

The Ultimate Guide to Driving the Great Barrier Reef

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Welcome to the World's Greatest Natural Wonder!

At approximately 350,000km² in size, and stretching 2,300km along the Queensland coast (about the size of 70 million football fields or the size of Japan), the Great Barrier Reef is the biggest single structure on the planet made by living organisms. It is the only living structure on earth that can be seen from outer space and the first coral reef eco system in the world to be awarded World Heritage status.

The Great Barrier Reef offers exceptional visitor experiences from every angle - underwater, above water, in the air, or on land. With the best local guides in the world, popular ways to experience the Great Barrier Reef include scuba diving, snorkelling, cruising, sailing, island resorts, coastal land and waterways tours or with a scenic flight.

So, check out one of Australia's epic road journeys and enjoy the near constant companion, the Great Barrier Reef - it's a once in a lifetime experience not to be missed!



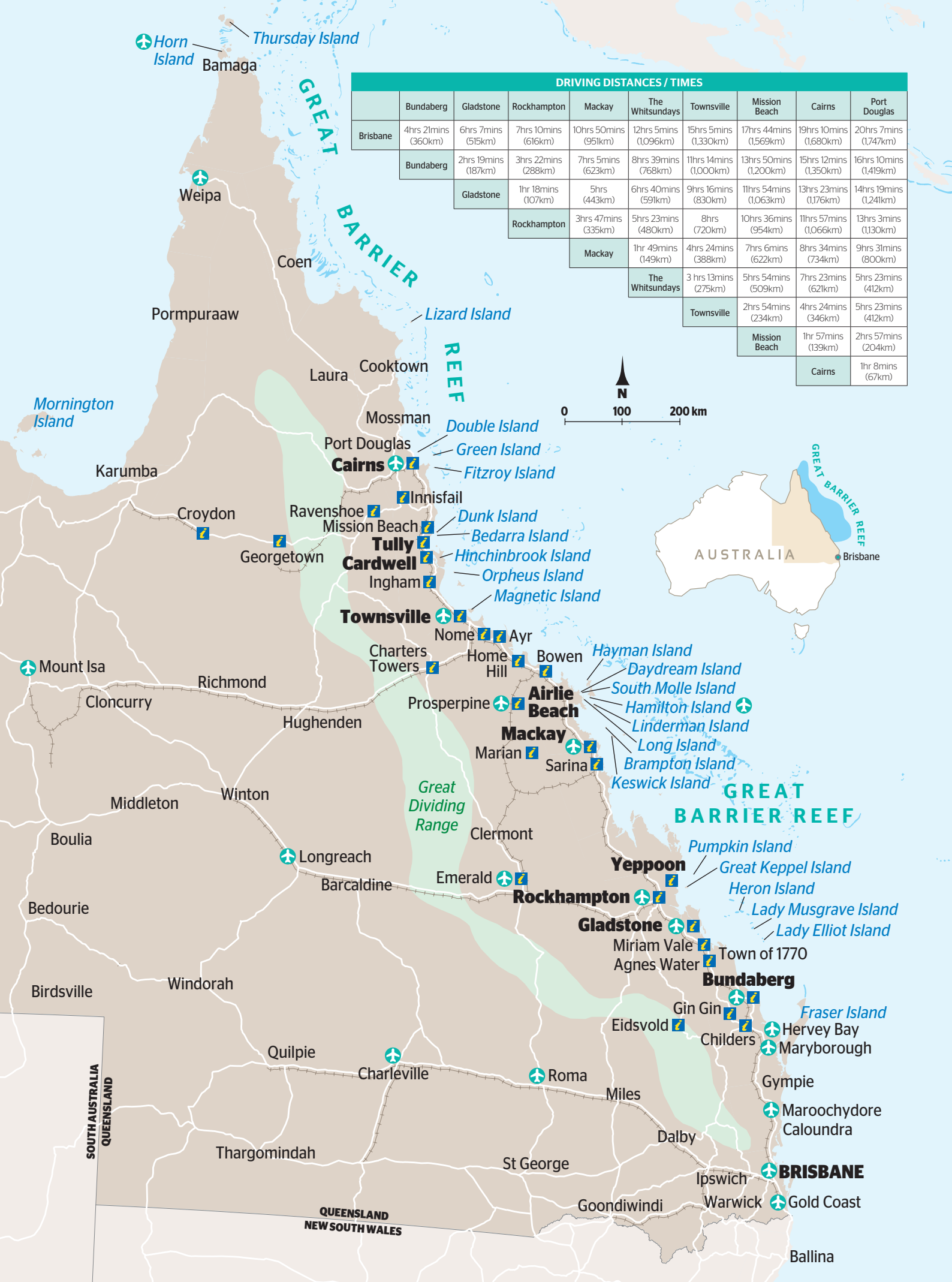
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The Great 8

It's the underwater equivalent to an African safari, and a trip to the Great Barrier Reef wouldn't be complete without ticking off these 'Great 8' iconic marine encounters from your list!



1. Nemo (aka the clownfish)

An iconic resident of the Great Barrier Reef. Find the colourful cuties in sheltered reefs or shallow lagoons, hiding between the stinging tentacles of anemones.



2. Sharks

The boss of the Great Barrier Reef food chain. The most common sharks found here are white tip, black tip and grey reef sharks.



3. Manta rays

The largest of all rays, mantas are like the birds of the ocean with their wingspans of up to seven metres. Manta rays are known for their graceful acrobatic skills.



4. Maori Wrasse

These big-boned fish love to play and will happily follow you around like a faithful friend. Maori wrasses can grow up to two metres in length and weigh up to 180 kg.



5. Potato Cods

These gill-bearers like to get up close and personal, with their wide mouths constantly opening and closing as if trying to have a chat!



6. Giant clams

Tough on the outside, but inside they're just big colourful softies. Giant clams spend their days eating algae, photosynthesising and looking beautiful.



7. Turtles

With six of the world's seven turtle species calling the Great Barrier Reef home, it's not hard to spot one.



8. Whales

The ultimate playground and nursery for humpback whales and their new calves, making an annual appearance along the coast from June until September.

