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TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND

INCLUDING OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

For the best times of your life!



Palm Cove

See Tropical North Queensland – the Sunlover Holidays way!

For over 30 years, Sunlover Holidays has been crafting holidays for families, for couples, for friends and for adventurers right around Australia. From Cape York to Kangaroo Island, from the Gold Coast to Margaret River, from the Kimberley to Bruny Island, and everywhere in between our travel experts are here to design and book your ideal Aussie holiday.

Our 14 Sunlover Holidays brochures have something to suit all tastes and budgets and are the perfect planning tool for your family holiday, romantic getaway, self drive adventure or island escape.

Inside you'll find our 'Essential Experiences' with 'Must Do' activities plus 'Our Local Secrets' section designed to enhance your holiday experience. Our new Free Wi-Fi feature makes it easy to stay connected on holiday, just look for the properties displaying the Free Wi-Fi symbol.

We have a huge range of stay/pay specials to make your holiday dollar go further as well as a fabulous selection of value add offers which are listed throughout the brochure.

Use this brochure for inspiration, then let our travel experts assist you to experience Australia your way – happy travelling!

Andrew Burnes
CEO, Sunlover Holidays



Above Photo: Millaa Millaa Falls, Atherton Tableland
Main Cover Photo: Great Barrier Reef



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Planning your Holiday

The information on the following pages is designed to help you plan your dream getaway. Discover Tropical North Queensland and check out local events on page 6. We've detailed our Essential Experiences on page 8 and share 'Our Local Secrets' on page 9 as well as other Travel Tips for planning your perfect holiday.

The Sunlover Holidays Difference

Fantastic prices, a diverse range of Australian holiday destinations, the widest choice of products and unmatched service, combined with over 30 years experience – that's the Sunlover Holidays difference!

We're committed to offering an extensive range of holiday options and our team of product experts regularly travel throughout Australia to bring you the very best holiday experiences. They are passionate about Australia and personally select each product, providing you with the greatest choice at the most competitive price.

Our team of friendly travel experts are here to help, offering advice and information. They can tailor-make your dream holiday from hundreds of fantastic hotels, apartments and resorts as well as flights, cruises, car and campervan hire, extended touring, self-drive holidays and a huge range of sightseeing tours and attractions.

100% Australian Owned

Sunlover Holidays is a division of The AOT Group, one of Australia's largest travel companies. We are 100%

Australian owned and proud to employ over 300 staff located in our offices in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. A booking with Sunlover Holidays ensures your dollar stays in Australia and helps generate jobs for Australians!

24 Hour Service

We know your holiday experience doesn't end until you are safely home. That's why our Customer Care Team is only a phone call away 24 hours a day, seven days a week, should you require any assistance during your Sunlover holiday. All the necessary information will be provided with your travel documentation and you can contact the team at any time during your holiday. We're with you on the journey.

Offering You Value for Money

Throughout this brochure you'll find amazing offers including free nights, room upgrades and food and beverage credits to name a few. Just look for the 'Bonus Offer' box.

We have also put together some fabulous Holiday Packages starting on page 10, which offer exceptional value for money. These packages include a choice of accommodation

options to suit all budgets together with 'must do' tours and attractions, exclusive to Sunlover Holidays.

Our product team is always sourcing special deals throughout the year, so make sure you ask your travel agent for the latest Sunlover Holidays specials when making your booking.

Exclusively For You

We're always on the look out for ways to enhance your holiday experience. Throughout this brochure, you'll find deals marked **Exclusively For You**. These are free bonus offers exclusive to Sunlover Holidays customers.

