

THE ESSENTIAL PORT DOUGLAS DAINTREE GUIDE 2019



GREAT BARRIER REEF ESSENTIALS

1. Want to squeeze in all the fun in half the time? Try a half day Low Isles tour with Reef Sprinter, Sailaway, Shaolin or Calypso from Port Douglas; or explore Mackay Reef with Ocean Safari from Cape Tribulation
2. Under the sea... with a snorkel: Sailaway, Indigo or Calypso to Opal Reef
3. Explore the depths with Silversonic, Poseidon or Calypso Snorkel and Dive – for 3 sites in one day; Aqua Quest for 2 sites at Agincourt Reef; Blue Dive for private guided tours onboard Poseidon
4. Avast ye, landlubbers! Come aboard: Quicksilver's pontoon, semi-submersible and underwater observatory
5. Wanna' get high? Try: Nautilus Aviation or GBR Helicopters
6. Try an island adventure: Wavedancer (family friendly), Sailaway or Indigo
7. Sail off into the sunset with: Sailaway, Shaolin, Lady Douglas or Indigo
8. #livingyourbestlife: Flying Fish or Monsoon



WHAT'S NEW ON THE REEF

1. Quicksilver Dive Centre in Port Douglas
2. Quicksilver Outer Barrier Reef Pontoon VIII upgrade & coral restoration project
3. Heli tours from Quicksilver Pontoon with Nautilus Aviation
4. Wavedancer refit
5. Sailaway full day eco tour to Mackay Reef

WILDLIFE ESSEN-TAILS

1. Crocodile spotting: a guided tour on the Daintree River
2. Try your hand (but don't lose it) at feeding a croc: Hartley's Crocodile Adventures
3. Coffee with the Curlews: Wildlife Habitat
4. The Minke Whale experience: Aqua Quest, Silversonic, Poseidon and Calypso
5. The Daintree's I-Spy bucket list of the animal kingdom: FNQ Nature Tours or night tour with Jungle Tours
6. Twitchers unite! Birdwatching on the Daintree: Daintree Boatman Nature Tours or Solar Whisper

WHAT'S NEW WITH WILDLIFE

- Wildlife Habitat Predator Plank & WildNIGHT Nocturnal Tour
- Hartley's Crocodile Adventures groups enclosure
- Blue Adventures private wildlife and rainforest tour
- Hook-A-Barra for a sure catch or try your luck with Out n About Sports Fishing and Hook Up Charters



DAINTREE RAINFOREST ESSENTIALS

1. Explore the walking tracks: on a guided tour with: Daintree Safaris, Daintree Tours, Daintree Wonder Tours, Daintree Discovery Tours, Tony's Tropical Tours. Or by yourself try: Daintree Discovery Centre
2. To learn about the indigenous history try: Mossman Gorge Centre
3. Privately guided tours try: FNQ Nature Tours, D'Arcy of Daintree or Venture Deeper
4. Chase the waterfalls with Daintree Discovery Tours; for rainforest creeks try Billy Tea Safaris, Daintree Safaris or Daintree Wonder Tours
5. Sleep in a treehouse at Daintree Eco Lodge or Silky Oaks Lodge. For a place to rest your head try Daintree Wilderness Lodge, Cape Trib Beach House, PK's Jungle Village; for overnight tours try Jungle Tours
6. Jungle adventures try: Jungle Surfing Canopy Tours or Ocean Safari
7. To conquer the Bloomfield Track try: D'Arcy of Daintree, Billy Tea Safaris, or Tony's Tropical Tours
8. Spotting crocs in the wild try: Solar Whisper Wildlife Cruises, Crocodile Express, Daintree River or Reef Cruise Centre
9. For private wildlife photography tours try: Daintree Boatman Nature Tours



WHAT'S NEW IN THE DAINTREE RAINFOREST

- New luxury pavillion accommodation: mist at Cape Tribulation
- Back Country Bliss Adventures guided walk to Devils Thumb
- Jungle Surfing Canopy Tours new Grandstand and extended tandem line
- Daintree Attraction pass including Jungle Surfing, Daintree Discovery Centre and Mossman Gorge Dreamtime Walks
- Discover hidden rainforest trails with Bike n Hike

INDIGENOUS ESSENTIALS

1. Guided indigenous rainforest walks try: Mossman Gorge Centre Dreamtime Walks
2. Try an authentic indigenous art class at Janbal Gallery with Binna
3. Kuku Yalanji Storytelling: Thala Beach Nature Reserve, or, Flames of the Forest as part of their indigenous dining experience



IN BRIEF ESSENTIALS

- QT is now Oaks Resort Port Douglas
- New Wharf Street home for On The Inlet Seafood Restaurant
- Choo Choo's Boat, Lunch, Train Combo
- Hemingway's Brewery Tours
- Brett's Outback Tasting Adventures
- Sundowners at Barbados Port Douglas
- Eco-certification for Sweet Farm Tours
- Sunday Port Douglas Markets & Saturday Mossman Markets
- Port on a Plate foodie tour
- Silky Oaks Lodge purchased by Baillie Lodges
- Accommodation refurbishments at:
 - ▶ Peninsula Boutique Hotel
 - ▶ The Whitehouse
 - ▶ Saltwater Luxury Apartments
 - ▶ Cape Trib Beach House