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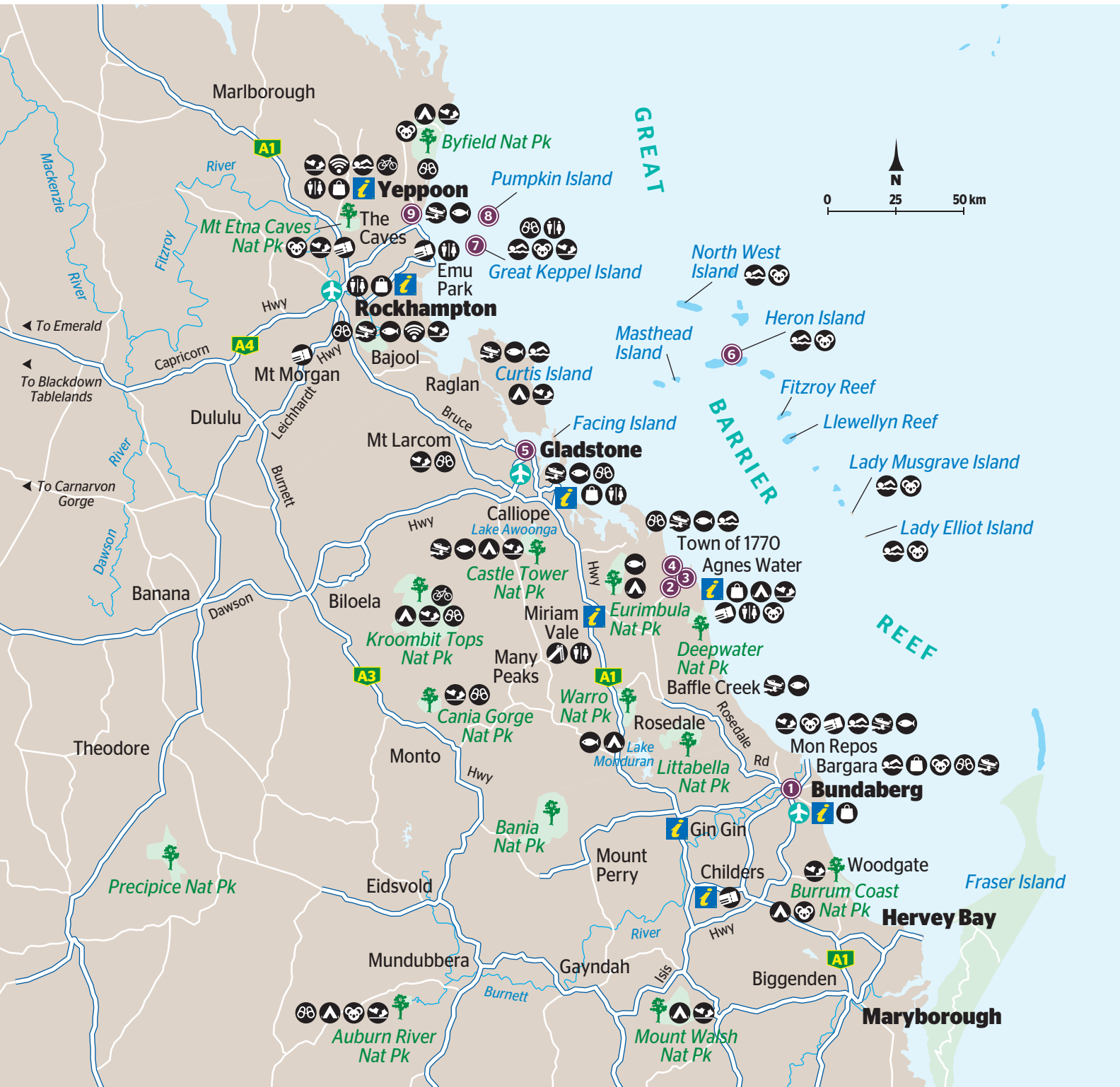
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Southern Great Barrier Reef



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Heron Island, Southern Great Barrier Reef

Where it all begins

Southern Great Barrier Reef is where 'great' begins and your road journey kicks off. It's where you dial back to Queensland pace and relax into the local vibe. Take your time to discover never-ending seasonal produce, inland detours to sapphire-rich gemfields and sandstone wilderness, and a come-find-me chain of tropical islands cresting Australia's greatest natural wonder.

In a nutshell, we're sub-tropical sun, uncrowded beaches and secluded surf. We're paddock to plate, from fifth-generation farmers to new-age millennial tastemakers. We're history rediscovered. We're open spaces and endless possibilities.

And we can't wait to show you around.

Just the place to ...

Get up close and personal with turtles doing what turtles do. At Mon Repos Turtle Rookery witness mama turtles nesting or hundreds of baby hatchlings emerging from their sandy bed to complete the circle of life.

Channel Robinson Crusoe strolling secluded island beaches with the reef within easy reach. Soak up castaway freedom with a stay on Heron, Lady Elliot or Lady Musgrave Islands or hang closer to the coast with a ferry ride to Great Keppel or Pumpkin Island.

Taste the deep connection between locals, land and sea. Our abundant natural food bowl means cafés, restaurants and pubs lovingly source and create amazing meals

inspired by place. Wash it down with our regional bounty of beverages, including world-famous Bundaberg Rum.

Cast-off on a fishing odyssey like no other – from deep seas to remote beaches and fresh water, from spear fishing to rod and reel, from elusive barramundi and mud crabs, to a myriad of species. Yes, it's a fishing fantasy.

Detour westward to unearth natural wonders – wildlife you won't see anywhere else, ancient gorges, caves and pristine rainforests. Marvel at Cania Gorge, Kroombit Tops, or go deeper to Blackdown Tablelands or Carnarvon Gorge's Aboriginal Art Gallery.

Fossick for fortune in the Sapphire Gemfields near Emerald. Catch gemstone fever on a walk-in mine tour, or a tag-along or self-drive fossicking tour. Sieve for treasure in your own bucket of sapphire 'wash'.

Sink into country hospitality. Our locals on the land welcome you, just a short drive off the Pacific Way. Take your pick of farmstays on working cattle properties, then retreat to rural solitude or throw yourself into daily life on the farm.

Tick off the Great Barrier Reef's 'Great 8' Manta rays, clown fish, whales, maori wrasse, turtles, potato cod, sharks and giant clams – all eight underwater creatures call the Southern Great Barrier Reef home.

Commune with nature. Find your happy place on a bushwalk or trek through one of our many pristine national parks. Close your eyes, point your finger at a map and let wildlife, cultural and adventure experiences grab your imagination.

Got three days?

Day 1 Bundaberg to Bargarra

Sign up for the Bundy Icons Tour (it's about much more than Bundaberg Rum). Every chance you get, indulge in exceptional local cuisine. Dec-Mar, witness nesting or hatching turtles at Mon Repos Turtle Rookery.

Day 2 Town of 1770 to Agnes Water

All aboard the LARC for an amphibious cruise across sandy beaches and estuaries to remote Bustard Head Lighthouse in Eurimbula National Park. Get comfy for a truly spectacular sunset. More time here? It's another jump-off point for Lady Musgrave Island.

Day 3 Yeppoon to Great Keppel Island

Amble to Bluff Point lookout to watch the sun rise over Keppel Islands as turtles bob by. Day-trip to Great Keppel Island, claim a beach for swimming, sunning and reef-snorkelling. Dive in for skiing, tubing, kayaking or jet-skiing. Stroll Yeppoon's esplanade and beach-chic cafés and boutiques. Can't bare to leave? Find a coast or island stay and kick back.

