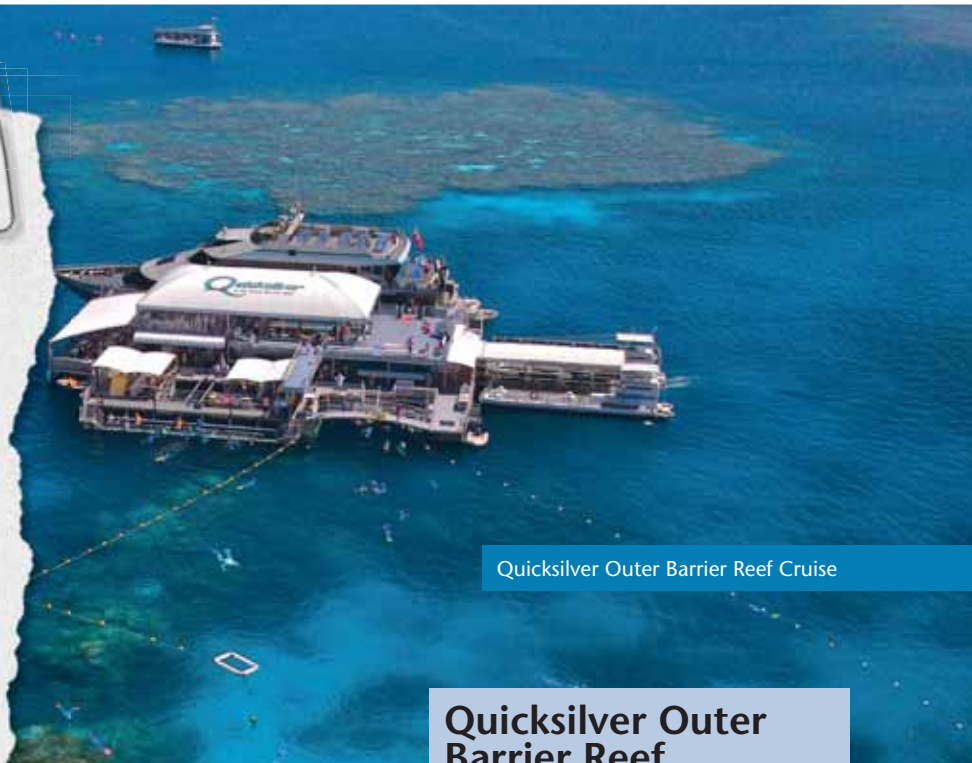
> CAIRNS ESSENTIALS 4 Day Package from £432 per adult



Our 4 day package includes exploring the city of Cairns, taking a day tour way up into the Atherton Tablelands to discover Kuranda and the Tjapukai Aboriginal centre, along with how best to visit the largest organism on the planet, the Great Barrier Reef.

Visit our website for some great inspiration for getting the most out of your stay in Cairns.

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Quicksilver Outer Barrier Reef Cruise

Quicksilver Outer Barrier Reef

Quicksilver’s high-speed, air-conditioned luxury catamaran will whisk you to their floating platform on the Agincourt Reef.

From here, you have the option to view the coral and marine life from a semi-submersible, or to snorkel and scuba dive.

PRICES FROM £150 PER ADULT

Please visit our website for more information: Tour departs daily, small fees may apply and there is important safety information online.

