



# MEETING VENUES

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## A NATURAL FIT FOR ANY EVENT

As a conference destination, Cairns & Great Barrier Reef presents a unique opportunity for meeting planners with a combination of first-class facilities and operators in nature's playground.

The twin World Heritage icons, the Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics Rainforest are natural delegate boosters for any conference or event. Access is easy with an international airport only 10 minutes from the city centre.

All the ingredients required for memorable events are in Cairns & Great Barrier Reef - world-class meeting facilities, unique venues, varied accommodation and professional event support including transport, catering and entertainment, are served up with friendly tropical hospitality.





## CAIRNS

Cairns is a destination meeting planners 'return-to' as its location, infrastructure, people and attractions bring together all the best elements for event success. With the award-winning Cairns Convention Centre at the helm, this modern coastal city can cater for meetings up to 5,000 theatre style.

International hotels, tropical resorts, a casino and collection of mid-range hotels add to the choice of conference venues, each with first-class facilities, solid reputations and professional teams ready to draw on the city's superior business events expertise. Whatever the size of the meeting, the one thing that does not change is the feeling of intimacy in this tropical city where delegates feel ownership of the destination.

The Cairns convention precinct is centrally located in the heart of the city so delegates are within easy walking distance of their conference venue, accommodation and local attractions.





## PALM COVE

Palm Cove presents event planners with an intimate oasis of luxury suitable for small to medium-sized groups at attractive beach resorts, catering for groups ranging from 40 to 150 people. The resorts and restaurants are all within walking distance at Palm Cove, so delegates can soak up the welcoming village atmosphere throughout their stay.

Only a 20-minute drive north of Cairns International Airport, Palm Cove is close to iconic attractions including Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park, AJ Hackett, KUR-Cow Barnwell Farm and Rainforestation Nature Park.

The mix of unique venues, accommodation styles and local attractions at your doorstep combine to create a memorable experience for delegates, their partners and families.





## PORT DOUGLAS

With its intimate village atmosphere, Port Douglas, an hour scenic transfer north of Cairns along the Great Barrier Reef Drive, is perfect to handle larger conferences and incentives.

Hotel and resort facilities in Port Douglas can cater for up to 850 theatre style and it is a regular occurrence for the whole town to pull together to stage these large meetings by using conferencing facilities of the Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort Port Douglas while delegates are accommodated across other nearby properties.

Port Douglas excels at teamwork which means events have been successfully pulled together with short lead times.

Creative Port Douglas conference and incentive programs are the forte of the region's award-winning conference and incentive specialists, who are renowned for their expertise to cater to business tourism and event planning needs.





## TROPICAL ISLANDS

A short 40-minute boat ride away on Catamaran or a luxurious sailing boat are the tropical hideaways of Green Island and Fitzroy Island, ideal locations for smaller residential meetings or day activities.

Both islands boast meeting spaces and accommodation in the middle of the Great Barrier Reef, as well as optional activities such as snorkelling, glass-bottom boat rides, helmet diving, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding and motorised underwater scooters.

Further north, the exclusive Lizard Island Resort offers the utmost luxury and caters for conference and incentive groups of up to 80 delegates. Accessible by scenic flight from Cairns or Cooktown, the resort offers an unforgettable destination for bespoke, high-end events with a difference.