Step back in time. Tread where Lt James Cook did at the Town of 1770 (aka the birthplace of Queensland). Wander the 390 million-year-old Capricorn Caves, the National Trust town of Childers, or the longest heritage-listed street at Rockhampton.

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Great Keppel Island

Where Great Begins



Your Barefoot Island Paradise...

Great Keppel Island is a barefoot island paradise, with arguably the best beaches of any Great Barrier Reef island and fantastic year round swimming.

The island is home to 17 pristine white, sandy beaches and has an interior rich with native flora and fauna. If you enjoy a leisurely bush walk, chances are you'll find a beach all to yourself!

Great Keppel Island Hideaway offers a fully licensed bar and bistro, where you are sure to enjoy the casual atmosphere and spectacular views.

- Open 7 days from 8am until late
- Serving Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Island day guests welcome

Great Keppel Island Hideaway and Great Keppel Island Holiday Village both offer

relaxed accommodation to suit every traveller.

Ferries depart the mainland daily to Great Keppel Island with Freedom Fast Cats and Keppel Konnections. Drive time from Rockhampton to ferry departure points at Rosslyn Bay Harbour is 45 minutes.

There's no shortage of activities... Jet ski tours | Kayak tours | Stand up paddle boarding | Fishing tours | Snorkel | Tube rides | Water skiing | Coral Cruises & Sunset Cruises | Sailing | Bush walking | + More

ACCOMMODATION

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1800 537 735

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Heron Island Great Barrier Reef



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From September to March, Heron Island is the breeding home for hundreds of Loggerhead and Green sea turtles.

These giants of the sea return to lay their eggs, some 30 years after they were hatched, in the exact same spot.

To be part of one of nature's greatest journeys, join us this turtle season.

For further information or to book please contact your travel agent, or our Heron Island turtle loving team on 1800 837 168 or + 61 2 9538 0755.

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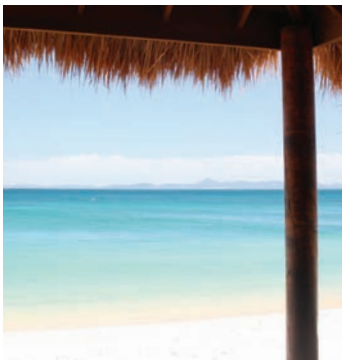


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Winner of the Best Accommodation and Resort in the 2016 Best in Business Awards, the Mercure Gladstone features 60 rooms covered parking and contemporary meeting facilities. Adjoining the Yaralla Sports Club, a community run organisation, guests have access to two restaurants and bar, plus a fully equipped fitness centre. The Mercure Gladstone also provides transfers for guests travelling to Heron Island from the airport to the hotel and to the marina.



Pumpkin Island

One of Australia's best-kept secrets...

This tiny gem – the ultimate 'get away from it all' - offers secluded accommodation for up to 34 guests in 7 self-catering cottages, powered by the wind and sun. See dolphins, turtles and whales in season. Fish the rich waters, snorkel or experience the coral reefs from a glass bottom kayak or SUP board, harvest your own oysters off the rocks or simply wander secluded beaches.

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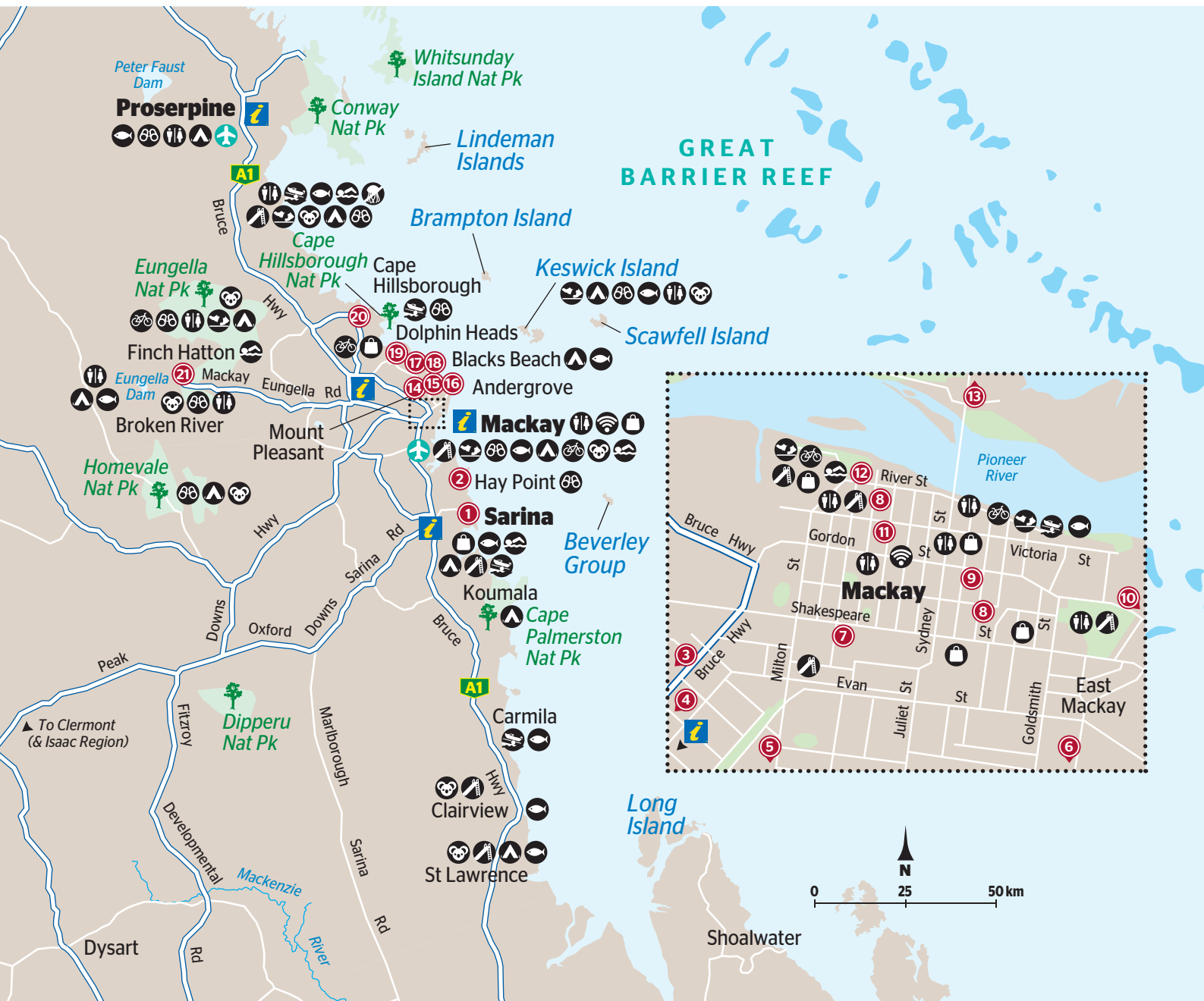
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Keswick Island, The Mackay Region

Nature reserved

Escape to a perfect getaway for families, couples or singles. Our region serves up natural brilliance and fun-filled adventures with a side of pure relaxation. All against a backdrop of gorgeous scenery and sunsets. We promise you'll never tire of our region's eye-candy. Locals say it gets better the longer you look!

