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**DAY 1** **Cairns**

*As well as being the major access point for adventures on the Great Barrier Reef, Cairns offers exciting journeys to a rainforest village, Aboriginal experiences and a host of adrenaline-pumping activities.*

Make your way to [**Skyrail Rainforest Cableway**](https://www.skyrail.com.au/), Smithfield Station for your Skyrail journey to **Kuranda**.

Journey over Australia’s Wet Tropics World Heritage Area that has survived against all odds to become the home of the world’s oldest continually surviving tropical rainforest.

Enjoy a truly unique perspective of this ancient landscape; glide metres above the pristine jungle canopy before descending to explore the rainforest close up.

Arrive Kuranda.

*The picturesque mountain retreat of Kuranda Village is just 25km northwest of Cairns in Far North Queensland, Australia. Surrounded by the world’s oldest living tropical rainforest, the colourful village of Kuranda is well known as the Village in the Rainforest attracting visitors for well over a century.*

Once at Kuranda, make your way to the **Butterfly Sanctuary**. Spend some time exploring the sanctuary which is home to over 1500 butterflies then take the shuttle bus to [**Rainforestation Nature Park**](http://www.rainforest.com.au/).

On arrival, enjoy an Aussie BBQ lunch at the Treehouse Café before joining the [**Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience**](https://www.rainforest.com.au/experiences/pamagirri-aboriginal-experience/).

Local Indigenous Pamagirri guides welcome you to join them on a journey to discover the Dreamtime and learn about the fascinating customs and ancient traditions that are kept alive in the rainforest of Kuranda, in Tropical North Queensland. The Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience takes approximately one hour which includes both the Pamagirri Aboriginal Dance Performance held in the Rainforest Amphitheatre and the Dreamtime Walk conducted either before or after the show.

*Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience at Rainforestation Nature Park is a member of* [***Discover Aboriginal Experiences***](http://www.discoveraboriginalexperiences.com/)*.*

Take the return shuttle to Kuranda and spend some time exploring the eclectic array of shops, before returning via [**Kuranda Scenic Railway**](http://www.ksr.com.au/).

The famous Kuranda Scenic Railway winds its way from Kuranda to Cairns passing spectacular waterfalls and into the stunning Barron Gorge.

On arrival at Freshwater Station, a bus will transfer you back to Smithfield Skyrail station if you have parked your car there.

Return to your hotel.

Enjoy dinner at [**Bellocale**,](https://www.bellocale.com.au/) where the casual ambience and hearty fare delivers just the right ingredients for a perfect evening.

**Overnight: Riley Crystalbrook**

**DAY 2**

Make your way to Reef Fleet Terminal Cairns where you will board [**Dreamtime Dive & Snorkel**](https://dreamtimedive.com/)vesselfor a full day [**Great Barrier Reef trip**](https://dreamtimedive.com/dreamtime-cruise/).

**Dreamtime Dive & Snorkel** combines a full-day Great Barrier Reef cruise with Indigenous cultural storytelling from Traditional Owners with historical connections to the sea country visited. The cruise offers a rare educational opportunity to explore the reef with Traditional Owners whose north Queensland sea country stretches from the Frankland Islands to Port Douglas. Rangers from four Traditional Owner groups, the Gimuy Walubara Yidinji, Gunggandji, Mandingalbay and Yirrganydji people, as well as Torres Strait Islanders, help guests gain a deeper understanding of their traditional and cultural values in a relaxed, fun atmosphere.

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Return to your hotel and freshen up before dinner at [**Salt House**](http://www.salthouse.com.au/), serving fresh local and seasonal produce.

**Overnight: Riley Crystalbrook**

**DAY 3**

It’s an early start today as for your [**Cairns Classic Hot Air balloon ride**](https://www.hotair.com.au/cairns/balloon-rides/cairns-classic-hot-air-balloon-ride-return-transfers).

You will be collected from your hotel pre-dawn for the one-hour transfer to Mareeba.

Experience the fun and unique sensation of being in a hot air balloon, flying gently high above the Atherton Tablelands. Enjoy the picturesque landscape at dawn, floating in your hot air balloon, time to really breathe in the wide-open spaces.

Return to your hotel, then head to [**Caffiend**](https://www.caffiend.com.au/)for a delicious brunch.

This afternoon, you will be collected from your hotel by [**Raging Thunder**](https://www.ragingthunder.com.au/) for an afternoon [**Barron River Rafting**](https://www.ragingthunder.com.au/barron-river-rafting) trip.

Prepare for plenty of thrills and excitement as you paddle through grade 2 & 3 rapids, surf the rafts into the free-standing waves and go over the huge drop at Rooster Tail. The half day Barron River tour is the perfect way to get amongst this amazing natural paradise.

This evening, wander down to Cairns waterfront and dine at [**Dundee’s at the Waterfront**](http://www.dundees.com.au/).

**Overnight: Riley Crystalbrook**

**DAY 4** Today, join a full day [**Adventure North Daintree Dreaming – Aboriginal Art and Culture including Ngadiku Dreamtime Walk**](https://www.adventurenorthaustralia.com/product/aboriginal-art-culture/).

Immerse yourself in the ancient culture of the Kuku Yalanji Aboriginal people. Participate in a 1.5-hour art class at [**Janbal Art Gallery**](https://www.janbalgallery.com.au/) and create your own souvenir before heading to [**Mossman Gorge Cultural Centre**](https://www.mossmangorge.com.au/). Enjoy a delicious lunch then experience a traditional Welcome to Country smoking ceremony before joining the Ngadiku Dreamtime Walk for an in-depth Indigenous experience of the Daintree Rainforest. The walk is conducted by an experienced Indigenous guide who will share stories and insights into the Kuku Yalanji people’s special relationship with the rainforest.

*Adventure North, Janbal Art Gallery and Mossman Gorge Cultural Centre are members of* [***Discover Aboriginal Experiences***](http://www.discoveraboriginalexperiences.com/)*.*

This evening, head to dinner at [**Ochre**](http://www.ochrerestaurant.com.au/)restaurant, which specialises in crafting native foraged ingredients into modern cuisine.

**Overnight: Riley Crystalbrook**