

# 12 Day Tropical Rail Tour



Airlie Beach

Journey along Queensland's magnificent coast and discover the many attractions Queensland has to offer while travelling aboard the innovative Tilt Trains, The Sunlander and Kuranda Scenic Railway.

## **DAY 1 TUESDAY: Brisbane to Hervey Bay (LD)**

Check-in with your tour manager at Platform 10, Roma Street Station, Brisbane by 10am for your 11am departure on the Tilt Train. This modern rail service features onboard video and audio entertainment. At Maryborough, transfer to the Hervey Bay Marina to meet your launch to Kingfisher Bay Resort – home for the next two nights.

## **DAY 2 WEDNESDAY: Fraser Island (BD)**

The morning is free to relax and enjoy the Resort's facilities. In the afternoon take a ranger guided tour of the world's largest sand island, World Heritage Listed Fraser Island. Fraser Island has an amazing array of natural wonders including ancient rainforest around Central Station and crystal clear water at Lake McKenzie.



Kingfisher Bay Resort

## **OPTIONAL WHALE WATCHING TOUR**

Available for tours between August and September.

Experience two natural wonders in one – Fraser Island and the Humpback Whales. Spend the morning aboard a 20m fastcat and watch the whales from the all round viewing decks.

**\$95 per person**

## **DAY 3 THURSDAY: Hervey Bay to Proserpine (BD)**

After your delicious hot breakfast, join a ranger guided nature walk or relax around the Resort pool. Depart Kingfisher Bay Resort on the 2pm launch to Hervey Bay. Tour the heritage rich town of Maryborough, taking a leisurely stroll around the Botanical Gardens before stopping for afternoon tea. Depart Maryborough at 6pm aboard The Sunlander for your overnight journey to Proserpine. Accommodation tonight is in a first class sleeping compartment with full linen and towels provided.

## **DAY 4 FRIDAY: Daydream Island (BD)**

Arrive in Proserpine early morning and transfer to Daydream Island Resort & Spa, home for the next two nights. The rest of the day is yours to relax or experience the range of activities on offer. From a premier 19 hole themed mini-golf course to the world class Rejuvenation Spa, Daydream is sure to indulge your senses.

## **DAY 5 SATURDAY: Daydream Island (BLD)**

Today explore the other nearby Whitsunday islands: Hamilton Island and beautiful Whitehaven Beach on Whitsunday Island. Return to Daydream Island in time to take in the sunset over the Whitsundays.

## **DAY 6 SUNDAY: Airlie Beach (BLD)**

This morning transfer to Airlie Beach and join a full day Whitsunday Crocodile Safari. Explore local estuaries and wetlands which stretch inland from the coast to the Proserpine River, home to the saltwater crocodile, many species of native birds, reptiles and marine animals. Club Crocodile Resort for dinner and overnight accommodation.

## **DAY 7 MONDAY: Airlie Beach to Townsville (BLD)**

Today's journey to Townsville is by air-conditioned coach. Upon arrival you will be transferred to Jupiters Townsville Hotel Casino for lunch at Aqua Restaurant. The rest of the afternoon is free to settle in or perhaps visit the Strand with its parks, jetty, restaurants and cafés overlooking the waters of the Coral Sea. Overnight accommodation is at Rydges Southbank Townsville.

## **DAY 8 TUESDAY: Townsville to Cairns (BLD)**

A free morning to visit the award winning Reef HQ, the world's largest living coral reef aquarium. Depart Townsville at 1pm and journey to Cairns onboard the Tilt Train in comfort of your business class seat. Arrive in Cairns at 7:20pm and transfer to the Mercure Hotel Harbourside, home for the next four nights.



Skyrail Rainforest Cable Eco Walk



Cairns Esplanade

### DAY 9 WEDNESDAY: Cairns (B)

A free day to enjoy the endless choice of activities Tropical North Queensland has to offer. Take a stroll along The Esplanade, browse the local shops or choose from one of our three optional tours below. Cairns is renowned for its wide selection of dining options, so tonight is free for you to choose.

