

A Day on Green Island



Approximately 7½ hours



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Home to more than 120 native plant species and colorful bird life, and surrounded by coral gardens with abundant marine life to explore, **Green Island** offers the unique opportunity for a combined reef and rain forest experience. It is the only coral cay on the **Great Barrier Reef** with a rain forest. This full-day inclusive tour allows you to truly experience Green Island hassle-free. Journey across the Coral Sea by **catamaran**. Once on the island, revel in an array of activities including a glass-bottom boat coral-viewing cruise, or relax and let your day unfold in this tropical paradise.

Stroll through rain forest on a self-guided walk, laze on the white coral sands, **swim** or **snorkel** among an amazing display of tropical fish and coral gardens or enjoy the well-appointed day visitor facilities, including the resort swimming pool.

A hot and cold buffet **lunch** is served at the Greens Buffet.

Notes:

Snorkel gear provided. Bring your swimsuit, a towel, sunscreen and a hat. Bring local currency to purchase drinks and stinger suits. A 10-minute walk to and from the Reef Fleet Terminal is required on this tour. Tour does not operate on holidays

Atherton Platypus Experience



Approximately 8 hours



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The **Atherton Platypus Experience** offers stunning pristine rain forest with **UNESCO World Heritage Site** attractions and native animals. This area of unspoiled beauty contains the two tallest mountains in Queensland, numerous rivers, waterfalls, swimming holes and some of the world's lushest and most ancient rain forest. Revitalize yourself in this tranquil rain forest setting, which includes fun activities.

Watch for the iconic **Australian platypus** and for some native birds.

You'll see the **Curtain Fig Tree**--a massive strangler *ficus*--simply not to be missed. Over hundreds of years, it has effectively 'strangled' four trees to create a high-rise building-sized eco system that is home to many animals and other plants. It lives within a specific type of cooler-climate rain forest that is also the home of the rare and endangered tree kangaroo. Head to **Tarzali Lakes**--a privately owned paradise. The giant lily-filled billabongs here are home to many **platypus**. Enjoy close-up views of these endemic Aussie creatures playing in the water. Your knowledgeable site guide offers an educational talk on these interesting animals that are rarely seen in the wild. Learn about these iconic animals as well as a red claw viewing and barramundi feeding and tasting.

A delicious **lunch** is served, Australian buffet style, with freshly baked fish from the Tarzali Lakes and a great variety of salads, fruit salad and cake.

Make your way back down the mountainside with a stop at the Mountain View historic hotel--a traditional **Australian pub** located at the base of the Great Dividing Range. Sip on an Aussie **beer** as you look out over the Little Mulgrave River.

Notes:

Wear comfortable clothing and shoes; bring sunscreen and a hat. Platypus and other wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. The tour route traverses very windy mountainside roads. Guests prone to motion sickness should assess their ability to participate and/or take appropriate medication.

Awesome Adventure Cruise



Approximately 2 hours



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Jump aboard a **jetboat-style vessel** for an adventurous and informative 90-minute calm-water **cruise** with a bit of a thrill thrown in to spice things up.

The day begins with a 10-minute walk from the pier along the boardwalk to the vessel departure point.

Once aboard, you'll depart Cairns Harbour to explore Trinity Inlet and the adjoining **wetland area**.

The friendly captain provides commentary on the mangrove and wetland environments and their interesting features, including the abundant wildlife.

Watch for a crocodile sunning itself on the banks of the river or some local birdlife.

Your trip includes a complete circuit of Admiralty Island. Keep an eye out for the shipwreck and sunken barge.

Be prepared for a bit of zoom in the middle of the journey, as the boat is equipped with four very powerful 300hp engines and the captain almost always feels the need for speed. Hold on tight and enjoy the adrenalin rush.

Return to Cairns Harbour with views of the beautiful mountains in the distance.

Your outing ends with a 10-minute walk back to the pier.

Notes:

Participants may get slightly wet by spray during this tour; dress accordingly. Bring along local currency to purchase a soft drink aboard the vessel if you wish. The twin-hull catamaran is very stable and is built to the highest standards of construction and safety, operated by a highly experienced crew; it will not heel over like a mono-hull boat, so even novice sailors will feel at ease. Tour does not operate on holidays.

Cairns Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.



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Notes:

Private minivans are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Cairns Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below. Approximately 4 Hours



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Cairns Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



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Cairns Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



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Crocs & Port Douglas



Approximately 7 hours



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Visit a **crocodile wildlife park**, just 40 minutes north of Cairns in the foothills of the MacAlister range. Situated on the magnificent coastal drive en route to Port Douglas, the park is perhaps the best place to see crocodiles and native wildlife in tropical North Queensland.

