

# GBR DRIVE HIGHLIGHTS



## CAPE TRIBULATION

The only place in the world where the dual World Heritage areas of the Daintree Rainforest and Great Barrier Reef collide, is nothing short of spectacular and a perfect climax to the completion of the Great Barrier Reef Drive.



## ALEXANDRA LOOKOUT

Stop here and look out from the dense rainforest to views of Snapper Island, Port Douglas and beyond.



## DAINTREE RIVER

The iconic crossing into the Daintree Rainforest, also perched on its banks is Daintree Village, as well as a fleet of river cruising boats ready to spot crocs, birds and other species unique to this area.



## MOSSMAN GORGE

Surrounded by dense rainforest and steep mountains, the cool, crystal waters of the gorge invite you to take a dip. Explore on a public national park trail, or go deeper into the rainforest and history with a guided Kuku Yalanji indigenous walk.



## GREAT BARRIER REEF

Port Douglas is the closest departure port to the Great Barrier Reef and from here you can choose from full and half day outer reef and Low Isles tours. Or depart for an adventure tour from Cape Tribulation.



## FOUR MILE BEACH

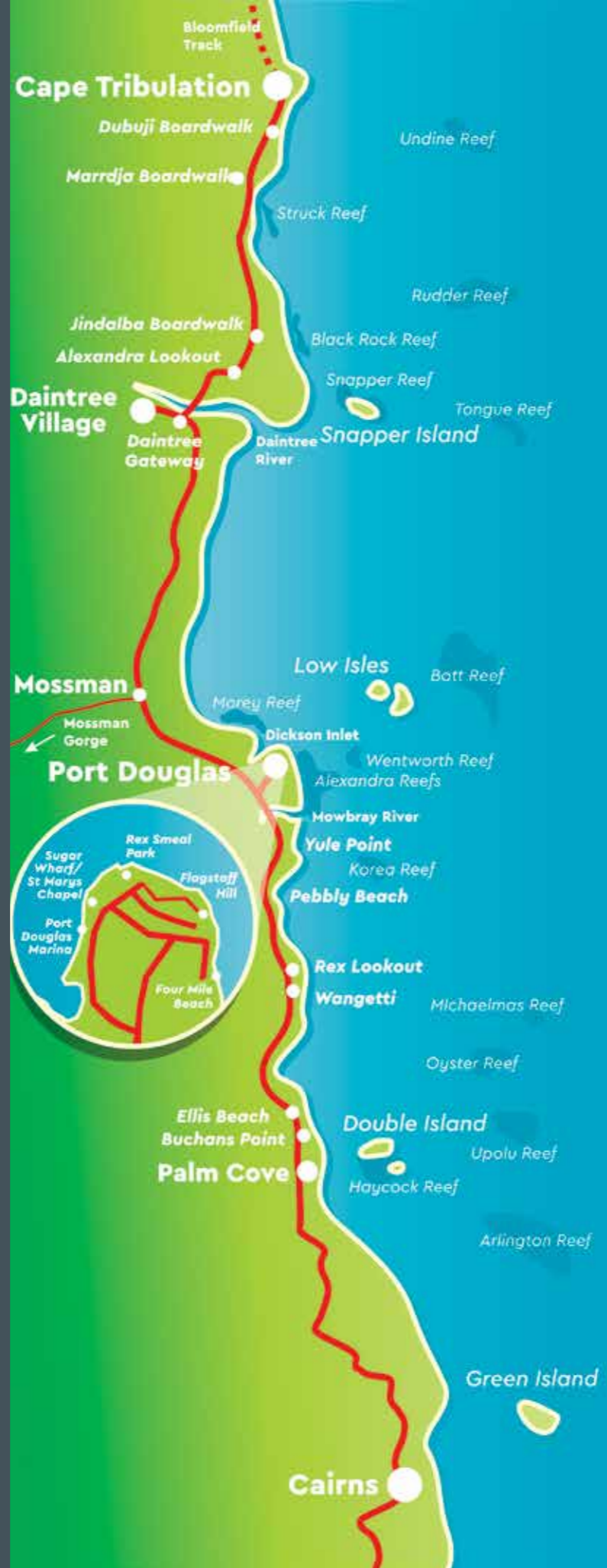
Walk to Island Point lookout and look to the southern stunning coastline and the dramatic mountain ranges behind Port Douglas.



## REX LOOKOUT

Pull over to take in the 180 degree view of the Coral Sea with views of Double Island to the south. Watch the hang gliders as they take off from this cliff face and get a birds eye view.

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# THE GREAT BARRIER REEF DRIVE

## UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE

5 DAY ITINERARY



Take one of the world's great coastal drives, winding between World Heritage areas and stopping to taste adventure, timeless culture and a glorious tropical lifestyle!

The Great Barrier Reef Drive from Cairns to Cape Tribulation is along spectacular coastline hugging two World Heritage Listed areas, the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics rainforest. Head North from Cairns across the Barron River to the picturesque seaside villages Cairns Northern Beaches. The drive then winds along the edge of the Coral Sea past unspoiled tropical beaches to Port Douglas, the ideal place to cruise to the Great Barrier Reef.

