



Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort, Port Douglas

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FLIGHTS:

Canada:

1. Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) > Vancouver International Airport (YVR) > Brisbane Airport (BNE) > Cairns Airport (CNS) [27h 10]
2. Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) > SFO San Francisco International > Sydney > Cairns [27h 50]
3. Vancouver > Tokyo Narita > Cairns [21h10]
4. Vancouver > Sydney > Cairns [21h 05]

Europe:

1. LHR London Heathrow > SIN Singapore Changi > CNS Cairns [22h]

2. LHR London Heathrow > MUC Munich > SIN Singapore Changi > CNS Cairns [22h 25]
3. FRA Frankfurt am Main > SIN Singapore Changi > CNS Cairns [20h 30]
4. HEL Helsinki Vantaa > HND Tokyo Haneda > NRT Tokyo Narita > CNS Cairns [26h 35]

USA:

1. MCO Orlando International > SFO San Francisco International > SYD Sydney > CNS Cairns [28h 52]
2. MCO Orlando International > IAH Houston George Bush Interntl. > SYD Sydney > CNS Cairns [27h 40]
3. LAX Los Angeles International > YVR Vancouver International > BNE Brisbane > CNS Cairns [25h 05]
4. LAX Los Angeles International > YVR Vancouver International > BNE Brisbane > CNS Cairns [25h 05]
5. DFW Dallas Fort Worth International > SYD Sydney > CNS Cairns [22h15]
6. DFW Dallas Fort Worth International > YYZ Toronto Pearson International > NRT Tokyo Narita > CNS Cairns [28h35]

Cairns to Port Douglas shuttle (~1hr 15):

1. Shuttle bus/ airport transfer/ group transfers
 - <https://www.portdouglastransfers.com.au>
2. Car rental (only return to same location available) – rent at the airport; can pre-book
 - <https://www.cairnsairport.com.au>
3. Taxi (book at the airport; AUD 180 one way)
4. Group charter services
 - <https://www.portdouglasbus.com.au>

THINGS TO DO:

Great Barrier Reef



- Snorkel or dive with tours
- Outer reef (further away from the mainland, but more hard coral species, and larger fish species): 1.5 – 2 hours by high-speed catamaran.
- Inner reef - can visit two spectacular inner reef locations from Cairns (closer soft corals which smaller fish species)
 - o https://quicksilver-cruises.com/obr_activities/snorkel/index.html
 - o <https://greatbarrierreeftourscairns.com.au/tours/great-barrier-reef-pontoon-tour/>
 - o <https://reeftrip.com/tours/sail-snorkel-michaelmas-cay/>
 - o <https://downundercruiseanddive.com.au/product.php?id=7>

Rainforest/ river

1. Daintree (oldest surviving rainforest in the world; 51min from Port Douglas)



- Marrdja Boardwalk, Daintree Forest
 - o <https://www.visitportdouglasdaintree.com/places/marrdja-boardwalk>
- River snorkeling
 - o <https://backcountrybliss.com.au>
- The Daintree (vehicular) Ferry (8.30am-5pm) provides access into the Cape Tribulation area
 - o <https://daintreeferry.com.au>
- Food trail:
 - o <https://www.queensland.com/au/en/things-to-do/food-and-drink/daintree-food-trail-guide>
- Crocodile spotting
 - o <https://tourismportdouglas.com.au/solar-whisper-electric-wildlife-cruise>
- Mossman Gorge dreamtime walk (Mossman is a small township nestled at the foot of the mountains. It is also the region's sugar capital – July is sugarcane crushing season!)
 - o <https://www.mossmangorge.com.au/things-to-do/dreamtime-walks>

2. Kuranda rainforest

- Kuranda rainforest (1hr 11min from Port Douglas)



- <https://www.kuranda.org>
- take the train or sky-rail from Cairns
 - <https://www.skyrail.com.au/plan/skyrail-kuranda-train/>
- Birdworld (including the Southern Cassowary)
 - <https://www.birdworldkuranda.com>
- Koala gardens
 - <https://www.koalagardens.com>
- Riverboat cruises
 - <https://kurandariverboat.com.au>
- Markets and dining

3. Outback and Gulf Savannah



- Chillagoe Caves: 4WD from Cairns for limestone towers and fossils
 - o <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/chillagoe-caves/journeys/cave-tours>
- Undara Volcanic National Park – lava tube cave systems which was formed around 190,000 years ago following a volcanic eruption; 300km from Cairns
 - o <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/undara-volcanic>
- Cobbold Gorge – natural oasis in the outback; only by private tour
 - o <https://www.cobboldgorge.com.au>
- Some of the best fishing Australia has to offer! (e.g., Barramundi, mud crabs on Albert River)

Hinterland



- Wineries and vineyards
 - o https://www.kurandatours.com.au/australia_outback_tasting_tour.htm
 - o <https://www.cairns-australia.com/cairns-wineries.html>
- Bushwalks (e.g., in Lamington National Park, Tamborine National Park)
 - o <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/lamington/journeys/walking-tracks-summary>
 - o <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/tamborine/things-to-do>
- Sunshine coast hinterland for small historic towns, waterfalls, and swimming holes

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Others	
- White water rafting	Barron River White Water Rafting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ adventuresportdouglas.com ○ https://www.whitewaterrafting Cairns.com
- Janbal Aboriginal Art Gallery	https://www.janbalgallery.com.au
- Flames of the forest	https://www.visitportdouglasdaintree.com/port-douglas/flames-of-the-forest
- Wildlife Habitat for the Australian Wildlife Experience – Port Douglas	https://www.wildlifehabitat.com.au
- Wellness retreats	https://www.tropicalnorthqueensland.org.au/articles/day-spas-yoga-retreats https://tourismportdouglas.com.au/daintree-eco-lodge-spa
- Popular islands near Cairns/ Port Douglas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Low isles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://www.visitportdouglasdaintree.com/low-isles - Whitsundays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://www.tourismwhitsundays.com.au/drive-itineraries/cairns-to-the-whitsundays/ - Fitzroy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ https://www.getyourguide.com/cairns-l298/from-cairns-fitzroy-island-return-catamaran-transfer-t194261/?partner=true○ https://fitzroyislandadventures.com/book-now/
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