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People have been flocking to Cairns in search of treasure since the first gold rush. However, the prospectors of today come to mine the abundance of natural and environmental treasures that surround the city. With the tropical rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef in close proximity, Cairns attracts a young and intrepid crowd that adds to the vibrancy of this lively and welcoming city.



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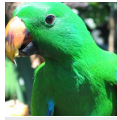
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The city's landmark is the Esplanade, which fringes the shoreline for 2 km and provides a place for locals and visitors to walk, cycle, lounge by the lagoon and generally enjoy the sun. The focal point of the city, the Esplanade is always alive with various musical and cultural events and is also home to many fine restaurants and bars.

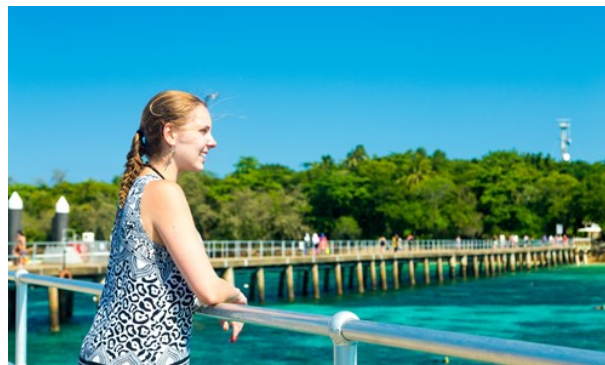
Just north from the Esplanade is the city's urban centre, with plenty of shopping and eating opportunities and many of the city's cultural and entertainment attractions. Dotted around this area, particularly along Wharf Street, you will find a number of older and historical buildings with their signature wide verandas and porches.

Outside of the Central District, the suburb of Edgehill is home to the Tanks Centre, a lively local arts space, the Flecker Botanical Gardens and the Whitfield Range Environmental Park. While for those looking to hit the beach, there is a bus service running to some spectacular stretches of sand about 15 minutes north of the city.

The Northern Beaches consist of a number of beach communities extending north along the coast. As a rule, each beach suburb is at the end of a spur road extending from the Captain Cook

Highway, so you can get there relatively fast yet not be bothered by traffic noise once you're there.

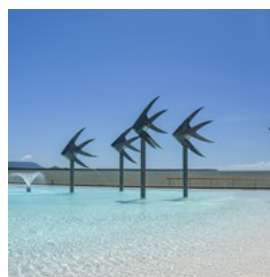
DO & SEE



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Cairns offers endless possibilities to explore, learn and meet interesting people. The nature is breathtakingly beautiful and the people friendly and helpful. There's always something exciting going on and if you're all adventured out, there are plenty of options when it comes to taking it easy, and hey — why not get a nice tan while you're relaxing?

The Esplanade



The Esplanade is full of cafes and restaurants, BBQ areas where you can sit down with friends and use the big grills. Stroll along the promenade, splash around in the famous lagoon, enjoy some of the free events or just soak up the sun!

Photo: Manon van Os/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Esplanade, Cairns

Internet: www.cairnsesplanade.com

Great Barrier Reef



No trip to Cairns would be complete without a day spent exploring the Great Barrier Reef. Composed of roughly 3,000 individual reefs, nearly 900 islands and coral cays, and home to an unparalleled array of marine life, Australia's Great Barrier Reef is one of the richest and most complex natural ecosystems on Earth.

Whether you're a diver, snorkeler, or nature lover, there are plenty of reasons to include this natural world wonder in your Australia travel itinerary.

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White Water Rafting



There are three rivers in Cairns suitable for rafting, each with its own level of difficulty. It is a fun experience and also a team building exercise to face the impressive rapids together. RnR White Water Rafting is a white water rafting specialist in Australia and they offer a wide range of tours.

Photo: Ammit Jack/Shutterstock.com

Address: 19-21 Barry Street Bungalow, Cairns

Phone: +61 7 4031 3460

Internet: www.raft.com.au

Email: info@raft.com.au

Green Island



Tropical and magical, Green Island is a unique part of the Great Barrier Reef, making it a perfect spot for a half-day or full day tour. There are plenty of options to snorkel, parasail, dive and swim in the clear ocean waters. Explore the Green Island National Park or just relax on the white sandy beach.

Big Cat Green Island Reef Cruises will take you to this small, beautiful island

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Address: Reef Fleet Terminal 1 Spence Street, Cairns

Phone: +61 7 4051 0444

Internet: www.greenisland.com.au

Email: info@greenisland.com.au

Mossman Gorge



The amazing Mossman Gorge lies 80 km north of Cairns. It is a river with magic blue-green waters surrounded by enchanting rainforest.

The water is refreshingly cool and it is a peaceful place to go swimming — beware of the rapids though. This area is part of the traditional homeland of the indigenous tribe of Kuku Yulanji.

Photo: AustralianCamera/Shutterstock.com

Address: 212 Mossman Gorge Road, Mossman

Phone: +61 7 4099 7000

Internet: www.mossmangorge.com.au

Email: walk@mossmangorge.com.au

Cairns Rainforest Dome

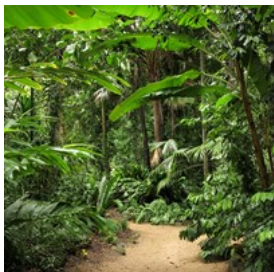


Meet the animals and learn about the fragile ecology of the rainforest right in the heart of Cairns. This spectacular wildlife exhibit is

enclosed by a 20-meter-high glass dome on top of the Reef Hotel Casino. Be surrounded by parrots, cockatoos, lorikeets, doves and rosellas and see for yourself how cute the rainforest wallabies are. Experience the world's first challenge ropes course in a wildlife park and take part in an interactive show with crocodiles & koalas.