What's to see on a road trip? Discover national parks, bushwalk to waterfalls and lap up a beach sunrise alongside wallabies and kangaroos. Inland, on the coast and in the city centre, see nature come to life in ways that will leave you lost for words.

Just the place to ...

Go natural. Strap on your boots and hit the bushwalking trails of Cape Hillsborough National Park, a rugged, natural paradise that's home to wallabies, kangaroos and killer beach sunrises.

Glimpse a platypus. Eungella National Park is Australia's longest stretch of sub-tropical rainforest and the world's most reliable place to spot a platypus. More than 20km of bushwalking tracks, 860 plant species and abundant wildlife.

Sweeten things up at Sarina Sugar Shed, a multi-award-winning agri-tourism attraction loved by young and old. Learn how sugar is grown and processed then taste the finished products including sauces, liqueurs, schnapps, fairy floss and (of course) rum.

Dwell on the scenery at Finch Hatton Gorge

- a wonderful landscape of waterfalls, fresh water, lush flora and volcanic boulders. Dial it up with a zipline through the canopy or a scuba dive in rainforest waters.

Reel in a big one. The Mackay Region offers some of east coast Australia's best fishing. Cast into local dams for insta-worthy barramundi, catch colourful reef fish off the islands or dangle a line from a fishing pontoon in the city centre.

Find your own island paradise on Keswick Island, nestled in Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. A short plane or boat ride and you're dipping into tropical rainforests, white sandy beaches and a coral reef bursting with marine life. Swim, snorkel, dive, paddle or bushwalk. For overnight, try glamping, camping or beach house options.

Beach out for the day at Mackay's northern beaches, where sun, sand and sensational ocean views will soothe your soul. Beach-side parks, playgrounds and accommodation abound and lunch at Eimeo Hotel promises a million-dollar view.

Dig into local lifestyles. Take the Peak Downs Highway inland to the Isaac Region. Discover our local mining communities - we're big on history and hospitality. Get to know us at a race day, rodeo or camp draft.

Stroll through history. Discover more of Mackay's rich pioneering past with a CBD heritage walk exploring beautifully preserved buildings and art. Guided tours run Wednesdays and Thursdays, May to Sept. Or grab a brochure and go it alone.

Got three days?

Day 1 Sarina to Mackay

Before reaching Mackay, visit the Sarina Sugar Shed - Australia's only miniature sugar mill and distillery. Take a tour and discover how sugar is grown, milled and distilled, then taste-test the delish products produced on-site. Yum! Head on into Mackay and live it up with our city's fine dining and boutique shopping.

Day 2 Mackay to Eungella NP

Road-trip an hour west of Mackay to Eungella National Park to experience Australia's longest stretch of sub-tropical rainforest, amazing waterfalls, Finch Hatton Gorge and even the chance to spot an elusive, billabong-swimming platypus. Wind your way back to the coast and spend the evening relaxing at ultra-scenic Cape Hillsborough.

Day 3 Wake up to an Aussie experience

Wake up early to share the sunrise on the beach with wallabies and kangaroos. Treat yourself to a day exploring bushwalking tracks, swimming or fishing, then indulge in our local produce at the nearby teahouse.

Make a splash at Mackay City's Bluewater Lagoon - all the fun of the beach, in the city. Swim in three tiers of lagoon pools with BBQ facilities, water playground and public work-out equipment in the surrounding park.

MACKAY



Cape Hillsborough Nature Tourist Park Home of the wallabies and kangaroos

A haven nestled in the beautiful Cape Hillsborough National Park, Cape Hillsborough Nature Tourist Park is the ultimate destination to seek refuge from the pace of everyday living. Situated less than an hour from Mackay and with absolute beach frontage, our unique location has it all. Wake up to see kangaroos on their morning beach hop at sunrise and keep an eye open for turtle and whale sightings during migration season. Enjoy the solitude of peaceful beaches and bays or perhaps try your luck at fishing. There are a variety of spectacular scenic walks in the surrounding national park, showcasing a wide array of Australian native flora and fauna.

With self-contained private accommodation, and powered or unpowered sites, this is the ideal home base from which to explore Eungella National Park, Sarina, Finch Hatton and Keswick Island, all within an hour of this beautiful destination. With a shop, three amenity blocks, pool, barbeques, laundry, internet and a TV and reading room - Cape Hillsborough Nature Tourist Park is your perfect home away from home.



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Family and pet friendly

Ideally located centrally between Mackay's great beaches and the city centre, we offer a wide range of cabins and sites for all.

