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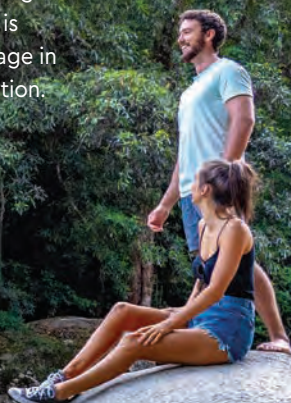




This is the place circled by nature, where two World Heritage areas meet, the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest. It is where families come to play, couples come to relax and travellers come to explore. The place to discover secluded beaches, welcoming villages, decadent dining and friendly locals. This is the place to unwind with a peaceful escape, engage in memorable experiences or discover pure exhilaration.

### **Tara Bennett**

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## PORT DOUGLAS

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Refresh, restore and revitalise in the aquamarine waters of the Coral Sea or the crystal creeks of Mossman Gorge. Explore the Daintree Rainforest or relax on the palm-fringed golden sands of Four Mile Beach. The choice is yours. Pack your sense of adventure and

brightest kaftan and enjoy the village atmosphere of Port Douglas in style.

Explore the Great Barrier Reef where there is a tour to suit all capabilities and experience levels. Whether you want to go diving, snorkelling, fishing, or perhaps stay dry on a reef pontoon, everyone can experience this extraordinary underwater world.

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boutiques, art galleries and spas dotted along Macrossan Street and throughout the region. While luxury is definitely a highlight of Port Douglas with magnificent resorts, elegant homes and superb apartments, backpackers and families are equally catered for in this tropical village.

Nestled at the end of a peninsula, the tranquil waters of a natural harbour on one side of the village lead to the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina. Along the other side of the peninsula stretches

the sandy sweep of Four Mile Beach. The Port Douglas and Daintree region is home to the Kuku Yalanji aboriginal people this area was also shared by Europeans arriving in 1870s as gold was discovered on the Hodgkinson River in 1876 the rush was on to find a port for its export. In 1877, Christie Palmerston carved the Bump Track down to the coast and Port Douglas was quickly settled by merchants. The bustling town was gripped by gold fever which saw 27 pubs competing for the patronage of only 12,000 residents.



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## LOCAL ICON TURNS 30

Lady Douglas was built in Port Douglas in 1989 and was one of the first boats in the Marina Mirage, now known as the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina. She is a beautiful, stable riverboat, featuring original Rosewood timbers around the wheelhouse and is well known for her iconic paddlewheels. She is now owned by local family Lucas and Kate Agrums and their 3 kids.

Lady Douglas has been taking visitors up the unspoilt mangrove channels of Dickson Inlet for 30 years and specialises in spotting Estuarine Crocodiles in their natural, wild habitat.

Other local wildlife seen along the way include; sea eagles, kites, ospreys, kingfishers, herons, waders, crabs, mud skippers, spiders and the occasional turtle.

These days the Lady Douglas River Cruise is well known for the award winning commentary delivered by the skipper onboard.





## WET TROPICS

The Wet Tropics is home to about a third of Australia's 315 mammal species and, of those, 13 are found nowhere else in the world. They include unique green possums, ringtail possums, marsupial cats, rare bats, tree-kangaroos, a rat-kangaroo, melomys and antechinus.

The award winning Wildlife Habitat, located in Port Douglas provides visitors with an interactive opportunity to experience native Australian animals up close in five natural environments of Woodlands, Wetlands, Rainforest, Savannah and Nocturnal habitats.

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Port Douglas Markets

## EXPLORE THE MARKETS

There are three markets in the region, two in Port Douglas, and one on the highway to Mossman.

The 'must see' market is held every Sunday morning in Rex Smeal Park at the end of Macrossan Street in Port Douglas. Located on the waterfront overlooking the Coral Sea, ocean breezes keep it cool, the palm trees offer shade and the carnival spirit is infectious as visitors and locals amble through the many stalls.

Exotic fruit and veggies, books, coffee, arts and crafts, jewellery and clothing can be purchased at reasonable prices. Bartering is possible and suits the good-natured style of the cheery stallholders.

Most of the operators make their own products so they are proud and passionate about ensuring you are buying top quality.

On Wednesdays in Port Douglas there is a great market located at the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina on Wharf Street. It operates from 11am to 5pm and overlooks the glorious Dickson Inlet where a range of reef and other tours depart and where cruise ship passengers disembark.

