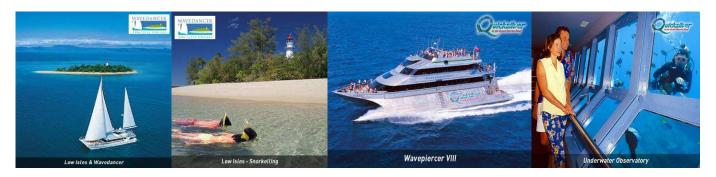
CAIRNS TOUR OPTIONS – 2009



GREAT BARRIER REEF

The Great Barrier Reef has a range of different options to allow you to experience its unique beauty.

BOAT - Diving and snorkeling from a boat is a great way to see the Outer Great Barrier Reef and is a fantastic experience.

- Silverswift (departing from Cairns) Visit 3 sites at the Outer Barrier Reef and spend a leisurely 5 hours at play. http://www.silverseries.com.au/swift.htm
- **Silversonic** (departing from Port Douglas) At Agincourt Ribbon Reef, you'll have access to 3 different exclusive dive and snorkel sites http://www.silverseries.com.au/sonic.htm

PONTOON - Going out to one of the platforms on the outer reef is a great trip for those that don't want to spend all day in the water but want to experience as much of the reef as they c an.

 Quicksilver – Outer Barrier Reef Pontoon located on Agincourt Reef. Choose to dive, snorkel, or stay dry and explore the stunning reef from the comfort of a Quicksilver semisub, just one metre underwater. http://www.guicksilver-cruises.com/wavepiercer.htm

ISLAND - Spend a day exploring one of the various islands near Cairns and the inner reef.

- Green Island (Great Adventures) Stroll through magical rainforest, laze on the white coral sands, swim, dive or snorkel amongst an amazing display of tropical fish and coral gardens, or enjoy the well appointed day visitor facilities http://www.greatadventures.com.au/tours/green-island.html
- Low Isles (Quicksilver Wavedancer) Set like a jewel in a Great Barrier Reef lagoon, Low Isles is an idyllic, unspoilt coral island that appeals to everyone. The wide, sandy beach and clear, calm lagoon waters are ideal for swimming and snorkeling. http://www.quicksilver-cruises.com/wavedancer.htm
- Frankland Islands Visitors share the immaculate reef with green sea turtles, tropical
 fish and giant clams, while leisurely guided island walks take you through rainforests,
 rock pools and along secluded sandy beaches.
 http://www.franklandislands.com/



KURANDA / SKYRAIL / SCENIC RAIL

One of the most popular trips to the Rainforest is on the Scenic Rail and Skyrail to Kuranda. Known as the 'Village in the Rainforest', Kuranda has something for everyone, from its famous markets with a wide range of arts and crafts stalls, to its roadside cafés and restaurants.

 Tropic Wings - Tropic Wings offers a variety of tours with different inclusions, depending on how you'd like to spend your time there. http://www.tropicwings.com.au/kuranda-tours/kuranda-tours.htm



WORLD HERITAGE RAINFOREST

Other Rainforest trips include going north to Cape Tribulation where the rainforest meets the reef, visiting Mossman Gorge and having a cruise on the Daintree River and a great opportunity to see wildlife.

Cape Tribulation & Daintree (Tropic Wings) – a great chance to see a number of spectacular & unique attractions. Begin by traveling to Port Douglas along one of Australia's most scenic coastal drives. After witnessing the beauty that is Mossman Gorge & Daintree Rainforest, stroll along Cape Tribulation Beach or boardwalks. http://www.tropicwings.com.au/tours/cape-tribulation-tour.htm

Traveling south west you can experience the Atherton Tablelands which is a must see if you enjoy waterfalls and like to know about some of the history of the area.

