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UNIQUE VENUES TO EXCITE

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



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 the tropics with a function at one of the many beachfront locations dotting the coast, such as intimate Thala Beach, secluded Ellis Beach, stylish Palm Cove or casual Kewarra Beach. For those who prefer firmer ground, the Cairns Esplanade and Salt House restaurant provide breath-taking views of the Trinity Inlet, whilst Sugar Wharf (pictured) and Rex Smeal Park offer relaxed, sophisticated and versatile venues in Port Douglas.





NATURE PARKS

Start your day or break from your meeting with the sights and sounds of colourful tropical birds at the Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas, or delight your delegates with animal interaction at Rainforestation Nature Park (pictured) 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 at the historic Sugar Wharf, overlooking the Dickson Inlet is quintessentially Port Douglas. The Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal (pictured), a 100-year old restored facility featuring beautiful exposed timbers and iron, is ideally located close to the Cairns Convention Centre and most city hotels, neighboured by the grand Hemingway's Brewery. Hidden in the rainforest are three fuel tanks once used during WWII; today the Tanks Art Centre is an exciting and popular event location to behold.





RAINFOREST HIDEAWAYS

Rainforest locations throughout the region offer guests the opportunity to immerse themselves in the ancient traditions of the world's oldest tropical rainforest. The elegant outdoor ballroom at Flames of the Forest (pictured) near Port Douglas provides a magical backdrop to any event, whilst 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 opt for exclusive use at Cairns Botanic Gardens.

INDIGENOUS INTERACTIONS

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 Rainforestation in Kuranda. Immerse yourself in the ancient secrets of the rainforest and the Kuku Yalanji tribe during a breakfast or cocktail event at Mossman Gorge. Closer to the CBD, witness the creation story of the Djabugay people at Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park (pictured) and try your hand at boomerang or spear throwing before taking part in a spectacular night-fire ceremony.



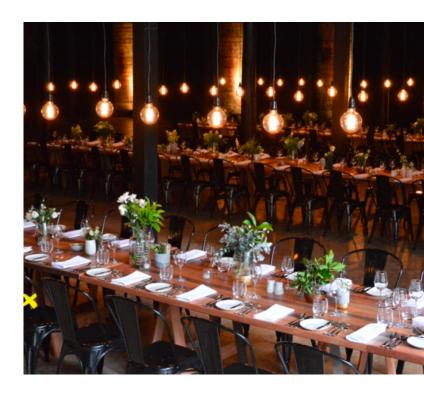


PRIVATE RESIDENCES

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, like Bali Hai (pictured). 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 (pictured). The 5-course menu focuses on botanicals that have been hand-selected 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. In Palm Cove, delegates will enjoy views of Double Island and Haycock Islands from Sarayi's upstairs terrace, basking in the luxurious tropical surroundings. Delight in an exclusive rooftop function at Cairns' only rooftop bar, Rocco (pictured), complete with panoramic views from the Trinity Inlet, across Cairns Harbour and into the hills.

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, Spirit of Cairns (pictured) is the ideal venue to kick back with colleagues in a balmy tropical setting. In Port Douglas, hop aboard Sailaway, Wavedancer or Aquarius, or go big on one of the many available Superyachts 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 or surprise lunch on the Great Barrier Reef.





EVENTS WITH A BANG

Deliver a 'banging' event in a unique and versatile space delegates will not soon forget. A 15-minute drive north of the Cairns CBD, The Australian Armour & Artillery Museum (pictured) is the largest museum of its kind in the southern hemisphere dedicated to the collection, preservation, restoration and display of armoured vehicles and artillery. For a rainforest function with a military flair, Rainforestation Nature Park's M*A*S*H Bash recaptures the essence of the popular television series with authentic WWII Army Duck vehicles and theming from the bygone era.