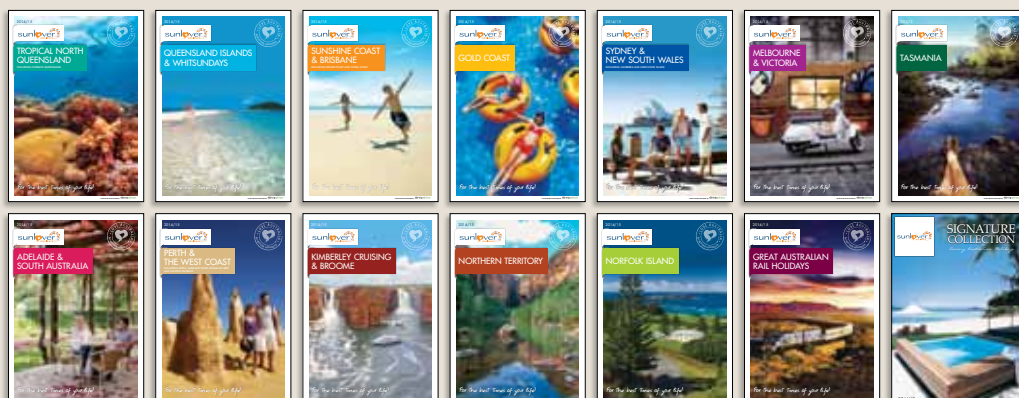
TripAdvisor



This brochure is a great source of advice and has all the information you'll need to create your dream holiday. We are now partnering with TripAdvisor to offer you (where available) hotel reviews. TripAdvisor rates real travellers' experiences, giving you an unbiased and impartial point of view on the product we feature to assist you with your holiday planning. TripAdvisor ratings and reviews are available to view on our website at www.sunloverholidays.com.au.

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INSPIRE YOU
TO **DISCOVER**
MORE OF THIS
INCREDIBLE
COUNTRY

ASK YOUR TRAVEL AGENT
FOR ONE OF OUR MANY BROCHURES





Cape Tribulation

Pricing Guide

Prices featured in accommodation listings are per room for the period specified unless otherwise stated. The "from" price in the property heading has been calculated using the cheapest nightly rate available, ie. in the lead-in room type, in off-peak season using the longest stay (eg. 7 nights). If a free night offer is available, even if for part of a season, this has been included when calculating the "from" price. A minimum stay is generally required. Where prices for more than a one night stay are featured, the prices refer to stays of consecutive nights.

School Holidays

Queensland	5 – 21 Apr, 28 Jun – 13 Jul, 20 Sep – 6 Oct, 13 Dec 14 – 26 Jan 15
New South Wales	12 – 27 Apr, 28 Jun – 13 Jul, 20 Sep – 6 Oct, 20 Dec 14 – 26 Jan 15
Victoria	5 – 21 Apr, 28 Jun – 13 Jul, 20 Sep – 5 Oct, 20 Dec 14 – 28 Jan 15
ACT	12 – 27 Apr, 5 – 20 Jul, 27 Sep – 12 Oct, 18 Dec 14 – 29 Jan 15
Tasmania	18 Apr – 4 May, 5 – 20 Jul, 27 Sep – 12 Oct, 19 Dec 14 – 3 Feb 15
South Australia	12 – 27 Apr, 5 – 20 Jul, 27 Sep – 12 Oct, 13 Dec 14 – 26 Jan 15
Western Australia	12 – 27 Apr, 5 – 20 Jul, 27 Sep – 12 Oct, 19 Dec 14 – 1 Feb 15
Northern Territory	7 – 11 Apr, 23 Jun – 18 Jul, 29 Sep – 12 Oct, 13 Dec 14 – 26 Jan 15
New Zealand	18 Apr – 4 May, 5 – 20 Jul, 27 Sep – 12 Oct, 20 Dec 14 – 26 Jan 15

Accommodation Ratings

STAR and Diamond ratings are used throughout the brochure to describe the standard of accommodation.

STAR RATINGS Properties featuring the STAR symbols are independently assessed by AAA Tourism, the national tourism body of the Australian Auto Clubs. The STARS and the STAR Rating Scheme are a Registered Trademark of AAA Tourism Pty Ltd. We have no input into the assessment process.

DIAMOND RATINGS Properties featuring Diamond symbols do not participate in a recognised rating scheme. The rating is supplied by the individual property based on their own assessment. We recommend they be used as a guide only.

★★	Budget standard of accommodation
★★★	Comfortable standard of accommodation
★★★★	High standard of accommodation and facilities
★★★★★	Superior standard of accommodation and facilities
☆	Denotes additional half rating
◇	

Apartment Style Accommodation

In general, self catering apartments feature cooking facilities with a minimum of microwave, hot plates, saucepans, crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils. Laundry facilities will be located either in the apartment, or in a guest laundry within the property. Most apartments are serviced every 7 days and do not provide hotel facilities such as porterage, room service or mini bars. Most apartments provide an initial supply of items such as tea, coffee, toilet paper and soap.

Room Images

Room images featured on property listings are the lead-in room type, unless captioned otherwise.