Local organic produce, handcrafted items, homemade cakes, jams, essential oils, plants and vegies are offered at the Saturday morning Mossman Markets under the huge Raintrees in Foxton Avenue.

### DISCOVER



Artwork from central-coast based landscape artist Belynda Henry features in Avis Car Rental Australia's 'Art of Discovery' advertising campaign. Focussed on inspiring customer journeys through a driver's impression, the campaign sees contemporary artists set out on road trips in Avis rental cars across Australia and New Zealand in pursuit of inspiration. The resulting work then features in an outdoor advertising campaign across Australia and New Zealand. Avis Budget Group's charity partner with this campaign is R U OK





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The Bump Track

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The thrills of the iconic Bump Track are waiting to be savoured. This is the route used by the classic Tropical North Queensland mountain-bike race. First an Indigenous trail, then a vital link to the mountain regions during the 1800s mining boom, this famous 6km thread of dirt through the rainforest climbs almost 400m from sea level within a couple of kilometres. You're at the top of the Bump Track and if you were suitably equipped with supplies and wanted to make this a monster full-day

ride, you could head south on Black Mountain Road before returning north to the same spot via the Twin Bridges trail, a 32km loop that takes you right into the depths of the Mowbray National Park jungle. But that's for another day. You're here to find out what the Bump Track is all about – that unforgettable roller-coaster ride down. Sweeping turns, jumps, river crossings and pure, unadulterated speed. Then cool down and reflect in the lovely, deep freshwater pool at Spring Creek.

An advertisement for a rainforest tour. It features a large yellow bus with "BILLY TEA SAFARIS" and "TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND" written on its side. The bus is parked on a dirt road in a lush rainforest. In the background, a group of people are walking on a wooden boardwalk through the forest. The text "RAINFOREST" is written in large, bold, yellow letters at the top, with "INCLUDING DAINTREE + CAPE TRIBULATION" in smaller white letters below it.

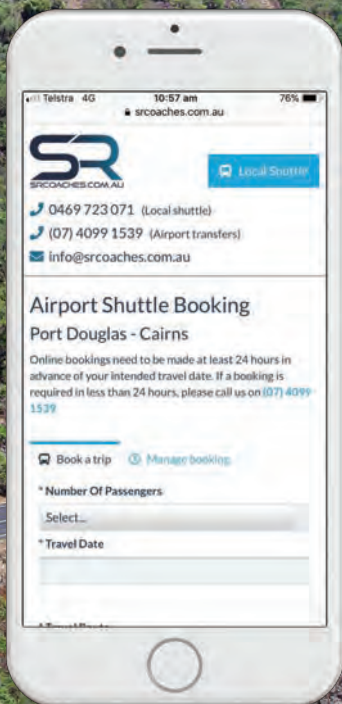
An advertisement for an outback tour. It features a large yellow bus with "BILLY TEA SAFARIS" and "TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND" written on its side. The bus is parked on a dirt road in a rocky, arid landscape. In the background, a group of people are walking on a dirt path. The text "OUTBACK" is written in large, bold, yellow letters at the top, with "INCLUDING CHILLAGOE CAVES, GRANITE GORGE AND ABORIGINAL ROCK ART" in smaller white letters below it.

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His wife was unable to sail her on her own, so she sold it to a local Port Douglas man. She has since been operating snorkelling tours to Low Isles, for the past 35 years. She is now owned and operated by born and bred local, brother and sister team Flynn Bickford and Kate Agrums. Shaolin runs tours to Low Island during the day and then runs a stunning Sunset Sail every evening. BOOK ONLINE OR CALL 0407406386.

Port Douglas is not short of scuba diving courses, tour operators, day trips, equipment suppliers and everything you could need to enjoy the Great Barrier Reef. Diving, snorkelling, sailing, cruising or island hopping, the choice is yours.

For a richer experience, you can book a night or two staying out on the reef as part of a private charter. Alternatively, get a magical bird's-eye view by booking a scenic helicopter flight over the reef or parasail across the Coral Sea for an adrenalin rush. Below the magical blue waters, you can dive with Minke Whales for a really spectacular adventure.

Another popular way to discover the Great Barrier Reef is to take to the seas and enjoy the tranquility of sailing. Visit Low Isles or Mackay Coral Cay while you sip champagne and nibble on canapes as you watch the sun set over the mountains of the Daintree Rainforest. Tours to the Great Barrier Reef will take you to sites that make up the most pristine parts of the World





Heritage area, including coral cays, Low Isles, and the Ribbon Reefs.

