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People have been flocking to Cairns in search of treasure since the first gold rush. However, today prospectors 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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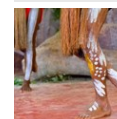
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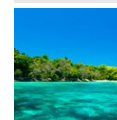
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THE CITY



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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. As 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 back from the Esplanade is City Place, a modern European-styled piazza where there are 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 also find a number of Cairns' older and historical buildings with their signatory 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.

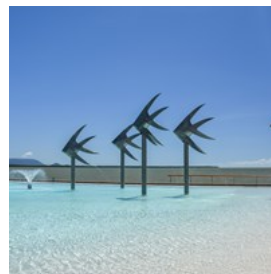
DO & SEE



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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



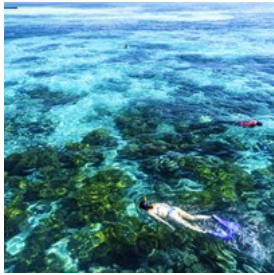
The Esplanade is full of cafés and restaurants and there are also bbq areas where you can sit down with friends and use the big grills. Stroll along the promenade, splash around in the famous lagoon, enjoy some of the free events or just soak up the sun!

Photo: Manon van Os/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Esplanade, Cairns

Internet: www.cairnesesplanade.com

Great Barrier Reef



No trip to Cairns would be complete without a day spent exploring the Great Barrier Reef. One of the largest and most experienced reef cruise operators is Quicksilver, which operates daily cruises to the outer reef and islands from Cairns and Port Douglas. The company has over 50 Great Barrier Reef dive sites and eleven major vessels in its fleet.

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 Address: Reef Fleet Terminal, 1 Spence Street, Cairns
 Phone: +61 7 4087 2100
 Internet: www.quicksilvergroup.com.au
 Email: central@quicksilvergroup.com.au
 More Info: Another location is: The Reef Marina, Wharf Street, Port Douglas, Queensland

Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park



Discover the aboriginal cultural park, showcasing the culture and beliefs of the rainforest people of Tropical North Queensland through

theatres, stage shows, boomerang/spear throwing and bush medicine. This well-organised event is truly entertaining and educational and should not be missed.

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 Address: Western Arterial Road, Caravonica, Cairns
 Phone: +61 7 4042 9999
 Internet: www.tjapukai.com.au
 Email: bookings@tjapukai.com.au

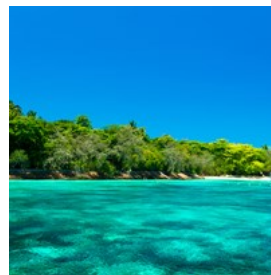
White Water Rafting



There are three rivers in Cairns suitable for rafting, each with its own degree of difficulty. It is a great experience and also team building 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 different tours.

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 Address: 52 Fearnley Street, Cairns
 Phone: +61 7 4041 9444
 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. Or why not explore the Green Island National Park that is also set here? Or just simply 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

Jungle Surfing - Canopy Tours



Jungle Surfing is located on a private reserve 2,5 hours drive north of Cairns. The property borders the Daintree Cape Tribulation National

Park and offers stunning rainforest as well as views over the Great Barrier Reef. Jungle Surfing is an exciting and adventurous way to experience the spectacular Daintree Rainforest and being up there in the canopy gives you unparalleled access to the heart of the rainforest.

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Address: 24 Camelot Close, Cape Tribulation

Phone: +61 7 4098 0043

Internet: www.junglesurfing.com.au

Email: info@junglesurfing.com.au

More Info: Courtesy pick ups from all accommodation in Cape Tribulation is part of the deal when you purchase a Jungle Surfing tour with Jungle Surfing Canopy Tours.

Mossman Gorge



Amazing Mossman Gorge lies 80 kilometers 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.

Mossman Gorge Centre:

Photo: AustralianCamera/Shutterstock.com

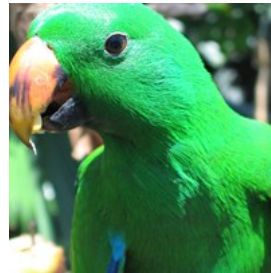
Address: 212 Mossman Gorge Road, Mossman

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 birds such as parrots, cockatoos, lorikeets, doves and rosellas and see for yourself how cute the rainforest wallabies are.