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GoWake Cable Park Mackay

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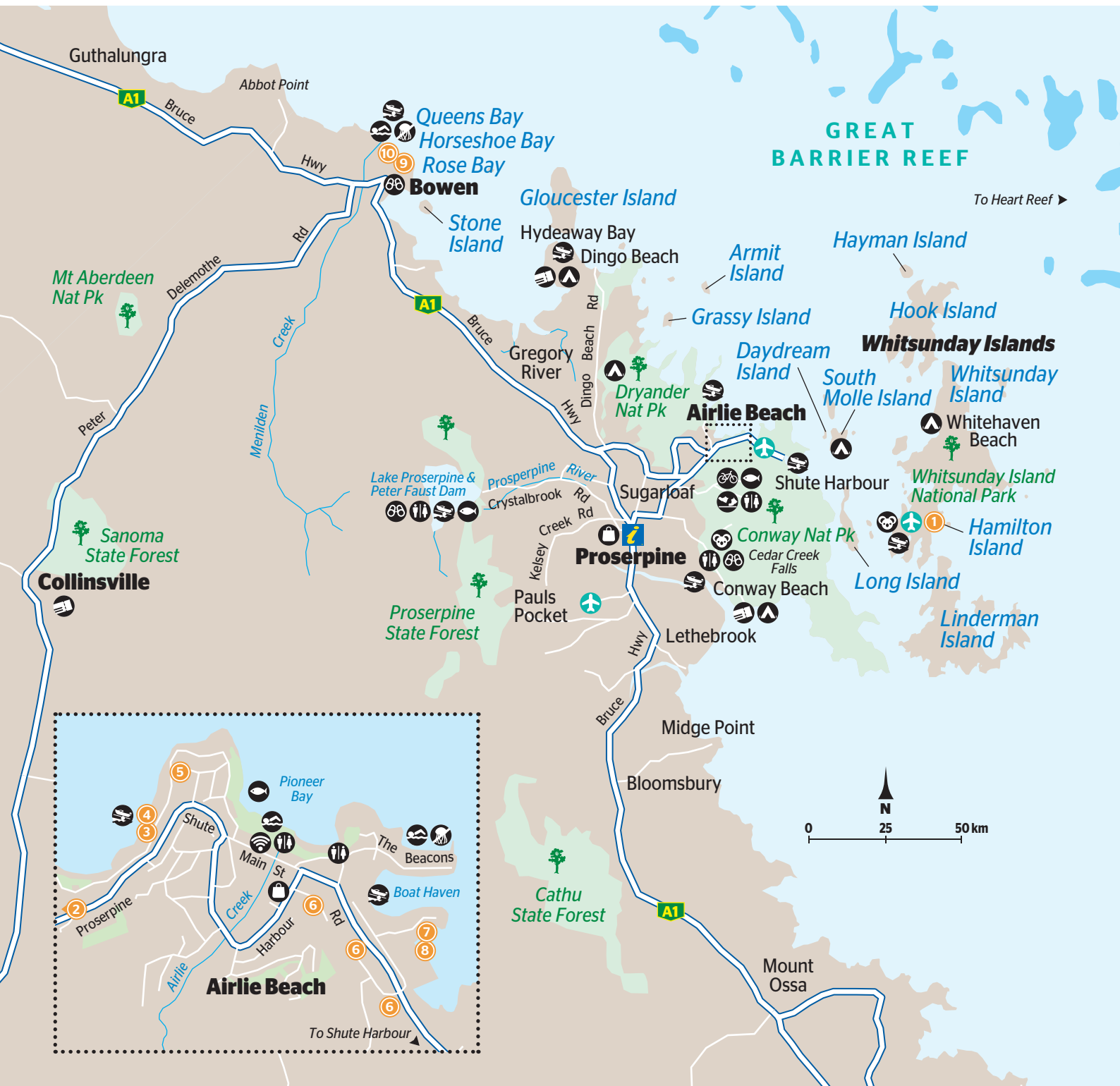
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Heart Reef, The Whitsundays

A coast fringed by 74 island wonders

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Take a lofty scenic flight over Great Barrier Reef islands, including romantic Heart Reef. There's no better way to appreciate the reef's magnitude. End the day: land for a champagne picnic on the pure white sands of Whitehaven Beach.

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Be charmed by an Aussie town. Experience Proserpine's art deco architecture then venture off the main street to discover shops like Colour Me Crazy, a quirky gift store you must see to believe. At nearby Peter Faust Dam, let locals show you how to land a barramundi.

Go it alone. Discover the charming hamlets and secluded long, sandy beaches of Hydeaway Bay and Dingo Beach where there's often not another soul in sight.

Snorkel straight from the beach at Bowen where some of the best fringing reefs and coral gardens of the Queensland coast lie just a few metres offshore.

Savour local flavours. At the Big Mango, pay homage to 'Bowen Mangoes' and lick your way through a mango ice-cream. Grab a traveller's pack of fresh local seafood from the co-ops at Bowen Marina while checking out the live tanks for the day's catch.

Get off the beaten track to explore the true Australian outback town of Collinsville, where farming, mining, and cattle grazing sustain the economy and unspoiled bush soothes the soul. Visit the Coalface Experience Museum and Pit Pony Experience, celebrating Australia's last working mine pit ponies. Take a break at Pit Pony Tavern and scan for 'selfie walls' where you can put yourself in the picture with ponies.

Trip down memory lane. Explore Bowen's long, lively history as told through our famous murals. Top it off with a visit to Bowen Historical Museum and Bowen River Hotel for a nostalgic jaunt into the past.

Got three days?

Day 1 Airlie Beach to Bowen

Driving from Airlie Beach, you soon reach Conway National Park. Stretch your legs on a bushwalk, then stop for a dip at Hydeaway Bay, ahead of feasting on seafood from the Seafood Co-op and homemade fudge from Le Sorelle Coffee House and Florist in Bowen.

Day 2 Bowen to Collinsville

Take the one-hour drive slowly and savour every sight. Pull-over to grab fresh-plucked produce from roadside farmgates and stop for lunch at historic Bowen River Hotel before checking into the Pit Pony Tavern in Collinsville.

Day 3 Collinsville to Proserpine

Spend the morning exploring Collinsville, snapping Instagram pics with the pit ponies, before delving into mining heritage at the Coalface Experience Museum. On the way back to Airlie Beach, fish for barramundi at Lake Proserpine, or enjoy some shopping in the variety of boutiques Proserpine offers.

Clamber up Bowen's Flagstaff Hill for panoramic 360-degree views across the bays. During winter months, keep vigil for humpback and minke whales cruising on by.

Marvel at movie nostalgia. Scope out local locations used in Baz Luhrmann's blockbuster film Australia.

THE WHITSUNDAYS



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We offer two exciting tour options, the Northern Exposure and Southern Lights. Each day offers three days in one, including an exhilarating ride to Whitehaven Beach and Hill Inlet, pristine snorkelling reefs and guided Whitsunday Island National Parks walks. Access to beautiful Hill Inlet beach, and special snorkel sites at Hook Island and Border Island ensure a memorable underwater experience. The fleet of six semi rigid inflatable vessels are super fast, allowing guests to experience a fun ride, adventure and education amongst the natural beauty of the Whitsundays. 25-32 passengers per vessel.