Low Isles consists of two islands. Woody Island is an uninhabited coral/mangrove island while Low Island is a sandy coral cay typical of the Great Barrier Reef. Located only 15 kilometres off the coast of Port Douglas, Low Island's picturesque setting with a lighthouse, thatched beach umbrellas on a wide sandy beach, and lush vegetation is simply stunning.

Port Douglas tours to Low Isles offer a options to suit the most discerning traveller. Sail from Port Douglas on a full or half-day excursion or, for those looking for a little luxury, some boats offer 'adults only' experiences with small passenger numbers.

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Marvel at spectacular coral formations thousands of years in the making and an amazing array of exotic rainbow-coloured tropical fish. The Great Barrier Reef's warm waters are a marine magnet attracting creatures ranging from birds to 100-tonne humpback whales. The currents and trade winds bring them from all over the world, including whales and dolphins attracted by the warm tropical waters.

You won't see them all, but the reef is home to a staggering 1,400 varieties of coral and 1,625 species of fish.

Soft corals, jellyfish and sponges drift in from the Coral Sea. Plankton drifts towards the reef and provides food for whales. The warm waters also attract

seahorses, barramundi, cod and maori wrasse. Departing daily, there are reef trip options available to suit a range of budgets. Travel, for example, to the outer edge of the reef where you can snorkel, have a tropical buffet lunch, or watch fish-feeding and marine presentations.

If you don't want to get wet, it is possible to watch fish swimming through the colourful coral from a semi-submersible boat or an underwater viewing area. Even without entering the water, you can explore the stunning reef from the comfort of a semi-submersible boat. Seated just one metre underwater, experience a diver's view of the reef as you glide slowly past the coral. From wide-view windows, the reef is revealed in its full glory before your eyes.

Glass bottom boat tours are available with some reef, pontoon and island experiences and are an almost essential visitor experience for the insight they give into coral and marine life.

**Wavedancer, Calypso, Reef Sprinter and Sailaway have permits to Low Isles 365 days a year.**





The Martin Cash

## CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

Quicksilver, the region's pioneer of Great Barrier Reef cruising, is celebrating 40 years of showcasing the greatest of Australia's natural living wonders. And it has come a long way from humble beginnings.

Over the years, the Quicksilver Group has grown to offer the widest possible range of reef experiences to visitors to Tropical North Queensland.

Its menu of experience options includes tours to spectacular Outer Barrier Reef and island destinations, adventurous dive and snorkel excursions, premier liveaboard dive boat trips and a luxury island resort.

Its operations of 14 major vessels and four reef activity programs are managed by more than 600 staff, making it one of North Queensland's largest private employers.

But being able to tick off major acquisitions in the past decade or so, such as of Pro Dive Cairns, Great Adventures, Green Island Resort, Ocean Spirit Cruises and Seawalker Green Island, would have been inconceivable when it first began services.

It was from Port Douglas back in 1979 that Quicksilver started with a single vessel operating paying customer visits to the idyllic Low Isles, 15 km off the coast.

It was the first ever commercial trip to these unique coral cays and visitors to the sleepy, small fishing village of Port Douglas, just north of nearby Cairns, were quick to embrace the concept.

Just a few years later in 1983, the company pioneered Australia's first true Outer Barrier Reef cruise, travelling to the ribbon reefs at the edge of the Continental Shelf.

It proved to be one of the best locations to experience the full majesty and elemental force of this unique natural wonder and remains so to this day. In the same year, Quicksilver installed the region's first reef platform at Agincourt Reef.

Since those early days, Quicksilver has become a highly sophisticated and successful company. It operates a fleet of the most advanced Australian-made cruising vessels and has been honoured many times with various tourism and service awards and voted Australia's best tour operator.

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The Quicksilver fleet

But it is as honest as it is proud in taking only half the credit.

It believes nature has provided the reef and the company is honoured to take visitors to areas off Port Douglas where the very best of nature's work is found.

Along with owning a fleet of the region's premier dive and snorkel boats, the new purpose-built Quicksilver Dive Centre is also providing the perfect base for locals and holiday makers to take the plunge and get certified; for scuba diving that is!

Quicksilver is proudly part of the unique Port Douglas community and is a major

employer in the region, says Quicksilver Group Managing Director, Tony Baker.

"The essence of Quicksilver is in its crew. Many have been with the company for decades. It's always a highlight to see the crew from across all our vessels and experiences come together to celebrate life in the tropics in the annual Port Douglas Carnivale street parade," he said.