Photo: Joyce Mar/Shutterstock.com

Address: Reef Hotel, 35-41 Wharf Street, Cairns

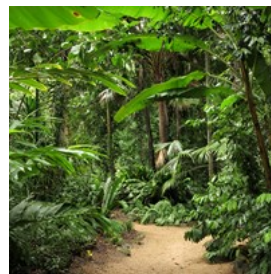
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 9am - 6.15pm (last entry is at 5pm.)

Phone: +61 7 4031 7250

Internet: www.cairnsdome.com.au

Email: info@cairnsdome.com.au

Cairns Botanic Gardens



Learn about Aboriginal plant use and wonder 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: Monday - Sunday: 7.30am - 5.30pm

Phone: +61 7 4044 3398

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 where to listen to birds and swim at calm beaches and where to enjoy the wonder of the nature while finding an inner peace.

Photo: ProDesign studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Daintree Rainforest

Phone: +61 7 4040 2177

Internet: www.daintreerainforest.com

Email: admin@localtourismnetwork.com

Kurunda Scenic Railway & Skyrail Rainforest Cableway



Board the famous Kurunda Scenic Rail for a breath-taking journey on one of the world's most scenic operational rail journeys to the charming

town of Kurunda 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

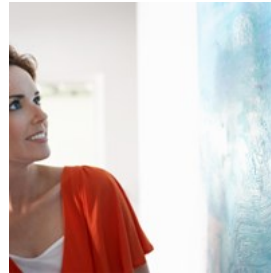
Phone: +61 7 4036 9333 / +61 7 4038 555

Internet: www.skyrail.com.au

Email: ksrres@qr.com.au / mail@skyrail.com.au

More Info: Cairns Railway Station, Bunda Street and corner of Captain Cook Highway and Cairns Western Arterial Road

Cairns Regional Gallery



Housed in a landmark heritage building, Cairns Regional 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.

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Address: 40 Abbott St, Cairns

Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm, Saturday: 10am - 5pm, Sunday: 10am - 2pm

Phone: +61 7 4046 4800

Internet: www.cairnsregionalgallery.com.au

Email: info@cairnsregionalgallery.com.au

More Info: Cnr Abbott & Shields Streets, Cairns

Muddy's Playground



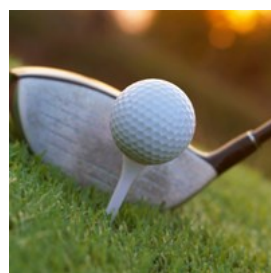
A water playground and parkland, Muddy's is located right on the Esplanade, making it easy for you to find. It is a great place for the kids to

run around, play and release some energy. There is a café for the parents to sit back and relax with a cup of coffee.

Photo: alexmisu/Shutterstock.com

Address: Esplanade, Cairns

Cairns Golf Club



The oldest golf course in Cairns, the Golf Club offers a lovely course and 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 onsite.

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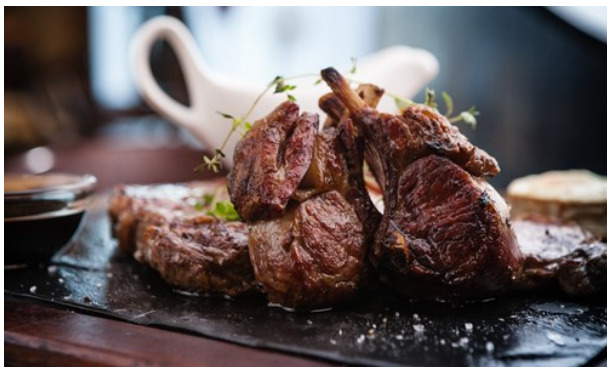
Address: Kate St, Cairns

Phone: +61 7 40 376 700

Internet: www.cairnsgolfclub.com.au

Email: info@cairnsgolfclub.com.au

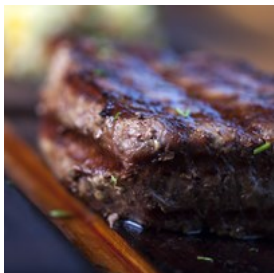
DINING



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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 traditionally Western 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 Bar & Grill



This is a great place to go whether it is for lunch, dinner or just a drink.

