



PALM COVE GETAWAY

12 - 19 MAY 2021

Ex Brisbane

Palm Cove is a unique and relaxing village by the Coral Sea where centuries old "paperbark" Melaleuca trees line the casual esplanade. You will fall in love with this tropical paradise and never want to leave. As the tour unfolds you will discover this Tropical North Queensland destination is packed full of World Heritage listed regions, the Great Barrier Reef, Daintree Rainforest, Wildlife, Indigenous culture and many more. Secure your place now or please call us for more information.



\$3,350*

per person twin share
ex BNE

\$755**

Single Supplement



INCLUSIONS

Return flights/taxes with Qantas from Brisbane to Cairns
7 nights' accommodation at Mantra Amphora
7 breakfasts
3 lunches
7 dinners
Luxury coach travel and commentary
All touring and attractions as detailed

HIGHLIGHTS

One-way ride on Kuranda Scenic Rail
One-way ride on Skyrail Cable Car
Wildlife Habitat Breakfast with the Birds
Daintree River cruise
Jacques Coffee Plantation
Lake Barrine
Paronella Park
Hartley's Crocodile Adventures



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TERMS & CONDITIONS: *All prices quoted are per person twin share. ** Single supplement applies. Credit card surcharges apply. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required within one month of booking to secure tour. Final non-refundable payment is due to our office on/before 04 March 2021. All bookings are subject to availability and price confirmation at the time of booking. The Itinerary may be subject to change if beyond our control or that of the suppliers. Tour is subject to minimum numbers. Price may be subject to change until paid in full if airlines have any tax increases. Prices are correct as at 18 June 2020. Travel insurance is essential. D.A Bantoft & K Bantoft T/A Uplift Tours & Travel ABN: 93367366822 ATAS Accreditation No: A10619 IATA 0235976-6

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Day 01 (D): BRISBANE TO CAIRNS – WEDNESDAY 12 MAY

Welcome to our **Tropical North Queensland** tour. This morning you meet at the Brisbane Domestic Airport, for your flight to Cairns. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by Down Under Tours and transferred to your accommodation which will be your base for the next 7 nights. Enjoy a welcome two course dinner this evening at Vivo Palm Cove, located at the front of Mantra Amphora.

Accommodation – Mantra Amphora Palm Cove. Ph: (07) 4059 8100.

Day 02 (BD): KURANDA – THURSDAY 13 MAY

One of the “must do” tours in Cairns is a ride on the historic **Kuranda Train** for the spectacular ride to the famous, tropical plant clad **Kuranda Station**. The train journey takes us 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. 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. We then board the **Skyrail Rainforest Cableway**, across the rooftop of World Heritage listed rainforest areas and back down to the coastal plain (20 minutes). 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 descent to visit a rainforest interpretative centre and for a short walk along a boardwalk through the rainforest. There is a coffee shop at the terminal for those who would like some refreshments and we’ll have time to look through the gift shop – perhaps to purchase a souvenir of our holiday. We’ll arrive back at the accommodation with some time to relax and freshen up before we go for dinner at Chill Café, Palm Cove.

Day 03 (BLD): HEADING NORTH – FRIDAY 14 MAY

An early start this morning. Down Under Tours will pick the group up from the front of Vivo, Palm Cove. We drive north to indulge ourselves in the ultimate “**Breakfast with the Birds**” at the Rainforest Habitat at Port Douglas. We will be treated to one of Queensland’s best tropical breakfast buffets while enjoying the cacophony of sounds and colours of wildlife as they wander freely amongst the guests. After breakfast, we take a tour through the lush tranquil environment of the rainforest and the wetlands where an array of wading birds can be viewed foraging for fish in waterways that wind between the boardwalks and beside pathways. Situated in the southern part of the World Heritage Listed, Daintree National Park, **Mossman Gorge** is also one of the few places in the country that visitors can gain an insight into the lives, culture and beliefs of Australia’s Indigenous population. Here we will partake in a guided walk and enjoy morning tea amongst the pristine rainforest. Lunch will be enjoyed at the **Daintree Teahouse**, the longest established restaurant in Daintree. We finish our Northern experience when we board the **Daintree River Train** and enjoy a leisurely informative cruise on the world’s only floating river train. Enjoy a guided walk on the all-weather mangrove and rainforest boardwalk. We head back to Palm Cove to complete a fabulous day!! Dinner this evening is at Vivo Palm Cove.

