

Cairns & the Great Barrier Reef

More than just a natural wonder, the Great Barrier Reef is a world-class vacation destination!



The Great Barrier Reef is one of the world's great natural wonders—stretching an amazing 1,200 miles along the tropical waters of Australia's Coral Sea. The only living thing visible from space—up-close, the Great Barrier Reef is alive with color and marine life.

More than just a natural wonder, the reef is a world-class vacation destination with a uniquely Australian flavor. From the gateway towns and cities of the Great Barrier Reef, visitors can day-trip out to the reef, explore the outback, discover the rainforest and relax on one

of the many tropical island beaches, then return to their preferred style of accommodation—a luxury villa tucked away in the lush rainforests, a beach resort or even a cruise ship—to complete the ultimate experience.

Cairns & Beyond

Cairns is the capital of Tropical North Queensland and the major gateway to the reef. Cairns is the base for an amazing selection of day tours and mini-tours encompassing the reef, the outback and the rainforest. [See pages 60-66 for Cairns vacations.](#)

Palm Cove & Port Douglas

To the north—along the scenic coastal highway—are the northern beach towns, including Palm Cove and Kewarra Beach. An hour from Cairns, the relaxed and charming seaside town of Port Douglas boasts some of the best restaurants and accommodation in the tropical north. [See pages 67-71 for vacation options.](#)

The Whitsundays—in the Heart of the Great Barrier Reef

A cluster of 74 islands makes up the Whitsundays region, an aquatic playground famous for its tropical islands and smooth blue waters—a truly unique destination. The Whitsundays offer experiences to suit every style. For ultimate luxury, enjoy the sophisticated style of Hayman Island, [page 76](#), or if you prefer a lively village atmosphere, Hamilton Island is for you, [page 77](#). The Whitsundays are the perfect stepping stone to Great Barrier Reef adventures including sailing, diving and cruising. Flightseeing tours are also available and are the best way to view the naturally-formed Heart Reef.





Snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef

Great Barrier Reef Islands

On the resort islands, there are choices to suit every island fantasy. Indulge in intimate adventure and spa treatments on Lizard Island. For nature lovers, the resort at Dunk Island is surrounded by rainforest, and Heron Island is a bird sanctuary and turtle rookery. See pages 74, 78-79 for Great Barrier Reef Islands.

Cruising & Diving

The tropical north and Whitsundays regions are also ideal destinations for cruising and, of course, diving. Small ship cruising is a great way to experience the Great Barrier Reef. The warm waters and excellent conditions make diving an experience of a lifetime for both experienced divers and first-timers alike. Diving the Great Barrier Reef will introduce you to an underwater world of brilliant colors and marine life. For live-aboard dive experiences and Great Barrier Reef small-ship cruises, see pages 80-83.

Cultural Experiences & Sightseeing

The rainforest also lends itself to the cultural experience of the local Aboriginal people. Explore sacred Aboriginal rock art sites and learn first-hand about ancestral legends and traditions of this ancient culture. See pages 62-66 for many types of experiences combining Cairns with Australian Aboriginal flavors.

Rainforest Retreats

Experience the unique Australian flavor of our retreats in the rainforest. See pages 72-73 for our 3 unique Rainforest Stays.

Cuddle a koala at the Cairns Zoo



CAIRNS HOTELS

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Discover Cairns

Cairns Discovery

4 Days/3 Nights

Price Includes

- 3 Nights Cairns
- Roundtrip private car transfers—airport/hotel
- Quicksilver Great Barrier Reef Cruise
- Kuranda Scenic Railway and Skyrail
- Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park
- 3 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L)

DAY 1: ARRIVE CAIRNS

Today, you will be transferred from the airport by private car to your choice of accommodation in Cairns. Cairns is bustling with waterfront activities, shopping and al fresco eateries. The Esplanade is the place to shop for Australian arts and crafts. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Cairns, your choice of hotel on page 60-61 for 3 nights

DAY 2: CAIRNS—PORT DOUGLAS—OUTER GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISE

This morning, journey up the scenic Marlin Coast to charming Port Douglas. Enjoy a full-day cruise to the Outer Great Barrier Reef aboard Quicksilver—the luxurious 120-foot wave-piercing catamaran.

Moor at a special pontoon on Agincourt Reef. Swim, snorkel, view the marine life from the underwater observatory, or ride in the semi-submersible viewer. Cruise includes lunch, some water sports and an informative talk by a marine biologist. Other optional extras include diving and a scenic helicopter flight. (B,L)

DAY 3: KURANDA TRAIN—SKYRAIL GONDOLA—TJAPUKAI ABORIGINAL PARK

Board the famous Kuranda Scenic Railway for a breathtaking journey on one of the world's most scenic operational train routes across 40 bridges and stunning waterfalls. Arrive at Kuranda, nestled in the rainforest with attractive shops and galleries. Return to Cairns via the Skyrail Gondola, gliding over 9 miles of rainforest canopy. Then visit the award-winning Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park for a fascinating dance performance by local Aboriginal people. Return to your hotel late this afternoon. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART CAIRNS

Private car transfers will connect you with your onward flight. (B)

Departs: Daily



Quicksilver's floating pontoon on the Great Barrier Reef



Sofitel Reef Casino Cairns

★ ★ ★ ★

Location: 35–41 Wharf Street. Conveniently located in the heart of Cairns close to the Central Business District, restaurants and shopping.

Facilities: 128 air-conditioned rooms with balcony, overhead fan, refrigerator, mini bar, tea/coffee-making facilities, cable television, hairdryer, in-room safe, iron, 24-hour room service, radio/music, spa bath, bathrobes and daily cleaning service. Hotel features 4 restaurants, 3 bars, coffee shop, nightclub, conservatory theater, tour desk and interconnecting rooms.

Bonus: Stay 4 nights or more and receive a complimentary buffet breakfast (Sofitel Room only).

Qantas Vacations View: Plenty of excitement and action can be found in the Reef Casino, on site!

Cairns Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights

Price per person US\$:

Persons in Room	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Sofitel Room	\$877	\$1307
Superior	\$1017	\$1587

Note: Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges apply.



The Oasis Resort Cairns

★ ★ ★ ★

Location: 122 Lake Street. Resort-style hotel in the center of Cairns, featuring a groomed beach and free-form pool.

Facilities: 314 air-conditioned rooms with bath/shower, cable TV, in-room movies, refrigerator, mini bar, tea/coffee-making facilities, in-room safe, hairdryer and iron. Hotel features a restaurant, coffee shop, bars, pool, tour desk, ice machines and limited room service.

Qantas Vacations View: Located in the heart of Cairns, ideal for families, couples and singles.

Cairns Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights

Price per person US\$:

Persons in Room	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Resort Standard	\$699	\$969
Pool View	\$739	\$1057

Note: Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges apply.

You have a choice of nine conveniently located 3½, 4, or 5 star hotels in Cairns. See above and the following page for your choice of hotel.



Cairns Colonial Club Resort

★ ★ ★ ★

Location: 18–26 Cannon Street. A resort-style hotel just five minutes by courtesy coach to the city center.

Facilities: 345 air-conditioned rooms with overhead fans, TV, refrigerator, tea/coffee making facilities. Resort features pools, restaurants, bars, tennis, spa and sauna.

Bonus: Complimentary airport transfers and city center shuttle. Wheelchair-friendly.

Bonus: Guaranteed room upgrade to the next category on a minimum stay of 3 nights or more.

Honeymoon Bonus: Bottle of sparkling wine.

Qantas Vacations View: Much fun to be had at this value-priced property.

Cairns Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights

Price per person US\$:

Persons in Room	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Standard Room	\$659	\$879
Colonial Room	\$689	\$939
Studio Room	\$699	\$959
Superior Room	\$717	\$987
VIP Suite	\$909	\$1377

Note: Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges apply. Package includes round-trip shuttle transfers. Private car not included.



Shangri-La Hotel, The Marina Cairns

★★★★★

Location: Pierpoint Road. Waterfront location overlooking and linked to the Marlin Marina.
Facilities: 255 air-conditioned rooms with ceiling fan, balcony, TV, refrigerator, mini bar, tea/coffee-making facilities, hairdryer. Hotel features restaurants, bars, coffee shop, swimming pool, spa, sauna, health club, shopping arcade, tour desk and free parking.
Bonus: Complimentary use of gym.

Qantas Vacations View: Located right on Cairns waterfront, direct access to Pier Marketplace.

Cairns Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights
 Price per person US\$:

Persons in Room	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Superior	\$829	\$1229
Deluxe Marina View	\$929	\$1427
1 Bedroom Suite	\$1387	\$2339

Note: Prices are “from” and seasonal surcharges may apply.



Tradewinds Esplanade Hotel

★★★★

Location: 137 The Esplanade. Right where the action is in Cairns.
Facilities: 245 air-conditioned rooms with overhead fan, mini bar, in-room safe, refrigerator, telephones, tea/coffee-making facilities, balcony, radio/music, iron and ironing board, hairdryer and daily cleaning service. Property features a restaurant, bar, room service, swimming pool, and facilities for the disabled.
Bonus: Complimentary airport transfers. Stay 5 nights, pay for 4. Valid 2 May 06–31 Aug 06 and 1 Jan 07–31 Mar 07.

Qantas Vacations View: Esplanade location, short stroll to shops and restaurants.

Cairns Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights
 Price per person US\$:

Persons in Room	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Superior Ocean View Room	\$679	\$929

Note: Prices are “from” and seasonal surcharges may apply. Airport Shuttle transfers included, not private car.



Palm Royale Cairns

★★★★

Location: 7-11 Chester Court, Cairns.
Facilities: 150 air-conditioned rooms with balcony, refrigerator, tea/coffee making facilities, radio/music, hairdryer, iron/ironing board and in-house movies. Hotel features a restaurant, bars, coffee shop, limited room service, 3 swimming pools, jacuzzi, tour desk and free parking.
Bonus: Complimentary airport transfers. Stay 5 nights, pay 4, valid 1 Apr 06–30 Sept 06 and 1 Jan 07–31 Mar 07 (based on 1 night duration rate).

Qantas Vacations View: Mediterranean themed resort creating a warm ambiance amid relaxed tropical surroundings.

Cairns Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights
 Price per person US\$:

Persons in Room	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Pool View Room	\$607	\$799
Pool View Family	\$637	\$857
Executive Room	\$637	\$857

Note: Prices are “from” and seasonal surcharges may apply.



The Lakes Cairns Resort & Spa

★★★★★

Location: 2 Greenslopes Street. 1½ miles from Cairns city center. Uniquely located next to Cairns magnificent Botanical Gardens and Lakes.
Facilities: 325 air-conditioned rooms with overhead fan, fully equipped kitchen, hot plates, microwave, toaster, tea/coffee making facilities, cable television, radio/music, video, refrigerator, laundry facilities and concierge. Property features a restaurant, bar, coffee shop, 4 swimming pools, tennis courts, tour desk, shop/boutique, hair/beauty salon, barbeque areas and free parking.
Bonus: Free return airport transfers for stays of 3 nights or more.

Qantas Vacations View: An exceptional property for all! Adjoining 50 acres of lakes and rainforest walks plus a full day spa center.

Cairns Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights
 Price per person US\$:

Persons in Room	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
1 Bedroom Apartment	\$629	\$857
2 Bedroom Apartment	\$687	\$967
3 Bedroom Apartment	\$789	\$1169

Note: Prices are “from” and seasonal surcharges may apply. Airport shuttle transfers included, not private car. Prices on application for triple or quad share.



Mercure Hotel Harbourside

★★★★

Location: 209-217 The Esplanade, Cairns. Tranquil location on Cairns Esplanade overlooking beautiful Trinity Bay and surrounding parklands.
Facilities: 197 air-conditioned rooms with balcony, refrigerator, mini bar, tea/coffee making facilities, television, hairdryer, in-house movies, in-room safe, radio/music and daily cleaning service. Property features 2 restaurants, bar, 24-hr room service, free shuttle bus to the local area, tour desk and free parking facilities. Studio suite has a kitchenette.
Bonus: Stay 2 nights or more and receive a bottle of sparkling Australian wine or a fruit platter. Valid 01 Apr 06–31 May 06 and 01 Dec 06–31 Mar 07.

Qantas Vacations View: Great property at an affordable price! Superb views over Trinity Bay and a quiet location make this a popular choice.

Cairns Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights
 Price per person US\$:

Persons in Room	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Deluxe Mountainview	\$657	\$879
Family Room	\$659	\$889
Deluxe Harbourview	\$677	\$919
Studio Suite	\$689	\$957

Note: Prices are “from” and seasonal surcharges may apply. Airport shuttle transfers included, not private car. Prices on application for triple or quad share.



Pacific International Hotel

★★★★

Location: 43 The Esplanade. Ideally located overlooking Trinity Harbor and Marlin Marina, it is situated adjacent to the main shopping precinct and the Reef Casino.
Facilities: 176 air-conditioned rooms with balcony, refrigerator, mini bar, tea/coffee-making facilities, television, hairdryer, in-house movies, radio/music, in-room safe and daily cleaning service. Hotel features restaurants, bars, coffee shop, tour desk and free parking.
Bonus: Stay a minimum of 3 nights and receive a daily complimentary continental breakfast.

Qantas Vacations View: Value-priced. Sit in the cafe and watch the people go by. Excellent location!

Cairns Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights
 Price per person US\$:

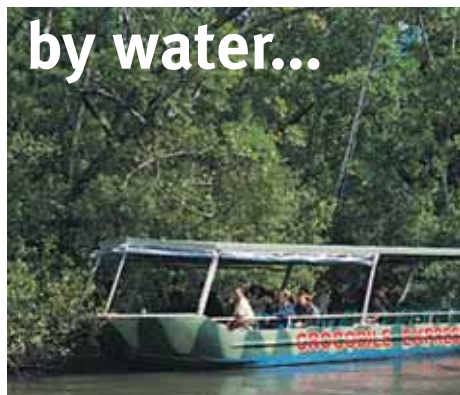
Persons in Room	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Standard Room	\$707	\$987
Executive	\$747	\$1069
Deluxe	\$799	\$1177

Note: Prices are “from” and seasonal surcharges may apply. Package includes continental breakfast, not full American breakfast.

Cairns • Sightseeing

Whether on an exciting 4WD rainforest excursion, diving, cruising or ballooning, you will discover why Cairns is the most diverse and luxurious destination!

Add one of these affordable excursions to enhance your vacation!



by water...