Photo: Joyce Mar/Shutterstock.com
Address: 35-41 Wharf Street, Cairns
Phone: +61 7 4031 7250
Internet: www.cairnszoom.com.au
Email: info@cairnsdome.com.au

Cairns Botanic Gardens



Learn about Aboriginal plant use and marvel at the flora and fauna at this tropical oasis of 38 hectares of native Australian gardens. The

Cairns Botanic Gardens area is divided into four distinct areas: Flecker Gardens, Centenary Lakes, Mt. Whitfield Conservation Park and Tanks Art Centre.

Photo: AustralianCamera/Shutterstock.com
Address: Collins Avenue Edge Hill, Cairns
Opening hours: Flecker Gardens is open daily 7:30am-5:30pm. All other garden areas are open 24/7
Phone: +61 7 4032 6650
Tickets: Free entry
Internet: www.cairns.qld.gov.au/cbg

Daintree Rainforest



Experience the splendour of this World Heritage listed rainforest, this is the oldest tropical rainforest and a home to diverse and unique

animals, plants and fungi. At around 1,200 km² the Daintree is the largest continuous area of tropical rainforest on the Australian continent. A beautiful place for birdwatching and swimming, sunbathing on calm beaches. Enjoy the wonder of the nature while finding inner peace.

Photo: ProDesign studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Daintree Rainforest
Phone: +61 7 4098 9126
Internet: daintreerainforest.net.au

Kuranda Scenic Railway & Skyrail Rainforest Cableway



Board the famous Kuranda Scenic Rail for a breath-taking journey on one of the world's most scenic operational rail journeys to the charming town of Kuranda and a return journey by cable car across the canopy of the rainforest. With the cable car, you will get an amazing birds-eye views so make sure not to forget your camera.

Photo: tomoki1970/Shutterstock.com
Address: Cairns Railway Station, Cairns
Phone: +61 7 4036 9333
Internet: www.skyrail.com.au
Email: ksrres@qr.com.au
More Info: Hotel bus transfers are also available from selected Cairns city locations

Cairns Historical Society Museum



The Cairns Historical Museum houses an exhibition about the city's past starting with the Aboriginal and Islander beginnings and

continuing to early timber, mining and agricultural industries. Staff are friendly and there will be volunteers guide you.

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Address: Cairns School of Arts building, Lake & Shields Street, 93/105 Lake Street, Cairns

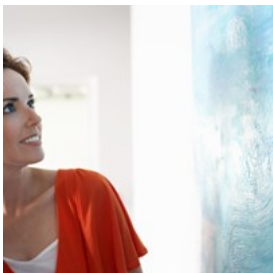
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-4pm

Phone: +61 7 4051 5582

Internet: www.cairnsmuseum.org.au

Email: histsoc@cairnsmuseum.org.au

Cairns Art Gallery



Housed in a restored 1936 landmark heritage building, Cairns Art Gallery is the region's leading gallery, featuring historical and

contemporary art made by national and international artists. There is also a permanent collection, showcasing unique history and living cultures of Far North Queensland. Gift shop and cafe are quite pleasant.

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Address: 40 Abbott Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-2pm

Phone: +61 7 4046 4800

Internet: www.cairnsartgallery.com.au

Muddy's Playground

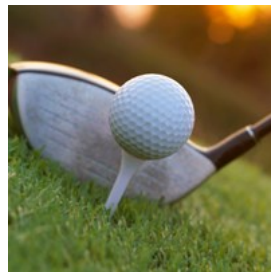


A water playground and parkland, Muddy's is located right on the Esplanade. It is a great place for the kids to run around, play and release some energy. There is a cafe for the adults to sit back and relax with a cup of coffee.

Photo: alexmisu/Shutterstock.com

Address: Esplanade, Cairns

Cairns Golf Club



Located only five minutes from the city centre, the 18-hole course is set in tropical surroundings with lovely views and a rich bird life to enjoy

while playing. There is also a driving range on site.

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Address: Kate Street, Cairns

Phone: +61 7 4037 6700

Internet: www.cairnsgolfclub.com.au

Email: info@cairnsgolfclub.com.au

Cairns Zoom & Wildlife Dome



Get ready for an adrenaline-pumping adventure at Cairns Zoom and Wildlife Dome, a unique experience that combines a wildlife park

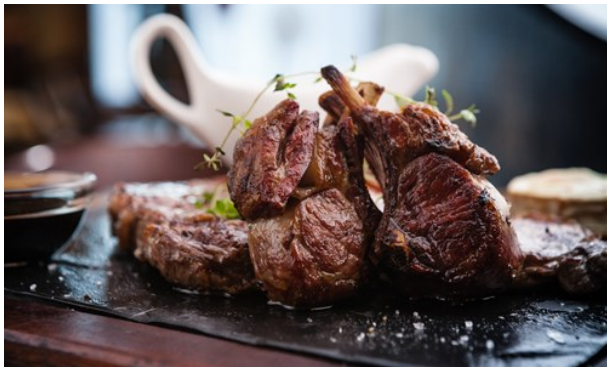
with a ropes course, all perched atop The Reef Hotel Casino. Encounter crocodiles, koalas, and other native Australian animals and birds as you navigate through zip lines, rope climbing courses and skywalks.

