



OUR REGION

THE NATURAL PLACE TO MEET

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

With two World Heritage-listed areas side-by-side, sophisticated business tourism infrastructure and a modern international airport close to the city, Cairns & Great Barrier Reef has the charms and the facilities to create stand-out business events.

Experience the Great Barrier Reef, Wet Tropics Rainforest and one of the world's oldest Indigenous cultures within a single destination and discover why Cairns & Great Barrier Reef is a favourite with meeting planners wishing to deliver naturally 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 everything you need, from conference venues, accommodation, shopping, dining and nightlife, are all within easy walking distance. A bustling social centre, it's not unusual for delegates to pass each other when they relaxing at a city cafe or exercising 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 top event centres thanks to its award-winning facilities and impeccable service.

With more than 7,000 accommodation rooms available, Cairns can cater to all groups from large conventions or small, memorable meetings. The city's hotels and resorts demonstrate the highest international standards in service, facilities and groups.



PALM COVE

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

Only an easy 25-minute drive north of Cairns City, the sophisticated beachside hub boasts an array of cafes, exquisite boutiques, galleries and award-winning restaurants offering local and international cuisine, not to mention a picturesque 'getaway' setting. Quality accommodation is plentiful with many of the resorts, hotels and luxury apartments overlooking the beach, while others have views of the endless rainforest-clad mountains.

Palm Cove presents event planners with an intimate oasis of luxury. Stay hassle-free with a break for lunch beachside, slip into bliss as you experience one of the six day spas after the 'hard' work is done or enjoy personal pickups straight from your doorstep by one of the region's world-class tour operators to experience the local wildlife and culture.



PORT DOUGLAS

The Port Douglas and Daintree region is an event planner's paradise with a mix of 5-star resorts and intimate rainforest retreats, among the many other venues on offer. Only an hour north of Cairns via one of the most spectacular coastal drives overlooking the Coral Sea, the Great Barrier Reef Drive, Port Douglas is the epitome of tropical sophistication and natural relaxation.

Discover a diverse variety of superb restaurants and cafes, funky boutiques and inspiring art galleries along the famous Macrossan Street, enjoy a local craft beer overlooking the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, lay back and relax on the famous Four Mile Beach or forage for exotic produce and handicrafts at the local Sunday Markets.

Port Douglas has a stunning array of international resorts and apartments with conference facilities to suit any group size up to 800 pax. It offers a variety of meeting and function possibilities, whether set resort-side in lush tropical surrounds or under the cooling rainforest canopy, all supported by teams of experienced and creative event professionals.



TROPICAL ISLANDS

Take your pick of one of the many islands in Cairns & Great Barrier Reef for the perfect exclusive overnight experience or tropical day getaway.

Green Island, the Great Barrier Reef's largest sand cay, is a 45-minute boat transfer away from Cairns and features a luxury eco-resort with 46 accommodation rooms.

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

The exclusive and incredibly luxurious 5-star resort on Lizard Island, catering for smaller groups up to 80, is easily accessible by air from Cairns or Cooktown and provides the perfect incentive option.

For day options, the Frankland Islands are the closest collection to the Cairns mainland located only 10km offshore and Dunk Island, nestled off the shore of Mission Beach, is only a short water-taxi, ferry or kayak journey away.

