



MEETING VENUES

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 sustainable, first-class facilities and operators in nature's playground.

The twin World Heritage-listed icons, the Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics Rainforest are natural delegate boosters for any conference or event. City access is easy with an international airport located 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' due to its location, infrastructure, people and attractions bringing 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 guests 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, quality reputations and professional teams ready to capitalise 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 and will leave feeling connected to a positive legacy.

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 scenic 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 Cairns, Hartley's Crocodile Adventures, KUR-Cow Barnwell Farm and Rainforestation Nature Park.

The mix of unique venues, accommodation styles and local attractions at your doorstep create the perfect canvas for high-end smaller events and incentives.



PORT DOUGLAS

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

Hotel and resort facilities in Port Douglas can cater for up to 850 theatre style with a range of accommodation options available. Given the small town culture of the village and closeness of venues and attractions, you can rely on the professional community to pull together to make sure your event runs seamlessly. Short lead times are handled with calm and collective teamwork making Port Douglas your ultimate sit-back-and-relax destination for event planners.

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 and innovation to cater to business tourism and event planning needs.



TROPICAL ISLANDS

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

Both islands boast meeting spaces and accommodation nestled 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, motorised underwater scooters and turtle rehabilitation centres.

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 above the Coral Sea, the resort offers an unforgettable destination for bespoke, high-end events with a difference.