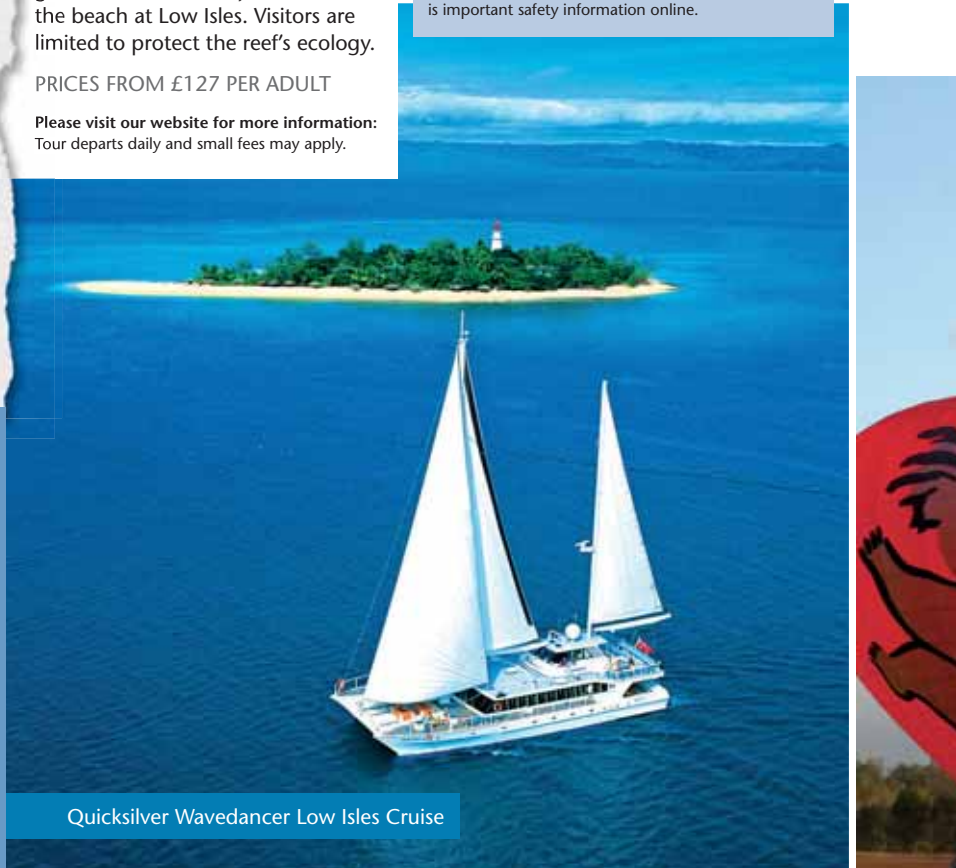
Quicksilver Wavedancer Low Isles Cruise

The Low Isles offers everything you can dream of in a tropical island paradise.

Moor in the calm waters of the picturesque lagoon and enjoy snorkelling, experience a first-time dive, view the coral through a glass-bottom boat or just laze on the beach at Low Isles. Visitors are limited to protect the reef’s ecology.

PRICES FROM £127 PER ADULT

Please visit our website for more information: Tour departs daily and small fees may apply.



Quicksilver Wavedancer Low Isles Cruise



Skyrail Rainforest Cableway

Kuranda All Inclusive

After your hotel pick up, board the Kuranda Scenic Train at Freshwater Station for a spectacular rainforest rail journey past cascading waterfalls to explore Kuranda and the local market.

Meet at the unique Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, a world first in eco-tourism, for your peaceful journey over the rainforest canopy down to Caravonica Lakes. A short distance from the Skyrail Terminal is Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park where, after lunch, you can enjoy stage shows, craft demonstrations, the Aboriginal village and the Tjapukai Dance Group. Have a go at playing the didgeridoo and throwing a boomerang before returning to your hotel.

PRICES FROM £145 PER ADULT

Please visit our website for more information: Tour departs daily and small fees may apply.

Cape Tribulation Daintree by 4WD

Explore the rainforest and amazing landscapes of the Daintree and Cape Tribulation Wilderness area by 4WD with this Eco-Certified full day tour.

Head to the Daintree National Park, where an expert guide will walk you through one of the world's oldest rainforests, with the option to climb the Rainforest Canopy Tower. Amble along Cape Tribulation Beach before enjoying a delicious lunch. The afternoon includes a crocodile spotting cruise on the Daintree River.