CAPE TRIBULATION & DAINTREE

Explore the rainforest and amazing landscapes of the Cape Tribulation Wilderness area. Your informative and knowledgeable driver/guide will collect you from your hotel. You will then travel towards the Daintree River and the Daintree Environmental Center for morning tea. An expert guide will take you on a boardwalk while sharing fascinating secrets of one of the world's oldest rainforests. After the walk, learn more through theater presentations/interactive displays, or ascend the rainforest canopy tower. We continue to Cape Tribulation Beach while your guide explains the area's history. After lunch in a rainforest setting we re-cross the river to join a calm water cruise observing the wildlife and other inhabitants of this environment. Watch for the elusive saltwater crocodile! Tour's duration is 11 hours and departs daily from your Cairns hotel at 7:00am or your Port Douglas hotel at 8:30am. Includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea and entrance fees.

Tour Code: CTR



TUSA DIVE DAY CRUISE— DIVE BOAT

Enjoy the pristine coral gardens of the Great Barrier Reef with Cairns' premier dive company. Your day starts with a cruise to the reef aboard Tusa Dive's modern high-speed vessels, where passenger numbers are limited to a maximum of 28 to allow you a more personal experience. In the day you will visit two destinations, selected as the day's best from 21 unique outer reef sites. Enjoy 4-5 hours of diving and snorkeling magical coral reefs, where you will be amazed by the color and diversity of marine life. **Note:** An AUD\$5 p/p per day fuel surcharge is payable direct on board.



TULLY RIVER— WHITE WATER RAFTING

Rapids to Grade 4

If you want the ultimate in rafting, you want an unforgettable day on the Tully River, Australia's most famous one-day white water rafting experience. It is the North's guaranteed white water, white knuckle adventure. Up to 5 hours of rafting with 45 rapids. Raft through World Heritage Rainforest. Tour's duration is 12 hours. Departs daily from Cairns at 7:00am and returns at approximately 6:00pm. Departs daily from Cairns Beaches and Palm Cove at 6:10am and returns at approximately 6:30pm. Departs Monday, Wednesday and Friday from Port Douglas at 5:30am and returns at approximately 7:00pm.

Tour Code: TR



QUICKSILVER GREAT BARRIER REEF DAY CRUISE

Cruise to the Outer Great Barrier Reef on the 120-foot Quicksilver catamaran. Moor at a spectacular section of the reef with maximum underwater visibility. Dive, snorkel or view the seascape from the semi-submersible underwater observatory. Check out the "Intro Dive" package, including all equipment, a 30-minute dive and certificate (purchase on board). Tour's duration is 7 hours and departs daily. Lunch is included. **Note:** An AUD\$5 p/p per day fuel surcharge is payable direct on board.



OCEAN SPIRIT—SAIL TO THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Sail from Cairns to the Outer Great Barrier Reef aboard the 104-foot Ocean Spirit catamaran, sailing daily to Michaelmas Cay—a white sand oasis in a turquoise sea and a sanctuary for thousands of migratory seabirds. Included are transfers, tropical buffet lunch, morning and afternoon tea, use of snorkeling equipment, coral viewing in semi-submersible viewer, an informative talk by a marine biologist, and live entertainment when sailing home. The tour's duration is 8½ hours. The cruise departs daily at 8:30am.

Ocean Spirit Dinner Cruise also available!

Discover the delights of evening cruising while enjoying dinner on a luxurious catamaran sailing the calm Cairns waters. Includes champagne on arrival, 2½ hour dinner cruise, superb 4-course buffet including mouth-watering seafood and entertainment. Departs nightly.



Optional Extra—HELICOPTER TO THE REEF

Experience the exhilaration of flying over the canopy of the World Heritage Rainforest, then watch the green change to vivid blues over the Great Barrier Reef. Flying low, our pilot will provide an informative commentary. Landing at Agincourt Reef, on the very edge of the Great Barrier Reef, join the Quicksilver vessel and step aboard their floating platform for a day of activities. Quicksilver has facilities for both swimmers and non-swimmers to enjoy this stunning reef world. The tour's duration is 5 hours and departs daily from Port Douglas at 10:30am. Flights available to/from Cairns and Port Douglas—ask for details.

Note: Cruise/fly also available. Customer's body weight required at time of booking.

Experience even more of Tropical North Queensland with these optional tours!

on land...



HALF-DAY RAINFOREST 4WD ADVENTURE

Your tour starts as you climb Lake Morris Road, only a few minutes from Cairns. Stop for a panoramic view of the city and Coral Sea before continuing through lush tropical rainforest to Lake Morris for a break in picturesque surroundings. Relax over a cup of tea or cappuccino, accompanied by a selection of delicious treats. Leaving the dam behind, we engage 4WD to tackle the Clohesy River Road. This narrow track winds through pristine World Heritage rainforest, over sparkling creeks and rugged terrain. View giant strangler fig trees and strange termite mounds. The tour's duration is 5 hours and departs daily at 7:00am.

Tour Code: C4WA



KURANDA SCENIC RAILWAY, SKYRAIL & TJAPUKAI ABORIGINAL PARK

Board the famous Kuranda Scenic Railway for a breathtaking journey on one of the world's most scenic operational train routes. Stop to view the spectacular Barron Gorge Falls before arriving at Kuranda Railway Station. The day is yours to explore the village in the rainforest. When you're ready to depart, make your way to the Skyrail terminal to return to Cairns. En route, see the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park stage show. Transfers and lunch included. The tour's duration is 10½ hours and departs daily at approximately 7:30am.

Included in your Cairns Discovery! Page 60–Day 3



at night...

FLAMES OF THE FOREST

Light the flame of the forest...take your candle and walk along a flame-lit trail beneath the canopy of the oldest rainforest in the world. Listen to the sounds of the sleeping forest as you're enveloped by the ancient trees, feel the wonder of this legendary place for a magical, mystical and sensual evening of rare culture, customs and cuisine. Several acts break up the evening, with intermission being a dinner of local delicacies, fine wine and company. Let the Aboriginal culture tell its story; Bump Track Bob explains white man's introduction, the logging and the conservation efforts; and finally let the rainforest tell you its story. The all-inclusive evening contains rainforest interpretation, Aboriginal culture and a theatrical dining experience in the most amazing of settings. The tour's duration is 5 hours, available from Cairns, Palm Cove and Port Douglas.



HOT AIR BALLOONING WITH BREAKFAST

You'll be transferred by limousine with your personal driver/guide. On arrival, enjoy a pre-departure welcome tea or coffee. After your breathtaking flight, come back to earth to be whisked away to your gourmet picnic breakfast at a beachside 5-star resort. When combined with the region's incredible natural beauty, ballooning really does make for an amazing start to your day in the tropics. From Cairns and Cairns Beaches, the tour's duration is 5 hours and departs daily at 5:30am. From Port Douglas, the tour's duration is approximately 6 hours and departs daily at 5:00am.



TJAPUKAI ABORIGINAL CULTURAL PARK BY NIGHT

Join the traditional people of this land in a specially crafted evening that offers the chance to not only learn about Tjapukai Aboriginal Culture, but also experience it in the most powerful and personal way. This tour includes time in the Magic Space where Aboriginal Spirits are brought to life, a welcoming ceremony using the magic of fire and water, a sumptuous dining experience and a performance by the world-famous Tjapukai Dancers. Tour's duration is 3 hours. Includes transfers from Cairns departing at 6:40pm.



Tjapukai Aboriginal Dancers –included in your Cairns Discovery!

• More Great Sightseeing Cairns

Even more exciting excursions to enhance your vacation!



DOWN UNDER BY APPOINTMENT: RAINFOREST UNTOUCHED



Luxury touring to the discerning traveler must extend its boundaries beyond plush surrounds and extraordinary service. This supreme day tour encapsulates these high standards and includes some of this region's true icons.

Tour Highlights

At Hartley's Crocodile Adventures, a Wildlife Keeper will personally guide you through the park, explaining the uniqueness of the Australian flora and fauna, and will give you the opportunity of handling a baby crocodile. Take to the water on an exclusive wildlife-spotting boat cruise, before a sumptuous lunch including samples of wild Australian game.

Upon arrival at Skyrail you will be greeted by your Ranger and given the opportunity to participate in a World Heritage corridor regeneration program. Your Ranger will then join you on your journey to Red Peak Station for an informative guided boardwalk tour. After a short break in Kuranda, our next highlight is seeing the transformation from sclerophyll forest to dense World Heritage Rainforest, as we engage four wheel drive. View termite mounds, giant strangler figs and creek crossings before arriving at picturesque Lake Morris for a delicious afternoon tea.

All of this in a luxuriously appointed 4WD with only a small group of like-minded travelers as company, and your private Aussie guide. This pure Australian experience is sure to redefine your acceptance of the term luxury touring.

Duration: The tour's duration is 10 hours. Departs Cairns at 8:00am and returns at approximately 6:00pm. Departs Port Douglas hotels at 8:15am with limousine transfer (helicopter transfer optional) and returns at approximately 5:30pm.

Tour Code: DUBA

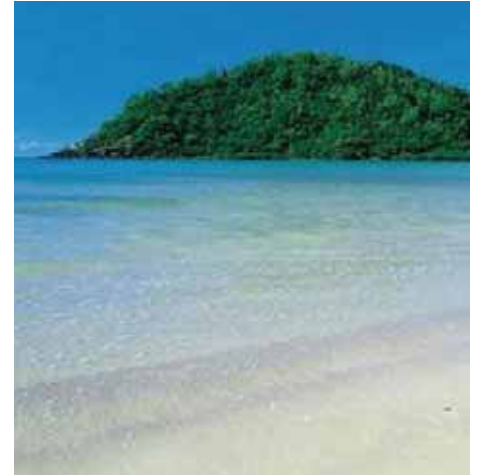


ABORIGINAL CULTURE, SKYRAIL & RAINFOREST EXPERIENCE



We depart your hotel and head to Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park, where we experience the rich cultural dance and skills of the Aboriginal Australians. After lunch we make our way to Skyrail—"the world's most beautiful rainforest experience." Your gondola takes you above the canopy of this World Heritage National Park with stops along the way to visit Red Peak. We suggest a walk through the rainforest, where boardwalks allow you to view the fern-covered forest floor. Arriving at Kuranda, your guide escorts you to the village, which has much to offer with its famous market, Butterfly Farm, boutique stores and arts and crafts. After returning to the vehicle, we visit the mighty Barron Falls lookout before returning to Cairns via the beautiful Cairns beaches. Tour's duration is 8½ hours and departs daily at 9:00am.

Tour Code: ASR



Ask about our 15% savings offer on this tour!

CAPE TRIBULATION & DAINTREE EXPLORER



Price Includes

- Small group touring
- Friendly, experienced guide
- Home-prepared morning tea
- Luxury air-conditioned vehicle
- Daintree River cruise
- Delicious lunch
- Bloomfield Track
- River barge crossing
- Wilderness walks and all park fees

Tour Highlights

Departing your Cairns city hotel, we travel through the sugar cane and pineapple plantations toward the Daintree River, where we join a personalized river cruise. The cruise takes us through areas where the rainforest meets overhead and crocodiles can often be seen basking on the muddy banks. (Sea snakes and pythons, also native to the mangrove swamp, can be seen on the cruise.)

We enjoy a home prepared morning tea while cruising the placid waters before returning to our vehicle to cross the river aboard a barge. We enter the Daintree Rainforest, making our way to Cape Tribulation, where we stroll through the rainforest to the shores of the Coral Sea. Here we view the bay against the backdrop of the dense rainforest. We enjoy a delicious lunch under the canopy of the forest before traveling into 4WD country along the Bloomfield Track to Woobadda Creek. After exploring the area, we return along the track, taking a stroll deep into the rainforest. Returning to the vehicle, we travel southward and enter the Mossman Gorge with its breathtaking waterfalls and rushing waters, returning to Cairns in late afternoon. This will be a truly memorable and exhilarating day. Tour's duration is 11 hours and departs daily from Cairns at 7:00am.

Tour Code: BCD



KURANDA RAIL, SKYRAIL & CROCODILE ADVENTURE

Today begins with a luxury coach transfer from your hotel to Freshwater Railway Station for a historical rail journey to Kuranda. Enjoy breathtaking views, from the cane fields of Cairns to the tropical rainforest of Kuranda. Upon arrival in Kuranda, there's free time before boarding Skyrail at 11:00am. Relax and enjoy the world's most beautiful rainforest experience, along with the two stations, boardwalks and CSIRO Interpretive Center. After arriving at Caravonica Lakes, you'll be transferred to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures —the best! See the notorious head shake and death roll of a huge crocodile at the Crocodile Attack Show and the opportunity to hold a crocodile for a photo (own expense). See the world's most venomous snakes at the Snake Show before the return transfer to your hotel. The tour's duration is 10 hours and departs daily from Cairns and Cairns Beaches at 7:00am and returns at approximately 5:15pm.

Tour Code: DUT



QUICKSILVER SILVERSONIC GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISE

Silversonic is designed for snorkeling and diving, visiting the very edge of the Great Barrier Reef. Spending five hours on the reef enables small groups of divers and snorkelers to experience the very best of nature's beauty. The novice diver can enjoy 1 or 2 introductory dives while certified divers will enjoy up to 3 dives on three different reef locations. Dive sites are chosen for their visual impact and ecological diversity. The crew will encourage you to relax and enjoy the comfort of Silversonic, with its on-board facilities, including fresh water showers, air conditioned saloon cabin, large sunbathing deck areas and a delicious buffet lunch. Departs from Cairns accommodation at approximately 6:45am and returns at 6:30pm.

Note: An AUD\$5 p/p per day fuel surcharge is payable direct on board.



CAIRNS TROPICAL ZOO

Enjoy a half day tour at Cairns Tropical Zoo – Cairns' best hands-on wildlife experience. Cairns Tropical Zoo is set amid 15 acres of tropically landscaped gardens, and is home to hundreds of native and exotic species, many of which are indigenous to the area. Cairns Tropical Zoo provides visitors with the unique opportunity of interacting with the animals and a "must see" highlight of your day includes the fabulous free flight bird show. See Queensland's largest display of native and exotic snakes and lizards or perhaps pat a python at the Snake Show. You also get the chance to see lorikeet feeding in the walk-through aviary, cane toad races, kangaroos and the koala keeper talk with the opportunity of holding a koala for a photo (own expense). Tour's duration is 5½ hours and departs daily at 11:00am from Cairns, Cairns Beaches and Port Douglas. Tour includes hotel pick-up, entry to Cairns Tropical Zoo and attractions, and return coach transfer.

Tour Code: WWPM



4WD RAINFOREST WILDLIFE TOUR



A day and night experience of wildlife in its natural environment and coastal to mountain rainforest. This tour visits many different habitats, each with a remarkable concentration of flora and fauna. Experience the full majesty of the rainforest—see the widest range of native plants, mammals, reptiles and birds. Experienced guides explain about local history, soils, geography, environment, indigenous people, plants and wildlife. Wildlife sightings typically include numerous birds, some endemic, the musky rat kangaroo (the smallest and most primitive kangaroo), Boyd's forest dragon, Australia's famous platypus, Lumholtz's tree kangaroo (occasionally), ringtail possums and many other unusual mammals. Includes transfers, spotting equipment and books, refreshments, restaurant dinner, and park fees.

