

## **EXPLORE THE GREAT BARRIER REEF (5 NIGHTS/ 6 DAYS)**

Cairns and Port Douglas, are the gateways to tropical North Queensland, offers visitors a range of holiday experiences within a small area, from the Great Barrier Reef, the worlds biggest marine park, the world heritage listed rainforests of the Daintree and Cape Tribulation and the dramatic Cape York Wilderness. The region is a spectacular and diverse place for any kind of holiday. Australia's most famous natural wonder, the Great Barrier Reef is as big as the total combined area of the United Kingdom and Ireland, and contains more than 1,000 islands, from sandy cays to rainforest isles. The Great Barrier Reef has a delicate reef ecosystem that evolved over hundreds of thousands of years, and gave life to more than 6,600 species and plants and beasts. It's still home to endangered species including the endangered green loggerhead turtle, and is a breeding site for humpback whales. In 1981, UNESCO added the Great Barrier Reef to the World Heritage list. Visitors who are based at one of the seaside towns on the Queensland coast can take day cruise to explore the reef, reach coral sites by air, water taxi to scuba dive or snorkel for intimate reef views.

### **Day 1: ARRIVE CAIRNS – PORT DOUGLAS**

On arrival at the Cairns Airport, you will be transferred after a drive around a half hour North of Cairns and 16 km south of Port Douglas to your hotel. This region has become increasingly aware of the value and uniqueness of the natural environment. Ecotourism that focuses on this region's World Heritage pristine rainforests, its marine environment and ecosystems has now become a major part of the Port Douglas and Daintree tourism industry. It is the only place on Earth where two World Heritage listed jewels exist; the Great Barrier Reef and the rainforest of Daintree. Overnight stay at Port Douglas.

### **Day 2: PORT DOUGLAS – SNORKELING**

After breakfast take a catamaran, dive boat or sailing ship out to the ribbon reefs at the outer edge of the Great Barrier Reef. You can enjoy snorkeling on the fringe reefs surrounding Green and Fitzroy Islands. The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest and most spectacular coral reef system ready for you to explore, whether it's deep under the surface scuba diving, viewing from above as you snorkel or perhaps from a glass-bottomed boat. There are over 6 600 special of flora and fauna, including 1 500 species of fish, 4 000 species of mollusks and 400 types of coral – the tricky bit is counting how many you see! Port Douglas tours to the Great Barrier Reef will get you there quicker and will take you to dive sites of the most pristine parts of the reef including Agincourt, Opal, St. Crispin, Ribbon and Tongue reefs. Venture further out to the Norman, Moore and Arlington Reefs where pontoons are located to service the larger day cruise vessels or take a scuba dive with equipment and trained dive masters to assist. Return back to the hotel. Overnight at Port Douglas

### **Day 3: PORT DOUGLAS – DAINTREE AND CAPE TRIBULATION NATIONAL PARK**

Spend the day exploring the Daintree and Cape Tribulation National Park — you can drive, or take a 4WD Nature Safari trip including cruise boat trips on waterways which explore, the jungle

homes of birds, animals and reptiles including large crocodiles and pythons. Daintree Wonder Tours are your World Heritage Rainforest Tour specialists incorporating the Daintree Rainforest, Cape Tribulation, Mossman Gorge, the mighty Daintree River, secluded Daintree Rainforest swimming holes and much more..! Daintree Wonder Tours offers a day of memories, taking in the Daintree must-see sights, as well as a few well kept secrets, to make your visit to this magical place a very memorable one. Night is also a good time to experience the rainforest and its eco-systems as many of its inhabitants are nocturnal. After dinner spotlighting walks are a highlight for many visitors to the tropical rainforests. Visit the Bloomfield Falls and Cape Tribulation, remembered in Australian history as the point where Captain James Cook's barque, The Endeavour, sustained grave damage on an off-shore reef.

**Day 4: PORT DOUGLAS – SOUTH OF CAIRNS**

After breakfast spend the day exploring the area to the South of Cairns. Just out of Cairns is the small village of Kuranda and close by are the Barron falls. You can enjoy the worlds longest gondola cableway stretching 7.5 km across the rainforest canopy, an excellent way to view the falls. Drive along the coast where the rainforest reaches right to the beaches in some points. There are plenty of good walking tracks to explore along the way. White water rafting trips are an option today as well as exploring Mission Beach and Dunk and Bedarra Islands. Overnight stay at Port Douglas.

**Day 5: PORT DOUGLAS DEPARTURE**

Morning breakfast at Hotel. It is time to take a transfer to return to Cairns airport for flight back to India with the beautiful memories.

**Preferred Hotel**

<b>sDestination</b>	<b>3 star</b>	<b>4 star</b>	<b>5 Star</b>
Port Douglas	Port Douglas Plantation Resort	Martinique on Macrossan	Shantara Resort Port Douglas