

CAIRNS



Cairns is the only destination in the world where two World Heritage Listed wonders lie side-by-side – the Great Barrier Reef and Australia’s Wet Tropics Rainforest. Explore the oldest rainforest, choose your own adventure on the largest coral reef, and learn from two Indigenous cultures, in a destination that encourages genuine connections to nature and each other.

INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES

Cairns is home to the [Institute of Tropical Health and Life](#), with programs encompassing public health, bi-molecular, clinical, and translational health systems research. Research is conducted across several James Cook University centres, exploring key areas including tropical infectious diseases, health security and biosecurity, chronic disorders with high prevalence in the tropics, genetic diseases and health services in regional and remote communities.

EVENTS

- Congress of International Plant Molecular Biology 2022
- International Congress on Vertebrate Morphology 2022
- Congress on the International Society of Autonomic Neuroscience 2022

KEY INDUSTRY SECTORS

- Tropical Health & Medicine
- Agriculture
- Education
- Tourism
- Renewable Energy
- Aviation
- Marine Services

KEY EXPERIENCES

Offsite venues:

- [Rainforestation Nature Park](#): Groups of up to 600 seated or 2,000 cocktail style can meet with one another whilst surrounded by rainforest.
- [Cane Fields](#): Set on a working cane field farm, this venue has capacity for up to 1,000 seated guests.
- [Tanks Art Centre](#): These converted World War II naval oil storage tanks have capacity for 500 seated guests.

World Heritage Listed experience:

Dive deep into one of the natural wonders of the world - the Great Barrier Reef. Groups can spend a day discovering the Reef of any number of vessels and anchored pontoons.

CAIRNS CONVENTION CENTRE

- Exhibition space: 4,290 sqm / 46,177 sq. ft
- Meeting rooms: 23
- Largest tiered theatre capacity: 5,000 people
- Walking distance to city centre: 5 minutes

The Centre will complete an A\$176 million refurbishment and expansion project by 2022. In addition to refurbishing existing spaces, the project will add 10,000 sqm / 107,639 sq. ft of additional events space.

PLANNING

Access

[Cairns Airport](#) is a 10-minute drive to the city centre and connects the Tropical North Queensland city to international and domestic hubs.

Accommodation

Over 8,000 hotel rooms across the city centre including recently refurbished [Novotel Oasis Resort](#) (314 rooms) and [Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort Port Douglas](#) (295 rooms).

Key developments

The third luxury hotel by [Crystalbrook Collection](#) recently opened in Cairns city centre. The city is now home to Bailey (255 rooms), Riley (311 rooms) and Flynn (311 rooms). All properties have a range of restaurants, bars and flexible event spaces.

WEATHER

SEASON	AVERAGE MAX TEMP
Summer Dec - Feb	32°C 90°F
Autumn Mar - May	31°C 88°F
Winter Jun - Aug	27°C 81°F
Spring Sep - Nov	31°C 88°F