Brave visitors can even zipline over Goliath, a

4.5m crocodile, making this thrilling park one of Cairns' best wildlife experiences. The indoor setting ensures fun for all ages, regardless of the weather, and it's an ideal destination for energetic kids. With friendly staff and a small café at the entrance, Cairns Zoom and Wildlife Dome offers an unforgettable day out for the whole family.

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Address: The Reef Hotel Casino, 35-41 Wharf Street, Cairns
Phone: +61 7 4031 7250
Internet: www.cairnszoom.com.au

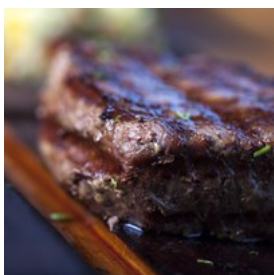
DINING



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The cuisine of Cairns is similar to the rest of Australia in that it has absorbed many influences from the migrants who have arrived at its shores. Thus, there is a fusion of South East Asian and Mediterranean influences with more European style traditions. Cairns also draws on the natural environment for its sources, and there is an abundance of fresh seafood, native meats and locally produced fruit and vegetables.

Rattle n Hum Cairns

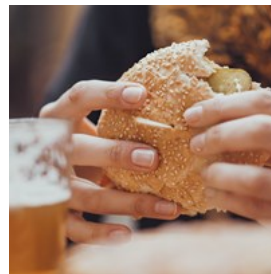


Rattle n Hum offers a laid back atmosphere and a friendly crowd sharing communal tables and watching sports on huge screens. From the menu

you can choose everything from pizza to burgers, steak, chicken and fresh seafood. The portions are big and the food is tasty — the perfect Aussie pub experience.

Photo: lz89/Shutterstock.com
Address: 67 Esplanade, Cairns
Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-late
Phone: +61 7 4031 3011
Internet: rattlenhum.com.au/cairns
Email: cairns@rattlenhumbar.com.au

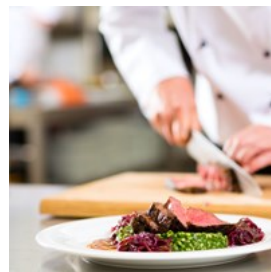
The Pier Bar & Grill



The location is perfect, overlooking the water, with the lagoon one side and the boats on the other. They have a wide range of local as well as international beers and offer a great mix of food such as wood-fired pizzas, steaks, burgers, pasta and seafood. You can also choose a glass of wine from the extensive wine list.

Photo: NatashaPhoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 Pierpoint Road, Cairns
Opening hours: Daily noon-late
Phone: +61 7 4031 4677
Internet: www.thepierbar.com.au
Email: gday@thepierbar.com.au
More Info: Located at The Pier Shopping Centre

Ochre Restaurant



Ochre restaurant is a contemporary styled restaurant, located on the waterfront. It brings an adventurous approach to native food and offers fresh local seafood, bush food, game such as crocodile and kangaroo including other regional Australian cuisine.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Marlin Parade, Cairns
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-9:30pm
Phone: +61 7 4051 0100
Internet: www.ochrerestaurant.com.au
Email: info@ochrerestaurant.com.au

L'Unico Trattoria Italiano



Talk about a fantastic setting! Have sit on the veranda that is enveloped by palm trees and offers an amazing ocean view. The restaurant is located on the beachfront of beautiful Trinity Beach (20 km north of Cairns) and is a great place where to enjoy upscale Italian fare. Try the char-grilled vegetables with goat cheese or spaghetti with seafood.

Photo: Marzia Giacobbe/Shutterstock.com
Address: 75 Vasey Esplanade Trinity Beach, Cairns
Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm
Phone: +61 7 4057 8855
Internet: www.lunico.com.au
Email: info@lunico.com.au

Cock & Bull



There are many reasons to have dinner here, the first and foremost is that this is where the locals go - and they should know. Boasting two kitchens (where they make traditional pub fare), a tropical garden, pool tables, multiple big screen televisions and ever smiling staff, Cock & Bull has reason to be proud.

Photo: [gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com](https://www.gpointstudio.com)
Address: 6 Grove Street, Cairns
Opening hours: Daily 10am-5:30am
Phone: +61 7 4031 1160
Internet: www.cocknbull.net.au
Email: info@cocknbull.net.au

Tamarind Restaurant



This is the signature restaurant of the Reef Hotel Casino, — an exclusive restaurant serving a delicious mix of Asian and Western cuisine in an intimate setting. The extensive wine list includes carefully selected labels to accompany every meal perfectly.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com
Address: 35-41 Wharf Street, Cairns
Phone: +61 7 4030 8897
Internet: www.reefcasino.com.au/dine/tamarind-restaurant
More Info: Located at Reef Hotel

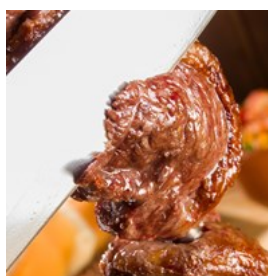
Bayleaf Balinese Restaurant



Bayleaf serves authentic flavours of the Balinese cuisine such as assorted seafood braised in yellow coconut milk and balinese lamb stew with cardamon and coriander. The restaurant is part of the Bay Village Tropical Retreat & Apartments and an excellent place to come for brunch, lunch or dinner.