What the Symbols mean

	The property has Free Wi-Fi available in the room/apartment. Free Wi-Fi may or may not be available in public areas. Please refer to the Property Features in the individual accommodation listing for further details.
	Kids Club facilities are available. Check listings for details.
	Day spa facilities are available.
	The property has one or more rooms providing wheelchair access with assistance.
	A bonus is available if you are celebrating a special occasion (eg. honeymoon). Advise your travel agent when booking. The definition of 'special occasion' and type of bonus offered is at each property's discretion. Conditions may apply.
	Eco-Friendly STAR Accreditation certified by AAA Tourism to properties that have met key criteria in areas of energy efficiency, waste management and water minimisation.
	Product that has been accredited under the second level of the national Ecotourism Certification scheme.
	Product that has been awarded the highest level of the national Ecotourism Certification scheme.
	Motel or equivalent style accommodation featured. Properties may have private or shared facilities.
	Camping or cabin style accommodation is featured. Facilities vary – some camp grounds will have shower and toilet facilities, while more remote sites have limited facilities – e.g. a swim and a bush toilet.

DAY TOURS
**Buy Now &
Book Later!**

Our **SUNFLEX** range of tours offers you the flexibility of pre-paying for your "must do" holiday experiences without having to lock in dates in advance. This means you can pick the day that best suits your needs once your holiday has commenced. Simply include a **SUNFLEX** tour in your itinerary, pay for your entire holiday prior to departure, then call us up to 24 hours in advance to book. **SUNFLEX** gives you the flexibility to buy now and book later!
Just look for the SUNFLEX symbol on pages 68 to 72 and 74 to 79.





Discover Tropical North Queensland

Silky Oaks Lodge, The Daintree

Calendar of Events

APRIL

Ten Days in the Towers,
Charters Towers 25th Apr-4th May

MAY

Port Douglas Carnivale 16th-25th
Historic Winton 24th-25th

JUNE

Cooktown Discovery Centre Festival 6th-9th

JULY

Townsville V8 Supercars TBC
Bramwell Cup Bush Carnival 4th-6th
Cairns Show 16th-18th

AUGUST

Australian Festival of Chamber Music,
Townsville 1st-9th
Australian-Italian Festival, Ingham 2nd-3rd
Mount Isa Rotary Rodeo 7th-14th
Palmer Street Jazz Festival, Townsville 8th-10th
Festival Cairns TBC
The Great Tropical Jazz Party,
Magnetic Island 23rd-24th

SEPTEMBER

Birdsville Races 5th-7th
Cairns Amateurs Ladies Day 12th
Cairns Amateurs Public Day 13th

OCTOBER

Opera in the Outback at Undara 9th-11th
Townsville Greek Festival 11th-12th

TBC - Dates for this event were yet to be confirmed at the time of printing.

Cairns and Highlands

Get set for all that Cairns has to throw your way. This tropical city is bustling with nightlife, your choice of restaurants, shopping and great places to stay. Whether you choose a low-key budget getaway or check into five star luxury, Cairns offers itself up as the perfect starting point for adventures in Tropical North Queensland. Take a closer look at nearby Kuranda, with its market temptations and laid back community.

Palm Cove and Cairns Beaches

Nothing says tropical getaway quite like the Cairns Beaches. Venture just 20 minutes north of Cairns and you'll find this stunning stretch of holiday hotspots, including pretty-as-a-picture Palm Cove. It's here that world class day spas and an overwhelming array of to-die-for resorts and restaurants compete with the best on offer anywhere.

Delightful Trinity Beach is relaxed and laid back. Tucked between two headlands, you can swim in beautiful calm waters or visit the nearby attractions. Each of the beaches throughout the stretch offer their own style and personality.

Port Douglas

The seaside village of Port Douglas has long been known as the destination of choice for the rich and famous.

Port Douglas is like a resort oasis, providing the perfect headquarters for day tours around the reef and rainforest.

When it's time to really kick back, the palm-fringed Four Mile Beach is the place for it. Enjoy stunning views from Flagstaff Hill Lookout, or head to Macrossan Street's bars, restaurants and cafés.

Tableland, Daintree and Cooktown

This region is unlike anywhere else on earth. It's the only place in the world where World Heritage Listed rainforest meets the reef. Cool off in hidden waterholes, wander through rainforest, explore Coconut Beach or head out to the reef. It's the perfect blend of reef and rainforest, relaxation and adventure.

Discover a host of natural wonders in the Atherton Tableland, such as the famous Curtain Fig Tree and Undara Lava Tubes.

Cooktown is the historic gateway to the Cape York Peninsula and there's a bucket load of stories to be told at the town's museum – the 1770 arrival of Captain James Cook, the area's Aboriginal heritage and the Palmer River Gold Rush to name a few.