The atmosphere is laid back and there's always a friendly crowd. The

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

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Address: 65-67 The Esplanade, Cairns

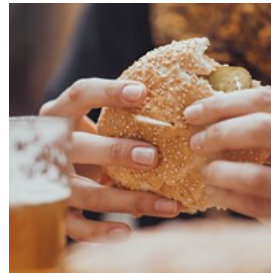
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 11.30am until late

Phone: +61 7 4031 3011

Internet: www.rattlenhumbar.com.au

Email: cairns@rattlenhumbar.com.au

The Pier Bar & Grill



The location is perfect, overlooking the beautiful water. 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 to accompanied with your food.

Photo: NatashaPhoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Pierpoint Road, Cairns

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 11.30am till late every day

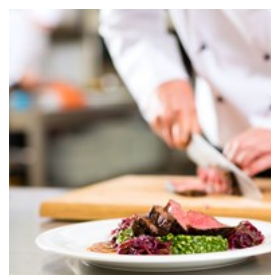
Phone: +61 4031 4677

Internet: www.pierbar.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 imaginative approach to native food and offers

fresh local seafood, bush food, game such as crocodile and kangaroo including other regional Australian cuisine.

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Address: 6 / 1 Marlin Parade, Cairns

Phone: +61 7 4051 0100

Internet: www.ochrerestaurant.com.au

Email: info@ochrerestaurant.com.au

L'Unico @ Trinity Beach



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 Q, Cairns

Opening hours: Monday: Lunch 12pm - 3.30pm - Dinner: 5.30pm - 9.30pm

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 of themselves.

Photo: gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6 Grove Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 10am-3am

Phone: +61 7 4031 1160

Internet: www.cocknbull.net.au

Email: info@cocknbull.net.au

Café China



This award winning restaurant, known for its exquisite Chinese-infused seafood cuisine, has grown in popularity over the years and therefor

offers several locations around Cairns. Caters fresh traditional Asian cuisine and hospitality to regulars as well as tourists.

Photo: DesmondLWF/Shutterstock.com

Address: 32-40 Spence Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: Lunch 11am - 2.30pm, Dinner: 5pm - 9.30pm

Phone: +61 7 4051 0423

Internet: www.cafechina.com.au

Email: info@cafechina.com.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 St, Cairns

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 6pm - 10pm

Phone: +61 7 4030 8897

Internet: www.reefcasino.com.au

More Info: Located at Reef Hotel

Bayleaf Balinese Restaurant



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

Photo: Fiona Henderson/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Corner of Lake & Gatton Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Breakfast: Monday - Sunday 6.30am - 9.30am, Lunch: Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm, Dinner: Monday - Sunday 6pm till late

Phone: +61 7 405 146 22

Internet: www.bayvillage.com.au

Email: reservations@bayvillage.com.au

Little Ricardo's



This is where the locals in Cairns go for their Italian pizza and other Italian flavours such as pasta, seafood and steak dishes. Little Ricardo's has a cosy

atmosphere and great service. Finish your meal with a delicious dessert like tiramisu or raspberry cheesecake.

Photo: Benna23/Shutterstock.com

Address: 191 Sheridan St, Cairns

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 5pm - late

Phone: +61 7 405 152 66

Internet: www.littlericardos.com

More Info: Located at Adobe Hotel

Bushfire Flame Grill



Bushfire Flame Grill invites you to a real Australian BBQ, the beef comes from the Australia's outback throughout Queensland and Northern Territory. The staff circles around the restaurant and carves the sizzling hot roasted meats directly to your plate. If you think that you have tasted good Aussie BBQ before, you better think again.

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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 comes well recommended for any Thai food lover. They have many vegetarian dishes but can also prepare vegan or gluten free dishes upon request. From the menu you can pick all the traditional Thai dishes such as Pad Thai, Pad khing, Tom yum soup, Gang ped (red curry) and it is all made with fresh ingredients.

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Address: 371 Mulgrave Raod, Cairns

Phone: +61 7 4054 2252

Email: thaicoins@bigpond.com

Meldrum's Pies In Paradise



If you are one of those who can eat a pie any time of the day, then this is the place you should go to. You will find all types of pies at Meldrum's

including gluten free options and it is all served by the friendly and helpful staff. Can get quite busy, but worth a visit.