Day 04 (BD): PALM COVE – SATURDAY 15 MAY

Breakfast at Vivo, Palm Cove.

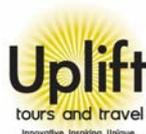
We have a totally free day today to relax, explore the town shops or some personal sightseeing. If anyone would like to take a cruise to Green Island or the Outer Barrier Reef, the tour desk at the accommodation will be able to assist you. Two course dinner tonight is at Jack & Shannan’s, Palm Cove.

Day 05 (BLD): THE CAIRNS HIGHLANDS – SUNDAY 16 MAY

Early breakfast this morning at Vivo, before Down Under Tours collects the group from the front of Vivo’s. Our destination today is an area known as the **Atherton Tableland**. The Atherton Tableland is rather a unique place in Australia. What makes it so special is the combination of its geographic location in the Tropics (between 400 and 1100 metres), its pleasant climate and the volcanic activities, have shaped large parts of its landscape. One of the most dramatic examples of this is **Lake Barrine** – a beautiful volcanic Crater Lake and we enjoy a cruise with great commentary. Following here, our lunch stop is at the **Lake Eacham Hotel** in Yungaburra. After lunch, we visit the **Curtain Fig Tree**. To count the tangled roots of the Curtain Fig would take a week. It’s curtain of aerial roots drop 15 metres (49 feet) to the ground. Large basalt boulders cover the forest floor, which is probably why the forest here wasn’t cleared for farming - and why the curtain fig tree remains standing. Our journey this afternoon sees us visit **Jacques Coffee**. We begin with afternoon tea before we discover the world of Coffee and how it is grown by joining one of the guided “Jaques Coffee Plantation Tours”. Our tour includes a short “The Jaques Coffee Movie” which will show us the different aspects of the Coffee Plantation and learn about the processing and harvesting of coffee in Australia – this video also tells the interesting story of the Jacques life in coffee which will amaze you!). We are taken to have a look at “Coffee Shuttle One”, the world’s first Coffee Harvester and then on out to the coffee field to examine up close the coffee trees. If there is coffee fruit in season, our guide will let us taste the sweet coffee fruit from the trees (which tastes nothing like coffee whatsoever). Arrive back at the Plantation Cafe to sample the Jaques specialty “Jaques Coffee Liqueur”. Sadly, we must depart and make our way back to Palm Cove. Two course dinner tonight is at a Vivo’s Palm Cove.

Day 06 (BLD): PARONELLA PARK – MONDAY 17 MAY

We have a leisurely breakfast before setting off – South today. Down Under Tours will pick us up from Vivo’s. Our first stop this morning will be the **Babinda Boulders** for a photo opportunity. Next will be a highlight of this tour – historic **Paronella Park**. What an amazing place!



Created in the 1930's by Spanish Immigrant Jose' Paronella, this once thriving social and entertainment centre is today still enjoyed by visitors from near and far. Protected by the National Trust, Paronella Park is what remains of a magnificent castle surrounded by acres of gardens, modelled on the best botanic gardens of Europe. The castle was lit by power generated by North Queensland's first hydro-electric scheme more than 7000 trees were planted including the magnificent Kauris which line "Kauri Avenue". We enjoy lunch here and time to explore the site before returning to Palm Cove for some free time to relax. Two course dinner this evening is at Chill Café, Palm Cove.

Day 07 (BD): CROCODILES! – TUESDAY 18 MAY

Breakfast at Vivo's. This morning, we are transferred to Harley's Crocodile Farm by Beaches Meet & Greet. Here we will enjoy the afternoon program which will include animal presentations, wildlife feeding, crocodile attack show and a cruise. We take the cruise on the still waters of Hartley's Lagoon on specially constructed boats. The cruise incorporates a commentary on the significance of wetland habitats and crocodile spotting is guaranteed! Beaches Meet & Greet will then transfer you back to Mantra Amphora. Our final night in North Queensland. This evening we are off for an Italian themed two course dinner at Portobello, including a complimentary beer, wine or soft drink beverage.

Day 08 (B): DEPART CAIRNS – WEDNESDAY 19 MAY

Following a leisurely breakfast at Vivo's, we complete our check-out procedures and Down Under Tours transfer you to Cairns Airport, to connect with our flight back to Brisbane. We arrive home this afternoon after a truly fantastic getaway to Palm Cove, on the northern beaches of Cairns. Collect your luggage and bid farewell to all your friends.

Enjoy tropical Palm Cove!

Package Inclusions:

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