Cape York

Cape York is a land of extremes. Take a dip in a crystal clear creek after trekking a dusty track or get up close to a crocodile. Venture across the Torres Strait to Thursday Island or stand at the tip of Australia and watch a spectacular sunset.

Tropical North Queensland Islands

The islands of the Tropical North are some of the most beautiful in Australia and offer easy access to the Great Barrier Reef. Sip cocktails at sunset, while away the day in a hammock and explore the underwater worlds. Fringing reefs surround many of the islands like Fitzroy Island and Green Island, so you can discover the colourful coral and marine life right from the beach.

The Tropical North also boasts some of the most exclusive island resorts including Lizard and Orpheus Islands. These top spots with their exclusive resorts are just the beginning of the tropical delights that dot the coastline. Enjoy a decadent meal or a picnic on a secluded beach.

Mission Beach

Take a deep breath and get ready to unwind. Heading along the Great Green Way from Cairns or Townsville, Mission Beach is a 14 kilometre stretch framed by rainforest and the tantalising Coral Sea. Enjoy the great range of watersports and activities, or simply sit back, relax and watch the world go by.

Townsville and Magnetic Island

Townsville is the Tropical North Queensland city with a laid back vibe. Get the city benefits of great dining and shopping and you're perfectly placed to set off to nearby hinterland rainforest, quaint country towns, the Great Barrier Reef and islands beyond. Across the water from Townsville is Magnetic Island. Unbeatable natural beauty is the drawcard here, with its lovely beaches and bays.

Outback Queensland

Experience the history that has shaped Australia in Outback Queensland. Discover the landscape that inspired the lyrics to Banjo Patterson's iconic ballad, Waltzing Matilda. Come and see where the legend of the stockman started and where Qantas carved its name into Australian history. Travel along the famous Birdsville Track, see where the dinosaurs once roamed at Lark Quarry and admire the countless species of wildlife.



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CAPE YORK
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DISTANCES BY ROAD (KM)

BRISBANE	TOWNSVILLE	MISSION BEACH	CAIRNS	PORT DOUGLAS	CAPE TRIBULATION	COOKTOWN	CAPE YORK
1358							
1597	240						
1705	348	139					
1770	413	204	65				
1842	486	277	139	83			
2011	655	466	324	268	103		
2630	1276	1059	932	873	930	769	

Distances should be used as a guide only.



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Great Barrier Reef

Essential Experiences



Cape Tribulation

1. Great Barrier Reef

Take a day trip to the Great Barrier Reef. Explore the world's largest marine park and check out the underwater wonders while swimming, snorkelling or diving or try something completely different and grab a dive helmet for an undersea walk. You don't even need to know how to swim to see the best of the Great Barrier Reef with a trip on a glass bottom boat or semi-submersible. (see pages 69 to 73 for details)



Tjapukai

2. Daintree and Cape Tribulation

Explore the Daintree Rainforest and visit Cape Tribulation Beach. Join a 4WD safari, spy the predators of the north on a croc-spotting Daintree River cruise or relax with some chill time at a rainforest retreat, and you'll soon see why the rainforest is one of Tropical North Queensland's star attractions. With 900,000 hectares of World Heritage Listed rainforests, you can take your pick from Daintree and Cape Tribulation adventures. (see pages 77 and 78 for details)



Kuranda Skyrail

3. Kuranda

Spend the day at Kuranda and experience the historic rail journey from Cairns on the Kuranda Scenic Railway, or glide over the rainforest canopy on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway. (see page 75 for details)

4. Four Mile Beach

Feel the sand between your toes and soak up the fresh sea air and changing colours of the sky with a sunrise walk along Four Mile Beach, Port Douglas.



White Water Rafting

5. White Water Rafting

Get your heart racing and conquer grade 3 and 4 rapids along the mighty Tully River, Australia's premier white water rafting river or raft down the Barron River for a different way to explore Barron Gorge National Park. (see page 79 for details)

6. Island Getaway

Escape to a tropical North Queensland island. Treat yourself to an indulgent stay at Lizard or Orpheus Island, snorkel a 6000 year old coral cay at Green Island, or soak up the iconic white sandy beaches and fringing reef of Fitzroy Island. (see pages 56 and 57 for details)

7. Tjapukai

Learn about Australia's Aboriginal heritage at Tjapukai, with dreamtime storytelling, didgeridoo blessing and cultural performances around the campfire. (see pages 75 and 76 for details)