Marvel at the diversity of habitats, ranging from **melaleuca wetlands** to riverside rain forest and eucalypt woodland.

Learn about the ecological significance of these wetlands found throughout northern Australia.

Ride aboard a specially constructed **lagoon boat** to explore the wetland habitat of the **Australian saltwater crocodile**.

Venture into picturesque **Port Douglas**--the hub of the region. Its relaxed seaside village ambience nestled at the end of a peninsula blends superbly with the vibrant atmosphere of tropical style and sophistication, making it a favorite destination.

Soak up the sunshine on the beautiful **four-mile beach**, stroll among the village shops, galleries and historic buildings, or relax at a boardwalk cafe.

Notes:

Tour does not operate on holidays.

Port Douglas on Your Own



Approximately 7 Hours



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Take a scenic coastal journey north to the relaxed picturesque resort village of **Port Douglas**. Nestled at the end of a peninsula, it is surrounded by the tranquil waters of a natural harbor on one side of the village, with a lively marina and the breathtaking sandy sweep of beautiful Four-Mile Beach.

Your **free time** in this tropical location is yours to spend however you wish, so you can you explore at your own pace. Soak up the sunshine on the beach, stroll among the village shops, galleries and historic buildings, or relax at a boardwalk café.

There are ample restaurants for a leisurely lunch and plenty of boutiques and shops to peruse.

Notes:

Bring local currency to purchase lunch and refreshments. Travel time to Port Douglas is approximately 90 minutes each way. Tour does not operate on holidays.

Quad Bike Adventure



Approximately 3¼ hours



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Zoom along on your very own four-wheeled motor bike taking adventure trails that zig-zag across 18 acres of billabong. Friends, family and other fun-loving people will be along too, and all for the sheer fun of it.

A **quad bike or ATV** (all-terrain vehicle) offers you the chance to go where most people don't. You will be placed into a group of similar skill level after completing a safety lesson and introductory briefing.

Your guide will then lead you out for as much fun as you can handle, getting down and dirty on this fantastic ATV tour.

Stop for a simple barbecue sausage sizzle (morning tours) or light refreshments (afternoon tours) at the end of your tour.

All levels are welcome, from experienced ATV riders to complete beginners.

Notes:

Minimum age is 12 years. Leave jewelry and valuables in a safe place on the ship. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations or serious medical concerns. Pregnant women are not allowed to participate. Tour does not operate on holidays.

Sights & Heights of Cairns



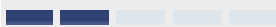
Approximately 4 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



2 out of 5

Value



3 out of 5

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From the base of the Kuranda Ranges, experience the breathtaking ascent from Cairns to Kuranda aboard the **Skyrail Rain Forest Cableway**. The skyrail is among the most popular visitor activities in North Queensland and has won many eco-tourism and sustainability awards for its unique way of offering visitors views of the **UNESCO World Heritage Site** rain forest.

Travel high above the rain forest canopy aboard a six-passenger gondola, taking in spectacular views of the jungle below and of the surrounding region, along with the sparkling North Queensland coast out to the Coral Sea and Green Island.

The journey up the mountain includes a stop at the Rainforest Interpretive Centre and Red Peak Station, and concludes at the lovely rain forest village of **Kuranda**.

Board a motor coach for the ride through the village--home to a colorful, vibrant community of artists and artisans.

Continue into the laid-back, tropical city of Cairns as your guide provides you with a history of the area on your way back to the ship.

Notes:

Skyrail cable cars are not air-conditioned and may not be exclusive to Holland America Line guests. Tour does not operate on holidays.

The Great Barrier Reef: A UNESCO World Heritage Site



Approximately 8 Hours



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Here's your chance to visit the world's richest marine habitat--Australia's magnificent **Great Barrier Reef**.

Board a high-speed **catamaran** and in just 90 minutes you will arrive at a mooring on the outer Great Barrier Reef. A **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, the reef is considered to be one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. The many reefs and atolls that make up the reef are rich with coral, fish, mollusks, and visiting sharks, dolphins, and turtles.

A presentation by a **marine naturalist** on board the boat will prepare you for the exquisitely beautiful underwater world that lies ahead.

Don your snorkel equipment and jump into the water for an active Barrier Reef experience with plenty of time to **swim** and snorkel in the Outer Reef environment.

Witness the majestic panoramas of colorful tropical fish and intricate coral gardens.

Enjoy a tropical buffet **lunch**, served in air-conditioned comfort aboard the vessel.