Photo: Fiona Henderson/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: Corner of Lake & Gatton Street, Cairns
Phone: +61 7 4047 7955
Internet: www.bayleafrestaurant.com.au
Email: reservations@bayvillage.com.au

Bushfire Flame Grill



Bushfire Flame Grill invites you to a real Australian BBQ. The beef comes from Australia's outback throughout Queensland and Northern Territory. The staff circles around the restaurant

and carves sizzling-hot roasted meats directly onto your plate. If you think that you have tasted good Aussie BBQ before — you better think again.

Photo: diogoppr/Shutterstock.com

Address: 43 Esplanade, Cairns

Phone: +61 7 4044 1879

Internet: www.bushfirecairns.com

Email: info@bushfirecairns.com

More Info: Pacific International Hotel, The Esplanade & Spence Street

Thai Coins



Thai Coins offers traditional Thai carries and stir-fries, with vegetarian, vegan or gluten free dishes upon request. Enjoy your

fragrant and spicy meal in a simple space with bench seats and a lush courtyard.

Photo: ARENA Creative/Shutterstock.com

Address: 371 Mulgrave Road, Cairns

Opening hours: Lunch: Tue–Fri 11am–2pm. Dinner: Tue–Sun 5pm–9pm. Mon closed

Phone: +61 7 4054 2252

Internet: www.thaicoinscairns.com.au

Email: thaicoins@bigpond.com

Bellocale



Discover the tantalising fusion of Italian cuisine and fresh, locally-caught seafood at Bellocale, a family-owned gem in Cairns. Relish in

mouth-watering dishes like blue swimmer crab ravioli, pappardelle bugs and their must-try seafood linguine. This buzzing, modern venue offers an inviting atmosphere, with its open layout and warm service.

Accommodating for kids and special dietary requirements, Bellocale consistently delivers top-notch flavours, from the chilli prawn linguine to their indulgent "death by chocolate" dessert. Pair your meal with a refreshing Italian beer or a well-balanced martini, and experience the personal touch of the owner's active involvement in the restaurant's daily operations.

Photo: Eaters Collective/unsplash

Address: 62C Shields Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Tue–Sun 5pm–9pm, Mon closed

Phone: +61 7 4051 7777

Internet: www.bellocale.com.au

Email: bellocale.reservations@gmail.com

Ganbaranba



For authentic Japanese ramen, look no further than Ganbaranba, the go-to spot for traditional ramen soups and gyoza in Cairns for over a decade.

This bustling, compact restaurant offers a variety of classic ramen dishes, all featuring perfectly cooked noodles in a rich pork broth, as well as a dedicated veggie menu with delectable tofu puffs. With a reputation for being one of the best ramen spots in Australia, Ganbaranba serves up generous portions, tasty broths, and friendly service in a casual setting.

Photo: Matthew Hamilton/unsplash

Address: 14 Spence Street, Shop 8, Cairns

Opening hours: Mon, Tue & Thu–Sun noon–2pm / 5pm–8pm; Wed closed

Phone: +61 7 4031 2522

Internet: www.instagram.com/cool_ganba

CAFES



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Cairns cafe scene has seen a growth and whatever your preferences of coffee might be, the Cairns CBD has it covered. There is a myriad of healthy cafés that serves nutritious, fresh and tasty meals so you can eat and drink with good consciences, and if you have a sweet tooth, don't worry there are plenty of yummy treats on offer too. Esplanade is a great area to head for when looking for a place to have a relaxing break, here you will find plenty of coffee shops scatter around the area and many with amazing sea views.

Meldrum's Bakery Cafe



It's always pie o'clock at Meldrum's. Here you will find all types of pies, including gluten free options, and it is all served by the friendly and

helpful staff. Can get quite busy, but worth a visit.

Photo: farbled/Shutterstock.com

Address: 97 Grafton Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-3pm

Phone: +61 7 4000 9391

Internet: www.meldrumscairns.com.au

Pantry 15



Combined retail store and a unique health food cafe, Pantry 15 is all about choosing a healthy lifestyle. Fresh juices, smoothies, coconut

ice-cream and high quality breakfast and lunch meals are all prepared without dairy, grains, sugar or preservatives. Pantry 15 is part of a fast growing network with several locations across Australia and for sure deserves a visit.

Photo: Stephanie Frey/Shutterstock.com

Address: 15/62 Grafton Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-3pm, Sat & Sun 7am-2pm

Phone: +61 7 4041 3885

Email: info@pantry15.com

The Lillipad Cafe



A favourite among the locals, The Lillipad Cafe is excellent for lunch — you get a huge plate for super cheap, and it's always delicious! It is

extra recommended if you are looking for organic, vegetarian and healthy food. On the menu you will find classics such as eggs Benedict and French crepes.