Tour Code: WAWT1-2

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Also see our Live-aboard Dive Vacations!

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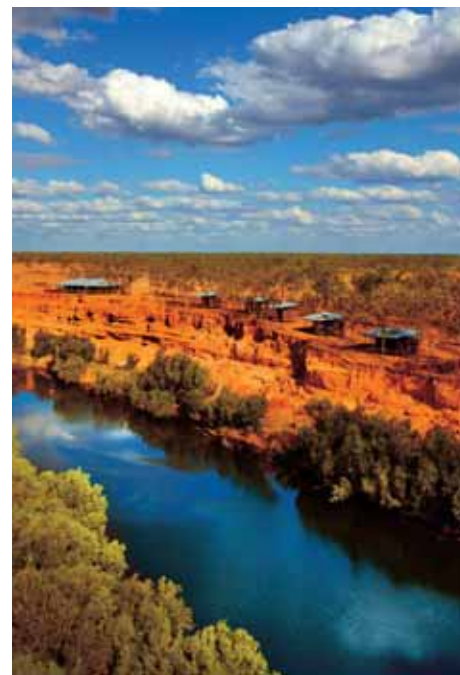


Colors of Australia

Lizard Island



2 = Overnight stopover



Voyages Wrotham Park Lodge



Voyages Silky Oaks Lodge

This Tropical North Queensland itinerary brings to life the classic images of Australia: the stunning sun-bronzed red of the outback, the intense blue and vibrant color splashes of the Great Barrier Reef and the green serenity of ancient tropical rainforests.

NEW! **COLORS OF AUSTRALIA**
7 Days/6 Nights

Price Includes

- 2 nights Voyages Wrotham Park Lodge
- 2 nights Voyages Silky Oaks Lodge
- 2 nights Voyages Lizard Island
- Limousine transfers between Cow Bay, Silky Oaks Lodge and Cairns
- Skytrans flights Cairns to Wrotham Park, Wrotham Park to Cow Bay and Cairns to Lizard Island round-trip
- 6 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L), 6 dinners (D) (excludes beverages)

DAY 1: ARRIVE CAIRNS—WROTHAM PARK LODGE

You'll be met at Cairns airport before embarking on a 45-minute scenic private charter flight to Wrotham Park Lodge. The afternoon is yours to discover and experience a taste of outback life on a working cattle station in complete luxury. Do as little or as much as you like—go fishing by the river, maybe a horseback ride, take a half day tour of the station or, simply relax by the pool, have a private picnic by the river or read a book from the extensive library. **Overnight: Voyages Wrotham Park Lodge for 2 nights** (L,D)

DAY 2: WROTHAM PARK LODGE AT LEISURE

Today you are at leisure to continue enjoying the Lodge's outback activities. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: WROTHAM PARK LODGE—SILKY OAKS LODGE

After breakfast, board your charter flight to Cow Bay, located a few minutes' drive from Silky Oaks Lodge. This elegant resort also exudes a sense of adventure—but this time in lush tones of green. You'll have lots of time to explore and soak up the tranquility of the oldest rainforest in the world—Daintree National Park. You may also decide to take a revitalizing swim in the Mossman River, treat yourself to some retail therapy in Port Douglas, only 20 minutes away, or pamper your senses with one of the signature treatments of the Healing Waters Spa. **Overnight: Voyages Silky Oaks Lodge for 2 nights** (B,D)

DAY 4: SILKY OAKS LODGE AT LEISURE

Enjoy a full day at leisure to relax in this rainforest setting. (B,D)

DAY 5: SILKY OAKS LODGE—LIZARD ISLAND

As you leave the rainforest, a chauffeured private car will take you on the scenic journey back to Cairns, where you'll again board a charter flight up to Lizard Island. The sea surrounding this beautiful island is of pure turquoise blue, and walking across the powdery white beaches you'll enter the water to discover a garden of giant clams and a myriad of colorful tropical fish. While water sports abound, you may also wish to indulge at the Azure Spa with a treatment (own expense) or take a private picnic to one of the island's 24 pristine beaches. But, no matter what you do, don't miss the spectacular sunsets! **Overnight: Voyages Lizard Island for 2 nights** (B,L,D)

DAY 6: LIZARD ISLAND AT LEISURE

Relax and enjoy all the facilities the island has to offer. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: LIZARD ISLAND—CAIRNS

After breakfast, return to Cairns by charter flight. (B)

Departs: Daily

Colors of Australia 7 Days/6 Nights

Price per person from US\$:

Persons in room	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07	\$4559	\$8237

Note: Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges may apply.

Beyond Cairns



Williams Esplanade, Palm Cove

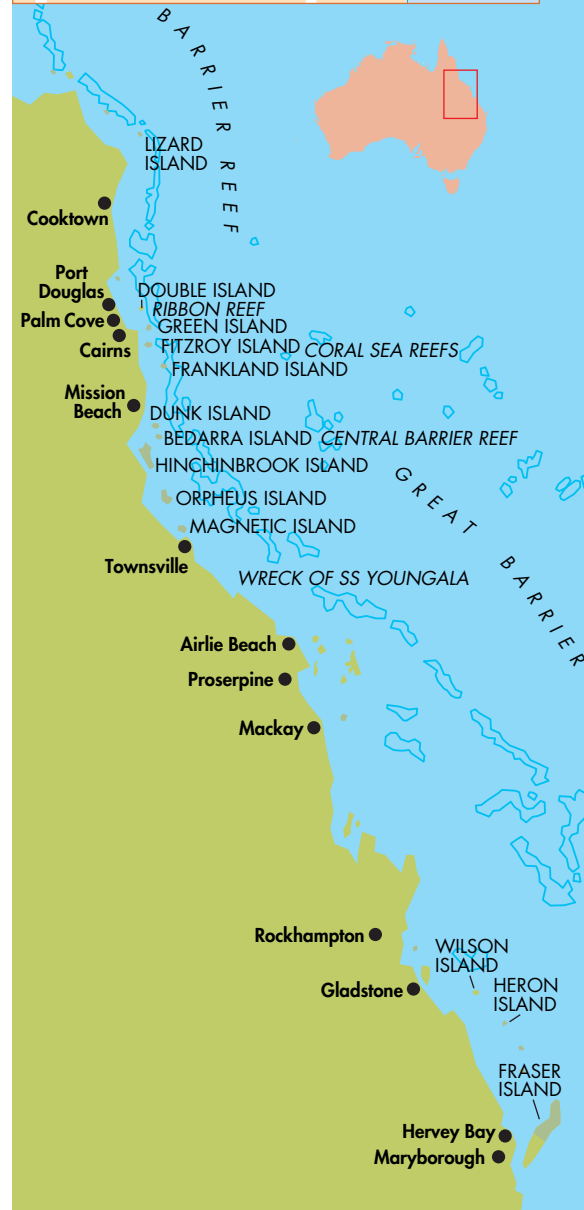
Palm Cove

Just a short drive north of Cairns, Palm Cove combines the charm of a seaside village and resort style luxuries with the serene beauty of its palm fringed white sandy beach. From bush walking and world-class golf to the beauty and charm of the Great Barrier Reef, Palm Cove has a great blend of unique and varied activities.

A short stroll around Palm Cove will showcase the myriad of dining options awaiting you – not to mention the up and coming spa facilities and international resorts that are finding their place along this chic coastal town. Palm Cove is an all-round vacation destination, boasting a tropical atmosphere, solitude and everyday conveniences.

PALM COVE HOTELS

- 1 Novotel Rockford Palm Cove Resort
- 2 Sea Temple Resort & Spa
- 3 Sebel Reef House & Spa



Cruise to the outer Great Barrier Reef

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Beachfront dining at Sebel Reef House & Spa

Discover Palm Cove

Palm Cove Discovery

4 Days/3 Nights

Price Includes

- 3 nights Deluxe accommodation
- Roundtrip private car transfers, hotel – airport
- Outer Barrier Reef day cruise, including lunch
- Tjapukai by Night Aboriginal performance
- 3 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L), 1 dinner (D)

DAY 1: ARRIVE PALM COVE

You will be welcomed at Cairns Airport and transferred north by private car to your resort. Travel through the lush tropical rainforest to your deluxe accommodation. Spend the rest of the day relaxing on the beach. **Overnight: Your choice of accommodation from this page, for 3 nights**

DAY 2: GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISE

Board your brand new catamaran, Silversonic, directly from Cairns wharf for 5 unforgettable hours on the very edge of the Great Barrier Reef. Experience the very best snorkeling sites while certified divers will enjoy up to 3 dives on three different reef locations (diving, own expense). On-board facilities include fresh water showers, air conditioned saloon cabin, large sunbathing deck areas and a delicious buffet lunch. (B,L)

DAY 3: TJAPUKAI ABORIGINAL CULTURAL PARK

Today take in the sights of Cairns at leisure or just relax! Tonight you're in store for a cultural treat—you will enjoy a delicious buffet dinner at Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park. You'll feel like a privileged participant as you are welcomed by a traditional lakeside fire and water welcoming ceremony and enjoy Aboriginal legends where spirits will be brought to life. There will also be a performance by the world famous Tjapukai Dancers. (B,D)

DAY 4: DEPART PALM COVE

This morning is at leisure before your private car transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

Departs: Daily



Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park



Lush rainforest, Cairns



Novotel Rockford Palm Cove Resort

★★★★

Location: Coral Coast Drive, Palm Cove.

On 100 acres of beautiful coastline.

Facilities: 264 air-conditioned rooms and apartments with balcony, refrigerator, tea/coffee-making facilities and television. Resort features restaurants, bar, 7 pools, tennis courts and golf course.

Bonus: Free breakfast for up to two children when dining with paying parents in the hotel restaurant. 2-for-1 dinner in Cane Cutters Restaurant (one night only) with minimum 5-night stay.

Qantas Vacations View: Only a short stroll to the beautiful palm-fringed beach of Palm Cove.

Palm Cove Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights

Price per person US\$:

Persons in room	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07 Resort Room	\$637	\$917

Note: Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges apply.



Sea Temple Resort & Spa

★★★★



Location: Beachfront in Palm Cove, 25 minutes from Cairns and 35 minutes south of Port Douglas.

Facilities: 108 air-conditioned rooms and apartments with balcony, refrigerator, tea/coffee making facilities, radio/music, hairdryer, iron/ironing board, spa/jacuzzi, cable TV, internet data point and broadband.

Apartment features full kitchen, hot plates, microwave oven, toaster, dishwasher, desk, CD player, in-room safe and full laundry facilities. Property features a restaurant, bars, pools, health spa center, children's pool and a gym/fitness center.

Bonus: Stay 8 nights, pay 7. Valid 1 May 06–31 Mar 07. **Honeymoon Bonus:** Free bottle of Australian wine.

Qantas Vacations View: Elegant Balinese style beach resort, offering unsurpassed luxury and style.

Palm Cove Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights

Price per person US\$:

Persons in Room	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
1 Bedroom Studio	\$867	\$1359
1 Bedroom Suite	\$997	\$1627
2 Bedroom Suite	\$1139	\$1917
1 Bedroom Superior Suite	\$1179	\$1989
2 Bedroom Superior Suite	\$1327	\$2279

Note: Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges may apply. Please inquire for triple and quad-share pricing.



The Sebel Reef House & Spa

★★★★

Location: 99 Williams Esplanade, Palm Cove.

Facilities: 69 air-conditioned rooms with balcony, refrigerator, tea/coffee making facilities, in-house movies, radio/music, hairdryer, iron/ironing board and spa/jacuzzi in room (Verandah Spa Rooms only). Property features a restaurant, bars, limited room service, outdoor pools, health spa center, jacuzzi/spa, and a shop/boutique.

Bonus: Daily newspaper.

Qantas Vacations View: This boutique property sets the standard in this lovely seaside village.

Palm Cove Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights

Price per person US\$:

Persons in Room	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07 Brigadier Room	\$819	\$1269
Verandah Room	\$919	\$1459

Note: Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges may apply.



Spectacular verandah views at Thala Beach Lodge

afternoon relaxing by the pool or take a rainforest walk. The resort is a peaceful haven overlooking the beach and the rainforest. **Overnight: Kewarra Beach Resort for 2 nights**

DAY 2: RELAX AT KEWARRA

Join in one of the many activities available from Kewarra. All of our sightseeing on pages 62-65 is available and includes complimentary transfers from your hotel (activities, own expense). (B)

DAY 3: GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISE

While your luggage is being transferred to Thala Beach Lodge, you are cruising out to the Great Barrier Reef on a wave-piercing catamaran (see page 62 for full details). Includes delicious lunch, semi-submersible boat ride and snorkeling. Swim, snorkel and enjoy your day on the Great Barrier Reef from the floating pontoon moored at Agincourt Reef. This afternoon, arrive at Thala Beach Lodge in close proximity to the seaside resort village of Port Douglas. **Overnight: Thala Beach Lodge for 2 nights** (B,L,D)

DAY 4: THALA BEACH RELAXATION

Many activities are available today and we once again suggest you choose from pages 62-65. Highly recommended is the Cape Tribulation and Daintree Rainforest Day including a wildlife cruise along the Daintree River (activities, own expense). (B,D)

DAY 5: DEPART CAIRNS

Today you will be transferred by car to Cairns Airport where you can connect with your onward flight. (B)

Departs: Daily

Kewarra Beach Resort & Thala Beach Lodge
5 Days/4 Nights

Price per person from US\$:

Persons in room	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07	\$1309	\$1869

Note: Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges may apply.

KEWARRA BEACH RESORT & THALA BEACH LODGE

5 Days/4 Nights

Price Includes

- 2 nights Kewarra Beach Resort
- 2 nights Thala Beach Lodge
- Return private car transfers airport–hotel
- Outer Barrier Reef day cruise (lunch included)
- 4 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L), 2 dinners (D)

DAY 1: ARRIVE CAIRNS—GATEWAY TO THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

You will be met on arrival and transferred to Kewarra Beach Resort, 30 minutes north of Cairns. Spend the



Private guided rainforest encounter (optional)



Kewarra Beach, kangaroo with joey



Kewarra Beach Resort, lagoon view

Kewarra Beach Resort

★★★★★

Location: On the beachfront, among 74 acres of rainforest and melaleucas, and only 20 minutes north of Cairns. Miles of beautiful beaches are only a short stroll away. **Facilities:** 75 air-conditioned bungalows and suites, with beautiful granite bathrooms, overhead fan, refrigerator, mini bar, tea/coffee-making facilities, radio/music, television, STD/IDD telephone and daily cleaning service. Features an acclaimed restaurant, bar, several pools, children's pool, spa, babysitting service, dry-cleaning service, laundry/ironing facilities, adventure desk and parking. Kewarra's gardens and lagoon are a sanctuary for tropical birds, fish, butterflies and native animals. **Honeymoon Bonus:** Free return airport transfers. Valid 01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07.