#### OPTIONAL TOURS

<b>CAPE TRIBULATION &amp; DAINTREE</b>	<b>\$161 per person</b>
Full day 4WD tour of Cape Tribulation, Daintree River cruise and lunch. <b>DOWCNS</b>	
<b>WILDERNESS CRUISE &amp; CROC FARM</b>	<b>\$59 per person</b>
Half day calm water cruise on Trinity Inlet and Cairns Crocodile Farm tour. <b>HABCNS</b>	
<b>OCEAN SPIRIT DINNER CRUISE</b>	<b>\$89 per person</b>
Evening cruise with buffet dinner and live entertainment. <b>OCECNS</b>	

### DAY 10 THURSDAY: Kuranda (BL)

This morning board the famous Kuranda Scenic Railway for a memorable journey on one of the world's most scenic rail routes. Exploring the village of Kuranda before boarding the remarkable Skyrail for a breathtaking journey gliding above the tropical rainforest. Visit Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park and experience ancient Aboriginal culture. Return to Mercure Hotel Harbourside around 5:30pm.

### DAY 11 FRIDAY: Great Barrier Reef (BLD)

Today the Great Barrier Reef is waiting for you. Take in the scenery as you travel to Port Douglas for your Outer Barrier Reef cruise aboard the wavepiercer catamaran. Choose from a wide choice of reef experiences including snorkelling, an underwater observatory, semi-submersibles and marine biologist presentation. Return to Cairns at 6pm.

### DAY 12 SATURDAY: Cairns (B)

The **Tropical Rail Tour** concludes this morning on check-out from your hotel.

#### TOUR INCLUDES:

- Economy Class seating aboard the Tilt Train from Brisbane to Maryborough West
- Two nights on Fraser Island
- Half Day Ranger guided tour of Fraser Island
- First Class sleeper aboard The Sunlander from Maryborough West to Proserpine
- Two nights on Daydream Island ■ One night in Airlie Beach
- Full day cruise to Hamilton Island and Whitehaven Beach
- Whitsunday Crocodile Safari
- Air-conditioned coach transfer from Airlie Beach to Townsville
- One night in Townsville
- Business Class seating aboard the Tilt Train from Townsville to Cairns
- Four nights in Cairns
- Full day Kuranda and Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park Tour
- Full day Outer Barrier Reef Cruise
- 11 breakfasts (B) 7 lunches (L) 9 dinners (D)

**Departs from Brisbane:** 2008 • May 20 • June 3, 17  
• July 1, 15, 29 • August 5, 19 • September 9

PRICE PER PERSON	Twin Share	Sole Use
Adult	<b>\$3308</b>	<b>\$4135</b>
Interstate Pensioners and Senior Card Holders	<b>\$3198</b>	<b>\$4028</b>
Queensland Senior Card Holders	<b>\$3095</b>	<b>\$3925</b>
Queensland Pension Card Holders from	<b>\$2908*</b>	<b>\$3738*</b>

\*Price varies depending on number of vouchers being used. Triple share price available. Ask your travel agent for details.

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**EARLYBIRD SAVING: Save \$50 per person**  
Book and pay a deposit by 31 December 2007 and save \$50 per person.

#### RETURN TO BRISBANE BY RAIL

Return to Brisbane on The Sunlander in Queenslander Class. This memorable first class journey is the perfect ending to your tour.

PRICE PER PERSON	Twin Share	Sole Use
Adult	<b>\$762</b>	<b>\$913</b>
Interstate Pensioners and Senior Card Holders	<b>\$686</b>	<b>\$838</b>
Queensland Senior Card Holders	<b>\$610</b>	<b>\$762</b>
Queensland Pension Card Holders from	<b>\$457*</b>	<b>\$609*</b>

\*Price varies depending on number of vouchers being used.

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#### WHY NOT EXTEND YOUR STAY?



Mercure Hotel Harbourside

#### 2 NIGHT CAIRNS PACKAGE

Explore the many wonders of Tropical North Queensland. Spend two nights in a Mountain View room at the Mercure Hotel Harbourside from \$165 per person, twin share.

**MERCNS**



Rydges Sabaya Resort

#### 2 NIGHT PORT DOUGLAS EXPERIENCE

To complete your adventure, spend time in the seaside village of Port Douglas. Stay two nights in a Resort Garden room at Rydges Sabaya Resort Port Douglas from \$260 per person, twin share. **RYDPTI**