- Atherton Tablelands (Tropic Wings) Venture south of Cairns and stop off at attractions such as the Curtain Fig Tree, Millaa Millaa Falls and Woodleigh Cattle Station. http://www.tropicwings.com.au/tours/atherton-tour.htm
- Atherton Tablelands & Paronella Park (Northern Experience Eco Tours) Visit
 Wooroonooran National Park, Lake Barrine and among other sites, Paronella Park with its
 breathtaking Spanish castles in the rainforest.
 http://www.northernexperience.com.au/



ADVENTURE

For those looking for adventure, Cairns has many exciting options to choose from.

- RnR White Water Rafting Our white water rafting adventures are suitable for all levels of fitness and enthusiasm. Ride through our planet's oldest continuously growing tropical rainforests on rivers that still run totally wild. http://www.raft.com.au/
- Bungy Jumping (AJ Hackett) The only bungy operation on the planet that offers 16 different jump styles from traditional swan dives to riding off the roof on a BMX Bike http://www.ajhackett.com.au/
- **Skydiving (Skydive Cairns)** Our drop zone is based so that your tandem skydive with Skydive Cairns takes you over breathtaking views of our fantastic rainforest. http://www.skydivecairns.com.au/
- Hot Air Ballooning (Hot Air) Rise up and float over the scenic Atherton Tablelands, its rainforest ringed mountains and tranquil country landscapes. Afterwards plenty of champagne to toast your first flight and a delicious hot breakfast in our historic Country Cafe.

http://www.hotair.com.au/pages/Cairns.html

- Horse Riding (Blazing Saddles) With a stable of over 70 quiet and gentle horses,
 Blazing Saddles offers a safe and relaxing way to see the rainforest. Our horses have a
 friendly nature and will be matched to each riders experience and ability.
 http://www.blazingsaddles.com.au/horseridingtourride.html
- **ATV All Terrain Vehicles (Blazing Saddles)** Our ATV's are easy to ride and provide the perfect transportation through the rainforest. No license or previous experience necessary. This tour is excitement plus and allows the participants to experience nature close up, at their own pace. http://www.blazingsaddles.com.au/atvquadbikeridetour.html



OTHER LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

- Hartley's Crocodile Adventures Situated on the magnificent coastal drive between
 the popular destinations of Palm Cove and Port Douglas, Hartley's is famous for its
 exciting and educational wildlife presentations including crocodile shows, wetland wildlife,
 snake show, cassowary feeding and more.
 http://www.crocodileadventures.com/
- Cairns Tropical Zoo Cairns Tropical Zoo has broken the mould of traditional zoos by creating opportunities for you, the visitor, to interact with our animals. There are numerous opportunities during the day to get close, touch, feel and make some new animal friends.

http://www.cairnstropicalzoo.com.au/

- Cairns Night Zoo Enjoy a delicious Aussie BBQ to begin the night. After dinner, our guides will provide you with a torch and lead you into the darkness to meet the creatures of the night. Join our hospitable Swaggie and enjoy billy tea and damper with him by the campfire, and join in the fun as our guides teach you some famous Aussie Bush Dances. http://www.cairnsnightzoo.com/home.htm
- **Tjapukai Cultural Park** you can experience a range of activities with the traditional people of Far North Queensland. Activities include a live dance performance, didgeridoo demonstration, spear & boomerang throwing. Another must see is the Creation Theatre where live performers interact with giant holograms and tell the story of the Tjapukai people.

http://www.tjapukai.com.au/day.html

Tkapukai By Night - Tjapukai by Night is an evening of entertainment and indulgence
with a beautifully presented buffet. Tjapukai by Night is a unique and memorable
experience not to be missed.

http://www.tiapukai.com.au/night.html

• **Fishing the Tropics** - Cairns, Tropical North Queensland offers some of the best light tackle sports fishing opportunities on the globe. Be it in Cairns Rivers, Cairns Lakes, Cairns Estuaries or off-shore Reef Fishing, you can experience the thrill of chasing that elusive "big one" while surrounded by World Heritage listed rainforests or the magic of the Great Barrier Reef.

http://www.fishingthetropics.com.au/