The more adventurous may wish to try an introductory or certified scuba experience (at your own expense).

As part of your memorable day, you can choose to participate in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's *Eye on the Reef* monitoring program. This is a chance to 'give back' and help make a difference to the reef as you identify and record the varieties of sea life discovered during your day. This information is used in studies and is a valuable tool in helping the Marine Park continually monitor the reef environment at various locations.

After spending a breathtaking few hours out at the mooring a 90-minute journey will return you to the pier.

Notes:

Swimming/snorkeling is undertaken in a deep-water environment from the back of a vessel, not from a sandy shore. Access to the water is directly from the back of the vessel and instruction will be given to those who need assistance. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, sunscreen and a hat. Tour does not operate on holidays.

The Kuranda Experience



Approximately 6 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.7 out of 5

Value



4.3 out of 5

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Transfer to Freshwater Station to board the **Kuranda Scenic Railway** for a picturesque ride through Barron Gorge. Built between 1882 and 1891, the 21-mile railway is considered to be an engineering feat of tremendous magnitude.

Your train ride offers sights of deep gorges and rugged mountains, taking you past magnificent waterfalls, through 15 tunnels and across 37 bridges on your journey up the Kuranda Ranges—part of Barron Gorge National Park.

In **Kuranda village**, enjoy **free time** to browse through the many art and craft studios, visit the Australian Butterfly Farm (at your own expense) or sit back in a café and watch the colorful and vibrant village life go by.

Experience the breathtaking descent from Kuranda to Cairns aboard the **Skyrail Rain Forest Cableway**, traveling high above the rain forest canopy aboard a six-passenger gondola. Below you are spectacular views of the region and vistas of the sparkling North Queensland coast out to the Coral Sea and Green Island.

The journey down the mountain includes a stop at the **Rainforest Interpretive Centre** and Red Peak Station, where you'll have the opportunity to gain an insight into the intricate ecosystems that make up the rain forest.

A motor coach will transfer you from Caravonica Station back to the ship.

Notes:

Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for guests with mobility limitations. Tour does not operate on holidays.

Tropical Rain Forest & Aboriginal Adventure



Approximately 5 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5

Value



3 out of 5

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Experience Aboriginal culture, wildlife and an amphibious vehicle ride at the **Rainforestation Nature Park**, set in 100 acres of **UNESCO World Heritage Site** rain forest. This eco-friendly park enables you to experience the rain forest from many different perspectives.

Learn about **Aboriginal culture** on the Dreamtime Walk and see the Pamagirri Dancers perform traditional song and dance in the Rainforest Amphitheatre. The Dreamtime Walk, along the Rainbow Serpent walkway, takes you through Aboriginal traditions, myths, and legends. Watch spear throwing and learn how to throw a boomerang or play the didgeridoo.

Discover the magic of the rain forest from aboard a World War II **amphibious army duck** as your guide explains the mysteries of the ancient ferns and trees. Once on board, you'll travel around the 90-acre property along jungle tracks before the duck splashes into the lake and cruises through the jungle close to the water's edge.

See fascinating plants and wildlife as turtles, fish and eels swim up close to the vessel.

Strolling the covered boardwalks around the park, you'll have excellent views of unique Australian animals in the **Koala & Wildlife Park**.

Feed the kangaroos, cuddle a koala or a small crocodile (at your own expense), see wombats and meet Jack—a large saltwater crocodile—as well as many other creatures native to Australia.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes, a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent. Tour does not operate on holidays.

Wild River Tube Ride



Approximately 4 hours



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Let the adventure begin as you transfer to the **Mulgrave River** for an afternoon of fun. Float and drift your way down this scenic river enjoying the surroundings as you travel on a single-passenger high-quality **river tube**. The circular shape of the tube makes for a comfortable ride as you can lie back, hold on and drift the afternoon away enjoying the cooling water as you go.

You will encounter small, fun rapids along the way.

Your certified guide will lead the way and assist you as you make your way down the river surrounded by pristine rain forest. The grade of this river is perfectly suited for first-time tubers.

A light, casual **afternoon tea** (depending up on tour departure time) is provided upon completion of the tube ride.

Notes:

Participants must be able to swim. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, sunscreen and a hat. Bring local currency for snacks and souvenirs. Leave all jewelry and valuables in a safe place on the ship. Bring a change of clothes and wear shoes that you don't mind getting wet or you can rent shoes for \$5. Pregnant women or those with serious medical

concerns are not allowed to participate. Minimum age is 5 years. Some slippery or uneven ground may be encountered. Participants must carry their tube down to the water's edge. Tour does not operate on holidays.