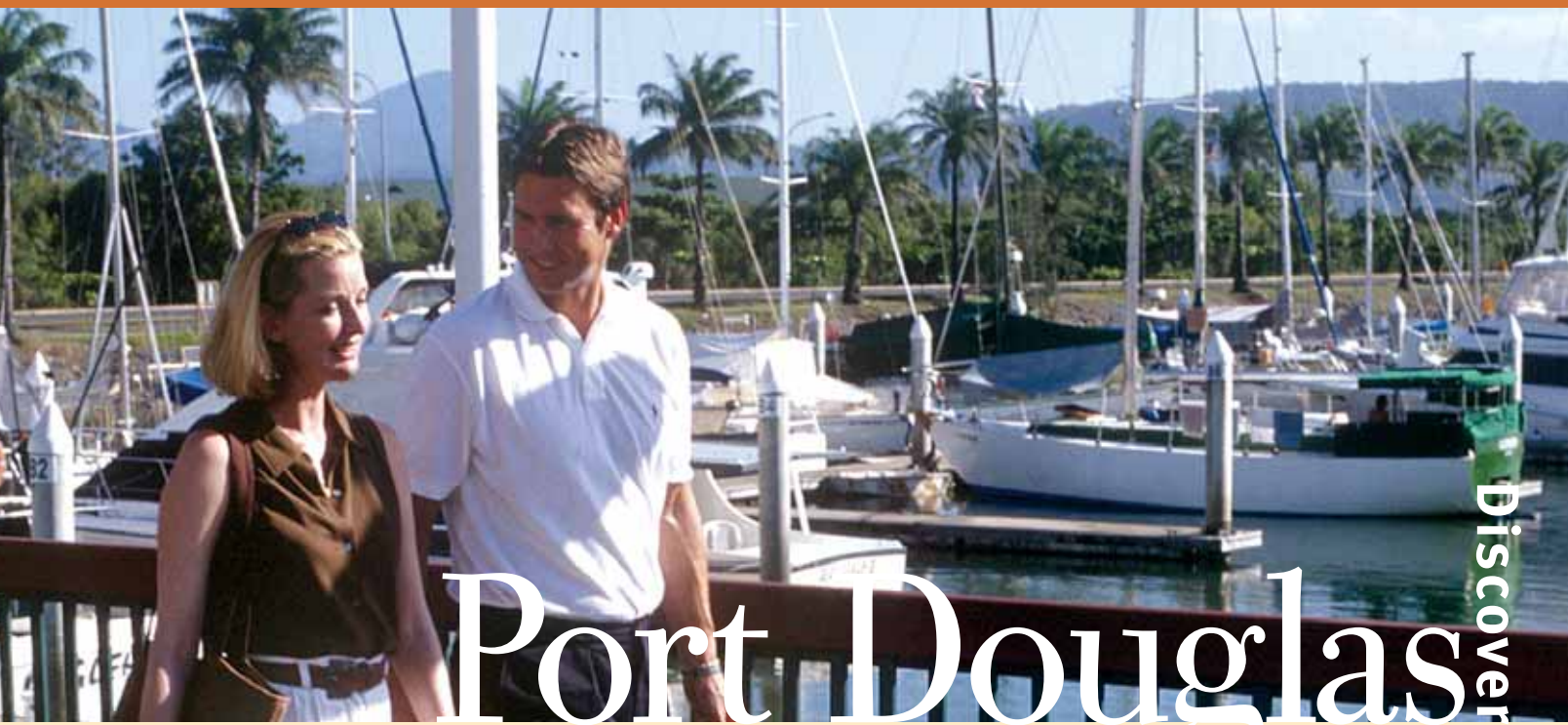
Qantas Vacations View: This newly renovated, unique resort is in a natural, tranquil setting on beautiful Kewarra Beach.



Deluxe Bungalow, Kewarra Beach Resort



Enjoy lunch on deck, Great Barrier Reef day cruise



Port Douglas

Discover

Located just 45 miles North of Cairns, Port Douglas has become an international vacation mecca in itself. Port Douglas has village charm and a great sense of community. With wide streets shaded by beautiful trees and plenty of outdoor dining experiences, you're sure to rub shoulders with the friendly locals. Port Douglas is situated along Four Mile Beach with easy access to the Great Barrier Reef, Cape Tribulation and the Daintree rainforest.

See Port Douglas map on page 67.

Port Douglas Discovery

4 Days/3 Nights

Price Includes

- 3 nights Port Douglas
- Return private car transfers—airport/hotel
- Great Barrier Reef day cruise
- Cape Tribulation & Daintree small group tour
- Choice of accommodation
- 3 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L)


DAY 1: ARRIVE PORT DOUGLAS

On arrival at Cairns Airport you will be met by your private transfer. Enjoy the scenic drive along the coast to the charming seaside town of Port Douglas. Visit art galleries and markets. Port Douglas is the gateway to Cape Tribulation and the Daintree Rainforest. **Overnight: Port Douglas, Choice of 5 hotels for 3 nights**

DAY 2: GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISE

Cruise to the outer Great Barrier Reef aboard your 120-ft wave piercing catamaran. Moor at a special pontoon on one of the reef's most spectacular spots where there's maximum underwater visibility. Dive (optional extra), helmet dive (optional extra), swim, snorkel or simply view the coral life from the semi-submersible or underwater observatory. (B,L)

DAY 3: CAPE TRIBULATION & DAINTREE RAINFOREST EXPLORER

 Travel with your guide through the sugar cane and pineapple plantations toward the Daintree River, where we join our own personalized river cruise. Crocodiles can normally be seen basking on the muddy banks. Enter the Daintree Rainforest, making our way to Cape Tribulation for lunch under the canopy of the forest before traveling into 4WD country along the Bloomfield Track to Woobadda Creek. After exploring the area, we travel southward and enter the Mossman Gorge with its breathtaking waterfalls and rushing waters, returning to your hotel late afternoon. Tonight, you might wish to dine at Flames of the Forest—ask for details! (B,L)

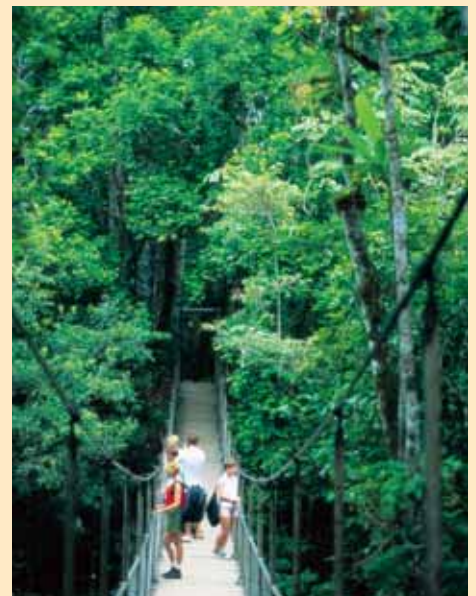
DAY 4: PORT DOUGLAS—CAIRNS

Transfer by private car back to Cairns to connect with your onward flight (flight, own expense). (B)

Departs: Daily



Cruise to the Great Barrier Reef



Mossman Gorge



Port Douglas Peninsula Boutique Hotel



★★★★★

Location: 9-13 The Esplanade, Port Douglas.
Facilities: 34 air-conditioned rooms with balcony, refrigerator, tea/coffee making facilities, radio/music, hairdryer, kitchenette, hot plates, microwave, wet bar, dishwasher, in room safe, CD/cassette player and daily cleaning. Property features a restaurant, bar, limited room service, outdoor pool, jacuzzi, tour desk and free parking.
Bonus: Free return airport transfers. Stay 5 nights, pay 4. Valid 1 May 06–30 Jun 06, 1 Dec 06–20 Dec 06 and 18 Jan 07–31 Mar 07. Free buffet breakfast daily.

Qantas Vacations View: Four Mile Beach is outside your door! Sit back and enjoy the sea views from your private balcony and lap up the relaxed lifestyle.

Port Douglas Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights
 Price per person US\$:

Persons in Room	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Poolview Suite	\$1047	\$1599
Oceanview Suite	\$1099	\$1709
Executive Suite	\$1197	\$1899

Note: Prices are “from” and seasonal surcharges may apply. Package includes courtesy shuttle transfers.



Thalys Beach Lodge

★★★★★

Location: Only fifteen minutes south of Port Douglas. Bungalows are individually built high on timber poles, looking out through the canopy of trees from your verandah over the world below.
Facilities: 85 air-conditioned rooms with overhead fan, mini bar, balcony, in-room safe, television, refrigerator, IDD phone, radio/music, hairdryer and tea/coffee facilities. Features restaurant, bar, coffee shop, outdoor pool and jacuzzi.
Value: Tariff includes all meals and some activities.
Honeymoon Bonus: Complimentary bottle of Australian sparkling wine on arrival. Valid 01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07.

Qantas Vacations View: An experience to remember. Unique, tranquil and secluded, with your own private beach.

Port Douglas Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights
 Price per person US\$:

Persons in room	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Eucalypt Bungalow	\$1739	\$2329
Coral Sea Bungalow	\$1987	\$2579

Note: Prices are “from” and seasonal surcharges apply. Other room types available.



Radisson Treetops Resort Port Douglas

★★★★★

Location: On the beach side of the road into Port Douglas, only minutes to town and the beach. This resort is just a 2 minute walk to Four Mile Beach.
Facilities: 303 air-conditioned rooms with overhead fan, mini bar, refrigerator, cable TV, IDD phone, radio/music, hairdryer, and tea/coffee facilities. Features 2 restaurants, coffee shop, 2 bars, pool & swim-up bar and tour desk.
Bonus: Pay and stay a minimum of 4 nights and receive a full buffet breakfast daily for adults only.
Honeymoon Bonus: Complimentary bottle of Australian sparkling wine and room upgrade (subject to availability).

Qantas Vacations View: A lovely resort, built within lush, native rainforest and majestic melaleuca trees. A quiet oasis in the forest.

Port Douglas Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights
 Price per person US\$:

Persons in Room	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Superior Room	\$919	\$1369

Note: Prices are “from” and seasonal surcharges may apply.



Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas

★★★★★

Location: Davidson Street, Port Douglas.
Facilities: 294 rooms and 100 apartments with balconies (Mirage Garden, Premium Mirage and Apartments only), refrigerator, tea/coffee making facilities, radio/music, hairdryer, full kitchen, hot plates, microwave (apartments only), satellite TV, in-house movies, iron/board and daily cleaning. Property features restaurants, bars, 24-hour room service, pools, jacuzzi, sauna, health/fitness center, games room, health spa center, shop/boutique, tour desk, and free parking.
Honeymoon Bonus: Liqueur and chocolates on arrival.

Qantas Vacations View: Absolute beachfront. An idyllic setting among acres of saltwater lagoons.

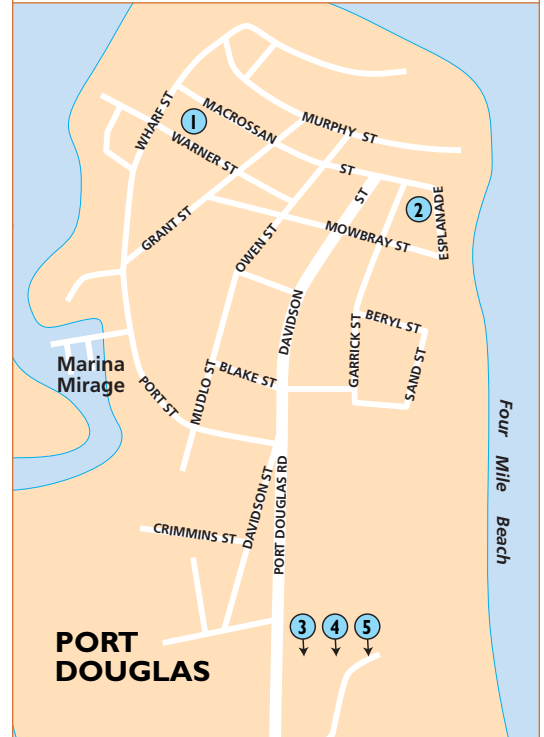
Port Douglas Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights
 Price per person US\$:

Persons in Room	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Deluxe Garden View	\$1187	\$1879
Superior Lagoon View	\$1329	\$2159
Premium Mirage	\$1419	\$2339
2 Bedroom Garden Villa	\$1719	\$2939

Note: Prices are “from” and seasonal surcharges may apply. Prices on application for triple or quad share in 2 bedroom Garden Villa.

PORT DOUGLAS HOTELS

- 1 Outrigger Heritage Resort
- 2 Port Douglas Peninsula Boutique Hotel
- 3 Radisson Treetops Resort Port Douglas
- 4 Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas
- 5 Thalys Beach Lodge



Outrigger Heritage Resort

★★★★★



Location: 16 Warner Street, Port Douglas.
Facilities: 45 rooms and 14 apartments with air-conditioning and balcony, refrigerator, tea/coffee making facilities, radio/music, hairdryer and cable TV. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments feature a fully equipped kitchen, microwave, toaster, hot plates and laundry facilities. Property features outdoor pools, business center, tour desk and free parking.

Qantas Vacations View: A beautiful property, with over 10,000 square feet of lagoons and pools and luxuriously appointed rooms.

Port Douglas Discovery Stay 4 Days/3 Nights
 Price per person US\$:

Persons in Room	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
1 Bedroom	\$919	\$1407
1 Bedroom with deck spa	\$1077	\$1697
2 Bedroom Spa	\$1119	\$1789

Note: Prices are “from” and seasonal surcharges may apply. Prices on application for triple or quad share.





Rainforest Retreats

Daintree

Daintree and Cape Tribulation Rainforest, just 62 miles north of Cairns, offer a unique, natural rainforest experience. This World Heritage area is where wet tropical rainforest meets the Great Barrier Reef.

FEEL THE RAINFOREST – DAINTREE ECO LODGE & SPA

4 Days/3 Nights

Australia's No. 1 Rainforest Spa Resort! Voted "Best Spa in Australia" by SpaFinder and Condé Nast, this world-class lodge is renowned as a boutique hideaway retreat, set in the world's oldest living rainforest. Features 15 deluxe villas, interpretive walks, Aboriginal culture, gourmet meals, exciting adventures – and the only place in Australia where you can enjoy an indulgent spa treatment outdoors in the rainforest. A truly unforgettable experience!

