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WINTER GETAWAY
CAIRNS TO TOWNSVILLE
SPIRIT OF QUEENSLAND RAIL
Thursday 26 June - Friday 4 Jul 2025

Welcome to our 9-day tour featuring *Cairns, Tropical North Queensland and Townsville.*

Tour inclusions Kuranda Scenic Railway- visit Port Douglas - Mossman Gorge - Daintree National Park - SPIRIT OF QUEENSLAND RAIL Charters Towers and visit the legendary **Texas Longhorns!!** SafariTour. We explore Magnetic Island - lunch Horseshoe Bay and so much more.....

Includes:

- * Home pick up and return service (Metropolitan & Mornington Peninsula areas)
- * Flights to Cairns - Townsville to Melbourne
- * Coach travel in Cairns - Townsville
- * Spirit of Queensland Rail Cairns to Townsville
- * 8 Nights Hotel Accommodation
- * Breakfasts - Evening Meals - 4 Lunches
- * One Way Sky Rail and Kuranda Scenic Railway
- * Guided Tours Entrance Costs
- * Sealink Ferry Crossing from Townsville to Magnetic Island

Cost: \$3,540.00 Per person twin share/double Single supp: \$700

PLEASE NOTE FLIGHT TAXES CAN CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

\$200.00 Deposit to secure booking

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DAY 1 (D) MELBOURNE TO CAIRNS THURSDAY, 26 JUNE 2025

Welcome to our 9-day tour featuring Cairns, Tropical North Queensland and Townsville. Today we transfer to Melbourne's Tullamarine airport for our direct Virgin Australia flight to Cairns. Upon arrival we are met by our local touring coach and head to our lovely accommodation at the Pacific Hotel. Once we have checked into our rooms the afternoon is free to relax, our hotel is located overlooking the Cairns Esplanade. At dinner time we meet again and can get to know our fellow travellers.

Pacific Hotel Cairns | 4 nights | 07 4044 1884

DAY 2 (BD) CAIRNS FRIDAY, 27 JUNE 2025

Following breakfast, we have some free time for a walk around the Cairns Esplanade area, then we transfer to Smithfield where we board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for a journey across the rooftop of World Heritage listed rainforest areas from the coastal plain. Stretching 7.5 kilometres across the rainforest canopy, Skyrail is the world's longest gondola cableway. The views are spectacular. We stop off during our ascent to visit a rainforest interpretative centre and for a short walk along a boardwalk through the rainforest. Perched above Cairns on the top of the Range and surrounded by World Heritage Listed Rain Forest is the village of Kuranda. The town is full of arts and craft shops and we have plenty of time to explore the village and purchase lunch. This afternoon we take a ride on the historic Kuranda Scenic Railway through the magnificent Barron Falls National Park. Highlights of the ride are picturesque valleys, jungles, railway bridges, tunnels built over a century ago and the Barron Falls themselves.

DAY 3 (BD) PORT DOUGLAS & MOSSMAN GORGE SATURDAY, 28

Leaving Cairns, we drive to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures for our morning visit. Upon our arrival, we will cruise the still waters of the lagoon on specially constructed boats. The cruise incorporates a commentary on the significance of wetland habitats and crocodile spotting is guaranteed! We will then return to the deck overlooking the lagoon for morning tea. Whilst here our programme includes a presentation on cassowaries, a guided tour of the park and a visit to the crocodile farm. Late morning, we travel north along the Marlin Coast to Port Douglas - a former fishing village that became a tourist mecca when Christopher

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Skase invested in the area and built the Sheraton Mirage. We enjoy some free time for a wander down the main street and purchase lunch and then continue north to the tiny township of Mossman. Here we see Mossman Gorge where the river tumbles its way over and around huge granite boulders that line the gorge creating cool, clear freshwater swimming pools. This is also the start of the Daintree National Park, a dense jungle part of the wet tropics environment and protected by World Heritage listing since 1988. It is one of the most ancient ecosystems on earth with more than 18,000 known plant species exist. Some trees are more than 2,500 years old. On our way back to Cairns we take a look at Palm Cove and arrive back at our hotel prior to dinner.

