

With superb conditions all year round, Queensland is the perfect destination to immerse in the colours and experience of the outback, rainforest and reef.

From coral reef to rainforest to rugged outback, this vast state offers every opportunity for adventure and unique Australian experiences combined with a number of luxury lodge accommodations and a personal connection with the people, produce, wildlife and landscapes.

- Cairns to Crystalbrook transfers from Cairns or Port Douglas are recommended by either fixed wing aircraft or helicopter (3 hours by road)
- Cairns to Lizard Island it is a short 60 minute scenic flight transfer to Lizard Island. Alternatively, a private charter can be arranged
- Drive Cairns to Silky Oaks Lodge (70 mins)
- Drive Brisbane to Scenic Rim Trail (2 hours)

CRYSTALBROOK LODGE

Hidden in the rugged outback of North Queensland and catering to only 10 guests, Crystalbrook Lodge is an oasis of luxury perched over the spectacular Crystalbrook Lake. The lake is a haven to a staggering range of wildlife including birds, freshwater crocodiles and fish. Only a 40 minute flight (or 3 hour drive) from Cairns, the lodge is part of the historic 85,000 acre Crystalbrook Station and a luxurious base from which to explore this remote outback region.

- > Birdwatch or fish from the lodge's silent electric boat; kayak on the lake; or go helifishing in the gulf rivers.
- Explore the bush and discover native wildlife along the numerous bush trails surrounding the lake.
- Visit Chillagoe, one of the most diverse geological areas in the world, to see the extraordinary Mungana Rock Art, or take a private tour of one of the impressive limestone caves of the area.



SILKY OAKS LODGE

Silky Oaks Lodge and Healing Waters Spa is located in a stunning riverside location adjoining one of the oldest living rainforests in the World Heritage listed Daintree National Park. It is an ideal base from which to explore Far North Queensland. The advanced eco lodge comprises the renowned open sided Treehouse restaurant, contemporary accommodation and the highly lauded Healing Waters Spa.

- Explore extensive hiking trails leading from the Lodge into the adjacent Daintree National Park.
- Journey by helicopter from the Lodge helipad to the beautiful coral cays of the Great Barrier Reef.
- Experience the Gorge Dreamtime Walk from the Lodge to the Mossman Gorge with the Kuku Yalanji people, the traditional owners of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.





LIZARD ISLAND RESORT

<u>Lizard Island</u> is a remote island retreat, the northern-most reef resort on the Great Barrier Reef. With twenty-four undisturbed white sand beaches and surrounded by turquoise water, this tropical paradise offers the ultimate active reef experience.

With 40 understated luxury suites and pavilions, five star cuisine and indulgent spa treatments, Lizard Island is the ideal base for a quintessential active reef experience.

- > Experience some of the best snorkelling and diving the reef can offer including the famous Cod Hole and giant clam gardens.
- Pack a picnic and explore 1,000 hectares of national park and 24 white powdery sand beaches.
- > Spend a day discovering the nearby Ribbon Reefs, renowned for some of the best big game fishing in the world.



SCENIC RIM TRAIL

The <u>Scenic Rim Trail</u> is a unique 4 day, 3 night walk covering 33km (20 miles) of wilderness and moderate grade terrain.

From the Main Range National Park, famous for its collection of mountains, ridges, forests and ancient volcanic plateaus, experienced guides will lead you through the Scenic Rim region, home to unique plants, animals and distinctive vegetation types. The mountains preserve links to Australia's ancient past, while one of Australia's two species of lyrebird inhabits the region's rainforest and wet eucalypt forests.

At the end of each day luxury accommodation awaits in safari-style tents with king size beds and fine linen culminating with one night in the luxurious Spicers Peak Lodge.

- Discover a region that contains more than 30,000 hectares of parkland, numerous state forests and national parks.
- Explore a stunning collection of mountains, ridges, escarpments, forests and ancient volcanic plateaus.
- > Learn the stories, rituals and traditions of the indigenous inhabitants woven around the natural environment, highlighting their connection to a living landscape.



SUGGESTED TRIP EXTENSIONS

qualia, Hamilton Island

<u>qualia</u> is a unique expression of world-class luxury, situated on the secluded northernmost tip of the island. This immaculate resort immerses you in a tranquil atmosphere, offering personalised and intuitive service. With outstanding attention to design and an exceptional spa, the qualia experience is one of deep sensory sophistication.

Hamilton Island Golf Club, Dent Island

Perched at the edge of the Great Barrier Reef, the <u>Hamilton Island Golf Club</u> is one of the most spectacular in the world. As the only championship course on its own island in Australia, Hamilton Island Golf Club is truly unique. It is designed to challenge all levels of golf enthusiast, from the casual player to professional, in a series of holes strung along ridges and played across steep valleys.

Spicers Peak Lodge, Queensland's High Country

Located less than two hours from Brisbane, Main Range National Park is a World Heritage-listed wilderness area. Perched on the mountain-top above the national park, the luxurious <u>Spicers Peak Lodge</u>, last stop on the Scenic Rim Trail, is spectacularly located on 8,000 acres taking advantage of the breathtaking views and wilderness location.