Price Includes

- Connecting transfers to and from Cairns Airport or Port Douglas
- 3 nights in either a Standard Villa or Spa Villa
- Guided Indigenous Rainforest Walk
- Full day 4WD safari
- Early morning bird tour
- Evening river cruise
- Breakfast daily (B)

DAY 1: ARRIVE CAIRNS

Upon arrival in Cairns, you will be met and transferred to Daintree Eco Lodge & Spa. This afternoon, enjoy a guided walk through the pristine rainforest valley towards a private waterfall. **Overnight: Daintree Eco Lodge, Standard Villa or Spa Villa for 3 nights**

DAY 2: 4WD RAINFOREST ADVENTURE

Trek the ancient rainforest region which dates back 110 million years, see spectacular waterfalls, pristine streams, ancient plants and abundant wildlife. (B)

DAY 3: BIRD-WATCHING & SUNSET CRUISE
Rise early this morning for the famous bird-watching river tour, where some of the most exotic species are found. Relax at the resort during the day. Take time to rejuvenate in the award-winning spa or create your own Aboriginal-inspired masterpiece in the Art Workshop (optional extras). Early this evening, board your sunset river tour. See the majestic Daintree in the evening, a haven suspended in time. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART DAINTREE – CAIRNS
Depart this morning for the scenic journey back to Cairns to connect with your onward flight. (B)

Departs: Daily
Feel the Rainforest 4 Days/3 Nights
Price per person US\$:

Persons in room	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07 Standard Villa	\$1239	\$1987
Spa Villa	\$1297	\$2107

Note: Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges apply.

Tour Code: Magic

Daintree Eco Lodge & Spa

★ ★ ★ ★

Location: 20 Daintree Road. Sixty-two miles north of Cairns and twenty-eight miles north of Port Douglas.
Facilities: 15 air-conditioned villas with overhead fan, mini bar, refrigerator, balcony, television, telephone, internet dial-up, in-house movies, CD player, radio/music, iron/board, private bathroom facilities, hairdryer and daily servicing. Spa, romance and well-being packages also available.

Qantas Vacations View: Treat yourself to this unique place! Superb dining, fascinating indigenous tours and a spa to remember.



Idea!

Extend your stay in charming Port Douglas (pages 70-71)

Indulge your mind, body and spirit

DAINTREE by Self-Drive Vacation

4 Days/3 Nights



If you prefer to self-drive to Daintree Eco Lodge and organize your touring when you arrive – this vacation is for you!

Price Includes

- 3 nights Standard or Spa Villa
- 4 days Group C size auto A/C car
- 3 breakfasts (B)

Departs: Daily
Daintree Eco Lodge Self Drive 4 Days/3 Nights
Price per person US\$:

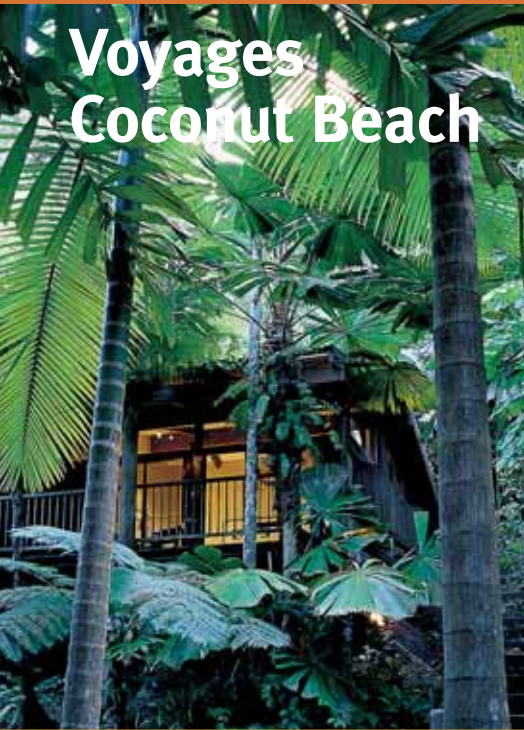
Persons in room	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07 Standard Villa	\$857	\$1599
Spa Villa	\$919	\$1739

Note: Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges apply.



Daintree Spa Villa

Voyages Coconut Beach



VOYAGES COCONUT BEACH RAINFOREST LODGE

Self-drive vacation

★★★★



3 Days/2 Nights

Price Includes

- ☐ 2 nights Coconut Beach Rainforest Lodge
- ☐ 3 Days Group C auto A/C car rental
- ☐ Odyssey H₂O Great Barrier Reef cruise
- ☐ 2 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L)

DAY 1: ARRIVE CAIRNS

Arrive at Cairns airport and pick up your rental car. Drive north to the Daintree River (approx 2½ hrs). Here you'll cross the river via ferry* and continue for 15 miles (approx.) to your lodge. Spend the rest of the day relaxing in your World Heritage-listed National Park surrounds. The resort is spread over 247 acres, from the water's edge to deep in the rainforest.

Overnight: Coconut Beach Rainforest Lodge, Daintree Retreats or Rainforest Retreats room for 2 nights

DAY 2: ODYSSEY H₂O FULL-DAY GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISE

Board your super fast catamaran for an incredible 45 minute journey to the Great Barrier Reef. Upon

arrival at two of the most pristine reef systems in the area, guests enjoy five hours of scuba diving, snorkeling, swimming and relaxing. Professional guides provide expert instruction and equipment, as well as a marine naturalist talk. Energy levels are replenished with morning tea, buffet lunch and afternoon snacks. (B,L)

DAY 3: DEPART CAPE TRIBULATION

This morning, perhaps take a guided rainforest walk/tour before departing to Cairns. Make sure your departing flight is after 1:00pm due to drive times and ferry crossing* (B)

Qantas Vacations View: Where the Rainforest meets the Reef. A beautiful and unique Eco experience in an awesome part of the world!

Departs: Daily

Coconut Beach Rainforest Lodge 3 Days/2 Nights

Price per person US\$:

Persons in room	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Daintree Retreats	\$599	\$1019
Rainforest Retreats	\$599	\$1019

Note: Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges apply.

*Ferry operates 6:00am–midnight (minimal cost, payable direct).

Voyages Silky Oaks Lodge



Relax in your own private hammock

VOYAGES SILKY OAKS LODGE & HEALING WATERS SPA

★★★★

3 Days/2 Nights

Voyages Silky Oaks Lodge overlooks a lagoon so idyllic it has no equal for natural beauty, comfort and ease of access. With Port Douglas only 20 minutes away, our complimentary morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up gives you lots of time to explore the many boutiques and restaurants of this coastal town. Or, indulge yourself at the Healing Waters Spa.

Price Includes

- ☐ Private car transfers from/to Cairns Airport
- ☐ 2 nights Voyages Silky Oaks Lodge
- ☐ 2 continental breakfasts (B), 2 dinners (D)

DAY 1: ARRIVE CAIRNS—SILKY OAKS

You will be met and transferred by private car to Silky Oaks. Tonight, enjoy your 4-course table d'hôte dinner. **Overnight: Voyages Silky Oaks Lodge, Treehouse or Riverhouse room for 2 nights (D)**

DAY 2: EXPLORE SILKY OAKS

After breakfast, you may wish to travel on the Cape Tribulation day tour on page 62 (optional extra, own expense) or indulge yourself with an amazing treatment at the Healing Waters Spa. Take a guided walk through the rainforest or sip a cocktail while bird-watching. (B,D)

DAY 3: DEPART SILKY OAKS

Transfer by private car to the Cairns Airport for your onward flight. (B)

Qantas Vacations View: Enjoy complete relaxation and the wonder of the rainforest from your own hammock on your private balcony.

Departs: Daily

Voyages Silky Oaks Lodge 3 Days/2 Nights

Price per person US\$:

Persons in room	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Treehouse Room	\$859	\$1357
Riverhouse Room	\$1027	\$1519

Note: Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges apply.



Indulge yourself

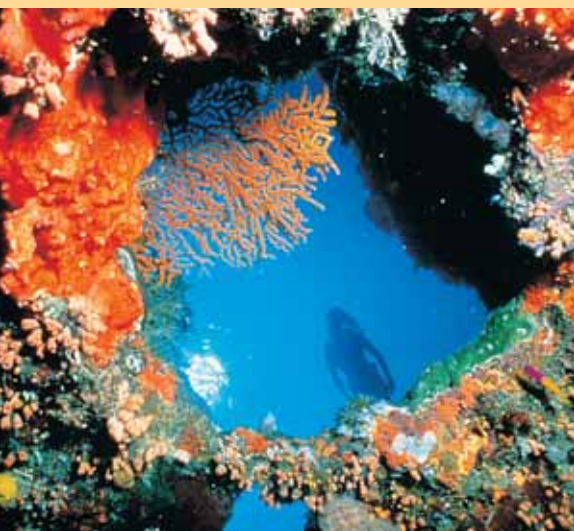


Treehouse Room

Great Barrier Reef Islands



Relaxation awaits on Lizard Island



Diving the Cod Hole, Lizard Island, Great Barrier Reef



Muggy Muggy Beach, Dunk Island, Great Barrier Reef

Experience the spectacular Great Barrier Reef Islands...for the ultimate in indulgence, romance, relaxation—and more! See map on page 67 or inside front cover.

Lizard Island, fringed with coral reefs and 24 powdery white beaches, is an idyllic retreat offering spectacular diving, snorkeling as well as beach picnics, bushwalking, sailing, fishing and spa treatments. [See page 78.](#)

Heron Island is a natural bird and turtle rookery. You can swim off the beach to an endless coral garden, or enjoy a guided island and reef walk,

beach picnic or semi-submersible cruise. [See page 79.](#)

Dunk Island, Australia's most beautiful rainforest island, offers an amazing variety of activities, a superb range of rejuvenating spa treatments and its own island farm. [See page 79.](#)

For a unique Great Barrier Reef eco-stay, ask for details on **Wilson Island.**



Turtle on Heron Island

The Whitsundays



A cluster of 74 islands makes up the Whitsundays region, the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, an aquatic playground famous for tropical islands and smooth blue waters. With 70% of the region protected as National & Marine Park, this is a truly unique destination. The Whitsundays have something for everyone!

For ultimate luxury, there's the sophisticated style of **Hayman Island**, a stunning private island, where visitors are welcomed by lush flora, brilliant white sand beaches, coral reefs and glistening blue waters. This 5-star resort will exceed your expectations. [See page 76.](#) Or, for a lively village atmosphere, there's **Hamilton Island**, offering several different accommodation styles, over 40 activities

on the island and a seemingly endless array of restaurant choices—a stay here is perfect for all styles and budgets. [See page 77.](#) The Whitsundays are the perfect reef destination—a stepping stone to Great Barrier Reef adventures including sailing, diving and cruising. Flightseeing tours are also available—the ideal way to view the famous Heart Reef.

Add an optional tour from the Whitsundays to enhance your trip!



WHITEHAVEN BEACH PICNIC & HELICOPTER FLIGHT

Discover the spectacular beauty of the Whitsundays by helicopter. Land right on the white sands of Whitehaven Beach, where you'll relax for 1½ hours, enjoying your picnic with sparkling wine.



HELICOPTER REEF DISCOVERY

Experience beautiful aerial views of the Whitsundays and Great Barrier Reef by helicopter. You'll spend 1½ hours at FantaSea Reefworld, where you can snorkel, scuba dive, ride the semi-submersible, or relax under the shaded decks before rejoining your return helicopter flight. Tour's duration is 3 hours. Departs daily, mornings and afternoons from Hayman and Hamilton Islands.



GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISE TO REEFWORLD - "FANTASEA"

Travel by high-speed catamaran to Reefworld at Hardy Reef for the ultimate Great Barrier Reef encounter. Featuring 2 large floating pontoons with change rooms, fresh water showers and sundecks. Enjoy a day of adventure, snorkeling, diving (additional cost) or explore the reef from the comfort and safety of the semi-submersible or the underwater observatory. Tour's duration is 9 hours. Departs Hamilton Island daily at 8:40am.

Hayman Island



Hayman Island, in the Whitsundays

SYDNEY & HAYMAN ISLAND

6 Days/5 Nights ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Award-winning Hayman Island, in the Great Barrier Reef, a tropical paradise in the spectacular Whitsunday Islands, off the coast of northern Queensland. One of the world's leading hotels—and winner of Condé Nast Traveler, Zagat & Forbes awards—Hayman Island offers a spectacular location. The resort fronts a white coral beach with crystal-clear waters.

Price Includes

- 3 nights Sydney, InterContinental Sydney
- Sydney city sights—small group vehicle
- Deluxe Blue Mountains—4WD excursion
- 2 Nights Hayman Island
- Great Barrier Reef dive & snorkel cruise
- 5 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L)

DAY 1: ARRIVE SYDNEY

You'll be met and transferred by private car. Sydney boasts a spectacular harbor—the perfect start to your vacation. **Overnight: InterContinental Sydney for 3 nights**

DAY 2: SYDNEY CITY SIGHTS

Take in the sights of Sydney as a friendly guide offers informative commentary. View the Opera House, Botanic Gardens and Macquarie St. Continue through Darling Harbour and Rose Bay, then on to The Gap for spectacular views. End the tour with a stop at Bondi Beach before returning to your hotel. (B)

DAY 3: BLUE MOUNTAINS 4WD LUXURY TOUR

Experience the magnificent Blue Mountains. Travel in style as a small luxury vehicle takes you from the bustling city to the Jamison Valley. Visit ancient Aboriginal sites and breathtaking lookouts. After an Australian barbeque lunch, head to Katoomba to witness the renowned Three Sisters Rock formation from an exclusive vantage point. Enjoy afternoon tea in a little known valley, and later view wild kangaroos roaming the area (conditions permitting). (B,L)

DAY 4: SYDNEY—HAYMAN ISLAND

Transfer to Sydney Airport this morning for your flight to Hamilton Island (flight and launch not included). Board the luxury launch to Hayman Island. Located in the lush tropical paradise of the Whitsunday Islands, the best of everything awaits you. Laze by the signature pool with a cocktail in hand, or take a gourmet picnic to a deserted island. Tonight, visit one of the 3 bars on the island and dine at your choice of restaurant from Australian, Italian or Asian (own expense). **Overnight: Hayman Island, choice of room type for 2 nights** (B)

DAY 5: GREAT BARRIER REEF DIVE & SNORKEL

Experience the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef, cruising this world renowned natural coral landscape. Explore the magnificent reef waters amid the beautiful



Retreat Room—Hayman Island



Pool Superior—Hayman Island

coral and plant life. This exciting Reef adventure is escorted by a PADI-accredited Hayman instructor and includes use of snorkel gear and wetsuits and a superb on-board cold buffet luncheon. (B,L)

DAY 6: DEPART HAYMAN

Today, depart Hayman via luxury launch (launch not included) to Hamilton Island. At the airport, connect with your onward flight. (B)

Location: Hayman is located on the northern approaches to the Whitsunday Passage in a quiet sheltered lagoon. Coral reefs, beautiful white beaches and spectacular views combine to make this one of the most beautiful locations in The Whitsundays.
Facilities: Restaurants, bars, coffee shop, 24-hour room service, hair/beauty salon, tour desk, swimming pools, health club/fitness center, shop/boutique, golf putting green and driving range, scuba diving and waterskiing (diving and waterskiing, own expense).
Bonus: Ask for details on special offers.