PRICES FROM £124 PER ADULT

Please visit our website for more information: Tour departs daily and small fees may apply. **Upgrades To Private Escorted Tours Are Available On Request.**

Hot Air Ballooning

Float gently above the wide-open spaces of the Outback, ballooning with the Hot Air company.

Binoculars are provided on board to capture sightings of local birdlife and kangaroos. Once the thrill of the hot air ballooning is over, why not head to Port Douglas to join Quicksilver and 'cruise' to the Outer Barrier Reef, or enjoy a day in Kuranda.

PRICES FROM £127 PER ADULT

Please visit our website for more information: Tour departs daily.



Thrill seekers will love the Hot Air Ballooning



Cape Tribulation

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TROPICAL NORTHERN QUEENSLAND

Queensland has something to suit everyone with beautiful hotels that will make you want to stay forever.

Discover paradise beaches and stunning scenery.



Kewarra Beach Resort ★★★★★

Situated on a pristine stretch of private beach fifteen minutes north of Cairns, this exquisite resort is built around a lagoon and surrounded by lush tropical rainforest.

FROM £81 PER ADULT



Thala Beach Lodge ★★★★★

Unwind at this eco retreat located on a private beach and surrounded by 145 acres of native forest with breathtaking ocean views.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates.

FROM £90 PER ADULT

Cairns Colonial Club ★★☆☆★

The relaxed atmosphere is enhanced by tropical surrounds, with excellent facilities including three pools.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates

FROM £41 PER ADULT

**Mantra Esplanade Cairns** ★★☆☆★

Overlooking the harbour and close to the many lively street cafés, fine restaurants and the swimming lagoon at the seafront.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £53 PER ADULT

**Novotel Cairns Oasis** ★★☆☆★

The resort is within walking distance of the Esplanade, Marina, and the lively night markets. Alternatively choose to simply relax by the lagoon pool.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £45 PER ADULT

**Shangri-La Hotel The Marina Cairns** ★★☆☆★

Overlooking the Marlin Marina. Upgrades to the Horizon Club offer Marina front rooms.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £90 PER ADULT

**Blue Lagoon Trinity Beach** ★★☆☆★

These luxury apartments, less than two minutes walk from beautiful Trinity Beach, are close to all resort facilities.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £41 PER ADULT

**Novotel Palm Cove** ★★☆☆★

Set in lush tropical gardens, the Novotel Palm Cove is just a five minute walk from the beach and the charming Palm Cove Village.

FROM £45 PER ADULT

**The Sea Temple Palm Cove** ★★☆☆★

Located on a white sandy beachfront, this hotel offers the ultimate in sophisticated accommodation.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £83 PER ADULT

**Rendezvous Reef Resort** ★★☆☆★

Located just a few minutes from Four Mile Beach. This newly refurbished resort offers fully equipped two storey 1, 2 & 3 bedroom villas.

FROM £56 PER ADULT

**QT Port Douglas** ★★☆☆★

Set in tropical gardens only minutes from Port Douglas village and Four Mile Beach, offering a range of chic hotel rooms and apartments.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £75 PER ADULT

**Peppers Beach Club Port Douglas** ★★☆☆★

Just steps from Four Mile Beach, this is an ideal place from which to explore the stunning region.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £97 PER ADULT





CRUISING QUEENSLAND WITH CORAL PRINCESS

Let Coral Princess Cruises introduce you to all the hidden jewels of the Great Barrier Reef. Their three, four and seven night small ship cruises allow you to swim, snorkel and scuba dive amid the fish and corals in the clear tropical waters. Alternatively, join a marine biologist on board the glass-bottom boat, stroll golden sandy beaches on remote coral cays or visit secluded tropical islands and ancient rainforests.



4 Night Cruise

Prices from £1,600 per adult



DAY 1: 4PM Board your Coral Princess Cruises small ship for a 5pm departure from Cairns, to Trinity Bay where there is time to settle in and discover your home for the next four nights. In the evening, cruise past Palm Cove and enjoy champagne before a sumptuous dinner.

