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Cairns & Cooktown Discovery (EASY PACE)

7 Days Tour Only **\$2970**
Single room \$450

9 Days with return Rail Fare

QLD Pension Economy Seat *add* \$50
QLD Pension Railbed *add* \$400
Senior Railbed *add* \$670
Adult Railbed *add* \$780

Tour Highlights: Paronella Park & Innisfail, Mossman Gorge & Daintree River Cruise, Port Douglas Township, Palm, Palmer River Roadhouse & Black Mountain, Cooktown Museum & Cemetery Grassy Hill Lookout, Botanical Gardens, Endeavour River Sunset Cruise, Lion's Den Hotel, Annan River, Mount Molloy & Mareeba, Accommodation & Meals as per itinerary, Coach touring & commentary, fully hosted by our friendly staff

Day 1: Depart Brisbane on the **Spirit of Queensland Train** for your overnight journey towards Cairns in an Economy Seat or upgrade to a Railbed with all meals included.

Spirit of Queensland Train (All meals for Railbed passengers)

Day 2: Enjoying the rail journey, you arrive into Cairns midafternoon with time to freshen up before enjoying the included **Welcome Dinner** at Dundee's at the Aquarium.

DoubleTree by Hilton, Cairns (All meals for Railbed passengers, D)

Day 3: Cooktown today! Making our way north via the **Atherton Tablelands**, we stop at the **historic Palmer River Roadhouse** for lunch. From here we pass the Annan Gorge and Black Mountain on the last leg into **Cooktown**. Black Mountain, named by the local Indigenous people 'Place of Spears', is a mysterious pyramid of stones and a natural geological formation thought to be 150 million years old. On arrival we check in with time to visit the **Cooktown Botanical Gardens**.

River of Gold Motel, Cooktown (B, D)

Day 4: Today we will embark on a **town tour of Cooktown** starting with **Grassy Hill Lookout** for breathtaking views of Cooktown and its renowned **'River of Gold'**. Next, we visit the **Captain Cook Museum** which showcases the history of this extraordinary town, including Cook's significant encounter with Indigenous peoples during his stay at the Endeavour River. After this enriching experience, we travel to the iconic **Lion's Den Hotel** for lunch and a refreshing beverage, situated by the banks of the **Annan River** and surrounded by century-old mango trees. After lunch, we visit the **Cooktown Cemetery**, a fascinating place to explore and absorb the history. Finally, we depart for a magical **Sunset River Cruise on the Endeavour River**. We embark on an informative journey down this historic river, stepping back in time as we go.

River of Gold Motel, Cooktown (B, AT)

Day 5: Departing Cooktown, we stop off at the little town of **Mount Molloy** for lunch at the local pub. Then on to **Mareeba** to visit the **Heritage Museum** and **Coffee Works** for all things coffee and chocolate. This afternoon we make our way back into Cairns for an evening at your leisure.

DoubleTree by Hilton, Cairns (B)

Day 6: This morning, we make our way south to Innisfail. Jose Paronella's dream was to build a castle and he chose a special part of Australia to create **Paronella Park**. On 5 hectares beside Mena Creek Falls he built his castle, picnic area by the falls, tennis courts, bridges and wrapped it up in an amazing range of 7,500 tropical plants and trees, now a lush rainforest. We tour through the Castle Ruins in the rainforest and **enjoy lunch** before departing back to Cairns for an afternoon and evening at your leisure.

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Day 7: Today we venture to **Mossman Gorge**, where the **Mossman River** tumbles its way over and around huge granite boulders that line the gorge creating cool, clear, freshwater swimming holes. We then make our way to the **Daintree River for our Croc Cruise**. Snaking through the heart of the area, the densely populated mangrove estuary is home to an abundance of wildlife. Then into **Port Douglas** with time to explore the town before returning to Cairns for a free afternoon and our **Farewell Dinner**.

DoubleTree by Hilton, Cairns (B, D)

Day 8: After breakfast, we board the **Spirit of Queensland Train** for your relaxing journey towards Brisbane.

Spirit of Queensland Train (B, All meals for Railbed passengers)

Day 9: Arriving in Brisbane this morning, we alight the train with cherished memories of our time in Far North Queensland.

2025 Departures: 30 May; 15 August