The company legitimately accepts credit for many world "firsts."

In 2000, it dived underwater with the Olympic Torch to showcase the Great Barrier Reef, all while keeping the flame alight! And after visiting Agincourt Reef with Quicksilver, U.S. President Bill Clinton made a major environmental statement.

Quicksilver has long pioneered environmental sustainability and in 1986, before ecotourism was a buzzword, it formed Reef Biosearch, the company's environmental arm. The centre holds the longest ongoing record of marine observations on the Reef and treasures a logbook



Quicksilver Dive Centre





database that extends back some 30 years. The company's core commitment to sustainable practices and ongoing conservation for future generations to continue to enjoy the Reef is evidenced by Reef Biosearch's employment of the largest team of marine biologists outside of a government agency.

Quicksilver was also the first North Queensland company to receive Advanced Eco Tourism Accreditation and 20 years on is still focused on sustainability and education.

All the company's tours are accredited with Advanced Ecotourism Certification and each day its team of marine biologists are on hand to ensure guests gain an appreciation of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage environment.

"We want all our guests to leave as ambassadors for reef protection," Mr. Baker said.

As a big part of the Port Douglas community, the company contributes to many local charities, schools,

sporting clubs and events, he said.

Christmas is a special time and through the Quicksilver Group Christmas Charity Appeal, in conjunction with local tour desks, it has provided food and gifts to support the work of local charities since 2004.

And the Quicksilver Group Scholarship Program was introduced in 2011 to financially assist the children of employees undertaking full-time university studies.

The company is proud of its full suite of Reef products, services, culture and standards and the diversity of experiences it offers visitors to Tropical North Queensland.

It is focused on ensuring customers enjoy their time under the guidance of its expert staff and its hard-earned reputation and longevity in the market attests to its business successes.

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landing a barramundi or mangrove jack.

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Highlights include koala feeding, crocodile cruises on Hartley's Lagoon, crocodile and cassowary feeding shows, snake shows and crocodile farm tours.

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Reptastic 5 allows a rare opportunity to get up close and personal with

lots of splendid creatures. This unique experience allows you to be guided by passionate keepers as you get up close with chameleons, giant pythons, American alligators, blue-tongued lizards and exotic tortoises.

For those not so keen on reptiles, the latest wildlife tour at Hartley's is Feathertastic, a perfect experience for bird enthusiasts.

The newest addition at Hartley's is the Gallery of Living Art Exhibition and Reptile Display, offering something for visitors of all ages.

After spending the day exploring, enjoy a delicious snack at Lilies Restaurant overlooking Hartley's Lagoon and find that perfect gift, including crocodile leather products, in the Paperbark Gift Shop.

Hartley's Crocodile Adventures is located 25 minutes south of Port Douglas.



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Walk the Predator Plank, Wildlife Habitat

## Wildlife Habitat

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### MEET THE LOCAL WILDLIFE

If you want to get close to a kangaroo or koala, head straight for one of the many wildlife parks: they include Kuranda Koala Gardens, Rainforestation Nature Park, Hartley's Crocodile Adventures and Port Douglas' Wildlife Habitat.

underneath, as you place one foot after the other with only netting separating you and these ancient beasts.

Three female estuarine crocodiles keep Babinda company in the murky waters and a display of the crocodile's sheer strength and formidable bite power can be witnessed at the crocodile feeding presentations at the predator plank area Monday through to Thursdays.

If prehistoric predators aren't your thing, visit the presentation hut to learn about the Wildlife Habitat's other creatures and feathered friends and take the opportunity to snap a photograph and cuddle the iconic koala.

Sneak into the rainforest zone and witness the incredible and colourful cassowaries, who play a vital role in the survival of ancient rainforest plant species, wander the wetlands amongst a plethora of birdlife, or just enjoy the cafe and indulge in Breakfast with the Birds or Lunch with the Lorikeets.



# EVENTS 2019



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PORT DOUGLAS

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## WATERGATE

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Watergate's cuisine is Modern Australian reflecting the contemporary trends in Australian cooking.

Executive Chef Lee Neate sources a wide selection of local produce, from fresh seafood straight of the local fishing vessels through to the Tableland's best fruit and vegetables. We have an abundance of locally grown herbs to choose from as well as a wide selection of local, hand made cheeses.

Watergate also has a well appointed bar, ideal for a cocktail as the sun sets, or maybe a light meal from the lounge menu with a bottle of wine.