Qantas Vacations View: For the ultimate in luxury and style, escape to Hayman for an experience to remember.

Departs: Daily

Sydney & Hayman Island 6 Days/5 Nights
 Price per person US\$:

Persons in room	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Palm Superior	\$1777	\$2867
Pool Superior	\$1937	\$3197
Pool Access	\$1979	\$3287
Pool Deluxe	\$2029	\$3379
Retreat Room	\$2029	\$3379
Lagoon Superior	\$2057	\$3429
Lagoon Deluxe	\$2099	\$3527
Beachfront	\$2257	\$3837
Pool Suite	\$3127	\$5577
Lagoon Suite	\$3127	\$5577

Note: Seasonal surcharge may apply. Domestic airfare and luxury launch not included. Includes 3 nights InterContinental Sydney Hotel Harbor View Room. Other room types for Sydney hotel available.



Luxury launch transfer to Hayman Island



InterContinental Sydney

Like the sound of this vacation? See our Ultimate Collection brochure, featuring luxurious and unique vacations throughout Australia, New Zealand, Fiji & Tahiti or visit www.ultimatecollection.net

Hamilton Island



For optional tours in the Whitsundays, see page 74

Whether you're looking for plenty—or nothing—to do, Hamilton Island is the perfect spot! And its proximity to the Great Barrier Reef lets you experience one of the world's most spectacular sights. Little wonder Hamilton Island is Australia's #1 resort destination.

HAMILTON ISLAND GREAT BARRIER REEF ADVENTURE

4 Days/3 Nights

★★★★

Hamilton Island is a tropical paradise at the edge of the Great Barrier Reef. Direct flights from Sydney (2 hrs), Melbourne (3 hrs), Brisbane and Cairns (1 hr) make getting there a breeze. With 6 styles of accommodation, 10 restaurants, a vibrant Marina Village, 6 pools, a beach, and over 40 activities—the choice is yours!

Price Includes

- 3 nights Hamilton Island, your choice of hotel
- Round-trip airport transfers
- Great Barrier Reef day cruise
- Daily buffet breakfast (B)

DAY 1: ARRIVE HAMILTON ISLAND

Welcome to the Whitsunday Islands! Transfer to your hotel, then relax by one of the six pools or try some watersports. Day at leisure to try one of the 40 activities on the island. **Overnight: Hamilton Island, your choice of accommodation for 3 nights**

DAY 2: GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISE

After breakfast, venture out to the Great Barrier Reef. Snorkel and swim at your leisure as you explore the reef. A delicious buffet lunch is served on board. Return to Hamilton Island around 4:50pm. (B)

DAY 3: HAMILTON ISLAND AT LEISURE

Many options for today (activities, own expense). Some of these activities include a seaplane flight to Whitehaven Beach, waterskiing, game fishing, tennis, Koala Gallery & Wildlife Experience, nature walks or shopping. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART HAMILTON ISLAND

After breakfast, depart for your connecting flight (flights not included). (B)

Departs: Daily

Hamilton Island 4 Days/3 Nights

Price per person US\$:

Persons in room	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Palm Terrace	\$679	\$1049
Palm Bungalow	\$709	\$1117
Reef View Hotel—Coral Sea View Room	\$729	\$1237
1 Bedroom Whitsunday Apartments	\$749	\$1197
Beach Club	\$1069	\$1837

Note: Other room types available—ask for details. Rates include free use of non-motorized watersports and resort shuttle service.

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Palm Bungalows

★★★★

Location: Affordably priced individual bungalows in a palm-fringed garden setting, rooms serviced daily.
Facilities: 49 rooms with air-conditioning, overhead fan, balcony, television tea/coffee making facilities, mini bar, telephone, radio/music and hairdryer. 12-hour reception.



Hamilton Island Apartments & Villas

★★★★★

Facilities: 1 & 2-bedroom apartments and 1, 2, 3 & 4-bedroom villas with full kitchens. Perfect for families or friends traveling together. Includes air-conditioning, ceiling fans, balcony, fully equipped kitchen, tea/coffee making facilities, refrigerator, radio/music and hairdryer.
Value: Breakfast, starter hamper and buggy for duration of stay.

Note: Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges apply. 4-night minimum required on Hamilton Island Apartments & Villas and 3-night minimum on 31 Dec 06. Domestic airfare not included. Whitsunday Apartments and Hamilton Island Apartments & Villas not available 28 Jun–2 Jul 06 and 19–26 Aug 06. Kids 14 years and under stay and eat free, conditions apply. Beach Club not suitable for children under 18 years. Bonuses available—ask for details.



Reef View Hotel

★★★★★

Location: Multi-level hotel features spacious rooms with balconies overlooking tropical gardens or Whitsundays.
Facilities: 386 rooms with air-conditioning, overhead fan, balcony, tea/coffee making facilities, mini bar, television, radio/music, hairdryer and 24-hour reception.



Beach Club

★★★★★

Location: Absolute beachfront.
Facilities: 58 rooms with air-conditioning, overhead fan, balcony, mini bar, tea/coffee making facilities, telephone, television, radio/music, in-room safe and hairdryer. Room and laundry service, Club lounge, bar, restaurant, tennis, squash.

Qantas Vacations View: Surrounded by idyllic coral-fringed beaches, Hamilton Island offers a lively vacation village atmosphere.



Voyages Lizard Island



Lizard Island, pathway to the beach

VOYAGES LIZARD ISLAND

5 Days/4 Nights ★★★★★

Voyages Lizard Island, with its own airstrip, is a National Park set on 2503 acres with 24 sandy beaches and an expansive coral lagoon. Sophisticated, luxurious and beautiful, Lizard Island offers some of the best scuba diving, snorkeling and game-fishing in the world. It is Australia's northernmost island resort and only one hour's flight from Cairns over the Great Barrier Reef.

Price Includes

- ☐ 1 night Cairns
- ☐ 3 nights Lizard Island
- ☐ Return private car transfers Cairns Airport—hotel
- ☐ Return flights Cairns—Lizard Island
- ☐ 4 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L), 3 dinners (D)

DAY 1: ARRIVE CAIRNS

Transfer by private car to your deluxe room accommodations at the Sofitel Reef Casino. Spend the evening at leisure exploring the seaside city of Cairns (see page 60 for details on Sofitel). **Overnight: Sofitel Reef Casino**

DAY 2: ARRIVE AT LIZARD ISLAND

Today travel via private car to the airport for your flight to Lizard Island (flight included). Get settled in to your accommodations on this magnificent tropical island. Spend the afternoon relaxing on the beach and viewing the spectacular scenery. Enjoy a gourmet dinner tonight at Osprey's Restaurant. **Overnight: Voyages Lizard Island, your choice of room for 3 nights (B,D)**

DAY 3: ACTIVITIES AT LIZARD ISLAND

Why not take advantage of all the activities Lizard Island offers? From water sports like snorkeling, scuba diving, sailing and fishing, to land-based activities like tennis and hiking, Lizard Island has it all. Or, enjoy a simple day relaxing on the beach with a picnic lunch (all activities, own expense). (B,L,D)

DAY 4: R & R AT LIZARD ISLAND

Today we recommend you relax and rejuvenate at the Azure Spa, a serene health spa overlooking the pool. Indulge in a massage, facial or other body treatment. Spend the rest of the day relaxing on the pristine white beaches, exploring the breathtaking natural environment on a walk through the forest, or engaging in any activity that strikes your fancy (all activities, own expense). (B,L,D)

DAY 5: DEPART LIZARD ISLAND

This morning, board your scenic flight back to Cairns Airport (flight included). (B)



Anchor Bay Suite



Osprey Restaurant and Bar

Bonus: Ask for details on special offers.
Value: Includes all meals

Qantas Vacations View: A tropical island paradise. Experience the Great Barrier Reef in total comfort and style.

Departs: Daily

Voyages Lizard Island—Cairns 5 Days/4 Nights
Price per person US\$:

Persons in room	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Anchor Bay Room	\$3097	\$5107
Sunset Point Villa	\$3617	\$3149
Anchor Bay Suite	\$3727	\$3967
The Pavilion	\$5647	\$10207

Note: Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges apply. Price includes 1 night Sofitel Room, Sofitel Reef Casino Cairns. Other room types available. Luggage restrictions apply on flights to/from Lizard Island. Children under 10 years not catered for.



Superior Cod Hole diving experience!

Lizard Island

is also featured in our Ultimate Collection brochure. Ask for a copy or visit www.ultimatecollection.net

Voyages Heron Island



VOYAGES HERON ISLAND

4 Days/3 Nights

★★★★

Walk straight from the resort onto the reef. The casual island life and tropical village atmosphere is what Heron Island is about. Being situated on the Brisbane end of the Great Barrier Reef makes access to Heron easy.

Price Includes

- 3 nights Heron Island
- Helicopter transfer Gladstone to Heron Island
- Launch Heron Island to Gladstone
- 3 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L), 3 dinners (D)

DAY 1: ARRIVE BRISBANE—HERON ISLAND

Welcome to Brisbane. Connect with your domestic flight to Gladstone (flight not included). On arrival in Gladstone, you will transfer via helicopter (30-minute flight included—luggage restrictions apply) to Heron Island. Today is at leisure. **Overnight: Voyages Heron Island for 3 nights (D)**

DAYS 2 & 3: HERON ISLAND AT LEISURE

Enjoy a delicious breakfast this morning. Later, walk through the dense Pisonia Forest, home to thousands of noddy terns. During the day, relax by the pool or go diving. Two dives go out daily, with a choice of over a dozen sites, plus adventure dives and night dives (diving, own expense). Many other activities are available—ask for details. (B,L,D daily)

DAY 4: DEPART HERON—GLADSTONE

Board the fast catamaran to Gladstone, a 2-hour scenic journey. On arrival at Gladstone, transfer to the airport for your onward flight (flight not included). (B)

Location: 45 miles northeast of Gladstone. Heron Island is a coral cay located on the Great Barrier Reef. It is famous with divers from around the world for its marine life and is known as one of Australia's premier dive destinations.

Accommodation: 109 rooms with air-conditioning and telephone (Point Suites only), overhead fan, balcony, refrigerator, tea/coffee making facilities, radio/music, hairdryer, iron/ironing board and bathrobes.

Facilities: Restaurant, bar, coffee shop, tour desk, swimming pool, tennis court, shop/boutique, massage and scuba diving excursions (fees payable).

Qantas Vacations View: For diving and snorkeling enthusiasts, Heron is world-famous for its marine life and coral reefs. You may even see some turtles hatch during summer.

Departs: Daily

Heron Island 4 Days/3 Nights

Price per person US\$:

Persons in room	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Turtle Room	\$1089	\$1537
Reef Suite	\$1187	\$1729
Heron Beachside Suite	\$1389	\$2139
Wistari Suite	\$1719	\$2799
Point Suite	\$1719	\$2799
The Beach House	\$1719	\$2799

Note: Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges apply.

Domestic flights Brisbane to Gladstone not included.

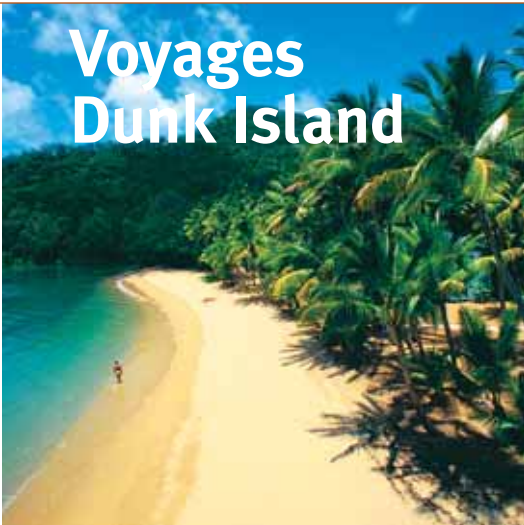
Heron Island is not available 3-9 Sep 06.



Reef Suite, Heron Island

Turtle mating Sep-Oct; egg laying Nov-Mar

Voyages Dunk Island



CAIRNS & DUNK ISLAND

6 Days/5 Nights

★★★★

Off beautiful Mission Beach, two hours south of Cairns, Dunk Island combines palm-fringed beaches and lush rainforests in a tropical island setting.

Price Includes

- 3 nights Cairns, Oasis Resort
- 2 nights Dunk Island, choice of room type
- Great Barrier Reef cruise
- Kuranda Rail, Skyrail & Tjapukai Aboriginal Park
- 5 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L), 2 dinners (D)
- Roundtrip flights Cairns—Dunk Island
- Roundtrip private car transfers

Qantas Vacations View: Rainforest covered mountains, beautiful beaches and a world-renowned health spa. Something for everyone.

DAY 1: ARRIVE CAIRNS

You will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. Cairns is the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef and is a bustling tropical city. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring Cairns Esplanade and the many shops and arcades found on this colorful strip.

Overnight: Oasis Resort for 3 nights

DAYS 2 & 3: CAIRNS SIGHTSEEING

All inclusions as per Cairns Discovery Package on page 60 including Quicksilver Great Barrier Reef day cruise, Kuranda Scenic Railway, Skyrail and Tjapukai Aboriginal cultural performance. Two full days of sightseeing and entertainment. Lunch included both days. (B,L daily)

DAY 4: CAIRNS—DUNK ISLAND RESORT

This morning, you will be transferred by private car to Cairns Airport for your short flight to Dunk Island (flight included). Dunk Island features the Spa of Peace and Plenty, an artist colony, a farm, and a golf course. **Overnight: Voyages Dunk Island Resort for 2 nights (B,D)**

DAY 5: EXPLORE DUNK ISLAND

After a hearty breakfast, play a round of golf on the 18-hole course. A visit to Coonanglebah Farm is a highlight. Optional extras include a sunset wine and cheese cruise, artist's colony tours and cruising the Great Barrier Reef. Dinner is a casual affair, Dunk Island's tropical location ensures a selection of quality fresh foods, including seafood—always on the menu. (B,D)

DAY 6: DEPART DUNK ISLAND

After your 40-minute flight from Dunk Island (flight included) you will connect at Cairns Airport to your onward flight. (B)

Location: Off beautiful Mission Beach, 2 hours south of Cairns or 2½ hours north of Townsville.

