

16 Day Brisbane to Cairns with Spirit of Queensland

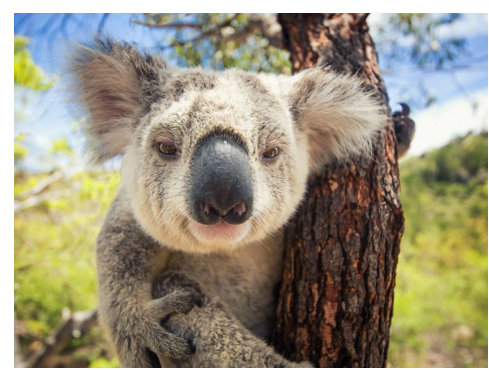
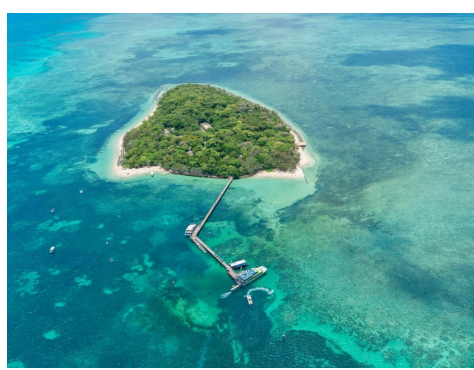
Brisbane - Bundaberg - Townsville - Cairns - Port Douglas

From **\$2,799** Typically \$3,299 pp twin share



- 2021 departure dates available
- Book now with only 50% deposit required
- Enjoy the stunning journey between Brisbane & Cairns
- All off-train excursions and accommodation included

Description



The Spirit of Queensland combines modern seating and entertainment options with the charm of long-distance rail travel, it redefines the modern rail travel experience with a comfortable and convenient way to access spectacular holiday destinations such as the Great Barrier Reef, the Whitsundays, Townsville and Cairns and everywhere in between.

This fabulous package includes all your accommodation along the way as well as a fabulous selection of tours at each of the highlighted destinations that you visit during your tour, including a Southern Great Barrier Reef tour, Townsville Scenic tour, Green Island & Great Barrier Reef tour and a Cape Tribulation & Daintree Rainforest tour.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive Brisbane

Please make your own way to the hotel in Brisbane, your home for the next three nights. Check-in is from 2 pm. Enjoy some free time to explore Brisbane.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express Brisbane Hotel or similar, Brisbane

Meals included: none

Day 2

Brisbane Hop On Hop Off Bus

Riding aboard a hop-on hop-off bus, explore Brisbane top attractions and hear informative commentary about the sights while on board. Set your own pace to go sightseeing at your choice of landmarks including the heritage-listed City Hall and discover cultural sites such as the Gallery of Modern Art and Queensland Art Gallery. When a stop interests you, simply disembark from the open-top double-decker bus. Tickets are valid for 24 hours from first use.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express Brisbane Hotel or similar, Brisbane

Meals included: none

Day 3

Brisbane

Time at leisure to explore Brisbane.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express Brisbane Hotel or similar, Brisbane

Meals included: none

Day 4

Brisbane Bundaberg

Enjoy another half day at leisure in Brisbane. Grab some snacks and make your own way to Brisbane station. The train departs at 3.45 pm and arrives at Bundaberg station at 8.22 pm. Make your own way to the hotel.

Accommodation: Best Western Motor Inn Bundaberg Hotel or similar, Bundaberg

Meals included: None

Day 5

Bundaberg

For a trip you will never forget, jump aboard the pink LARC - an amphibious craft that will take you for a ride across deserted sandy beaches and pristine estuaries as you make your way to the isolated Bustard Head Lighthouse located within Eurimbula National Park. This is Queensland's only operating Lighthouse open to the public! You'll hear the tales of tragedy and triumph as early white settlers and lighthouse keepers struggled to tame this remote wilderness. You will have a guided tour in the light keeper's cottage, now a museum of artefacts and light station memorabilia. You will see some of the prolific wildlife that inhabits the area and you will gasp in awe at the spectacular panoramic view from the balcony of the historic Bustard Head Lighthouse. And on the way home, you can experience the thrill of sand boarding down the towering dunes of Middle Island. The LARC's (Lighter Amphibious Resupply Cargo Vessels) are named in honour of Sir Joseph Banks and Dr Daniel Carl Solander, the two eminent botanists who accompanied Lieutenant James Cook aboard the Endeavour on their voyage of discovery. Full day tour includes morning tea, lunch and an Aussie Billy tea.