DAY 2: We have the morning to discover historic Cooktown, steeped in history with most stone buildings dating back almost a century. This afternoon visit one of the remote uninhabited islands of the Great Barrier Reef. Join our marine biologist for a glass bottom boat tour before snorkelling of the hundreds of varieties of coral growing on this section of reef.

DAY 3: This morning we awaken moored beside beautiful Lizard Island. You may wish to simply relax on the golden beach soaking up the sun, join the Marine Biologist for a glass bottom boat tour, or for the ultimate Great Barrier Reef experience, take the plunge with our dive instructor on a guided SCUBA dive. The choice is yours!

DAY 4: Spend today visiting two of the most pristine sections of the reef, Ribbon Reef No. 3 and Rachel Carson Reef. Explore the coral gardens and marine life with guided snorkelling and glass bottom boat tours.

DAY 5: 8AM Disembark your cruise in Cairns. (CC4)

3 Night Cruise

Prices from £1,271 per adult

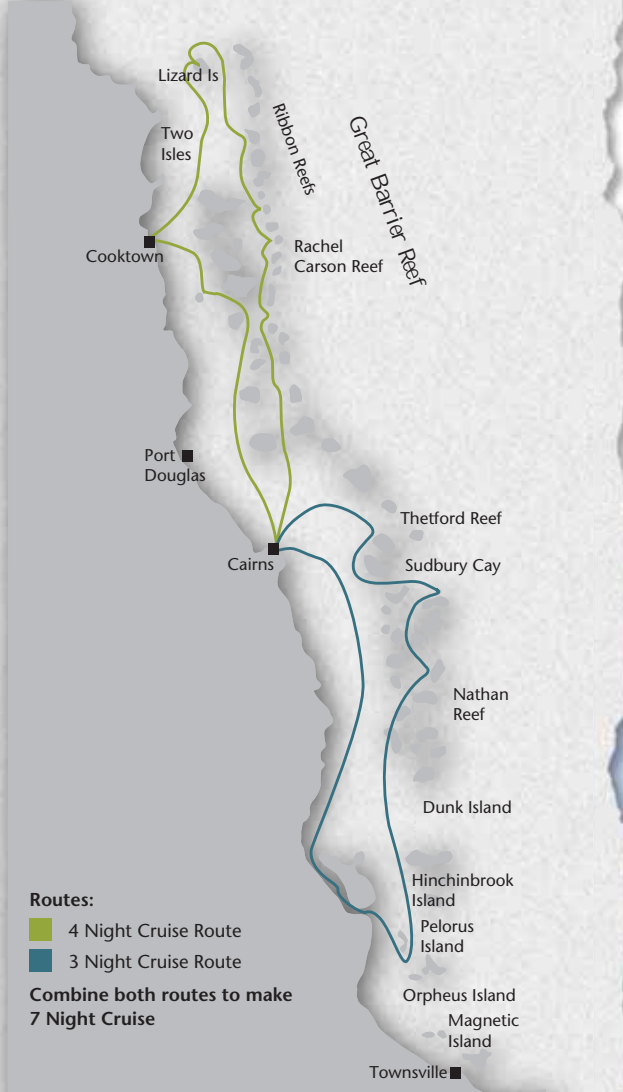


DAY 1: 10.30AM Enjoy the afternoon experiencing the reef at our exclusive Thetford Reef and Sudbury Cay moorings, and discover some of the 1500 species of fish that live on the reef, including Spangled Emperor, Giant Trevally and the Hump-Headed Maori Wrasse as they are hand fed by the Marine Biologist.

DAY 2: Awaken this morning as we cruise the spectacular Hinchinbrook Channel, discovering Hinchinbrook Island's towering cliffs and mangrove eco-systems. Keep an eye out for a myriad of marine life including dolphins, turtles and dugongs, all of which feed on the region's plentiful sea grasses and can often be seen frolicking in these waters.