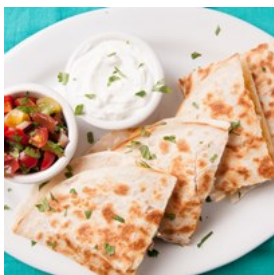
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Address: 94 Grafton St, Cairns

Phone: +61 7 4051 8333

Internet: www.meldrumspies.com

Green Ant Cantina



Green Ant Cantina is a popular eating spot among the locals here in Cairns and where you can dine South American, Caribbean and Baja

Californian inspired cuisines. Choose between mouth-watering dishes like jambalaya, quesadillas, nachos and chicken salad and end your evening by having a mojito or sangria by the bar while listening to music.

Photo: farbled/Shutterstock.com

Address: 183 Bunda Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 4pm - late

Phone: +61 7 4041 5061

Internet: www.greenantcantina.com

Email: greenantcantina@gmail.com

CAFÉS



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Cairns café 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 place to have a relaxing break, here you will find plenty of coffee shops scatter around the area and many with amazing sea views.

Coast Roast Coffee



Coast Roast Coffee has two convenient locations in Cairn and is an excellent value for money as well with hot coffee, 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: 21 Lake Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 7am - 11pm

Phone: +61 7 4041 1028

Internet: www.coastroast.com.au

Email: coffee@coastroast.com.au

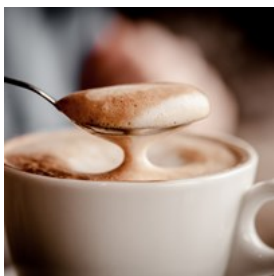
Tiny's Juice Bar



Sample the fruits of the rainforest and get your energy levels soaring for the day ahead or take a fresh salad from the varied menu. If you are thirsty, check out the freshly squeezed juices or the ice cold smoothies. Tiny's Juice Bar is a quick and yummy way to stay healthy.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 45 Grafton Street, Cairns
 Phone: +61 7 4031 4331
 Email: catering@tinysongrafton.com.au

Perrotta's at the Gallery



A café/restaurant that is lively and stylish, boasting a mix of fresh local produce and upscale edibles. The coffee is superb and try and leave 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 other people go by their busy days.

Photo: Alexandra Lande/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 38 Abbott St, Cairns
 Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 6.30am - 10pm
 Phone: +61 7 4031 5899
 Email: perrottasatg@hotmail.com
 More Info: Regional Gallery

The Lillypad Cafe



A favourite among the locals, The Lillypad Cafe is excellent for lunch, you get a huge feed for super cheap, and always delicious! It is extra

recommended if you're looking for organic, vegetarian and healthy food. On the menu you will find classics such as eggs Benedict and French crepes including some sweet bakery treats.

Photo: Kirillutz/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 72 Grafton Street, Cairns
 Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 7am - 3pm
 Phone: +61 7 4051 9565
 Internet: www.lillipadcafe.com

Industry One Coffee



This espresso bar is truly a must stop for the coffee connoisseur, Industry One Coffee is not only offering quality and super fresh roasted coffee but the staff has also a genuine passion for what they are doing, which is so obviously shown. 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 St, Cairns
 Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 6am - 3pm, Saturday: 7am - 12pm, Sunday: Closed
 Phone: +61 447 066 061
 Internet: www.industryonecoffee.com.au
 Email: contact@industryonecoffee.com.au

Cruze Coffee



If you need your daily fix of coffee, then head over to Cruze Coffee where the skilled barista will customize the perfect cup of coffee according to

your taste - you even get to choose which beans you want the coffee made with! Quality, freshness and friendly service are some of the

key elements at this popular coffee shop.