Their lounge menu is available through the day until late. Watergate is also available for a pre-dinner drink, or desserts and coffee at the end of the night.





Ospreys

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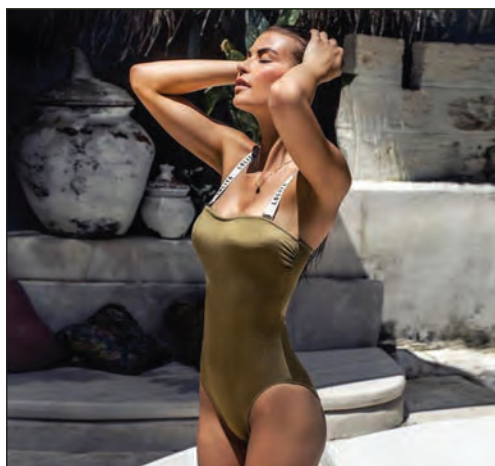


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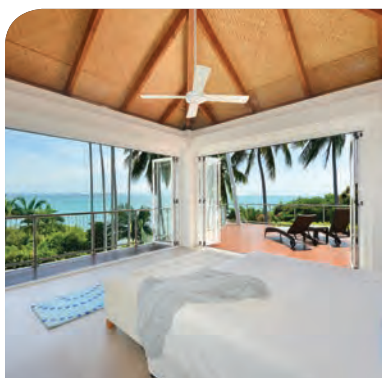




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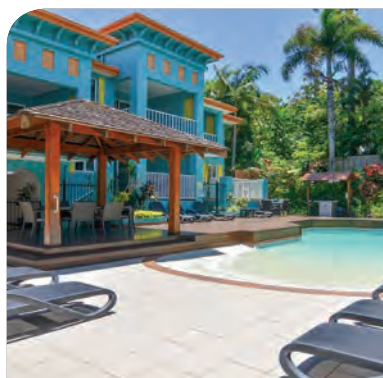
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# HOLIDAY IDEAS FOR THE FAMILY

## 1 SEND THEM TO WORK



Every school holidays the team at Wildlife Habitat open their gates for school-aged kids to fulfil their inner 'Wildlife Warrior' dreams, where they become a 'Junior Keeper' for the day.

## 2 WATCH THEM SWING THROUGH THE JUNGLE



Take in the beauty of its pristine rainforest, cool off in the cascading streams. Join a guided Dreamtime Walking tour to get a deeper insight into the ancient flora and fauna of the rainforest, and learn about traditional plant uses and Kuku Yalanji culture.

## 3 TAKE AN ART CLASS



Tucked behind the main street in Mossman you'll find Janbal Gallery and a special soul named Binna, who, apart from being a renowned Aboriginal artist, runs classes from his studio each day.

## 4 GO SAILING TO LOW ISLES



A day trip to Low Isles is a must-do for families, here's why: It's close to Port Douglas, sailing time of about an hour and you can relax on the white sandy beach of the island, snorkel over the magnificent coral gardens in the blue lagoon.



## 5 HAND FEED A CROCODILE



Okay, this may not sound too child-friendly, however, the folks at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures have ensured that feeding a croc actually can be. The sound of this ancient beast's jaws snapping will stay with you forever.

## 6 BOARD THE LADY DOUGLAS



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## 7 GO TO THE REEF



Glass-bottom boats, underwater observatories and life jackets make visiting the reef possible with kids of all ages. Quicksilver's pontoon is perfect for a gradual water entry, as well as spreading out and catching some sun.

## 8 SHAOLIN THE PIRATE SHIP



Carrying only 26 passengers, the 15m-long, authentic three-masted Chinese junk, Shaolin strikes a unique image off the Port peninsula, particularly when her dragon-filled, red sails are unfurled. This stunning vessel sets sail daily to Low Isles, including the unforgettable sunset sail experience.



Mossman Gorge

## MOSSMAN

Mossman is a picturesque little township where you can enjoy country stores and historic pubs along the wide, tree-lined main street.

Mossman is known as the region's sugar capital. The Mossman Central Mill throbs and hums its way through the sugar cane crushing season from June to November when the cane trains rattle back and forth down the main street through town. It's an unforgettable sight for visitors.

