OFFSITE EVENTS

UNIQUE VENUES TO EXCITE

Location, location, location... For a truly memorable event, let the region's natural assets shine at any of the outstanding offsite venues available throughout Cairns & Great Barrier Reef.



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WATERFRONT LOCATIONS

Feel the sand between your toes with an exclusive dinner on an island in the middle of the Great Barrier Reef or enjoy the exotic flavours of Tropical North Queensland with a function at one of the many beachfront locations dotting the coast such as intimate Thala Beach, secluded Ellis Beach, stylish Palm Cove Esplanade or casual Kewarra Beach. For those who prefer firmer ground, the Cairns Esplanade and the Salt House provide breath-taking views of the Trinity Inlet while Rex Smeal Park in Port Douglas offers a relaxed yet sophisticated waterfront venue option for any event.





NATURE PARKS

Start your day or break from your meeting with the sights and sounds of colourful tropical birds at the Wildlife Habitat in Port Douglas or delight your delegates with animal interaction at the Rainforestation in Kuranda. Wildlife activities such as lagoon boat cruises, crocodile feeding or a personalised guided tour at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures add to the excitement of dinner at the Gondwana Gateway and Grill, a stunning evening venue for a unique and memorable dining experience.

HERITAGE BUILDINGS

From intimate cocktail gatherings to sophisticated dinners, a function set at the historic Sugar Wharf, overlooking the Dickson Inlet, is unique and quintessentially Port Douglas. The Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal, a 100-year-old restored facility featuring many heritage features and beautiful exposed timbers and iron, is ideally located close to the Cairns Convention Centre and most city hotels, and preparing to welcome the addition of Hemingway's Brewery in 2018, a venue that will only enhance this already iconic setting. Hidden in the rainforest are three tanks once used during World War II; today the Tanks Art Centre is an exciting event location with an amazing atmosphere perfect for functions with a difference.





RAINFOREST VENUES

Rainforest locations throughout the region offer guests the opportunity to immerse themselves in the ancient traditions of the world's oldest rainforest. The elegant ballroom at Flames of the Forest near Port Douglas provides a magical backdrop to any event, while Silky Oaks Lodge in the Daintree Rainforest is ideal for intimate functions. Closer to Cairns, opt for the Venue at AJ Hackett, home to Australia's only Bungy site, for an unforgettable and adrenalin-pumping setting or for the Cairns Botanic Gardens, where delegates can enjoy exclusive use of the extensive lawn area, surrounded by tropical plants and trees.

INDIGENOUS OPTIONS

Learn about Indigenous heritage with an event incorporating authentic Indigenous performances and activities. Watch the Pamagirri Aboriginal dancers impress the crowd or learn how to play the didgeridoo at the Rainforestation in Kuranda. Immerse yourself in the ancient secrets of the rainforest and the Kuku Yalanji tribe during a breakfast or cocktail event at the Mossman Gorge in the heart of the Daintree Rainforest. Closer to the CBD, witness the Creation Story of the Djabugay people at Tjapukai and try your hand at boomerang or spear throwing before taking part in a spectacular nighttime fire-making ceremony.





PRIVATE RESIDENCES

For a more intimate function, the region boasts a wide array of private residences available for group hire. From dining in a hilltop abode in Palm Cove, overlooking the Coral Sea and Northern Beaches, to cocktails in a luxurious villa tucked in the rainforest or a barefoot welcome reception in a beachfront mansion, private residences offer an ideal option for smaller groups. Team up with one of the region's acclaimed caterers and let them show you that no venue is off-limits when it comes to creating remarkable events off the beaten path.

DISTILLERY DINING

Enjoy a degustation dinner with a difference at Mt Uncle Distillery. The 5-course menu focuses on botanicals that have been handselected for the award-winning Mt Uncle Distillery Botanic Australis Gin, pairing each course with a gin cocktail to compliment the flavours and aromas of individual dishes. For an authentic experience, enjoy this culinary treat right on the grounds of the Mt Uncle Distillery on the Tablelands, or have it executed at other venues closer to your event base.





VENUES WITH A VIEW

With 180-degree views stretching from the Port Douglas Reef Marina out to the Daintree rainforest and beyond, Hemingway's Brewery delivers breathtaking vistas combined with locally crafted brews and a mouth-watering paddock-to-plate menu. In Palm Cove, delegates will enjoy views of Double and Haycock Islands from Sarayi's upstairs terrace, while in Trinity Beach, they will love basking in the luxurious surroundings of the Bluewater Bar & Grill, overlooking private yachts and exclusive vessels. In the Cairns CBD, delight guests with an exclusive rooftop function at Pacific Hotel Cairns, complete with panoramic views of the Trinity Inlet and the city skyline.

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NAUTICAL AFFAIR

Sail away upon the calm waters of Trinity Inlet in Cairns on a luxurious sailing catamaran and settle in for a sunset cocktail or an evening under the stars. Available for daytime, sunset and evening charters, the Spirit of Cairns is the ideal venue to kick back with colleagues in a balmy tropical setting. In Port Douglas, hop aboard Sailaway, Wavedancer or Aquarius for a sunset sail along iconic Four Mile Beach with a glass of bubbles in hand, or charter a vessel for a day trip to Low Isles and surprise delegates with lunch on the Great Barrier Reef in between snorkeling and swimming with turtles.





BANG ON EVENT

A convenient 15-minute drive north of the Cairns CBD, The Australian Armour & Artillery Museum is the largest museum of its kind in the southern hemisphere dedicated to the collection, preservation, restoration and display of armoured vehicles and artillery from the 1800's to the present day. Hit every target by delivering a 'banging' event in a unique and versatile venue delegates will not soon forget. For a rainforest function with a military flair, Rainforestation's M*A*S*H Bash recaptures the essence of the popular television series with Army Duck vehicles and theming that will take delegates back to a bygone era.