With a relaxed tropical atmosphere and access to the world heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics Rainforest, Cairns and nearby Port Douglas offer sophisticated resorts, al fresco dining and plenty of iconic experiences.

**EXPERIENCES**

**MEET THE LOCALS**
Spot crocodiles, feed cassowaries and see kangaroos, koalas and native birds during an exclusive tour of Hartley’s Crocodile Adventures.

**TEST YOUR SKILLS**
Team-building rises to new levels on a high ropes course at Cairns Zoom & Wildlife Dome, where you can zipline over a giant crocodile.

**FLY OVER THE REEF**
Take to the skies for a bird’s eye view of the Great Barrier Reef with a scenic flight by GBR Helicopters.

**TASTE OF THE TROPICS**
Collect local ingredients from the Port Douglas markets and unleash your culinary flare with a cooking class at Nu Nu Restaurant.

**EXPLORE AN ANCIENT RAINFOREST**
Explore sacred sites hidden within the Mossman Gorge rainforest with a Ngadiku Dreamtime Walk hosted by local Kuku Yalanji people.

**UNWIND ON LIZARD ISLAND**
Charter a scenic flight to Lizard Island, where 40 rooms and 24 private beaches provide the perfect backdrop for an exclusive island retreat, right on the Great Barrier Reef.

**WHY NOT...**
Spend the night on a pontoon out on the Great Barrier Reef for uninterrupted views of the southern night sky.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
The Wet Tropics is the oldest rainforest in the world. The ancient rainforests of Daintree National Park are home to several accommodation options, including luxury treehouse lodge, Silky Oaks.

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**Access:** Cairns Airport has regular domestic connections to all major Australian cities and direct flights from across Southeast Asia, Japan, Hong Kong and China. There are also seasonal flights from Shanghai and Seoul.

**Weather:** Tropical summer Dec-Feb
Mild winter Jun-Sep
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WHAT'S NEW

Three new 5-star hotels are set to open in Cairns by 2019 as part of the Crystalbrook Collection.

Hemingway's Brewery
This gastro pub recently opened on the Cairns waterfront with a restaurant showcasing local produce, an on-site brewery, and extensive event space dedicated to meetings and private functions.

Sunlover Reef Cruises has a new pontoon in the renowned Arlington Reef that can host half-day tours for groups.

VENUES

Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park
• Tours and team-building activities
• 6 indoor + outdoor venues
• Can host up to 400 guests

Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort Port Douglas
• Five-star beachfront resort
• 295 guest rooms
• 10 indoor and outdoor event venues

Cairns Convention Centre
• 22 meeting rooms
• Current expansion will see an additional 3,000sqm of meeting space completed by 2020

More than 7,000 hotel rooms in Cairns city

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