Accommodation: 160 rooms with air-conditioning, overhead fan, balcony, mini bar (Beachfront and Bayview Suite only), refrigerator, telephone, television, in-house movies, tea/coffee making facilities, radio/music, hairdryer and iron/ironing board.

Facilities: Restaurants, bar, coffee shop, tour desk, swimming pools, health club/fitness center, shop/boutique, spa, health spa center, 18-hole golf course and water skiing.

Departs: Daily

Cairns & Dunk Island 6 Days/5 nights

Price per person US\$:

Persons in room	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Banfield Room	\$1407	\$1919
Garden Cabana	\$1449	\$1957
Beachfront Unit	\$1597	\$2307
Bayview Suite	\$1717	\$2539

Note: Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges apply. Price

includes standard room at Oasis Resort, Cairns (other room types available). Luggage restrictions apply on flights to/from Dunk Island.



Beachfront Room, Dunk Island Resort



Dunk Island beachside dining

Coral Princess



114-foot catamaran—plenty of stops are made to explore the reef

CAIRNS-LIZARD ISLAND-CAIRNS GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISE

7 Days/6 Nights

Step aboard the Coral Princess for an unforgettable Great Barrier Reef island experience through the most picturesque islands and coastline in Australia. Coral Princess Cruises offers a unique cruise, incorporating soft adventure and expedition-type experiences. With cruising time kept to a minimum, Coral Princess takes you through this tropical paradise with the care and attention you'd expect from a captain and crew who know the reefs and islands intimately. Also, a marine biologist provides professional, interpretive programs on the reef, rainforest and mangrove environments visited. There are regular shore excursions for beach-combing and swimming. The ship is a 114-foot catamaran which accommodates up to 54 guests and offers the most intimate and educational of reef encounters in the most environmentally-sensitive way.

Price Includes

- ❑ 2 nights Cairns
- ❑ Scenic Railway, Skyrail and Tjapukai Cultural Park
- ❑ Private car transfers airport to hotel—Cairns
- ❑ 4 nights cruising the Great Barrier Reef
- ❑ Air-conditioned accommodation with private facilities
- ❑ Double or twin beds in deluxe staterooms; double or twin beds in staterooms; or twin-bed cabins
- ❑ Coral viewing, snorkeling, introductory dive and jacuzzi
- ❑ Shore excursions (excluding optional Cooktown/Museum entrance fee)
- ❑ 6 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L), 4 dinners (D)



Stateroom onboard

DAY 1: ARRIVE CAIRNS

You will be met and transferred by private car to your hotel. Spend the day at leisure browsing through the many shops and arcades along the Esplanade.

Overnight: Cairns, Sofitel Reef Casino for 2 nights

DAY 2: TJAPUKAI—KURANDA AND SKYRAIL

Board the famous Kuranda Railway through 40 bridges and tunnels. Arrive at Kuranda, nestled in the rainforest with attractive shops and galleries. Glide above the rainforest aboard the Skyrail Gondola, over 9 miles of rainforest canopy. Then visit the award-winning Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park for a dance performance by local Aborigines. (B,L)

DAY 3: DEPART CAIRNS ON CORAL PRINCESS

Board your Coral Princess vessel at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure from Cairns. Settle in and discover your "home" for the next 4 nights. Enjoy champagne on the top deck as you watch the sun set.

Overnight: Coral Princess Cruise for 4 nights (B,D)

DAY 4: GREAT BARRIER REEF—COOKTOWN

Visit one of the remote uninhabited islands of the Great Barrier Reef. Enjoy a swim or glass-bottom boat trip. Later, we cruise on to historical Cooktown, where Captain Cook took refuge during his voyage of discovery. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: LIZARD ISLAND—RIBBON REEF NO. 9

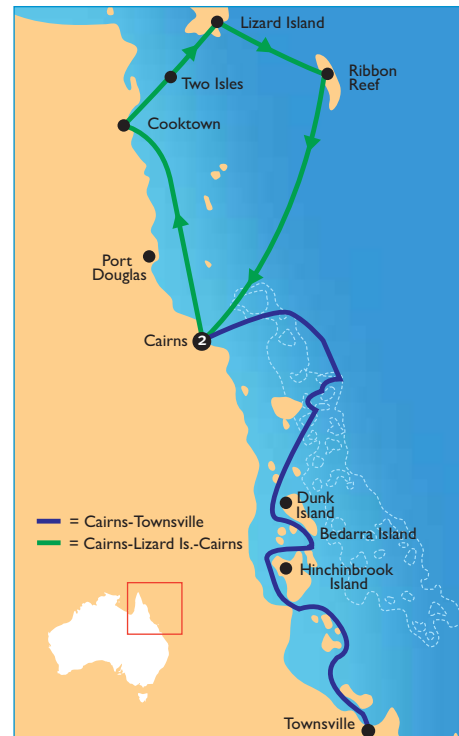
Arrive at Lizard Island. Climb the island peak that Captain James Cook climbed back in 1770. Enjoy the spectacular views. Snorkel off the beach over coral gardens to see giant clams and a profusion of fish. Enjoy a glass-bottom boat trip with the Marine Biologist or a scuba dive with our Dive Instructor. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: RIBBON REEF NO. 3— RACHEL CARLSON REEF

Today we spend the day exploring Ribbon Reef No 3 and Rachel Carlson Reef. These two magnificent reefs offer some of the best snorkeling and scuba diving the Great Barrier Reef has to offer. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: ARRIVE CAIRNS

Arrive Cairns Trinity Wharf 8:00am. (B)



Qantas Vacations View: A cruise of discovery exploring Australia's renowned tropical paradise and World Heritage Marine and National Parks.

Departs: Wed & Sun from Cairns

Cairns—Lizard Island—Cairns Coral Princess Cruise
7 Days/6 Nights

Price per person US\$

Persons in Room/Cabin	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Cabin	\$2067	\$3117
Stateroom	\$2417	\$3647
Deluxe Stateroom	\$2647	\$3857

Note: Cruise departs Day 3 Tues or Fri

Tour Code: CC4

Other Cruise itineraries available:

Cairns – Townsville with 3-night Cruise

- Day 1 & 2: Cairns accommodation & tours
- Day 3: Board cruise Cairns—Thetford Reef
- Day 4: Nathan Reef—Dunk Island
- Day 5: Family Group Islands—Pelorus Island
- Day 6: Palm Islands—Townsville

Note: Cruise departs Day 3 – Saturday

Tour Code: CT3

Cairns—Townsville—Coral Princess Cruise

6 Days/5 Nights

Price per person US\$

Persons in Room/Cabin	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Cabin	\$1749	\$2597
Stateroom	\$1939	\$2929
Deluxe Stateroom	\$2109	\$3189

Note: The cruise portion of CT3 operates in reverse, with departures from Townsville on Tues at 1:00pm, arriving Cairns at 1:30pm Fri. CT3 & CC4: Cabin accommodation is lower deck with porthole. Due to weather, tides or mechanical problems, itinerary may be altered without notice. Environmental Management charge of \$A15 p/p (payable locally). Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges apply. Introductory dive experience included. Other dives (additional cost) by qualified PADI instructors. Equipment available for hire.

Tour Code: CT3 or TC3 for reverse

Combine a 3- and 4-night Coral Princess
Cruise for the ultimate 7-night
Great Barrier Reef and Island Cruise!



Intimate & expert knowledge of the reef

Reef Endeavour



234-foot cruise ship with up to 168 passengers

CAIRNS & SOUTHBOUND GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISE

6 Days/5 Nights

Board MV Reef Endeavour for your ultimate Great Barrier Reef cruise for a total reef and rainforest experience. On the Southbound Voyage (3 nights Fri–Mon cruise only) you'll experience tropical islands where the rainforest canopy towers overhead, visit reefs where a multitude of colored fish decorate rich coral gardens and cruise where dolphins play and dugongs glide in the unique Hinchinbrook Channel.

Price Includes

- 2 nights in Cairns and a 3-night Cruise
- Cape Tribulation day tour
- Private car transfer Cairns Airport—hotel
- First-class international cuisine
- Superior outside top deck staterooms and staterooms or comfortable cabins
- Glass-bottom coral viewing boat
- Swimming pool, sundeck, sauna and two spas
- Snorkeling and coral viewing
- Piano cocktail bar and nightly entertainment
- Captain's farewell dinner
- 24-hour tea and coffee facilities
- Gift shop
- Twin or double beds in staterooms and cabins
- 4 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L), 3 dinners (D)

DAY 1: ARRIVE CAIRNS

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred by private car to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore colorful Cairns. Perhaps try your luck in the Sofitel's adjoining Reef Casino. **Overnight: Cairns, Sofitel Reef Casino for 2 nights**

DAY 2: CAPE TRIBULATION DAY TOUR

Explore the rainforest and amazing landscapes of the Cape Tribulation wilderness area. Travel with your guide towards the Daintree River to learn more about the world's oldest living rainforest. Join a calm water cruise for crocodile spotting before returning to your hotel. (B,L)

Other itineraries available for 4-night Northbound Voyage and the 7-night Ultimate Great Barrier Reef Cruise – ask for details.

DAY 3: REEF ENDEAVOUR

Board the MV Reef Endeavour from Cairns and enjoy the cruise on the Great Barrier Reef on your way to Fitzroy Island. It is here you have the chance to stand beneath towering rainforest, giant ferns and native orchids before joining our escorted walk along the shady paths of this canopied wilderness. **Overnight: Reef Endeavour, Choice of cabin type for 3 nights (B,L,D)**

DAY 4: REEF ENDEAVOUR

This morning, come face to face with clouds of intensely colored reef fish. Passengers in the glass-bottom boat hear our marine naturalist describe life among the coral bommies of Hedley Reef. The day is at leisure to explore these coral gardens. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: REEF ENDEAVOUR

Today, enjoy breathtaking scenery cruising through the Hinchinbrook Channel. Marvel at the spectacular vista of densely forested mountains, mangroves and sun-drenched beaches in the morning mist. Our marine naturalist explains the channel's diverse habitats that shelter species from dugongs and dolphins to migrating whales. In the high rainforest canopies of Dunk Island, exotic bird and plant life abounds. There is life too at the island's resort, where you can drop in for a quiet drink, a game of tennis, a round of golf or a swim. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: REEF ENDEAVOUR—CAIRNS

Arrive into Cairns at 8:00am and disembark. Make your own way to the airport or your city hotel for a further stay in Cairns.

Qantas Vacations View: A cruise where passengers can mix a liking for adventure with a love of good living!

Bonus: Ask about our early booking special offer, book early and save!

Departs: Wednesday

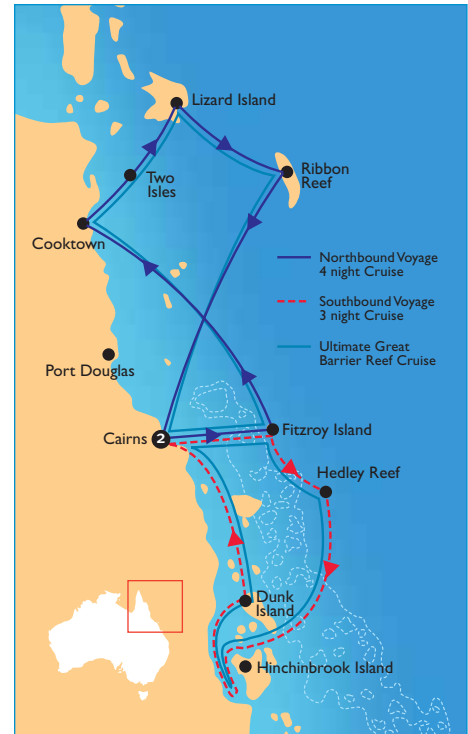
Cairns & Southbound Voyage Cruise

6 Days/5 Nights

Price per person US\$

Persons in Room/Cabin	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Cabin	\$1677	\$2559
Stateroom	\$1919	\$2919
Top-deck Stateroom	\$2129	\$3247

Note: Although the Reef Endeavour cruises in sheltered waters, we have no control over climatic conditions and cannot be held responsible for inclement weather. Environmental Management Charge of A\$13.50 and fuel surcharge of A\$25 per person (payable locally). Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges apply. Prices include 2 nights in Cairns plus touring. Cruise departs Day 3, Fri.



Great Barrier Reef sunset onboard Reef Endeavour



Top Deck Stateroom

Reef Encounter

Reef Encounter, a 115-foot luxury catamaran

The Reef Encounter is a luxury catamaran designed for the utmost stability and comfort at sea. Air-conditioned throughout with spacious decks, large dining and recreation areas, heli-pad and jacuzzi, Reef Encounter has 21 staterooms with double or twin beds. All have ensuites.

REEF ENCOUNTER

Caters to all levels of certified diving and snorkeling

4 Days/3 Nights

Price Includes

- 2 nights accommodation on board the "Reef Encounter" and 1 night Cairns
- Shuttle transfers Cairns Airport-hotel
- Twin or Double Stateroom accommodation with private bathroom
- All chef prepared meals onboard
- Snorkeling and scuba diving equipment
- 7 day dives and 2 night dives
- 3 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L), 2 dinners (D)

DAY 1: ARRIVE CAIRNS

You will be met at the airport and transferred by shuttle to your centrally located Cairns hotel. Day at leisure to explore Cairns' bustling esplanade. **Overnight: Palm Royale Cairns**

DAY 2: BOARD REEF ENCOUNTER, GREAT BARRIER REEF

Board Compass cruise-boat at Marlin Jetty at 7:45am this morning for the transfer out to "Reef Encounter." En route to Hastings Reef, view a reef video presentation and a dive/snorkel briefing. We visit two reefs today, with plenty of time for diving, snorkeling and relaxation. After dinner, try a spectacular night dive for underwater canyons and caves at Norman Reef or relax with a glass of bubbly in the jacuzzi. **Overnight: Reef Encounter, Great Barrier Reef for 2 nights** (B,L,D)

DAY 3: GREAT BARRIER REEF

Rise early today for our 6:30am dive in this underwater paradise and back on board for a delicious breakfast. Cruising to different reefs today, you'll have the chance to see a variety of marine life. At Saxon Reef swim near giant clams, manta rays and schools of barracuda. After dinner, you can experience a night dive. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: GREAT BARRIER REEF—CAIRNS

For early risers, another morning dive is in order, with breakfast to follow. We cruise back to Hastings Reef for a glass-bottom boat tour, another dive and relaxation time. After lunch, cruise to Breaking Patches for forests of staghorn coral, black coral trees and sensational diving! In the afternoon, depart for Cairns with boom netting and complimentary wine and cheese. Arrive in Cairns approximately 5:45pm (B,L)

Departs: Daily from Cairns
Reef Encounter 4 Days/3 Nights
 Price per person US\$:

Persons in room	Double	Single
1 Apr 06-31 Mar 07		
Deluxe Stateroom - Divers	\$619	\$1109
Deluxe Stateroom - Snorkelers	\$509	\$999

Note: Itinerary and locations may change due to weather. Please advise of any special dietary requirements. Open-water dive requires dive certificate. Not included: Reef tax/fuel surcharge (payable direct) of AUD\$20 p/p per day, drinks, underwater video. Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges apply. Pre/post accommodation available, see pages 60-61 for details. Other itineraries available.

