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Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries



Australia, Queensland



7 days Call for a quote pp



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Journey Overview

Immerse yourself in World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest exploring its ancient ecosystem, stunning valleys, spectacular forest-clad mountains, clear streams, and magnificent rivers. Silky Oaks Lodge is the ultimate luxury eco lodge in an unrivalled riverside location in the oldest living rainforest in the world.

Next, it's on to secluded Lizard Island, for a true lap of indulgence. Remote and beautiful, with 24 powdery-white beaches, Lizard Island is the closest archipelago to the outer Great Barrier Reef. Design your own luxury escape with a range of experiences, as you explore deserted palm-fringed beaches, bleeding sunsets, all-inclusive culinary excellence and a stunning underwater immersion in the vibrant 500,000-year-old reef.

Journey Highlights

- Explore the World Heritage listed Daintree Rainforest and Cape Tribulation, where the rainforest meets the reef
- Purify your skin in the crystal-clear waters of the Mossman River
- Snorkel the Great Barrier Reef discovering its ancient corals and vibrant tropical wildlife
- Enjoy a secluded picnic on a powder-white private beach



Itinerary

Day 1: Daintree Mossman

On arrival into Cairns, make your way via the spectacularly scenic Captain Cook Highway to Silky Oaks Lodge, located on the banks of the gently flowing Mossman River. Enveloped by the leafy canopy of the ancient Daintree Rainforest, the lodge will entreat you with a cornucopia of natural sights, sounds and smells.

Settle into your secluded suite, bedecked by its own private balcony, daybed and hammock. Perhaps take a cooling plunge in the invigorating waters before indulging in the lodge's signature drinks hour with canapés. You'll enjoy a delectable dinner in the towering treehouse restaurant paired with stunning wines and often infused with local indigenous flavours.

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Day 2: Daintree Mossman

Today your guide accompanies you on a private exploration of the Daintree Rainforest, dramatic Mossman Gorge and Cape Tribulation. Walk through tree-clad mountains to the spell-binding beauty of the Mossman Gorge, hearing secrets of the enchanting rainforest and its unique indigenous wildlife and ecosystem.

Take a swim if you wish before journeying on to the Daintree River, home to hundreds of large vivid cassowaries and saltwater crocodiles. Cross the river by ferry to Cape Tribulation, where the rainforest meets the reef, and enjoy a sumptuous lunch at the Daintree Heritage Lodge.

Delight in an afternoon sugar hit at the Daintree Ice Cream Factory before continuing to the foothills of Mount Alexandra and the Jindalba boardwalk. Listen as your guide imparts expert knowledge of the million-year evolution of the lowland forest – a living museum of rare flora and fauna.

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Day 3: Daintree Mossman

Enjoy a full day at leisure at stylish Silky Oaks Lodge.

Perhaps join the early morning yoga class, explore the Fig Tree Rapids walk, take a kayak down the Mossman River, or enjoy a leisurely swim with a snorkel to experience life beneath the translucent surface. If it's pampering you prefer, spend the afternoon indulging at the lodge's Healing Waters Spa (additional charges may apply).

Silky Oaks Lodge / BD**Day 4: Daintree Mossman - Lizard Island**

Awake to fresh oxygen and a delectable breakfast, before making your way to Cairns Airport for your flight to remote and exclusive Lizard Island. On arrival you'll be welcomed by your friendly host and transferred to your room, hugged by lush and tropical gardens, with serene meandering pathways to beautiful Anchor Bay beach.

Once settled in, curate the next three days as you please (bookings for some activities essential). Choose from spectacular snorkelling in crystal-clear waters, beautiful nature walks through pristine mangroves, and picnics on deserted beaches. For an extra charge, consider a full degustation on a private beach at sunset, expertly paired with the Cellar Master List, or perhaps take a boat trip to scuba dive or fish in the outer reef.

Lizard Island / BLD**Days 5-6: Lizard Island**

Enjoy two days at your leisure to explore this beautiful, secluded island and its multi-award-winning resort.

Lizard Island / BLD**Day 7: Depart Lizard Island**

After your delicious breakfast and a morning at leisure, your journey comes to an end with your departure flight from Lizard Island to Cairns.

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Map



Accommodation

Lizard Island



Lizard Island, Australia's northernmost island resort on the Great Barrier Reef, is a one hour scenic flight over the reef from Cairns. Recently refurbished, interiors reflect pared back luxury and sit as one with the beauty of the tropical beach backdrop. Its 40 suites and villas are understated and elegant with a feeling of contemporary beach chic and glorious views of Anchor Bay or Sunset Beach. The island boasts 24 pristine private beaches, perfect for picnicking and snorkelling in the turquoise waters where coral and marine life are abundant. World class diving is a major highlight with trips to the inner and outer reef accessing some of the world's most famous dive sites such as the Cod Hole. Dining on Lizard Island is simple and relaxed, with menus inspired by the freshest local produce from the waters around the island and from the mainland. Private picnics and degustation beachside dining are signature experiences while the idyllically situated Salt Water Restaurant takes full advantage of the breathtaking 180-degree ocean views. A stay on Lizard Island includes gourmet meals, non-alcoholic beverages, selected Australian wines, beer, spirits, use of non motorised water sports and motorised dinghies.

Why we like it

- All rooms have a private decks
- A tiny gem adoring the translucent waters of Australia's Great Barrier Reef, the resort is a diving paradise
- A beach restaurant serves fine food and wine whilst Osprey's Restaurant serves Australian, Asian and European cuisine
- Azure Spa offers treatments that bring ancient indigenous medicines and massage techniques together with aromatherapy, colour therapy, sound therapy and herbalism principles
- The resort has a freshwater swimming pool

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