Photo: Kirilllutz/Shutterstock.com

Address: 72 Grafton Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Daily 7am-3pm / 5pm-9pm

Phone: +61 7 4051 9565

Internet: www.lillipadcafe.com

Perrotta's at the Gallery



Lively and stylish, Perrotta's boasts a mix of fresh local produce and upscale bites. The coffee is superb, and do your best to leave some room

for one of its divine desserts. Located only metres away from the CBD and the Esplanade lagoon, with an outdoor seating area that lets you sit down and take a break while watching people go about their busy day.

Photo: Alexandra Lande/Shutterstock.com

Address: 38 Abbott Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Daily 7am-9pm

Phone: +61 7 4031 5899

Internet: www.perrottasatg.com

Email: perrottasatg@hotmail.com

More Info: Located in the Regional Gallery. Aperitivo hour daily 4pm-7pm

Industry One Coffee



This espresso bar is truly a must stop for the coffee connoisseur. Industry One Coffee not only offers freshly-roasted coffee, but the staff has also a

genuine passion for their craft. Beside serving amazing coffee they also have some sweet treats like cupcakes, muffins and cakes as well as food.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool/Shutterstock.com

Address: 110 Scott Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6am-1pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +61 447 066 061

Internet: www.industryonecoffee.com.au

Email: contact@industryonecoffee.com.au

Cruze Coffee



Cruze Coffee, just a 10-minute walk from the Esplanade, is where the skilled barista customise the perfect cup of coffee according to your taste —

you choose the beans and the roast. Quality, freshness and friendly service are some of the key elements at this popular coffee shop. The strongest coffee drink they have is called The Godfather 2. Be careful with that one!

Photo: Adrian Baras/Shutterstock.com

Address: 105 Grafton Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-5pm, Sun 9:30am-3:30pm

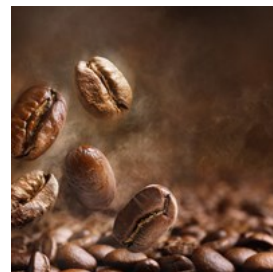
Phone: +61 7 4051 1444

Internet: www.cruzecoffee.com.au

Email: cruzecoffee@y7mail.com

More Info: Located on the second floor of Cairns shopping centre

Coast Roast Coffee



Coast Roast Coffee has two convenient locations in Cairns and is an excellent value for money as well with hot drinks, roasted coffee and helpful

staff. From the menu you can pick everything from panini, bagels and scones to croissants muffins, cakes and tarts.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 45/46 Spence Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +61 7 4041 1006

Internet:

cairns-city-qld.auopeninghoursau.com/coast-roast-coffee

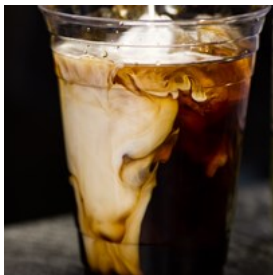
Blackbird Espresso



Passionate about their coffee, the team at Blackbird Espresso for sure knows how to consistently make silky smooth coffee. Due to the popularity among locals and tourist alike, they have opened another store at 205 Newell Street, Bungalow.

Photo: Stay_Positive/Shutterstock.com
Address: 62 Grafton Street, Cairns
Phone: +61 7 4031 1587
Internet: blackbirdespresso.shop
More Info: Shop 13 Oceana Walk

Annee's Caphê Sua Da



Located in the heart of Cairns, Annee's Caphê is a cute and quirky Vietnamese Coffee shop where they use Vietnamese brewing process to create a smooth cup of iced coffee. The owner, Annee, is a lady who believes in giving a personable and memorable service to every guests.

Photo: ShengImages/Shutterstock.com
Address: 57-89 Grafton Street, Cairns
Phone: +61 7 4040 2705
Internet: www.anneescaphesuada.com
More Info: Located at the Rusty's Market

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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After a hard day trekking through the rainforest or diving on the reef, hit the town and share a few stories (and a few beers) with the crowds who converge on the city's bars after dark. Everything from cocktail bars to pubs, clubs and nightclubs can be found by the waterfront and the CBD, many which are lined along Spence Street, forming a strip with some of the city's best and wildest entertainment venues. So hit one of Cairns vibrant nightclubs where the party continues until the early morn and be prepared to have a fun night out!

Gilligan's



Gilligan's is a renowned party venue, maybe the biggest one in Cairns. Popular among locals and backpackers alike. The back deck by the pool shows off some of Cairns most popular live bands including local and international DJs.

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Address: 57/89 Grafton Street, Cairns
Phone: +61 7 4041 6566
Internet: gilligans.com.au
Email: reservations@gilligans.com.au
More Info: Located at Gilligan's Backpackers Hotel and Resort

The Pier Bar



The Pier Bar is a great place to down a few beers while watching the sunset from the deck. Simply awesome! Be prepared though, because as the night passes, the crowd grows, and you better be ready for a night of chatting with some friendly locals while listening to live music.

Photo: DGLimages/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Pier Shopping Centre, 1 Pier Point Rd, Cairns

Opening hours: Daily noon-late

Phone: +61 7 4031 4677

Internet: www.thepierbar.com.au

Email: gday@thepierbar.com.au

PJ O'Briens



Great atmosphere, live music and excellent drinks. P.J. O'Briens is an Irish pub full of tourists, locals and backpackers, all of them having a good time, enjoying Guinness and sea shanties.

Live party bands on the weekends, lady's nights on Tuesdays, wild west on Wednesdays — the fun never ends.