Accommodation: Best Western Motor Inn Bundaberg Hotel or similar, Bundaberg

Meals included: Morning tea and lunch

Day 6

Spirit of Queensland train from Bundaberg to Townsville

Enjoy a day at leisure to explore Bundaberg. Grab some snacks and make your own way back to Bundaberg station. The train departs at 8.22 pm and arrives at Townsville station at 9.43 am the following day.

Onboard facilities include a licensed Galley Car open 24 hrs, which offers an area to sit back, relax with a cool beverage, read a newspaper or just watch the scenery go by. The Galley Car offers a range of light refreshments which can be purchased throughout the journey. Alcohol not available between midnight and 10am. As well as drinking fountains, and showers and toilets located at the end of each carriage.

Accommodation: Spirit of Queensland train in an economy seat

Meals included: none

Day 7

Townsville

On arrival at Townsville station, make your own way to the hotel. You may need to leave your bags with reception until the room is ready from 2 pm. Explore the city at leisure.

Accommodation: Oaks Hotel Metropole Townsville Hotel or similar, Townsville

Meals included: none

Day 8

Townsville Scenic Tour

A scenic tour is the perfect way to get to know your holiday destination. A trip to the top of Castle Hill will provide spectacular views over the tropical city and across the Coral Sea to beautiful Magnetic Island. It will help you orientate yourself for the rest of your visit to our vibrant city. Take in the most scenic spots of Townsville North Queensland and have your camera ready for those unforgettable moments. Hear stories of the city's 150 year history and discover the plans that continue to see Townsville North Queensland evolve into one of the largest and most dynamic regional cities in Australia.

Accommodation: Oaks Hotel Metropole Townsville Hotel or similar, Townsville

Meals included: none

Day 9

Townsville Cairns

Check out from the hotel and make your way back to Townsville Train Station for the trip north to Cairns. The train departs at 9.48 am and arrives at Cairns Train Station at 4.30 pm that afternoon. On arrival, make your own way to the hotel.

Accommodation: Pacific Cairns Hotel or similar, Cairns

Meals included: none

Day 10

Green Island and Great Barrier Reef Cruise

Green Island is a beautiful 6000 year old coral cay located in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park – a premier world heritage site and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Aboard Great Adventures' fast catamaran from Cairns, your journey to the Great Barrier Reef takes only 45 minutes! Surrounded by a reef filled with diverse marine life, and home to a unique rainforest environment, Green Island awaits to provide you with a memorable holiday experience. Take part in all the activities that the island has to offer or relax on the beach and let your day unfold in this tropical paradise. Stroll through magical rainforest, laze on white coral sand beaches, swim, dive or snorkel ... There are a wide range of optional activities to experience on Green Island. Scuba dive, join a snorkel excursion, and even walk underwater with Seawalker helmet diving. For an exhilarating top-side perspective of the reef, there's parasailing and scenic helicopter flights too! There's even the Marineland Melanesia Crocodile Habitat with daily crocodile shows.

Accommodation: Pacific Cairns Hotel or similar, Cairns

Meals included: lunch

Day 11

Cairns Port Douglas

Check out from the hotel and take a coach transfer north to Port Douglas and check in to your hotel there. Ideally located just moments away from the iconic Four Mile Beach, your paradise is waiting for you to call it home for your holiday.

Whether you want to laze by the lagoon-style pool featuring its own swim-up bar, relax with a massage in our onsite spa, or dine at one of our own restaurants, our breathtaking grounds offer everything you need to make a balmy afternoon extra special.