DAY 3: This morning join our naturalist guides on a fascinating rainforest walk discovering Dunk Island's unique flora and fauna. Following lunch, discover Nathan Reef at your own pace. Laze away the late afternoon on the sun deck, enjoying the comfortable onboard facilities including the spa pool and sun lounges. Tonight, join us in the dining room for another sumptuous dinner as we settle in for our final night cruising the Great Barrier Reef.

DAY 4: Travel ashore to explore beautiful Fitzroy Island, offering wonderful bush walking opportunities and idyllic white sandy beaches. Following lunch, early this afternoon we cruise through Trinity Bay before arriving in Tropical Cairns at 1.30pm for disembarkation at Trinity Wharf. (CC3)



Looking for an extended cruise? Combine both these itineraries for a 7 night adventure on the Great Barrier Reef.

Prices from £2,443 per adult.



ALL CRUISES INCLUDE

- All meals, morning and afternoon teas
- Use of snorkelling equipment, masks and fins
- Guided coral viewing tours
- Presentations by marine biologists
- Library and video resources

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The Whitsundays



Queensland Classic

9 Day Self Drive
from £703 per adult



AVIS

DAY 1: BRISBANE

Enjoy a leisurely day exploring Brisbane.

DAY 2: BRISBANE – FRASER ISLAND

Join the Bruce Highway and continue to River Heads to take the launch to Fraser Island. The world's largest sand-massed island, Fraser Island is accessible for the most part by 4WD. You can park your car securely at the harbour and cross on the ferry by foot.

DAY 3: FRASER ISLAND

Spend the day exploring the island – make sure to visit the Maheno Shipwreck, Eli Creek and Lake McKenzie. You can do all of this by booking a 4WD day tour, specially designed to traverse the sand dunes and reach every nook and cranny of the island. Alternatively, take part in a whalewatching cruise between August and October.

DAY 4: FRASER ISLAND – ROCKHAMPTON

Depart Fraser Island and head north towards the historic town of Agnes Waters and the Eurimbula National Park. Your overnight stay is in Rockhampton – although you may wish to upgrade to a stay at Henderson Park Farm for a taste of the Aussie outback!

DAY 5: ROCKHAMPTON - AIRLIE BEACH

Continue north today to Airlie Beach where 74 tropical islands make up the spectacular Whitsundays. Watch the sun set over this magnificent chain of islands.

DAY 6: AIRLIE BEACH/THE WHITSUNDAYS

Spend the day in the Whitsunday Islands. Ask your Travel Designer for details of tours.

DAY 7: THE WHITSUNDAYS – MAGNETIC ISLAND

Travel north to Townsville to connect with your ferry to Magnetic Island, home to the highest population of Koalas in Australia so you won't be disappointed!

DAY 8: MAGNETIC ISLAND

Today is free to spend at your leisure on Magnetic Island. It is possible to walk around the island in its entirety in a day – make sure you take your hat, sunscreen and plenty of water.

DAY 9: MAGNETIC ISLAND – CAIRNS

Leaving Townsville, continue north to Cairns, the gateway to Tropical North Queensland. Return your Avis car. Why not extend your Queensland adventure and explore Cape Tribulation and the Daintree. Ask your Travel Designer for extended touring options.

Please see austravel.com for full details of accommodation options

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Fraser Island



Eli Creek, Fraser Island

Fraser Island

Tropics and Tablelands



AVIS

7 Day Self Drive
from £666 per adult

DAY 1: CAIRNS – ATHERTON

Head north from Cairns, past the lush rainforest of the Kuranda. The wetlands reserve is home to a diverse range of birds and animals. Spend some time exploring either via the bush tracks or by canoe on the lakes.

DAY 2: ATHERTON - UNDARA

Spend some time enjoying the amazing waterfalls – including Malandra, Millaa Millaa and Zillie Falls. Before reaching Undara Volcanic National Park there is also the chance to stop at Innot Hot Springs. Once at Undara you could opt to do a sunset tour, and experience the vast Gulf Savannah and its wildlife as the sun goes down.

