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Cairns & Great Barrier Reef experiences transform incentive groups

Match your nature with the nature of Cairns & Great Barrier Reef where transformational experiences take incentive groups deeper into the Great Barrier Reef and the world's oldest rainforest with World Heritage values closely connected to the destination's First Nations people.

Tourism Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ) Partnerships and Events General Manager Tara Bennett said the Cairns & Great Barrier Reef promise to Connect Great and Leave Greater ensured business events would have a far-reaching impact on delegates.

"Multi-sensory journeys exploring and contributing to our World Heritage areas are not about getting your hands dirty, they are about enjoying the natural environment," she said.

"Spending time in nature has been proven to benefit physical and mental health, reducing stress and elevating your mood, allowing a deeper connection with yourself and those around you.

"It is also about gaining a deeper respect for nature alongside scientists, First Nations people and engaging guides who deliver these transformational experiences.

"Helping with coral regeneration and hearing about the deep spiritual connection to country of a cultural guide are among the mindful experiences that will profoundly transform delegates and inspire change when the event is over.

"Cairns & Great Barrier Reef provides the connection we all crave – connection with colleagues, with yourself, with nature and with the stories of the destination you are visiting."

Transformational Cairns & Great Barrier Reef experiences include:

Sunlover Reef Cruises introduces delegates to the Saltwater State of Mind where colleagues can unplug and connect, having fun by immersing themselves in nature to soak up the benefits of saltwater and sunshine and give back by participating in monitoring surveys for reef conservation. The kinship of team building on the Great Barrier Reef is unmatched by any boardroom.

The Down Under Tours Waterfall, Wetlands and Scenic Rail tour connects guests to the region's biodiversity, culture and history. The experiences include exploring a rehabilitated feather palm forest with prolific birdlife, a Calling to Country ceremony with a Djabugay Indigenous guide, an historic train journey and enjoying local produce including tropical fruit ice cream.

Hear the Djabugay story of the world's oldest tropical rainforest as you glide above the canopy on Skyrail Rainforest Cableway through the Barron Gorge. Descend from the treetops to explore the forest floor with a ranger and gain a profound appreciation for the complex Wet Tropics ecosystem that will foster environmental stewardship. This multi-sensory journey can be further enhanced with a Sustainability Seminar to inspire delegates to become agents of change within their own organisation.

Give the next generation of corals a helping hand with Reef Unlimited's Reef Connect program which merges science-based conservation with cultural connection on the Great Barrier Reef. Discover different species on a marine biologist guided snorkelling tour and join a First Nations cultural guide on a glass-bottom boat cruise. Delegates can see behind the scenes in the science laboratory and help with citizen science programs including reef monitoring and the Great Barrier Reef Census.

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Gain an appreciation for a living dinosaur with a private boat cruise on the lagoon at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures and understand how the slow metabolism of these prehistoric reptiles helped them to survive. Your team leader can pole feed a crocodile and the whole team can hand feed wallabies, kangaroos and wombats during a private wildlife encounter learning about Australian native animals. These animals can also be encountered after dark at gala dinners.

Enhance collective communication and problem-solving skills while white water rafting on Australia's best rafting river. Expert guides help participants to build their confidence and resilience in a high-trust environment working together to step outside comfort zones and safely navigate rapids in one of the oldest rainforests on earth. The Cairns Rafting Tours adventure powers through grade 3 and 4 rapids in a Jurassic landscape of towering rainforest ravines.

Discover clown fish and their anemones, sea cucumbers and starfish in the tidal rock pools on a Master Reef Guide walk at the untouched Frankland Islands with the Entrada Travel Group. Join the guide for a snorkel safari and explore further on a semi-submersible tour before returning for free time on the picturesque island on the Great Barrier Reef looking for rare sand stars. Return to the city for a dinner cruise on Trinity Inlet to talk about your reef encounters as you cruise past the city lights.

Delegates can continue their inner journey when they return to their hotel to unwind with yoga by the pool overlooking the ocean or with the corporate spa offering from the Crystalbrook Collection available for groups or individuals. Pamper delegates with curated Eleme gift bags in their rooms featuring luxurious bath oils, Sodashi skincare, Mayde Tea and We Are Feel Good Inc suncare products. Crystalbrook's dining offerings continue the transformational experience with menus noting Climate Calories to show if your meal's ingredients are locally sourced, sustainably grown or caught, and culturally considered.

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