Photo: PopTika/Shutterstock.com

Address: 87 Lake Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Daily noon-late

Phone: +61 7 4031 5333

Internet: www.pjobriens.com.au/cairns

Email: cairns@pjobriens.com.au

Salt House



Salt House is a cool, funky bar with an amazing view of the marina in Cairns. Enjoy a drink at the outdoor cocktail bar among the tranquil ponds and fire features. If the hunger kicks in just head over to the large restaurant area. Four days a week they invite both local and visiting bands.

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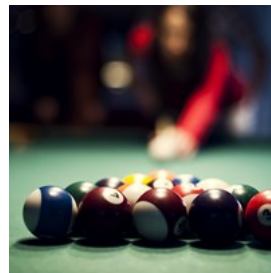
Address: 6/2 Pierpoint Road, Cairns

Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-late

Phone: +61 7 4041 7733

Internet: www.salthouse.com.au

Cock & Bull



After a fun-filled day, Cock & Bull welcomes you to have a nice meal, shoot some pool and enjoy a couple of cold ones. This English tavern is popular among the locals and welcomes you with a relaxed country feeling. Check out the tropical beer garden, a great place to mingle with friends.

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Address: 6 Grove Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5:30am

Phone: +61 7 4031 1160

Internet: www.cocknbull.net.au

The Reef Hotel Casino



This five-star hotel is not only a fine casino with several bars and restaurants but it is also a great entertainment destination that offers

live music, shows and much more. The casino provides a wide variety of table games and over 500 gaming machines. Enjoy a fun evening out at this huge entertainment complex.

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Address: 35-41 Wharf Street, Cairns
Phone: +61 7 4030 8822
Internet: www.reefcasino.com.au

The Downunder Bar



The Downunder Bar is open 7 days a week and boasts delicious pub food, drinks and free pool tables. This is the place to start your night out or

just enjoy a beer with some friends. Check out their website to see what's on.

Photo: LightField Studios/Shutterstock.com
Address: 102 Lake Street, Cairns
Opening hours: Daily 5pm-midnight
Phone: +61 7 4028 3448
Internet: www.thedownunder.com.au
Email: info@thedownunder.com.au

SHOPPING



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If you are in the mood for shopping, Cairns has a great variety of shopping locations: everything from charming markets offering local products to shopping centres with all the latest and hippest fashion trends from well-known chain stores.

There is also a bunch of boutiques providing international and Australian clothes for any occasion, for the beach or just for a night out in the town, they have it all, for every taste, style and budget, the retailers never seem to fail to deliver here in Cairns.

Looking for the perfect souvenir to bring back home? There are stacks of shops in Cairns that offers all the typical Australian souvenirs from pearls and UGG boots to printed t-shirts, kangaroo leather products, Aboriginal paintings, boomerangs and opals. Check out the art galleries for something a little more special like paintings, ceramics, glassware and sculpture to take home as a reminder of your trip.

Cairns Central



For that air-conditioned shopping mall experience, head to Cairns Central which has 180 speciality shops and department stores. The centre has served the locals region since 1997. Besides offering fashion store for men, women and kids, they have restaurants and a supermarket too. Myer, Target, Coles are also located here.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1-21 McLeod Street, Cairns
Opening hours: Mon-Wed, Fri & Sat 9am-5:30pm; Thu 9am-9pm; Sun 10:30am-4pm
Phone: +61 7 4041 4111
Internet: www.cairnscentral.com.au
Email: cairns.central@lendlease.com

The Pier



A unique shopping destination in Cairns where to find just about everything you need, everything from local and international fashion

labels to footwear, swimwear, jewellery and other specialty shops with the perfect gifts. Pay a visit to the art gallery that boast art made by local artists or buy some fresh groceries at the supermarket. When the hunger kicks in there are plenty of cafes and restaurant to choose from.

Photo: MJTH/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Pierpoint Road, Cairns

Opening hours: Daily 6:30am-11:30pm

Phone: +61 7 4052 7749

Internet: www.thepiercairns.com.au

Night Markets on The Esplanade



One of the most popular tourist attractions in Far North Queensland, the night market in Cairns is the perfect place to head for when looking for

handmade local gifts and souvenirs. Find a bargain at any of the 130 stalls that are selling everything from opals to pearls, silver, clothing, t-shirts and crafts or just grab a bite to eat at the food court while enjoying the hustle and bustle of the market.

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Address: 71-75 The Esplanade, Cairns

Opening hours: Daily 4:30pm-10:30pm

Phone: +61 7 4051 7666

Internet: www.nightmarkets.com.au

Rusty's Markets



One of the most famous and successful markets in Australia, so be sure to save some time and money for Rusty's Market. At this vibrant

and colourful market (with 180 stalls) you can pick up some of the region's finest food, exotic fruit, vegetables, flowers and sumptuous delicatessens. Beside food, there are stalls selling bric-a-brac including clothing and jewellery... and much more!