Photo: Adrian Baras/Shutterstock.com

Address: 105 Grafton St, Cairns

Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 6.30am - 2pm, Saturday:
6.30 - 1pm

Phone: +61 7 4051 1444

Internet: www.cruzecoffee.com.au

Email: cruzecoffee@y7mail.com

Re:hab



Famous for their bacon and egg roll as well as for the excellent coffee, Re:hab has become a popular haunt among the locals. A great place for coffee addicts including for those who are craving for sweets as they serve some lovely delicious cakes and it is all served in a laid-back vibe.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 46 Lake St, Cairns

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 7am - 3.30pm

Phone: +61 428 288 249

Email: pdbauer@bigpond.net.au

More Info: Shop 3a

Paleo Café



Combined retail store and a unique health food café, Paleo Café is all about choosing a healthy lifestyle. Fresh juices, smoothies, coconut

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

Photo: Stephanie Frey/Shutterstock.com

Address: 62 Grafton St, Cairns

Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 7am - 5pm, Saturday -
Sunday: 7am - 3pm

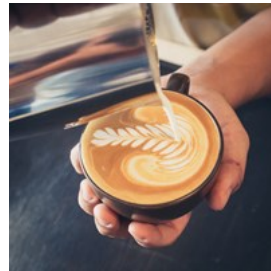
Phone: +61 7 4041 3885

Internet: www.paleo-cafe.com.au

Email: cairns@paleo-cafe.com.au

More Info: Shop 15

Blackbird Espresso



Passionate about their coffee, the team at Blackbird Espresso for sure knows how to consistently make silky quality coffee and how to

give great customer service. Due to the popularity among the locals and tourist alike they have open another store at 205 Newell Street, Bungalow.

Photo: Stay_Positive/Shutterstock.com

Address: 62 Grafton Street, Cairns

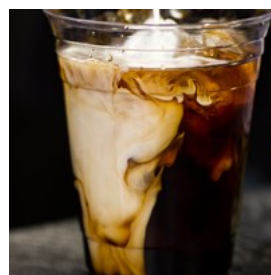
Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 7am - 4pm, Saturday:
7.30am - 3pm, Sunday: 8.30am - 12.30pm

Phone: +61 7 4031 1587

Email: blackbirdespressoshop@outlook.com

More Info: Shop 13 Oceana Walk

Annee's Caphe



Located in the heart of Cairns, Annee's Caphe is a cute and quirky Vietnamese Coffee shop where they use Vietnamese brewing

process to create a smooth and personalized cup if 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

Opening hours: Thursday - Sunday: 6.30am - 3pm

Phone: +61 7 4040 2705

Internet: www.anneescaphesuada.com

Email: drink@anneescaphesuda.com
 More Info: Located at the Rusty's Market

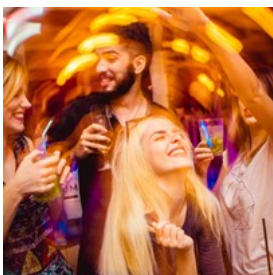
BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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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



This is a renowned party venue, maybe the biggest one in Cairns and it is located at Gilligan's Backpackers Hotel and Resort. 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 DJ's.

Photo: [astarot/Shutterstock.com](#)
 Address: 57- 89 Grafton Street, Cairns
 Opening hours: Open 7 nights per week
 Phone: +61 7 4041 6566

Internet: www.gilligansbackpackers.com.au
 Email: reservations@gilligans.com.au

The Pier Bar

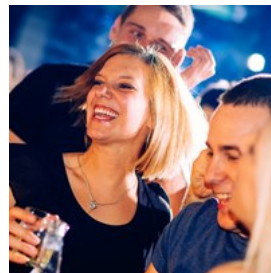


The Pier Bar is a great place to down a few beers while watching the sunset from the deck. Simply awesome! Be prepared though, because as the night passes, the crowd grows, and you better be ready for a night of chatting with some friendly locals while listening to live music.

Every Thursday is the salsa night with free Salsa lesson and performances from Sabor Dance Company.

Photo: [DGLimages/Shutterstock.com](#)
 Address: 1 Pierpoint Road, Cairns
 Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 11.30am until late
 Phone: +61 7 4031 4677
 Internet: www.pierbar.com.au
 Email: gday@thepierbar.com.au

The Woolshed



The Woolshed is a famous late night watering hole, popular with the backpacking crowd. Riotous fun that usually ends up with quite a few people dancing on top of the tables and it is open every night with different themes. On the street level is the restaurant while the nightclub is upstairs.

Photo: [clownbusiness/Shutterstock.com](#)
 Address: 24 Shields Street, Cairns
 Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 9pm - 3am
 Phone: +61 7 4031 6304
 Internet: www.thewoolshed.com.au
 Email: promo@thewoolshed.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 which are having a good time, enjoying the fun atmosphere.