Intimate, relaxed Port Douglas is the gateway to the Daintree, the world's oldest living rainforest. To the north is beautiful Mossman Gorge where you can discover the culture of the Kuku Yalanji people before driving through sugar cane fields to the Daintree Village.

Cross the Daintree River on the cable ferry and journey through ancient rainforest, pausing at lookouts for a glimpse of the Coral Sea as you wind your way past pretty beaches to Cape Tribulation where the rainforest meets the reef.



**PORT DOUGLAS DAINTREE**  
Where rainforest meets the reef

### WEATHER

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max (°C)	30	30	30	28	27	25	25	25	27	28	30	30
Min (°C)	24	24	23	22	20	18	17	17	19	21	22	23





Follow the palm-fringed road as it guides you towards the iconic Port Douglas village, alive with restaurants and boutique shopping. Settle into your exclusive resort or spacious luxury apartment and prepare to discover the best-kept secrets that keep the a-listers coming back for more. Stroll down to Four Mile Beach and soak up those glorious views to Low Isles or pack a few picnic essentials and walk the Flagstaff Hill Walking Track to Rex Smeal Park for a breathtaking sunset underneath the palm trees. Dinner can be simple – cast a line from the Sugar Wharf and cook your catch at a beachside barbeque or add a touch of luxury with a five-star dining experience.



Leave the city behind and embark on a unique and unforgettable adventure.

Journey to the Cairns Northern Beaches, marvelling at the beauty of the tropical surrounds. With golden sandy beaches and the calm waters, Trinity and Clifton Beach are popular destinations to explore before continuing to Palm Cove. Take a moment to cruise the Melaleuca lined esplanade and discover the charm of this quiet seaside village.

Just north of Palm Cove you will catch a glimpse of Ellis Beach as you wind along the coastline. Admire the beauty of the rainforest-clad mountains as they descend towards deserted beaches stretching as far as the eye can see. Feel the excitement build as you climb the mountain range towards Rex Point Lookout for a spectacular 180-degree view over the Coral Sea. A popular spot to watch hang-gliders take off while you stretch your legs and take in the awe-inspiring scenery.

From the Rex Lookout to Port Douglas is 25kms of unrivalled coastal views weaving between the dual World Heritage areas of the Wet Tropics Rainforest and Great Barrier Reef, one of the world's most iconic natural wonders. Leave the blue of the ocean behind as you pass through the coconut filled fields of Thala Beach Nature Reserve towards the expansive sugar cane fields fringing Port Douglas. Look towards the sky to catch a glimpse of Ospreys nesting high above or keep your eyes peeled for a crocodile basking in the sun beside the Mowbray River at low tide.

Palm Cove	27km (30min)	Ellis Beach	28km (30min)
Rex Lookout	43km (42min)	Port Douglas	67km (1hr)

### DAY 2 : PORT DOUGLAS



### DAY 4: PORT DOUGLAS TO DAINTREE VILLAGE

Mossman	21km (19min)	Newell Beach	25km (23min)
Wonga Beach	40km (35min)	Daintree Village	55km (47min)

Rise early to witness a golden sunrise over Four Mile Beach and stretch your legs before departing on your next adventure – the Daintree Rainforest. Only 15 minutes north of Port Douglas you will uncover Mossman Gorge, rich in Indigenous culture and breathtaking beauty. Learn about the traditional values of the Kuku Yalanji people that have called the Daintree Rainforest home as you explore emerald rainforest pools peppered with granite boulders and freshwater swimming holes.

Take a moment to visit an Indigenous art gallery in Mossman, experience traditional hunting at nearby Cooya Beach or relax with an Indigenous spa treatment at Daintree Village.

Perched on the southern side of the Daintree River, you will find an unspoiled oasis thriving with ancient vegetation, scenic surroundings and vast array of native wildlife and plant species. The Daintree Village, a peaceful township filled with friendly faces and undeniable charm. Channel your inner explorer and

embark on a crocodile, bird and wildlife spotting cruise before retreating to your luxurious rainforest lodge, exclusive holiday house or cozy safari tent hidden deep in the rainforest.

*Did you know 30% of all Australia's frog, marsupial and reptile species, 65% of bats and butterflies species and approximately 430 species of birds live in the Daintree Rainforest, including 13 species not found anywhere else in the world!*

### DAY 5: CAPE TRIBULATION TO CAIRNS

Daintree Ferry	35km (46min)	Mossman	64km (1hr 29min)
Port Douglas	85km (1hr 48min)	Cairns	142km (2hr 40min)



Stepping straight on to the beach from the rainforest is a very special experience at Cape Tribulation where the dual World Heritage areas of the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics Daintree Rainforest meet.

From the colourful Cassowary to the vibrant Ulysses butterfly the Daintree is filled with truly unique and rare wildlife.

Journey through the evolutionary timeline strolling rainforest boardwalks, soar through the rainforest canopy on a zipline or go in search of the nocturnal creatures on a guided night walk.

Head south towards the river and return trip on the cable ferry but not before sampling ice-cream made from locally grown rainforest fruits. Along

the way explore the Daintree Coast encompassing Noah Valley, Cooper Creek, Thornton Beach, Cape Kimberley and Cow Bay. Returning to Cairns, the last turns of The Great Barrier Reef Drive highlight the natural beauty of Sir David Attenborough's favourite place on earth after home sweet home.