



**OUR
REGION**

THE NATURAL PLACE TO MEET

Cairns & Great Barrier Reef is the natural place to meet.

With two World Heritage areas side-by-side, sophisticated business tourism infrastructure and an international airport close to the city, business events in Cairns & Great Barrier Reef consistently attract strong attendance.

Experience the Great Barrier Reef, Wet Tropics rainforest and Indigenous Australia all within a single destination and discover why Cairns & Great Barrier Reef is a favourite with meeting planners wishing to deliver spectacular events.



CAIRNS

With the Cairns International Airport only seven kilometres from the city centre, delegates can be at their hotel in just 10 minutes leaving plenty of time for pre or post conference touring.

Centrally located in the heart of Cairns, the convention precinct means conference venues, accommodation, shopping, dining and nightlife are all within easy walking distance. It's not unusual for delegates to bump into each other when they relax at a city café or exercise along the picturesque Esplanade boardwalk.

At the core of the convention precinct is the award-winning Cairns Convention Centre, which is consistently regarded as one of the world's best places to do business thanks to its award-winning facilities and impeccable service.

With more than 7000 accommodation rooms available, Cairns can cater for large conventions or host memorable meetings for small groups. The city's hotels demonstrate the highest international standards in facilities and service.



PALM COVE

Palm Cove is a luxurious stretch of beachfront paradise without the crowds, making it perfect for small to medium-sized groups. It has a mix of unique venues, accommodation styles and local attractions at its doorstep, which combine to create memorable experiences for delegates, their partners and families.

Only a 25-minute drive north of Cairns City, the sophisticated beachside hub boasts an array of cafes, award-winning restaurants offering local and international cuisine, exquisite boutiques and galleries. Quality accommodation is plentiful with many of the resorts, hotels and quality apartments overlooking the beach while others have views of the rainforest-clad mountains.

Palm Cove presents event planners with an intimate oasis of luxury – break for lunch beachside, experience one of the six day spas when your work is done, be picked up from your doorstep by one of the region's tour operators to experience the local wildlife or motivate your team on the golf course.



PORT DOUGLAS

The Port Douglas and Daintree region is an event planner's paradise with five-star resorts and intimate rainforest retreats among the venues on offer. An hour north of Cairns via a spectacular coastal drive overlooking the Coral Sea, Port Douglas is the epitome of tropical sophistication.

Discover a diverse array of superb restaurants and cafes, funky boutiques and inspiring art galleries along the famous Macrossan Street, enjoy a local craft beer overlooking the marina, relax on Four Mile Beach or forage for exotic produce and handicrafts at the Sunday markets.

Port Douglas has a stunning array of international resorts and apartments with conference facilities to suit any size group. It offers a variety of meeting possibilities, whether set resort side in lush tropical surrounds or under the rainforest canopy, all supported by experienced and creative event professionals.



TROPICAL ISLANDS

The islands of the region are perfect for those looking for a more exclusive experience.

Green Island, a 40-minute transfer from Cairns is the only sand cay on the Great Barrier Reef featuring rainforest.

Fitzroy Island, also a quick 40 minutes from Cairns, boasts rainforest and reef activities and conference facilities for an event off the mainland.

The exclusive 5-star resort on Lizard Island, catering for groups up to 80, is easily accessible by plane from Cairns or Cooktown.