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Address: 57-89 Grafton Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Fri 5am-6pm, Sat 5am-6pm, Sun 5am-3pm

Phone: +61 7 4040 2705

Internet: www.rustysmarkets.com.au

Email: rustysmarkets@gilligans.com.au

More Info: Located at Gilligan's Backpackers Hotel & Resort

DFO Cairns



Located just outside the city centre, DFO Cairns is a popular shopping centre among the fashionistas who are looking for that perfect

outfit without the big price tag. This outlet boasts over 100 Australian and international brands that offers discounted top-quality clothing, accessories and homeware. Brands such as Ralph Lauren, Guess, Oroton and Quicksilver are all located here.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 274 Mulgrave Road, Cairns

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Phone: +61 7 4051 7444

Internet: www.dfocairns.com.au

Email: rustysmarkets@gilligans.com.au

DFS Galleria Cairns



For the ultimate high-end luxury shopping, head over to DFS Galleria, located in the heart of Cairns CBD. The boutiques are spread

across two floors and offers duty free shopping for international guests. Here you will find leading brands in fashion including watches, fragrance, sunglasses, leather goods and accessories by Dior, Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Calvin Klein, Burberry, Michael Kors and Cartier.

Photo: LOGVINYUK YULIYA/Shutterstock.com

Address: Abbott Street & Spence Street, Cairns

Phone: +6 1 7 4031 2446

Internet: www.dfs.com

Doongal Aboriginal Art



Hosting a stunning collection of local Aboriginal Rainforest Art including artwork from Central Australian Aboriginal artists in a

beautiful environment. The knowledgeable staff will help you to pick that authentic art or artefacts to bring back home, making it as a perfect gift or souvenir.

Photo: Sergio Gutierrez Getino/Shutterstock.com

Address: 49 Esplanade, Cairns

Opening hours: Daily 11am-7pm

Phone: +61 7 4041 4249

Internet: www.doongal.com.au

Smithfield Centre



Situated in the heart of the Northern Beaches of Cairns, just 15 km north of Cairns International Airport, Smithfield Centre provides an extensive

range of shops for men and women including footwear and major stores like Coles, Woolworths, Dan Murphy's and Kmart. There are cafes and restaurants, including a food court. With over 110 retailers, you will definitely find what you are looking for.

Photo: Sahacha Nilkumhang/Shutterstock.com

Address: Captain Cook & Kennedy Highways, Smithfield

Phone: +61 7 4038 1006

Internet: www.smithfieldcentre.com.au

Port Douglas Markets



Held every Sunday on the waterfront at Anzac Park, Port Douglas Markets is not only a must-do due to their amazing products, but also because of its

beautiful view over the Coral Sea and the breath-taking mountain ranges. Browse a 100 stalls selling locally produced foods, arts, crafts, jewellery, handmade furniture and toys. The perfect place to spend a Sunday morning!

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Address: Anzac Park, Port Douglas

Opening hours: Sun 8am-1:30pm

Orchid Plaza



With an ideal location in the heart of Cairns CBD, Orchid Plaza is a great shopping destination with two levels of food and fashion. Have a cup of coffee or buy the perfect outfit at this light and airy centre, also a great place to find a wide range of gifts and souvenirs to bring back home.

Photo: MilanMarkovic78/Shutterstock.com

Address: 58 Lake Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Daily 8am-10pm

Phone: +61 7 4044 1111

Internet: www.orchidplaza.com.au

More Info: Located between Abbott and Lake Street on the corner of Shields Street

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Cairns Airport (CNS)



Cairns Airport is located 7 km from Cairns CBD. There are Uber and 1300 Ride Share pickup points outside both terminals. Free taxi telephones are located in the arrival halls or just head over to the taxi ranks that are immediately outside the terminal. Pre-book or just turn up, the taxis and

shuttles are always available.

The Exemplar Coaches and Limousines company offers scheduled connections between Cairns Airport and Port Douglas, Cairns CBD and Palm Cove. You can book your seat online or by phone.

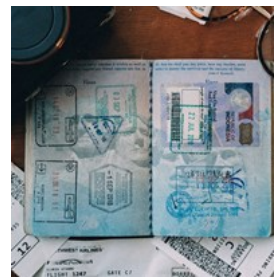
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Address: Airport Avenue, Cairns Airport

Phone: +61 7 4080 6703

Internet: www.cairnsairport.com.au

Passport/Visa



Unless you are a New Zealand citizen granted visa exemption on arrival (in most cases), you will need to obtain a visa prior to visiting Australia.

Citizens of all European Union countries, as well as Andorra, Norway, Iceland, San Marino, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, and Vatican City are eligible for an eVisitor visa, which can be applied for online. For citizens of the United States, Canada, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Brunei, South Korea and Malaysia, the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) entry permit is available, which can be applied for online and grants holders the right to enter Australia an unlimited amount of times for stays of no longer than 3 months per visit.

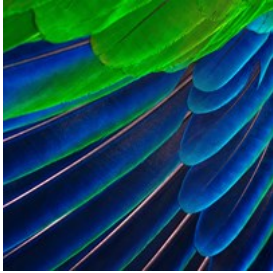
Citizens of all other world countries (with the exception of Somalia) are also able to apply for a visitor visa online. For more information, visit the official website of the Australian government's department of home affairs.

Photo: ConvertKit/unsplash

Internet:

immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/visit

Best Time To Visit



The best time to visit Cairns is during the winter months of June to August. You will experience pleasant temperatures, calm winds

and a low chance of rain. Experience the abundance of outdoor activities Cairns has to offer and explore the city on foot or by bike.