If you're feeling adventurous, making Oaks Port Douglas Resort your home base is the perfect launching pad for a trip to the Great Barrier Reef, the Daintree Rainforest or shopping at the various unique shops and cafes all within walking distance in this vibrant, coastal town.

Accommodation: Oaks Hotel Port Douglas Resort Hotel of similar, Port Douglas

Meals included: none

Day 12

Cape Tribulation and Daintree Forest day Tour

This Daintree and Cape Tribulation Tour is one of Tropical Queensland's most popular tours. You will have the chance to explore one of the world's ancient tropical rainforests, dating as far back as 180 million years! Check out some Australian wildlife native to the area, including crocodiles on a wildlife spotting River Cruise, and the breathtaking Cape Tribulation.

Leaving Cairns we head straight into the Daintree National Park to meet our 1 hour guided crocodile and wildlife spotting river cruise. Fully guided by a local biologist and run by an Eco Accredited River Cruise Company, you will be provided expert knowledge about the region and its native inhabitants. The river is abundant with wildlife so be on the lookout for Salt Water Crocodiles, reptiles, pythons, butterflies and native birds. Back on the safety of land, we go further into the Daintree Rainforest, the deeper we venture the more we can discover, your guide will show you some intriguing features of the jungle, including the endangered Cassowary. Arriving at the Marrdja Boardwalk, we begin a 1 hour guided rainforest walk. Your guide will have you fascinated as you explore the peculiar but beautiful ancient plant life and the freshwater streams. We then head to Cape Tribulation where you will be treated to a delicious picnic lunch (additional \$17 per person). After lunch, you'll have time to explore the Cape Tribulation Beach and surrounds. From Cape Tribulation it's onto the top of the Alexandra Range for a breath-taking view over the Daintree Rainforest, Coastal Hinterland and Daintree River. It is then off to explore Mossman Gorge and have some afternoon tea.

Accommodation: Oaks Hotel Port Douglas Resort Hotel of similar, Port Douglas

Meals included: none

Day 13

Port Douglas

Enjoy time at leisure to relax or explore this gorgeous corner of the World.

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Meals included: none

Day 14

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Meals included: none

Day 15

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Accommodation: Oaks Hotel Port Douglas Resort Hotel of similar, Port Douglas

Meals included: none

Day 16

Port Douglas Cairns

Check out from the hotel and take the coach transfer back to Cairns. Arrangements finish on arrival.

Meals included: none

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- 9 nights hotel accommodation on twin share basis
- 5 nights resort accommodation in Port Douglas on twin share basis
- 1 Night Spirit of Queensland Train from Bundaberg to Townsville (economy seat)
- Meals as indicated - 1 morning tea and 2 lunches
- Brisbane Hop on Hop Off Bus - 24 hour pass
- Southern Great Barrier Reef Cruise on the "Larc" Boat from Bundaberg
- Townsville Scenic Tour
- Green Island and Great Barrier Reef Cruise from Cairns
- Return coach transfers from Cairns to Port Douglas
- Cape Tribulation and Daintree Rainforest day Tour from Port Douglas

Accommodation

- Brisbane - Holiday Inn Express Brisbane Hotel or similar
- Bundaberg - Best Western Motor Inn Bundaberg Hotel or similar
- Townsville - Oaks Hotel Metropole Townsville Hotel or similar
- Train - Economy seat on board Spirit of Queensland from Bundaberg to Townsville
- Cairns - Pacific Cairns Hotel or similar
- Port Douglas - Oaks Hotel Port Douglas Resort Hotel or similar

Exclusions

- All meals and drinks
- Flights to/from Brisbane & Cairns
- Travel insurance.
- Items of a personal nature
- Guide Tipping – optional.
- Airport and Train Station transfers

Child Policy

Children that are 2 to 11 years of age are eligible for a 10% discount. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Seniors Discount

Seniors card holders are eligible for a \$100 discount.

Single Supplement



The additional supplement for a single traveller is \$2100.