DAY 3: UNDARA - CHARTERS TOWERS

Before setting off you could spend this morning on a tour of the incredible Undara Lava Tubes, which were formed over 190,000 years ago. Stop off at scenic Bluff Downs for an afternoon break, before arriving in Charters Town itself, which is bursting with Gold Rush history from the 1800's.

DAY 4: CHARTERS TOWERS – TOWNSVILLE

Take a leisurely drive along the Flinders Highway to Townsville, which is the headquarters of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. A visit to the Marine Wonderland is recommended.

DAY 5: TOWNSVILLE – MISSION BEACH

After exploring Townsville head north along the Bruce Highway. Worthwhile stop points include Paluma Range National Park and Jourama Falls.

DAY 6: MISSION BEACH

There are endless activities to choose from – such as sea kayaking, White Water rafting, or even a reef trip.

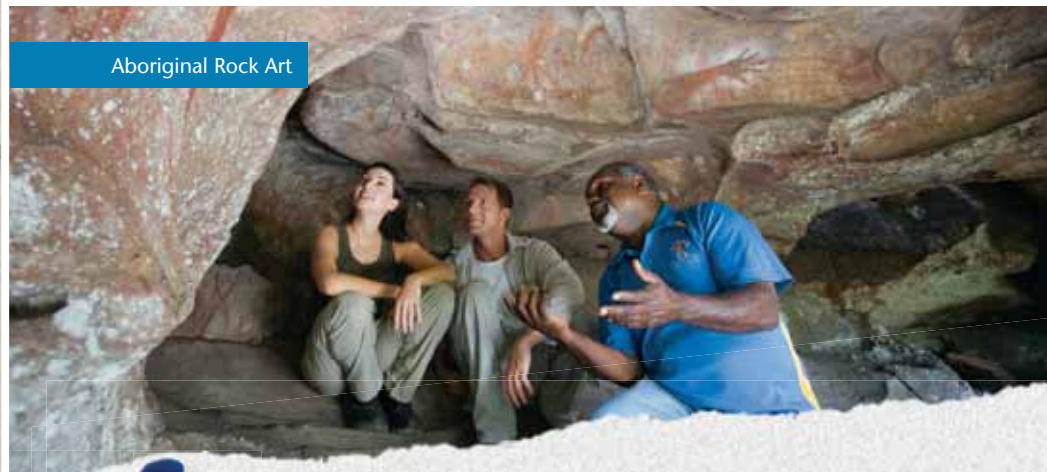
DAY 7: MISSION BEACH - CAIRNS

There are still many things to see on the way back to Cairns, such as Josephine Falls, which has a magical Aboriginal heritage.

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Aboriginal Rock Art



Cape Tribulation



Cooktown Explorer - Bloomfield Track and Aboriginal Rock Art



2 Day Package from £249 per adult

Join Adventure North on a 4WD adventure from Cairns, via the heart of the Daintree National Park, to Cooktown. Travelling north along the Captain Cook Highway, along one of the most scenic coastal drives in Australia, the trip then heads into the rainforest, with stops at Cape Tribulation, before continuing along the infamous Bloomfield Track. Only accessible by 4WD the track takes in some of the most incredible scenery in the area, including the unique Black Mountain, an Aboriginal legend.

An overnight stay in Cooktown is arranged, allowing time to explore the township, which remains relatively unchanged since its settlement. An optional half day Rainbow Serpent Aboriginal rock art tour is available, where the traditional story tellers will reveal an amazing insight into the legends of Aboriginal society and spirituality. The tour returns to Cairns via the Mulligan Highway, through the diverse outback and mining regions and cattle stations.

If time is short then opt for the two Day Cooktown & Rainbow Serpent flight tour, which includes return scenic flights from Cairns.

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