

OPTIONAL CAIRNS EXTENSION

3 days | Explore the Great Barrier Reef & Kuranda Scenic Railway



As the heart of the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics Rainforest and energized by nature, Cairns is the place to soak up the tropical lifestyle. Discover an exciting city that takes pride in its cultural heritage and where time seems to last a little longer. Swim at the Esplanade lagoon, sample local produce at a farmer's market, enjoy free entertainment, shop for a summer wardrobe or cruise around the marina.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cairns Hilton

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DAY 1: SEPTEMBER 1, 2018

Transfer to the airport

📍 Cairns, Australia

Fly to Cairns today where you will be met upon arrival and transferred to your local hotel.

Hilton Cairns is the ideal base to access the Great Barrier Reef. They are within walking distance to the Reef Fleet terminal, Cairns Convention Center, gourmet restaurants and the city's main shopping district. Cairns International Airport is only a 10-minute drive away from the property.

Enjoy the afternoon and evening free to explore independently with lunch and dinner by individual arrangement.

Overnight: Cairns Hilton

Included meals: Breakfast





DAY 2: SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

Explore the Great Barrier Reef

📍 Cairns, Australia

After breakfast at the hotel you will have a 2-3 minute walk to the reef terminal this morning.

Depart with Reef Magic Cruises to the Marine World activity platform. Please note the travel time is approximately 90 minutes from Cairns on the catamaran.

Upon arrival you will spend five hours enjoying the outer Great Barrier Reef from the platform. Return to the hotel around 3:30 pm where you will be dropped back off at your hotel.



Your excursion today will include access to all snorkeling equipment including personal flotation devices. There will also be an on-board marine biology presentation talk while in route to the reef. While there you will have access to semi-submersible tours with interactive commentary, glass bottom boat tours with commentary, fish feeding and identification sessions with the marine biologist, access to an underwater observatory, use of sun-deck, fresh water showers and changing rooms, morning and afternoon tea plus a full hot and cold buffet lunch. You will have access to reference materials on the reef, and complimentary tea, coffee and water throughout the day.

There will be some **optional** activities (additional cost) that they offer including introductory scuba diving (no experience necessary), helmet diving, certified dives, marine biologist guided snorkel tours, helicopter tours, rental of wet suites and massage services. They also rent small lockers for a nominal fee to store phones and valuables.

What to bring: Extra cash or a major credit card for on-board purchases including optional activities, souvenirs, professional on-board photos and bar items. Also bring swimsuit, towel, hat, sunglasses, sun screen and dry clothes for your trip home.

**The Reef Magic catamarans are very stable and transfer times to the reef quick, but if you are prone to seasickness it is recommended to take preventative measures around 30 minutes prior to the boat departing.

Overnight: Hilton Cairns

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 3: SEPTEMBER 3, 2018

Day Trip to Kuranda

📍 Cairns, Australia

Today your guide will collect you from the Hilton and check you in for your tour using the Kuranda Boarding Pass. The pass includes a detailed itinerary, preallocated preferential Kuranda Scenic Railway seating, a map of Kuranda, and discounted entry into selected attractions.

Your first stop of the day will be the **Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park**. On arrival, you have free time to explore the remainder of the Park, including bush food demonstrations, didgeridoo demonstrations, Circle of Life and Bundarra Cassowary Egg theaters, and both the Tjapukai and Torres Strait Island dance shows.



Enjoy lunch in the Boomerang Restaurant. A short distance from Tjapukai is the **Skyrail Rainforest Cableway**. Proceed directly to the boarding line – there is no need to queue as your Skyrail tickets are already on your Boarding Pass. Once aboard, be amazed as you glide silently over the rain forest. There are two stations en-route where you can alight and enjoy a walk through the rain forest to enjoy their spectacular lookouts. You might opt to visit the CSIRO Interpretive Centre.



Upon arrival in **Kuranda**, you have free time to do your own exploring – why not take advantage of the exclusive Kuranda discounts on your Kuranda Boarding Pass! Board the famous Kuranda rail train for an amazing journey, as you travel one of the world’s most scenic rail routes, through hand-hewn tunnels and over bridges spanning spectacular gorges.

Return via coach to Cairns where you will return to the hotel for dinner on your own arrangement.

Overnight: Cairns Hilton

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 4: SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

Depart today for the U.S.

📍 Los Angeles, California

PROGRAM INFO

Date & Length: 4 days September 1–4, 2018

Extension cost: \$1,699 per person (includes all gratuities)

Single supplement: \$499

Inclusions: Flight to Cairns, group airport transfers and baggage handling, meals and activities as mentioned, most tips and accommodations based on double occupancy.

Not Included: Hotel incidentals, spa services, and meals not mentioned.

To participate in the optional extension, complete and return the extension registration form. Return no later than 90 days prior to departure or within five days of receiving the information.