8. Hot Air Ballooning and Skydiving

For the more adventurous, skydive or hot air balloon over the Great Barrier Reef and World Heritage Rainforest. (see pages 78 and 79 for details)

9. Cape York

Stand at the northern most point of Australia at Cape York and take in the wilderness, sacred Aboriginal sights and rugged mountains of the Peninsula. (see pages 50 to 55 for details)

10. Outback Queensland

Discover the beauty and history of Outback Queensland, where pioneers shaped the nation, Banjo Patterson wrote Waltzing Matilda and 93 million year-old fossils capture a dinosaur stampede. (see pages 64 to 67 for details)

11. Reef HQ Aquarium

Visit the Turtle Hospital at Reef HQ Aquarium in Townsville, the largest living coral reef aquarium in the world.



Fitzroy Island



Travel Tips

Kuranda Scenic Railway

How to Get There

BY AIR Virgin Australia and Qantas offer daily direct services from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Cairns. Qantas also offers direct services from Darwin and Alice Springs. Jetstar offers direct services from Brisbane, Melbourne, Darwin, Perth, Adelaide and the Gold Coast.

Qantas offers daily direct services from Brisbane to Townsville, and direct services from Darwin. Virgin Australia and Jetstar also offer direct services from Sydney and Brisbane, while Jetstar offers a direct service from Melbourne.

We have access to the best available airfares, so check with your travel agent for the best fare at the time of booking.

FLIGHT DURATION

FROM / TO	CAIRNS	TOWNSVILLE
Brisbane	2 hrs 30 mins	2 hrs 5 mins
Gold Coast	2 hrs 30 mins	—
Sydney	3 hrs 15 mins	2 hrs 45 mins
Melbourne	3 hrs 30 mins	2 hrs 55 mins
Adelaide	3 hrs 5 mins	—
Darwin	2 hrs 30 mins	2 hrs 35 mins
Perth	4 hrs 20 mins	—

The above table shows flight durations for direct flights only. Connecting flights from other destinations are also available. Times are a guide only and subject to change.

DISTANCES BY ROAD (KM)

BRISBANE										
643	ROCKHAMPTON									
1118	477	AIRLIE BEACH								
1358	717	277	TOWNSVILLE							
1757	1138	734	432	UNDARA						
1597	955	516	240	276	MISSION BEACH					
1705	1063	624	348	264	139	CAIRNS				
1770	1128	689	413	304	204	65	PORT DOUGLAS			
1842	1201	762	486	366	277	139	83	CAPE TRIBULATION		
2011	1370	931	655	494	466	324	268	103	COOKTOWN	
2682	1897	1620	1349	1169	1140	1027	968	904	862	CAPE YORK

Distances should be used as a guide only.

BY RAIL Explore the Queensland coast by rail. Queensland Rail's Spirit of Queensland services the coastal regions between Brisbane and Cairns. See page 83 for details.

BY CAR Take the time to explore and discover as you make your way through Tropical North Queensland by road. Whether it's getting there or getting around we recommend Avis car hire. See page 84 for details or ask your travel agent about the great specials Avis has to offer.

Beach Safety

Queensland has some of the world's best beaches, however care and caution should be exercised at all times. Please remember to swim between the red and yellow flags and listen to instructions from lifesavers and lifeguards.

Marine stingers are present in coastal waters from October to June, so please heed warning signs and instructions. Many beaches have netted enclosures for safe swimming.

Great Barrier Reef Environmental Management Charge

The Australian Government levies a charge for every person aged 4 years and over entering the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Listed Marine Park, to assist in the preservation of this natural wonder. Check tour listings for details.

OUR LOCAL SECRETS

When friends are in town, where I take them for a drink is...

Salt House, Marina Point. Soak up the changing colours of the ocean and mountains encircling Cairns at this funky bar and restaurant.

For the perfect way to start the day, head to...

The Little Larder, a great little café in Port Douglas serving delicious breakfasts.

Cairns' best-kept secret is...

The Crystal Cascades. A series of enchanting waterfalls and pools just 20 kilometres from Cairns.

For designer fashion, check out...

The exclusive boutiques along Gregory Street, Townsville.

For great art, head to...

Tanks Arts Centre in Cairns, where gigantic World War Two fuel storage tanks are home to galleries, studios, a performing arts venue and a lively market day.

Weather Guide

TEMPERATURE AVERAGE in Tropical North Queensland

Summer	23°C to 32°C
Autumn	19°C to 30°C
Winter	17°C to 28°C
Spring	19°C to 31°C