DAY 4 (BD) FREE DAY SUNDAY, 29 JUNE 2025

Today we have a day at leisure, to simply do whatever we chose to do. Maybe relax in the hotel by the pool, enjoy a nice stroll into the shops for a little retail therapy or do some local touring (own expense) whatever it is, enjoy! This evening's dinner is a short walk across to Dundee's Restaurant for our final dinner in Cairns.

Day 5 (BLD): CAIRNS TO TOWNSVILLE MONDAY, 30 JUNE 2025

All aboard this morning, as we catch the Spirit of Queensland for a delightful journey south to Townsville that has us arriving in the afternoon. Townsville is in the dry tropics region of Queensland and is the largest urban centre north of the Sunshine Coast. Townsville hosts a significant number of governmental, community and major business administrative offices for the northern half of the state. However, it's not all work - popular attractions include "The Strand", a long tropical beach and garden strip; Riverway, a riverfront parkland attraction located on the banks of Ross River, Reef HQ, a large tropical aquarium holding many of the Reef's native flora and fauna; the Museum of Tropical Queensland, built around a display of relics from the sunken British warship HMS Pandora; and Magnetic Island, a large neighbouring island, the vast majority of which is national park. We are met on arrival by our local coach operator who will transfer us to our accommodation.

Hotel Grand Chancellor, Townsville | 4 nights | 07 4729 2000

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Texas Longhorne

Day 6 (BLD): CHARTERS TOWERS TUESDAY, 01 JULY 2025

Be ready with your cowboy hat and boots today, as we head to Charters Towers and visit the legendary Texas Longhorns! The Texas Longhorn Safari is the perfect way to see up close and learn the fascinating history of these historical and spectacular cattle. They are direct descendants of the millions of Texas Longhorns that walked in the great trail herds from Texas in the late 1800's. Our morning also includes the JR Gallery of Horns Museum tour, morning smoko and a BBQ lunch. After a special morning of discovery, we head into Charters Towers for a look around town, followed by a visit to the Venus Gold Battery for a real insight into the gold rush era. Following our touch of gold fever, we return to Townsville.

Day 7 (BLD): LOCAL HERITAGE & TURTLES WEDNESDAY, 02 JULY 2025

*Beginning our sightseeing tour of the city we'll be introduced to this diverse and interesting town. Named after the Sydney entrepreneur Robert Towns, Robert provided early financial assistance to the town. Whilst on our tour we take in the sights from the Castle Hill Lookout, then head to the **Army Museum of North Queensland**. Jezzine Barracks has been home to Australian military units for over 120 years and is now a fitting home to showcase the Museum and its extensive Collection of the history of the Army in North Queensland. We also take in the views of the Kissing Point Fortification before returning to town and arrive in time for lunch at the **Townsville Yacht Club**, offering sweeping views across the marina. Later we drive to **Palmetum Park**, a botanical garden featuring a collection of more than 60 species of Palm. Stroll along the boardwalk and immerse ourselves amongst the garden's vast collection of palm species. Stop and reflect at the **Blackhawk Memorial** within the park dedicated to the 18 soldiers who lost their lives in a helicopter training exercise accident in 1996.*

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Day 8 (BLD): MAGNETIC ISLAND THURSDAY, 03 JULY 2025

We're off to explore Magnetic Island today. The Island was first discovered by Captain Cook who called it Magnetic Island because he believed that ore on the island affected his compass! Cook's concerns seem to have been unjustified as subsequent tests have shown no magnetising qualities in the island's predominant granite boulders. The island is two thirds protected National Park, situated in the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. We take a bus tour of the island and stop for lunch in Horseshoe Bay before the return ferry service to Townsville.

DAY 9 (B): HOMEWARD BOUND FRIDAY, 04 JULY 2025

This morning we head to the Townsville Airport for our flight back to Melbourne. Arriving back in Melbourne this afternoon, we collect our luggage and head for home. What a fabulous holiday we've had!

Direct deposit: **BENDIGO BSB: 633 000 ACCOUNT: 162401020**
CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

Cheques make payable to 'Lamble Tours' Address as above.

FINAL PAYMENT: The date is specified on each individual receipt

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc.

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