Perfect for diving & snorkeling enthusiasts who want more time at the reef than a day cruise.



Spectacular diving and snorkeling



Deluxe staterooms serviced daily

Top Deck Club

- Includes level one accommodation in a deluxe stateroom. Champagne upon arrival. Tropical breakfast served to your room daily. Exclusive use of a private sun deck. Complimentary sunset cocktail with the captain, all meals and snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef—and special treats like a romantic dinner for two under the stars (weather permitting).

Dive Sites (subject to change)

- Enjoy incredible visibility and underwater canyons and caves at Norman Reef
- Explore staghorn coral forests, black coral trees, angelfish, parrotfish & turtles at Breaking Patches
- Swim near giant clams, manta rays and schools of barracuda at Saxon Reef
- See tame reef sharks and Wally the giant wrasse at Hastings Reef



Wally the giant wrasse



Includes a low-level reef flight for maximum dive time

COD HOLE FLY/DIVE — LIVE-ABOARD DIVING

Open-water dive certificate required
5 Days/4 Nights

Price Includes

- ❑ 3 dive days (14 dives including 2 night dives with tanks and weight belts)
- ❑ 4 nights accommodation aboard the “Spoilsport”—a twin hull designed for more space and comfort, large dining room, alfresco deck, sundeck (half shaded) and daily serviced air-conditioned cabins
- ❑ Private one-way car transfer Cairns Airport—hotel
- ❑ 4 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L), 3 dinners (D)
- ❑ Choice of accommodation
- ❑ The best-appointed live-aboard operating to the Cod Hole: stable, spacious, comfortable
- ❑ Winner of three prestigious Rodale’s Reader Choice Awards including “World’s Best Live-aboard Crew” & “Live-aboard with Best Food in the Pacific Region.” In “Top 10 Live-aboard” category for last 5 consecutive years
- ❑ Spectacular low-level reef flight to Lizard Island (low-level flight decreases travel time and increases dive time)
- ❑ Uncrowded dive sites
- ❑ Safe Scuba System/Equipment (including tanks and weight belts)
- ❑ Complimentary Reef Ecology Certificate course
- ❑ Complimentary Discover Diving course for non-divers
- ❑ Photo and video pro on-board

DAY 1: ARRIVE CAIRNS—BOARD SPOILSPORT

Check in at the Marlin Jetty Cairns and board “Spoilsport” by 7:00pm. Arrivals prior to 4:00pm can leave their luggage at the dive office (143 Lake Street, Cairns). This luggage will be transferred to Spoilsport after 5:00pm. Cruise overnight to the magnificent Ribbon Reefs, the first stop on your 400 mile expedition. **Overnight: Spoilsport for 4 nights**

DAY 2: RIBBON REEF NO. 9—PIXIE GARDENS, COD HOLE

Buddy up with diver size fish that dive with you at the Cod Hole! Swim with giant potato cod, Napoleon wrasse, moray eels, tuna and barracuda. Enjoy close encounters with huge Maori wrasse. Anticipate spectacular coral gardens, spotted rays, reef sharks and green turtle sightings. Night dive where decorator crabs, egg cowry shells, moray eels and crayfish are just a few of the creatures you can find. (B,L,D)

Cod Hole Fly/Dive Adventure



Diverse marine life in the Cod Hole



Spoilsport live-aboard



Explore the Great Barrier Reef’s underwater world

DAY 3: CORAL SEA—OSPREY REEF

Cruise 100 miles overnight to Osprey Reef in the Coral Sea. Enjoy 132-foot visibility with spectacular walls disappearing to over 3,000 feet. Witness the resident shark population including grey whalers, whitetip reef sharks, silvertips and hammerheads. Search for the commonly seen green and loggerhead turtles. Find the caves, overhangs and spectacular walls adorned with huge soft coral trees and gorgonian fans. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: CORAL SEA—LIZARD ISLAND

Today enjoy more diving in the Coral Sea, before traveling to Lizard Island this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: SPECTACULAR LOW-LEVEL FLIGHT ALONG GREAT BARRIER REEF, DEPART CAIRNS

After breakfast, transfer by boat to Lizard Island and your spectacular low-level flight across the Great Barrier Reef back to Cairns (flight included). Upon arrival at the airport, connect with your onward flight (flight, own expense). (B)

Special Services

- Low-level reef flight saves 12 hours of sailing time
- Minke Whales (May–Aug); special trips June–July
- 2 inflatables for personalized dive service
- E6 photo processing

Dive Sites (subject to change)

- Enjoy excellent macro and fish photography
- See diverse sites along the turquoise chain of Ribbon Reefs
- Dive spectacular walls in the Coral Sea and witness several species of shark at Osprey Reef
- Swim with potato cod and Maori wrasse at the Cod Hole

Departs: Every Thursday from Cairns at 7:00pm

Cod Hole Fly/Dive—Live-aboard Diving
5 Days/4 Nights

Price per person US\$:

Persons in room (all ocean view rooms)	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Economy (twin bunk beds/shared bathroom)	\$1285	\$2185
Standard (double bed or twin beds/shared bathroom)	\$1402	\$2384
Premium (double bed or twin beds/private bathroom)	\$1547	\$2630

Note: Child prices available on application. Other dives are available from 4–10 days. The above itinerary is based on Northbound route. A Southbound itinerary is also available and departs Mondays (details on application). Details, itinerary and inclusions are subject to change. Prices are “from” and seasonal surcharges apply.

Extend your stay in Cairns pre/post diving! (see page 60-61)

Indian Pacific



SYDNEY TO PERTH ON THE INDIAN PACIFIC

5 Days/4 Nights

Price Includes

- 1 night Sydney
- Rail travel Sydney–Perth on Indian Pacific Train
- Air-conditioned accommodation, Gold Kangaroo Service, single or twin sleeper cabins
- Private car transfers, Sydney
- 4 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L), 3 dinners (D)

DAY 1: ARRIVE SYDNEY

Today you will be met and transferred by private car from the airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. **Overnight: Sydney, The Grace Hotel**

DAY 2: DEPART SYDNEY—BOARD INDIAN PACIFIC

The Indian Pacific gives you two oceans on one of the world's longest train journeys. A private car will transfer you to Central Station to board the Indian Pacific at 1:55pm for a 2:55pm departure. Travel through the stunning Blue Mountains, then across outback NSW. Enjoy dinner in the stylish Restaurant Car. Quality wines and beverages are available for purchase. Enjoy a nightcap in the Lounge Car before settling in to your private sleeper cabin. **Overnight: Indian Pacific, Gold Kangaroo Service, Twin Cabin for 3 nights** (B,D)

DAY 3: BROKEN HILL—ADELAIDE

Enjoy breakfast as you travel past the Menindee Lakes to Broken Hill, an outback mining town filled with many art treasures, to Adelaide, arriving late afternoon. Optional off-train tours are available in Adelaide and



Gold Kangaroo Service, Twin Cabin

Broken Hill. *A small extra cost applies to optional tours, payable en route. This evening enjoy dinner as you travel through the Adelaide Plains, past the Spencer Gulf and the Southern Flinders Ranges. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: KALGOORLIE

Today the salt lake country gives way to the desolate Nullarbor Plain. By evening you'll reach Kalgoorlie, site of the world's largest open cut gold mine. *Optional off-train Kalgoorlie "Superpit" Goldmine visit is available (own expense). (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ARRIVE PERTH

After breakfast, you arrive into Perth. You may wish to join an optional off-train tour (small cost payable en route), to see the sights of Perth. Should you choose this optional sightseeing, we will deliver you and your luggage to your hotel at the end of the tour. (B)

Step aboard the Indian Pacific and traverse the largest island continent in the world. This epic trek of 2719 miles spans Australia from coast to coast—from the vast Pacific Ocean to the sparkling Indian Ocean. A unique journey that takes you from Sydney, through the ruggedly spectacular Blue Mountains, the famous green and gold sun belt of Australia, Broken Hill, Adelaide, the Nullarbor Plain and Kalgoorlie, before arriving in Perth.

Indian Pacific Train Departures available from:

Sydney: 2:55pm on Sat or Wed, arriving in Perth 9:10am on Tues or Sat
 Melbourne: 10:10pm on Sat
 Adelaide: 6:40pm on Sun or Thur
 Perth: 11:55am on Wed or Sun, arriving in Sydney 10:15am on Sat or Wed

Departs: Fri or Tues (Train Journey departs Day 2—Sat or Wed)
 Indian Pacific—Sydney to Perth 5 Days/4 Nights
 Price per person US\$:

Persons in Room/Cabin	Double	Single
1 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Sydney—Perth	\$1867	\$3717

Cancellation Penalties: Bookings cancelled inside 4 weeks prior to travel will incur a 100% cancellation fee. Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges apply. *Optional off-train tours at small extra charge, payable direct.

Note: Prices on application for departures from Melbourne and Adelaide to Perth and from Sydney to Adelaide (or in reverse direction). Melbourne guests travel on The Overland train to Adelaide and join the Indian Pacific in Adelaide. Gold Kangaroo Service on The Overland differs from the Indian Pacific.

GOLD KANGAROO SERVICE

Features of the Indian Pacific (pg 84) and The Ghan (pg 85):

Gold Kangaroo Twin Cabin features a comfortable three-seater lounge for relaxing, which converts to cozy upper and lower berths at night. Cabins feature all linen, towels, complimentary toiletries kit, "Welcome Aboard" kits, air-conditioning, hanging space, reading lights, full-length mirror, luggage space, foldaway table, private shower and toilet facilities. Single cabins have similar features of twin cabins, (showers and toilets are located at the end of the carriage). Dine in comfort in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant carriage which is decorated and furnished in a style that is reminiscent of another era.

Stop in Adelaide for a few extra days before re-boarding the train (see pages 30-35 for suggestions on what to do).



The Ghan



The Legendary Ghan travels through the heart of Australia, from Adelaide to Darwin (with connections on the Indian Pacific and The Overland if traveling to or from Sydney and Melbourne). You'll see spectacular landscapes, from the rugged MacDonnell Ranges surrounding Alice Springs to the tropical splendor of Darwin and the Top End. Enjoy fine dining in the Gold Kangaroo Restaurant, relax over a drink in the Lounge and make new friends from around the world before retiring to your private sleeper cabin.

THE GHAN ADVENTURE ADELAIDE TO DARWIN

6 Days/5 Nights

Price Includes

- 2 nights Adelaide
- Rail travel Adelaide–Darwin on The Ghan Train
- Air-conditioned accommodation, Gold Kangaroo Service, single or twin sleeper cabins
- 1 night Darwin
- Full day Barossa Valley wineries visit
- Alice Springs Desert Park tour and lunch
- Private car transfers throughout
- 5 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L), 2 dinners (D)

DAY 1: ARRIVE ADELAIDE

You'll be met and transferred to your hotel by private car. Spend the day at leisure in Adelaide. **Overnight: Adelaide, Stamford Plaza Adelaide for 2 nights**

DAY 2: BAROSSA VALLEY WINERIES TOUR

The rich European heritage of Australia is embodied in the lifestyle of the Barossa. Spend the morning admiring breathtaking backdrops and panoramic views looking out onto the Barossa Valley. Lunch is in an old villa set back from the road as we spend the rest of the day among the vineyards and wineries that make this area so popular and famous around the world. (B,L)

DAY 3: BOARD THE GHAN—DEPART ADELAIDE

Your private car transfer awaits to take you to the train station to board The Ghan at 4:15pm for a 5:15pm departure. The Ghan will take you through ancient mountain ranges, over the red-baked earth of the Simpson Desert and past oceans of sandhills. You will travel under a brilliant outback sunset and experience the wonder of the southern sky. Note: All travel between Sydney/Perth and Adelaide is on the Indian Pacific. All travel between Melbourne and Adelaide is on The Overland. All travel between Adelaide–Alice Springs–Darwin is on The Ghan. **Overnight: The Ghan, Gold Kangaroo Service, Twin Cabin for 2 nights** (B,D)

DAY 4: THE GHAN—ALICE SPRINGS

After a leisurely breakfast, arrive in Alice Springs – Australia's most famous outback town! Tour the magnificent Alice Springs Desert Wildlife Park, with lunch at Madigan's Restaurant during the 4-hour break in Alice Springs. The Park features more than 400 species of plants and 120 species of animals and provides a wonderful introduction to the subtle richness of the Australian Outback. Innovative interpretation tells the stories of the habitats, the plants, the animals and the people. (B,L,D)



Gold Kangaroo Service, Twin Cabin

DAY 5: KATHERINE—DARWIN

This morning arrive in Katherine, commonly referred to as the “Lady of the North” and the “Jewel of the Territory.” Guests have the option of a 2-hour boat cruise or helicopter tour to enable you to experience the spectacular grandeur of the 25 million year old canyons of Katherine Gorge (these tours at own expense and purchased en route)*. This afternoon start on the last leg of this fascinating journey on to Darwin, arriving at 4:30pm. You will be transferred by private car to your hotel. **Overnight: Darwin, Saville Park Suites** (B,L)

DAY 6: DEPART DARWIN

Today you will be transferred by private car to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

Departs: Fri (Train departs Day 3-Sunday)

The Ghan Adventure 6 Days/5 Nights

Price per person US\$:

Persons in Room/Cabin	Double	Single
01 Apr 06–31 Mar 07		
Adelaide–Darwin	\$2569	\$4819

Note: These journeys are also available in the reverse direction. **Cancellation Penalties:** Cancellation inside 4 weeks prior to travel will incur a 100% cancellation fee. *Off train tours are optional, own expense, and subject to cancellation due to late train running or weather conditions. Perth departures require a 2-night stopover in Adelaide.

Connections to The Ghan also available:

- Sydney:** 2:55pm on Sat or Wed
- Melbourne:** 10:10pm on Sat
- Adelaide:** 5:15pm on Fri & Sun arriving Darwin 4:30pm Sun & Tues
- Alice Springs:** 12:40pm on Tues & Thur to Adelaide
- Perth:** 11:55am on Wed
- Darwin:** 9:45am on Mon & 10:00am on Wed arriving Adelaide 9:30am Wed & 9:00am Fri



Check out all our exciting rail journeys at www.qantasvacations.com.



Dining on The Ghan