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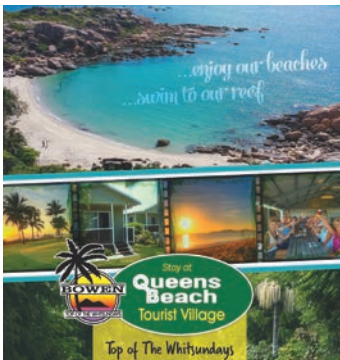
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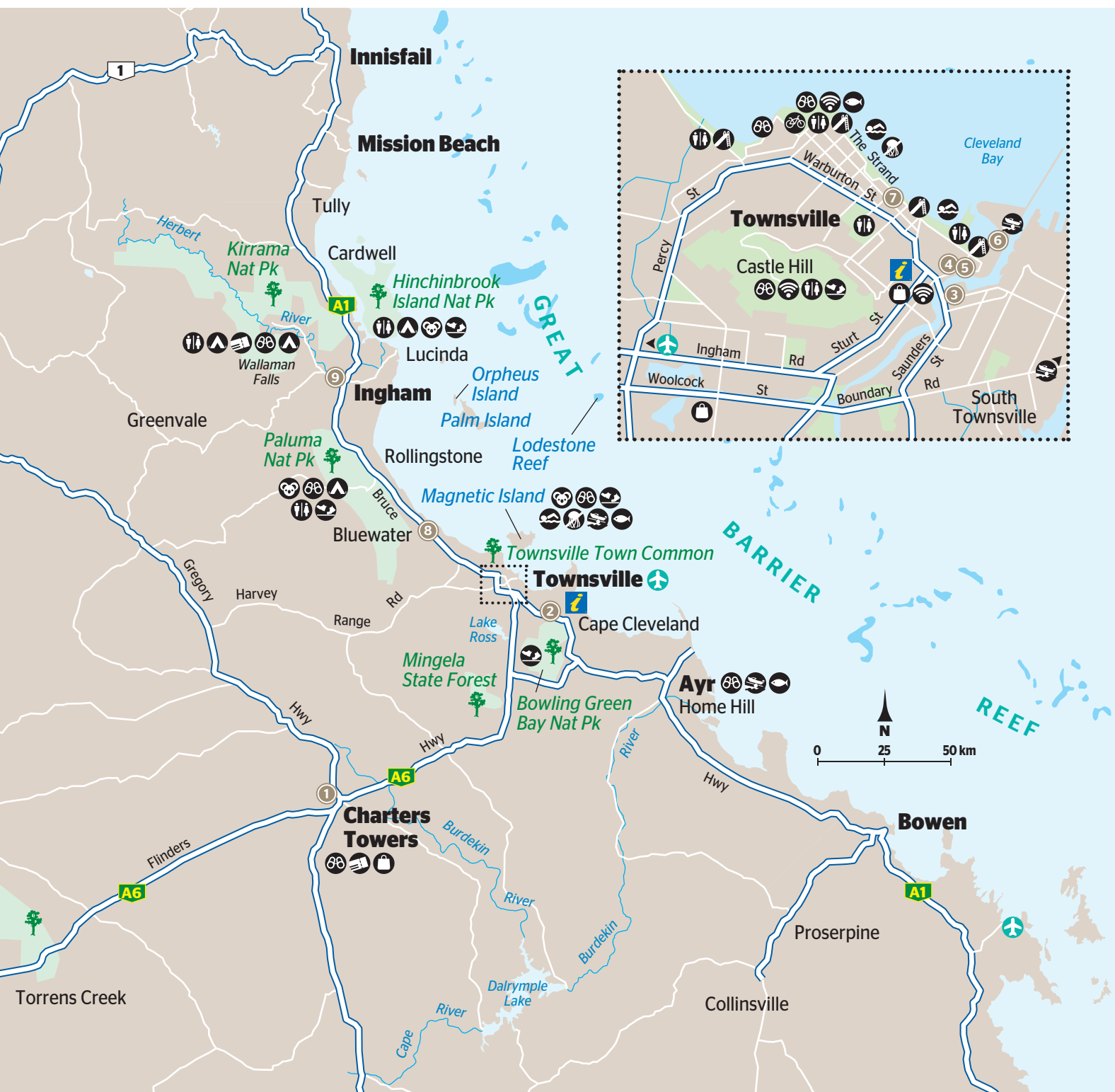
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Townsville North Queensland



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Magnetic Island, Townsville North Queensland
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Northern magic

You don't have to dig deep or go far to uncover our authentic Aussie way of life. We're the real deal - an ultra-drivable region you'll never forget.

Buckle in and explore romantic villages nestled in the rainforest, discover the magic in the Great Barrier Reef, fall in love with the vastness of the Australian outback, encounter native wildlife, be intrigued by our rich history and experience waterfalls that leave you breathless.

Townsville North Queensland is just the place to ignite your wanderlust and liven up your sense of adventure!

Just the place to ...

Explore the reef without getting wet at the world's largest coral reef aquarium, Reef HQ Great Barrier Reef Aquarium. It's so close to the real thing, you'll forget you're on dry land.

Dive or snorkel the Great Barrier Reef. The stuff of bucket lists. Day-trip to Lodestone Reef to cruise colourful coral beds or do a diving and camping safari on Pelorus Island. Go deep and experience the SS Yongala wreck - one of the world's top wreck dives.

Turn-up your tropical know-how. Ever wanted to fire a cannon, get savvy about life aboard an old sailing ship or learn more about the rainforests and reefs? Add the Museum of Tropical Queensland to your road-trip itinerary.

Immerse yourself in our lifestyle. Sync into our relaxed yet energetic vibe at The Strand, Townsville's thriving beach foreshore with spectacular views across to Magnetic Island. With activities, water park and playgrounds, it's hours of fun for the whole family.

Get your bearings atop Castle Hill, the giant pink granite monolith standing proud in the centre of town. Drive to the top for spectacular 360-degree views or take one of the walking tracks frequented by more than 2,500 locals each day.

Be tempted in paradise. Magnetic by name, magnetic by nature. Magnetic Island, in the middle of the Great Barrier Reef, lures visitors with wild koalas, stunning hiking trails and pristine palm-fringed beaches. Townsville's most accessible island is just a 20-minute ferry ride away.

Find your own Fern Gully. Paluma Range National Park is a quaint rainforest village only 40 minutes north of Townsville. Explore heritage-listed wet tropics rainforest and swim in the waters of Little Crystal Creek.

Come face-to-face with native critters at Billabong Sanctuary, an interactive wildlife park midst 11 hectares of wilderness. Let a keeper help you arm-cradle a koala, cuddle a wombat, smile at a crocodile or wrap a python around your neck.

Take a step back in time. Be charmed by the town of Charters Towers, just an hour and a half west of Townsville. Driving through the streets is like a living montage of Aussie heritage, with more than 60 buildings of historical significance to ogle.

Got three days?

Day 1 Explore Townsville

Get your bearings in our thriving city of Townsville with a stroll up Castle Hill to take in amazing views. Recharge with brekky and ocean views on The Strand. Zero in on underwater wonders at Reef HQ Great Barrier Reef Aquarium then pop next door to fire the old cannon at Museum of Tropical Queensland.

Day 2 Island Hopping

Rewind to island time - head across to Magnetic Island. Day-hire a topless car to go spotting koalas, snorkelling the fringing reefs, hand feeding rock wallabies and putting your feet up at one of our 23 bays and beaches.

Day 3 Townsville to Pulama

Swap islands for waterfalls. Just north of Townsville find the rainforest village Paluma and dip into refreshing water under the stone bridge at Crystal Creek. Head further north to Wallaman Falls and be prepared for jaw-dropping sights. At 268m, this sheer drop waterfall is the tallest in the southern hemisphere.