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
Phone: +61 7 4031 5333
Internet: www.pjobriens.com.au
Email: cairns@pjobriens.com.au

The Green Ant Cantina



The Green Ant has a good old fashioned beer garden and has become an institution among its regulars thanks to boutique beers, great wines, cocktails and awesome Mexican fusion cuisine. Try the South American inspired cocktails like Margaritas and Mojitos.

Photo: gresei/Shutterstock.com
Address: 183 Bunda St., Cairns
Opening hours: Monday: closed, Tuesday - Saturday: 4pm - 12am, Sunday: closed
Phone: +61 7 4041 5061
Internet: www.greenantcantina.com
Email: greenantcantina@gmail.com

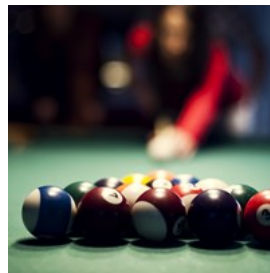
Salt House



Salt House is a cool, chilled, funky bar with an amazing scenery of the marina in Cairns. Enjoy a drink at the outdoor cocktail bar among the tranquil ponds and fire features and if the hunger kicks in just head over to the large restaurant area. Four days a week they are hosting live music, both local and visiting bands are entertaining the guests.

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Address: 6/2 Pierpoint Rd, Cairns
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.

Photo: gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com
Address: 6 Grove Street, Cairns
Phone: +61 7 4031 1160
Internet: www.cocknbull.net.au
Email: info@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 for example blackjack, roulette, Texas hold'em poker, Money Wheel including over 500 gaming machines. Enjoy a fun evening out at this huge entertainment complex!

Photo: IVASHstudio/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 35 - 41 Wharf Street, Cairns
 Phone: +61 7 4030 8888
 Internet: www.reefcasino.com.au
 Email: info@reefcasino.com.au

Ultimate Party Tours



With Ultimate Party Tours, you get the chance to explore Cairns nightlife and party with other happy tourist including the locals. The team has hand-picked the best nightclubs in Cairns to create that perfect night out. The tour includes dinner and drinks at affordable price and runs at least every Wednesday and Saturday night. Check for more information on the website below.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Lake & Shields Street, Cairns
 Phone: +61 7 4041 0332
 Internet: www.ultimatepartycairns.com
 Email: info@ultimatepartycairns.com
 More Info: Shop 6, Level 1 Rockmans Building Corner of Lake & Shields Street

Lyquid Nightlife



Dance the night away at Lyquid Nightlife, one of Cairns hottest party destinations with premium bottle service and dj's who are spinning the latest in music. This stylish and sophisticated

club is the place to see and be seen, it has it all, the design, state of the art sound system, hi-tech lighting and friendly staff, what more can you ask for?

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 33-37 Spence St, Cairns
 Opening hours: Monday - Tuesday: Closed, Wednesday - Sunday: 9pm - 3am
 Phone: +61 7 4028 3773
 Internet: www.lyquid.com.au
 Email: functions@lyquid.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 also the galleries

for something a little more special like paintings, ceramics, glassware and sculpture to take home as a reminder of your trip in Cairns.

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 and 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
Phone: +61 7 4041 4111
Internet: www.cairnscentral.com.au
Email: cairns.central@lendlease.com

The Pier Cairns



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 cafés and restaurant to choose from.

Photo: MJTH/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 Pierpoint Road, Cairns
Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm, Sunday: 10am - 4pm
Phone: +61 7 4052 7749
Internet: www.thepiercairns.com.au

Night Market - The Esplanade



One of the most popular tourist attraction 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.

Photo: elder_matias/Flickr (image cropped)
Address: 71-75 The Esplanade, Cairns
Opening hours: The markets are open everyday from 4.30pm - 11pm.
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 money for Rusty's Market that is held at Gilligan's Backpackers Hostel every weekend. 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!

