



TOP DESTINATIONS FOR 5 DAYS IN TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND



Highlights

- Cairns Esplanade Lagoon.
- Kuranda Scenic Railway & Skyrail Rainforest Cableway.
- The Daintree Rainforest.
- Cape Tribulation & Coast Tribulation Beach
- Millaa Millaa Falls & Waterfall Way
- Port Douglas' Rex Smeal Park

Day 1: Cairns

Distance: Free Exploration

- **Morning:** Pick your campervan up from our Cairns branch and start your day at the Cairns Esplanade Lagoon. After a refreshing quick dip, head over to Caffiend, for coffee and brunch. After, wander down to the Cairns Esplanade Boardwalk to check out the local public art installations and beachside views.
- **Afternoon:** Head to the city's outskirts and check out the Babinda Boulders or take the family to the Cairns Aquarium. Feeling adventurous? Book a tour to Barron Gorge National Park instead!
- **Evening:** Check out the lively Cairns Night Markets, where you can shop for unique souvenirs, enjoy a foot massage, or just immerse yourself in the atmosphere. For dinner, head to Prawn Star.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Cairns Coconut Holiday Resort, 23/51 Anderson Rd, Woree QLD 4868.

Day 2: Kuranda

Distance: 29 Kms **Time:** 40 Minutes

- **Morning:** Take the Kuranda Scenic Railway for the best shots of the rainforest, bridges, and waterfalls. Once you reach Kuranda, your first priorities will be the colourful markets and a coffee stop.
- **Afternoon:** Discover the region's incredible wildlife by visiting either the Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, home to thousands of vibrant butterflies, or the Kuranda Koala Gardens, where you can get up close with Australia's most iconic animals. When you're ready to head back, hop aboard the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway.
- **Evening:** After a full day of exploring, keep the evening chill. Head back to Cairns for a relaxed dinner at one of the many eateries, or grab some takeaway and unwind by the Cairns Esplanade Lagoon.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Cairns Coconut Holiday Resort, 23/51 Anderson Rd, Woree QLD 4868.

Day 3: Anglesea

Distance: 111 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 40 Minutes

- **Morning:** Hit the road early and head north along the Captain Cook Highway. As soon as you catch the ferry across the Daintree River, you'll get your first look at the Daintree Rainforest. Start your day at the Daintree Discovery Centre, checking out the canopy walkways and information displays to find tours and easy hiking.
- **Afternoon:** Take the Marrdja Boardwalk deep into the rainforest and mangrove swampland. Keep your camera handy! Afterwards, head to Cape Tribulation Beach, a great spot to kick back and sink your toes into the sand.
- **Evening:** You can find guided tours that take you through the Daintree at night, which is a super unique, slightly spooky experience where you can spot glowing fungi, elusive nocturnal critters, and hear the rainforest truly come alive. Afterwards, treat yourself at Whet Restaurant in Cape Tribulation.
- **Where to stay:** Cape Tribulation Camping, 3812 Cape Tribulation Rd, Cape Tribulation QLD 4873.

Day 4: Atherton Tablelands

Distance: 172 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours

- **Morning:** First stop: Millaa Millaa Falls – hands down one of Australia’s most iconic waterfalls. Pack your bathers if you fancy a dip, or if you like to keep your feet dry, you can soak up views from shore.
- **Afternoon:** Keep the waterfall chase going in the afternoon along the famous Waterfall Circuit, ticking off Zillie Falls and Ellinjaa Falls along the way. Afterwards, cool off with a swim at Lake Eacham, a gorgeous volcanic crater lake known for its crystal-clear freshwater. Before you wind down, swing by Gallo Dairyland for a cheeky cheese and chocolate tasting session.
- **Evening:** You can either head back toward Cairns for another night or settle in at Lake Tinaroo Holiday Park for an authentic camping experience.
- **Where to stay:** Lake Tinaroo Holiday Park, 4-28 Tinaroo Falls Dam Rd, Tinaroo QLD 4872

Day 5: Port Douglas

Distance: 119 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 40 Minutes

- **Morning:** Ease into your final day with a drive up the coast to Port Douglas, only about an hour from Cairns, with fantastic ocean views that'll have you pulling over for a few photo ops. Kick off your morning with a coffee and a wander down lively Macrossan Street, known for its boutique shops, art galleries, and laid-back coastal charm.
- **Afternoon:** In the afternoon, make a beeline for the iconic Four Mile Beach. You can go for a walk or a swim – just make sure you’re in an area with stinger (jellyfish) nets! If you didn’t get your fill of Aussie wildlife yet, swing by Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas for one last chance to cuddle a koala, feed a kangaroo, or spot a cassowary in the wild. If this is the last day of your holiday, head on back to our branch in the late afternoon, aiming to drop your campervan off before 3:30pm!

Packing Tips

Tropical North Queensland is full of iconic beaches, ancient rainforests, and some of Australia’s most iconic landscapes. This itinerary will give you a little bit of everything, including city life, rainforests, waterfalls, and chill beach town vibes.

Some things you’ll want to bring include:

- Appropriate footwear (comfortable, closed shoes for walking tours)
- Hat, sunscreen and sunglasses
- Mixture of clothing for different weather/activities
- Insect repellent + band-aids
- Camera/phone + chargers
- Light backpack (to carry food + water bottle)

Reminder: Queensland’s regional towns and roads have plenty of nocturnal wildlife. We recommend that you don’t drive at night. This is for your own safety, to prevent injuring any wildlife, and to avoid any damage to your campervan rental.



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