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TOWNSVILLE NORTH QUEENSLAND



Billabong Sanctuary

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Hinchinbrook Shire Council

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TOWNSVILLE NORTH QUEENSLAND



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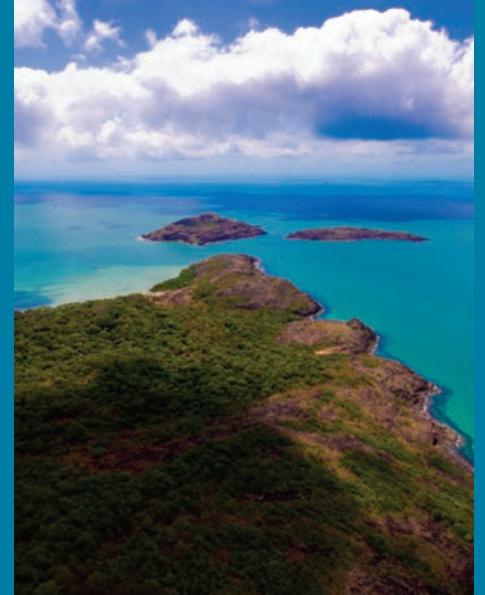
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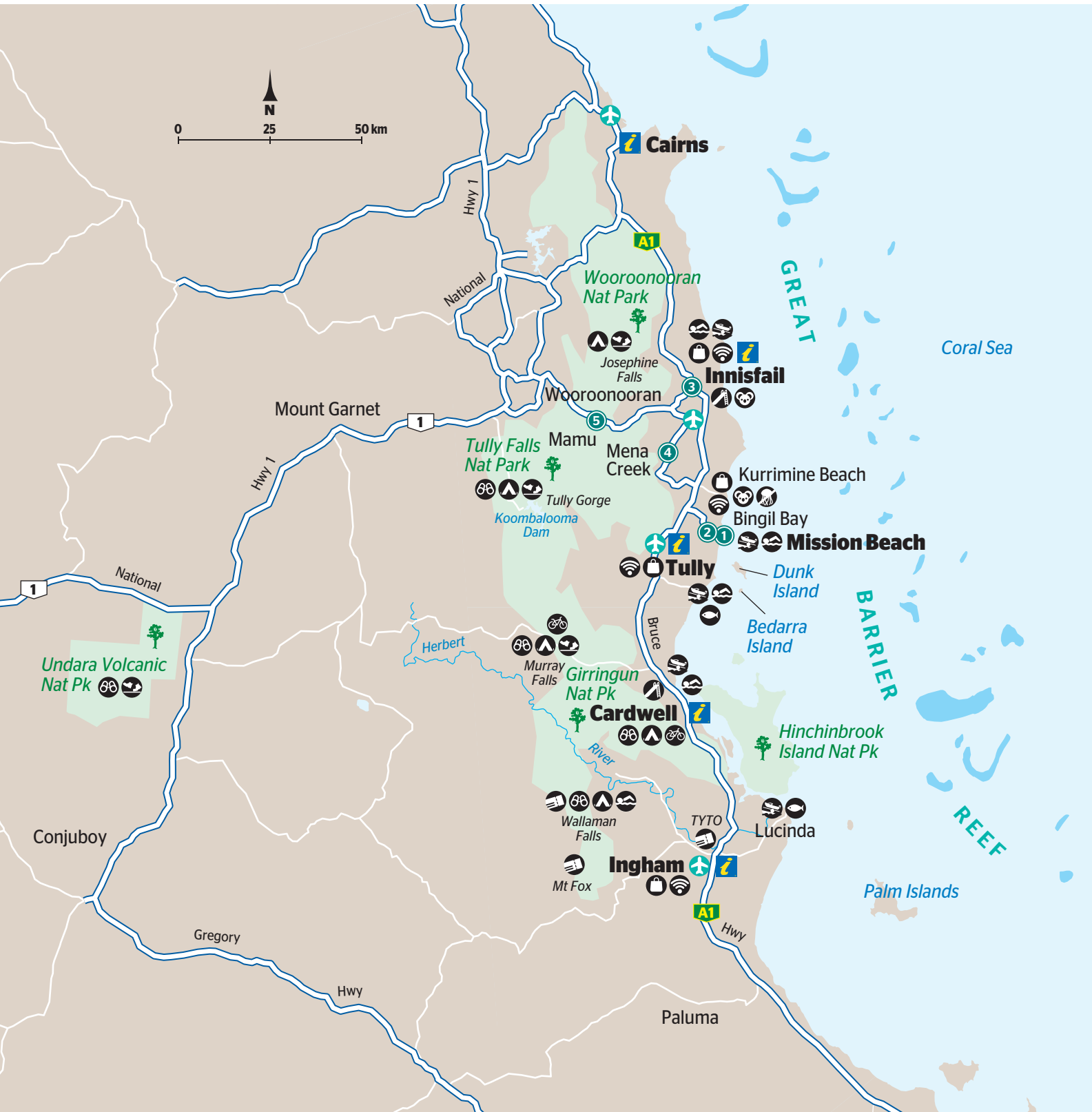

Tropical Coast
Tropical North Queensland
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Heart of the Tropics,
birth place of the Great Barrier Reef.



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Bingil Bay, Tropical North Queensland

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World-class natural experiences in a region built for car touring. The perfect getaway for your Great Barrier Reef Holiday. We have the big pictures. Great Barrier Reef, Rainforest, Indigenous Culture, wide open spaces, tropical beaches all to yourself. No crowds, no rush, no stress.

Road-trip from Townsville to Cairns to take it all in - the Earth's oldest living rainforests, misty mountains, giant waterfalls and wild rivers. Glimpse incredible wildlife and meander into local, heritage-rich townships. Visit seaside villages fringing golden coastlines. Tempt your tastebuds with our fresh seafood and exotic tropical fruits. Cruise out to picnic on a deserted tropical island, dive the reef or catch a Barramundi.

Just the place to ...

Go island-hopping. From Mission Beach, cruise out to some of the closest reefs to the Queensland coast. Immerse yourself in high-speed Rigid Inflatable Boat rides, casual island-hopping cruises and, when the tide's right, walk to the reef from Kurrimine Beach.

See the forest for the trees. Explore a patch of our vast area of World Heritage Listed Rainforest that thrives right down to sea-level at Bingil Bay. Fill up your senses with quiet mountain streams, freshwater swimming holes and majestic waterfalls.

Dare yourself. Seeking adventure? We have adrenaline-fuelled activities sorted. Skydive onto golden sands at Mission Beach, raft down Tully River, zoom along Mission Beach in a Blokart, kayak the Coral Sea coastline or tackle our rainforest Mountain Bike tracks.

Trek the world's largest island national park. Hinchinbrook Island's renowned four-day Thorsborne Trail treks cloud-covered mountains, rainforest, beaches and melaleuca swamps. Or take a day-trip to idyllic bays fringed with waterfalls and swimming holes.

Get cultural. Immerse yourself in the land, language and ancient culture of the Jirrbal people, starting at the Tully Railway Station with interpretive rainforest tours. Further north, ponder local cultural stories in the MaMu rainforest.

Hook up. Our fishing is legendary. From Lucinda to Cardwell, Mission and Kurrimine beaches, to Innisfail's Johnstone River and Deeral's Mulgrave and Russell Rivers.