Photo: Goran Bogicevic/Shutterstock.com
Address: 57-89 Grafton Street, Cairns
Opening hours: Friday: 5am - 6pm, Saturday: 5am - 6pm, Sunday: 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 who offers discounted top quality clothing, accessories and homeware. Top brands such as Ralph Lauren, Guess, Orotan and Quicksilver are all located here.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 274 Mulgrave Road, Cairns

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 9am - 5pm

Phone: +61 7 4051 7444

Internet: www.dfocairns.com.au

Email: cairns@dfocairns.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

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 12pm - 8pm

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

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. When feeling hungry, there are cafés and restaurant including a food court here. With over 110 retailers, you will definitely find what you are looking for.

Photo: Sahacha Nilkumhang/Shutterstock.com

Address: Cnr Captain Cook & Kennedy Hwys, Smithfield

Opening hours: Monday - Wednesday: 9am - 5.30pm,

Thursday: 9am - 8pm, Friday: 9am - 5.30pm, Saturday: 9am - 4pm, Sunday: 10.30am - 4pm

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

Photo: Robert Linsdell/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Anzac Park, Port Douglas

Opening hours: Sunday: 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: 79 Abbott Street, Cairns

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 8am - late

Internet: www.orchidplaza.com.au

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

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Cairns International Airport



Cairns International Airport is located 7 km from Cairns CBD. 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. Cairns Taxis: +61 131 008, info@cairnstaxis.com.au, www.cairnstaxis.com.au

Sun Palm Transport Group operates an airport shuttle bus service to hotels and the city centre including Palm Cove and Port Douglas. The pickup point is close to the arrival area of both terminals. Just head over to the shuttle bus counter and you will get help. No pre-booking is required. For more information, call or visit the website +61 7 4099 1191, www.sunpalmtransport.com.au

Airport Connect is a bus service provided by Sun Palm Transport that links Cairns Airport with the Translink public transport network at north and southbound Sheridan Street bus stops. You can pre-book in advance on the Sun Palm Transport

website or by phone on +61 7 4099 1191. Tickets can also be bought on arrival at the Sun Palm Transport counter in both terminals. Either way, you should head over to their counter where the staff will direct you to the bus. The bus will take you to the southbound side of Sheridan Street bus stop where you then can carry on your journey to your destination via the Translink public transport network.

www.sunpalmtransport.com.au,
cairns@tagroup.net.au,
Airport Connect:
airport@sunpalmtransport.com.au
www.translink.com.au/cairns

Photo: Juan Garces
Address: Airport Avenue, Cairns Airport
Phone: +61 7 4080 6703
Internet: www.cairnsairport.com

Public Transport



Sunbus is the public transport that operates throughout the city, running from 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 operates in the 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-board on the bus, from a ticket office at train stations and from fare machines.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair
Phone: +61 7 4057 7411
Internet: www.sunbus.com.au

Bicycles and Scooters



Cairns cover over 450km of off-road paths, making the city a pedestrian- and cycle-friendly. Bicycles and scooters can be hired from Bolwell Scooter

World.

Photo: ClkerFreeVectorImages
Address: 47 Shield Street, Cairns
Phone: +61 7 4031 3444
Internet: www.cairnsbicyclehire.com.au
Email: info@csbh.com.au

Taxi



To get a taxi is easy since there are plenty of them around the city. You can either hail a taxi or head over to a taxi rank. Cairns Taxi:

Address: 16 Comport St, Portsmith
Phone: +61 7 4048 8311
Internet: www.cairnstaxis.com.au
Email: info@cairnstaxis.com.au

Post



Cairns Central Post Office is located on McLeod Street.

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: McLeod Street 48, Cairns
Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 6am - 5pm. Saturday: 7am - 5pm. Sunday: closed

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: Gemma Garner
Address: 160 Grafton Street, Cairns
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 7am -11pm
Phone: +61 7 4031 8411
Email: cairnsapothecary@yahoo.com.au

Telephone



Area code: 07 Country
code: +61

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



240 V / 50 Hz

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

160.285

Currency

Australian Dollar (AUD) \$1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

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

Newspapers

The Cairns Post
The Cairns Sun

Emergency numbers

000 (Police, Fire and Ambulance)

Tourist information

Cairns & Tropical North Visitor Information Centre
51 The Esplanade, Cairns
Open Mon-Fri from 8.30am – 6pm. Weekends and Public
Holidays: 10am – 6pm Closed Good Friday, Christmas Day &
New Years Day.
+61 7 4051 3588



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		