





**POINTS OF INTEREST**

**1 Cairns Museum** is housed in a 1907 School of Arts building. There are Aboriginal artifacts, a display on the Kuranda railway and exhibits detailing the gold field days.

**Beyond Cairns**

**Tjapukai Aboriginal Park & Sky Rail** - located minutes from Cairns Seaport this is one of the world's most beautiful rainforest experiences – a 4 1/2 miles (7.5 km) rainforest cableway, Skyrail and Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park. The Cultural Park offers visitors a wonderful way to experience Aboriginal culture first

hand, including regular performances throughout the day by the internationally acclaimed Tjapukai Dance Theatre.

**Royal Flying Doctor Services Visitors Centre** honors the unique flying medical service. The Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, Queensland Section (RFDS) is a highly professional and technologically advanced organization. The Royal Flying Doctor Service is the major fixed wing aeromedical service in Queensland and a significant provider of primary health care services in rural, remote and coastal areas throughout the State. The RFDS Cairns Base operates a Visitors Centre which offers self guided tours incorporating a museum, aircraft display and video presentation.

**Flecker Botanical Gardens** is located only 5 kilometers from the heart of Cairns. The gardens are a tropical oasis consisting of 38 hectares of native Australian gardens. Many plant species in Flecker Botanical Gardens cannot be seen elsewhere.

**The Great Barrier Reef** is 8 miles (13 km) offshore. The reef is as diverse as it is beautiful. View it through a glass-bottomed boat or take a closer look by getting into the water with mask, snorkel and flippers.

**Port Douglas** is an hour's drive north of Cairns. Wander down the streets of this charming little town before or after exploring nearby Daintree Rainforest Habitat.

**Daintree Rainforest** - just north of Port Douglas, the rainforests of the Wet Tropics cover thousands of acres, with pockets of primitive plants which have remained undisturbed for millions of years. You can explore this ancient wonderland on a 4WD safari or take a cruise up the magical Daintree River.

**Kuranda Village** is located 27 kilometers northwest of Cairns in the lush rainforest. Kuranda was for years nothing more than a railway station, a pub and a few shops. Now Kuranda is awash with arts and craft shops, casual eateries from pie shops to coffee lounges and restaurants. The eclectic market is the kind of place where candles, jewelry, leather goods, t-shirts, woodwork and tropical fruit are sold.

**Green Island** about 17 miles (27 km) northeast of Cairns, is a small island which offers stunning snorkeling and woodlands. The island and its surrounding reef are all National park, although a multi-million dollar tourist resort takes up a substantial proportion of the island. Nevertheless, a 10-minute stroll from the resort to the far end of the island will remind you that the beach is beautiful, the water fine, the snorkeling good and the fish prolific.

**SHORE EXCURSIONS** To make the most of your visit to Cairns and surrounding areas we suggest you take one of our organized Shore Excursions. For information concerning tour content and pricing, consult your Shore Excursion Brochure, Shore Excursion TV Channel or contact the Shore Excursion Desk. When going ashore, guests are advised to take with them only the items they need and to secure any valuables.

**LOCAL CUSTOMS** Tipping: While tipping is still optional in Australia it is increasingly seen at better hotels, restaurants and in taxis. As a general rule in restaurants add 5%-10% of the bill depending on service and in taxis add 5%-10% depending on the length of the trip.

Local Cuisine: Cairns has an abundance of eateries, and you shouldn't have too much trouble finding somewhere to satisfy your particular gastronomic craving. Seafood is the specialty.

Local drink: Australia boasts a vibrant spirits industry, and samples of the country's renowned beer or local wines are widely available at bars and restaurants.

**SHOPPING FACILITIES** The stores cater for all needs including clothes, jewelry (especially opals) and Aboriginal artifacts.

**2 Marina** - There are various shopping and numerous dining options overlooking the marina.

**3 Cairns Central** - a shopping complex close to the Cairns Wharf.

**The City Heart** has a lot to offer locals and visitors with duty-free shops, opal and jewelry outlets plus a wide number of fashion outlets. For the perfect gift, browse Cairns fine selection of jewelers and opal dealers or shop on Lake Street for some beautifully handcrafted Australian artifacts including didgeridoos and boomerangs.

**LOCAL CURRENCY** The official currency of Australia is the Australian Dollar. Denominations include \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills and \$.10, \$.20, \$.50 \$1 and \$2 coins. Foreign exchange rates fluctuate. There is also a slight variation for cash or traveler's checks.

**POST OFFICE & TELEPHONE FACILITIES** The main Post Office is located on the corner of Grafton and Hartley Sts.

Dial the following access numbers to place a call with your personal calling card:

- AT&T: 1.800.881.011
- MCI: 1.800.881.100
- SPRINT: 1.800.881.877

**TOURIST INFORMATION** The Regional Tourism Office is located at 51 The Esplanade. This site is a good source of information and brochures

**TRANSPORTATION** Taxis may be available on the pier or may be called for pickup.