Farm experiences. Dig into agriculture on a whole new level with a tour of a coffee, chocolate (cocoa) or pepper farm. Or maybe a producer of fruits or tropical wine?

Play in nature's garden. Tiptoe by flora and fauna in eco-rich Tyto Wetlands, amble 14km of pristine Mission Beach sand while gazing out to Dunk Island, marvel at Queensland's two tallest mountains or snorkel Kurrimine Beach where the reef meets the shore.

Find a rainforest surprise. Award-winning heritage-listed Paronella Park is a Spanish Castle set in a 5ha garden beside Mena Creek Falls with over 7,500 tropical plants.

Got three days?

Day 1 Waterfalls to Beaches

Yet to see Wallaman Falls? Start there before settling into Ingham to sample gourmet offerings of local Italian-inspired delicatessens. In sun-kissed Cardwell, wander the seafront's Interpretive Walk and browse the Bush Telegraph Station and Museum while inhaling a stunning vista of Hinchinbrook Island. Come evening, stroll along the golden sands of Mission Beach - Birthplace of the Great Barrier Reef.

Day 2 Make an Island your Mission

Wake to a hearty breakfast at an eclectic café in Mission Beach Village Green before cruising out to the reef. Snorkel or dive amongst colourful marine life of the Coral Sea, topped with a secluded island banquet of seafood and tropical fruits before heading back to the mainland.

Day 3 Tour the sights & delights

From Kurrimine Beach, cruise the Canecutter Way to find Murdering Point Winery and the Spanish-themed Paronella Park. Take a self-guided tour of Innisfail's art deco façades, enjoy an evening meal at one of Innisfail's eateries before retiring to one of the many accommodation options.

Catch sight of a cassowary - a large flightless bird and rainforest keystone species - endemic to the entire Cassowary Coast.

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Stay

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Charley's Chocolate Tour is unique in Australia and one of only a few places in the world where you can experience the journey of chocolate from "Tree to Bar".

Charley's is authentic and deliberately NOT a theme park. You'll walk among cocoa trees, learn how the fruit is harvested and then made into chocolate. The tour is lots of fun, "hands on", informative and yes, there's lots of samples to taste. Call or check website for all tour information.

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Cape Tribulation and Daintree National Park,
Tropical North Queensland

Where rainforest meets the reef

The Gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, where natural wonders converge and take you on a journey of discovery. Nowhere else on earth do two World Heritage icons meet - the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics Rainforests.

Take a weekend, a week, or more. Get off the beaten track at your own leisure. Meet the locals and the wildlife. From Cardwell to Cape York, from Cairns to Karumba, to chasing waterfalls. Joyride north on the spectacular Great Barrier Reef Drive and cruise to the edge of the reef. Here, time slows down a notch, so set your own pace. With your own set of wheels, you're set to find our region's finest treasures and best-kept secrets.

Just the place to ...

Cruise to the outer reef from Cairns or Port Douglas. Plunge into Nemo's world equipped with a snorkel or a scuba tank. Spot a turtle off Green or Fitzroy Island, or swim with Dwarf Minke Whales (during season).

Set sail to a secluded coral cay off Cape Tribulation, island-hop the reef or pack your pyjamas for a reef sleepover. Charter your own luxury yacht or board a 3-night cruise.

Escape the city to the jungle. Take the Great Barrier Reef Drive from Cairns to Cape Tribulation for breath-stealing vistas over reef, rainforest and uncrowded beaches, via

ancient cultures at Mossman Gorge. Top it off with a ferry ride across the Daintree to the oldest living rainforest on earth.

Combo-up the historic Kuranda Scenic Rail and then glide just metres above the rainforest canopy on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway. Discover the rainforest village charms of Kuranda where life's all about colourful markets, cafés and wonderful wildlife.

Hang out in the hinterland. Seek out gourmet food and wine trails criss-crossing the Atherton Tablelands. With your bellies full, loop around a waterfall circuit, scanning rainforest backdrops for wildlife wonders.

Get grounded in outback landscapes. Take the Savannah Way west into Gulf country, making Chillagoe limestone caves your first stop. Go deeper to Undara Lava Tubes, earth's longest volcanic lava flow. Fossick for gems along the way to Cobbold Gorge's ancient geological landforms.

Take an early morning dip with the locals. Cairns Esplanade Swimming Lagoon is a magnet for locals and visitors, right in the heart of the CBD with magnificent views.

Dip into the Dreaming. Our rich heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is one of the planet's oldest cultures. Let it unfold via traditional dance, rock art galleries, dreamtime walks, art fairs, festivals, and hunting, gathering and bushtucker tours.

Live your 4WD fantasy. Is the "trip to the tip" on your 4WD bucket list? Gear-up, fuel-up and head for Cape York via historic Cooktown and the promise of remote, unspoilt wilderness adventure.

Got three days?

Day 1 Cairns to Cape Tribulation

The Great Barrier Reef Drive hugs world heritage areas of the Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics from Cairns to Cape Tribulation. Winding along the edge of the Coral Sea past unspoilt beaches via Port Douglas to Mossman Gorge. The cable ferry takes you across the Daintree River to Cape Tribulation.

Day 2 Atherton Tablelands

Have breakfast with the birds and hit the road to the cool high country of the Atherton Tablelands. Here you can enjoy immense taste experiences from tropical fruits to coffee and cheeses. The Mareeba Wetlands are nature sanctuary for Australian wildlife and on the way to the Waterfall Circuit, a must do!

Day 3 Head to Mission Beach

Wake up with a swim in the Lake Eacham crater lake, before checking out the trendy shops and cafés of Yungaburra. Head back towards the coast along the Palmerston Hwy and walk high in misty clouds on the Mamu Tropical Skywalk. As the day closes, enjoy a sunset cocktail in Mission Beach.

Get your heart pumping with action aplenty, from white water rafting to parachuting and canyoning the Crystal Cascades. Bungy jump from a 50m tower with incredible Great Barrier Reef views.



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Visit Mossman Gorge



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Located only 15 minutes from Port Douglas, Mossman Gorge Centre is the starting point to your journey into the Gorge and features a contemporary café, art gallery, gift shop, extensive car parking and tour desk. A must-do while at the Gorge is the Dreamtime Walk. After a traditional 'smoking' ceremony that wards off bad spirits, your Indigenous guide will demonstrate traditional plant use, identify bush food sources, show you how to make bush soap and ochre paint and provide fascinating narrative of the rainforest. At the end of the tour enjoy traditional bush tea and damper.

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Bringing the reef and rainforest to you

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Cairns to Kuranda

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43 The Esplanade, CAIRNS
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Pacific Hotel Cairns

Best location in Cairns

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Glide above the rainforest

Embark on a fascinating journey of discovery over and through the oldest continually surviving tropical rainforest on earth with Skyrail Rainforest Cableway - the Gateway to Australia's World Heritage Rainforest.

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Kuranda wildlife experience

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