Photo: David Clode/unsplash

Public Transport



Sunbus is the public transport that operates throughout the city, running from the northern beaches to the southern suburbs via the

CBD. Daily, weekly and monthly passes are available as a series of zonal tickets, allowing unlimited travel in defined areas.

There are also private bus lines that operate in areas like Port Douglas, Mossman, Kuranda, the Atherton Tablelands and Mission Beach.

You can either buy a Go Card or just paper tickets. Go Card can be bought online, 7-Eleven store and selected retailers including busway stations. The paper tickets can be purchased on the bus, from a ticket office at train stations or from fare machines.

Photo: Annie Spratt/unsplash
Phone: +61 7 4057 7411
Internet: www.sunbus.com.au

Taxi



Uber, Didi and the local 1300 Rideshare apps operate in Cairns. Alternatively, you can just hail a taxi or head over to a taxi rank.

Photo: Art Markiv/unsplash
Address: Cairns Taxi, 16 Comport Street, Portsmith
Phone: +61 7 4048 8333
Internet: www.cairnstaxis.com.au
Email: info@cairnstaxis.com.au

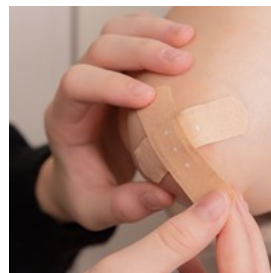
Post



There are several Australia Post offices located all over the town, where you can buy stamps and send mail and packages. Cairns Central Post Office is located on McLeod Street.

Photo: Sonia Kardash/unsplash
Address: McLeod Street 48, Cairns
Phone: +61 13 13 18
Internet: www.auspost.com.au

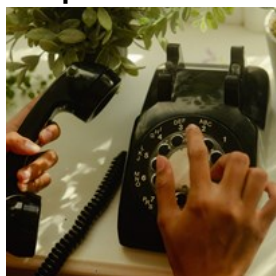
Pharmacy



Pharmacy Cairns Apothecary is located next door to the 24hr Medical Centre in the city centre. Open seven days a week all year round.

Photo: Diana Polekhina/unsplash
Address: 160 Grafton Street, Cairns
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-11pm, Sat & Sun 7am-9pm
Phone: +61 7 4031 8411
Internet: www.ramsaypharmacy.com.au

Telephone



Country code: +61 Area code: 07

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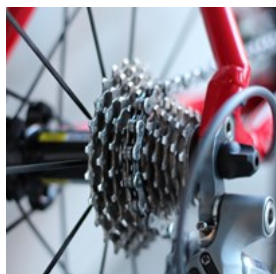
Electricity



230V / 50Hz Plug type I (Used in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Argentina and others)

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Bicycles & Scooters



Cairns is covered with over 450 km of off-road paths, making the city pedestrian- and cycle-friendly. Bicycles and scooters can be hired

from Cairns Scooter & Bicycle Hire.

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Address: 47 Shield Street, Cairns

Phone: +61 7 4031 3444

Internet: www.cairnsbicyclehire.com.au

Email: info@csbh.com.au

Population

160,000

Currency

Australian Dollar (AUD) \$1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Generally, stores & shopping mall are open 7 days a week. Late night shopping on Thursday nights until 9pm, Sunday 4pm–5pm. Closed only Christmas Day.

Internet

www.cairns.qld.gov.au

Newspapers

The Cairns Post — www.cairnspost.com.au

Emergency numbers

000 (Police, Fire and Ambulance)

Tourist information

Cairns Tourist Information Centre

Mantra Esplanade Cairns

Corner Shields Street, Cairns City

www.cairnstouristinformation.com.au

Daily 10am–6pm

+61 7 4047 9123



Abbott Street	C1 C2 C3	Gatton Street	A2 B1	Mulgrave Road	A3
Aplin Street	C2	Gelling Street	A1	Ogden Street	A4
Archie Street	A2	Grafton Street	B2 C3	Owen Cl	B4
Balfe Street	A2 A3	Grimshaw Street	B3	Palm Avenue	B3
Beryl Street	A1	Grove Street	A1 A2 B1	Pembroke Street	A2
Bollard Street	A4	Hartley Street	A4 B4 C3 C4	Plath Street	B4
Buchan Street	A4	Joan Street	A4	Quigley Street	A3
Bunda Street	B3 B4 C4	Kenny Street	B4 C4	Robb Street	B3
Bunting Street	A3 A4	Kerwin Street	B1	Scott Street	A4 B3
Cairns Street	A1	Kidstone Street	A4	Severin Street	A2 A3
Charles Street	A1 B1	Lake Street	B1 C2 C3	Sheridan Street	B2 C3
Clare Street	A2 A3	Little Spence Street	A4	Shields Street	C3
Denbeigh Street	A2	Loeven Street	A3 B3	Spence Street	A4 C3 D3
Digger Street	B1	Lumley Street	B3	Terminus Street	B3
Draper Street	A1 A2 B4	Maranoa Street	A2 B2	Upward Street	A2 B1 B2
Dunn Street	A1 A2	Martyn Street	A1 A2 B2	Victoria Street	A3
Dutton Street	C3 C4	Mary Street	A2	Warrego Street	B3
Esplanade	B1 C2	McLeod Street	A1 B2 B3 C3	Water Street	B2
Fearnley Street	A4 B4	Miller Street	A3	Wharf Street	D3
Florence Street	B2	Minnie Street	A3 B2 C2		