The town has a few interesting historic buildings including the Exchange Hotel which once was the most handsome and most upmarket hotel in the area. Located on Foxton Avenue and designed by Edward Taffs and Edwin Roy Orchard, St David's Anglican Church was constructed between 1912 and 1952. It replaced a previous church which was destroyed by the 1911 cyclone. If you have an interest in local produce, the Mossman Market is the place to be. Located under the canopy of ancient giant rain trees and in the gardens of the historic St. David's Anglican Church,

it is where you will meet the locals who have been farming and living in this region for generations.

Five minutes west of Mossman you will discover Mossman Gorge, a very accessible and scenic section of the World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park. Here the Mossman River tumbles its way over huge granite boulders that line the gorge, creating freshwater swimming holes. Walk as far as the suspension bridge across the river or explore the 2.7-kilometre rainforest loop trail.

You can choose from four free Mossman Gorge Walking Tracks ranging from short, easy walks to the moderate 45-minute Rainforest Circuit Track.

The Baral Marrjanga Walk is 270 metres long and will take 5–10 minutes. Start from the shuttle bus stop and pass through the rainforest to a lookout over the Mossman River. It includes sections of boardwalk and the walk itself is suitable for wheelchairs and prams.

The lower river track is 300 metres and will also take 5–10 minutes. It





runs beside the Mossman River, offers several lookouts, and joins the Baral Marrjanga Walk. The Rex Creek bridge walk is 460 metres long and will take 10 minutes. It is a walk off the Baral Marrjanga Walk which leads to the Rex Creek Suspension Bridge.

The Rainforest Circuit Track will take you to the far side of Rex Creek bridge. On the left, 80 metres from the bridge, a small lookout provides views of Manjal Dimbi (Mount Demi). A little way past

the lookout the track divides to form a circuit that meanders through the rainforest. Along the way you may see the brilliant Ulysses butterfly and birds such as the Eastern Yellow Robin.

A world-class eco-tourism visitor centre provides access to Mossman Gorge and features interpretive information, an art gallery, gift shop, cafe and restaurant. Mossman Gorge Centre provides one of Australia's most iconic Aboriginal experiences.

## YALANJI ARTS, MOSSMAN GORGE CENTRE



Through Bamanga Bubu Ngadimunku Incorporated, Yalanji Arts provides support and advocacy for local artists, assisting in their development through ongoing training and the marketing of their work to regional and national galleries. Mossman Gorge Centre presents ongoing exposure for Yalanji artists to national and international tourists and collectors.



Dreamtime Walk, Mossman Gorge

## ABORIGINAL CULTURE

The Kuku Yalanji people have a culture thought to be around 9,000 years old and are the traditional custodians of the area between Mossman and Bloomfield. The area's traditional Aboriginal landowners strive to protect their natural heritage as they share its unique qualities with visitors.

They were hunters and gatherers divided into around five groups ranging across the terrain as the seasons changed, yielding their sustenance from the rivers, beaches, reefs and sea. Theirs was a simple, yet ingeniously sophisticated culture. They devised and operated successful traps for fish and game, learnt to prepare the, often toxic, rainforest foods for consumption, and evolved social mores that firmly bound the fabric of their society.

Today, the Kuku Yalanji people number approximately 1,000 and many are very active in the tourism industry, offering visitors an insight into their heritage made up of a reliance and empathy with the environment.

Mossman Gorge is one of the few places in Australia where visitors can gain an insight into the lives, cultures and beliefs of Australia's indigenous population and its connection to the natural environment. Join a guided Dreamtime Walk tour to get a deeper understanding of the ancient flora and fauna of the rainforest, and learn about traditional plant uses and Kuku Yalanji culture.

Guided bushwalks are available, giving a rare insight into the special relationship the local indigenous people have with the rainforest. Traditional music performances and artefact displays illustrate their rich cultural heritage.

Join an indigenous guide to learn how to hunt mud crab with a spear, be shown how to paint your own burnie bean, discover bush tucker on a guided tour or relax with an indigenous spa treatment. There are many interactive experiences available in the region that offer a unique opportunity to understand Australia's Aboriginal culture.





A "must do" for every visitor to Mossman Gorge are the Indigenous guided Ngadiku Dreamtime Walks, conducted by the local Indigenous people. Ngadiku (Nar-di-gul) meaning stories and legends from a long time ago, takes visitors on a journey along private, easy graded tracks, visiting special places and culturally significant sites and over meandering cool rainforest streams. Connect with the lives, culture and beliefs of the Kuku Yalanji community and experience first hand their special relationship with this unique tropical environment.

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## EXPLORE THE DAINTREE

Walk through the Daintree rainforest, spot wildlife on a river cruise, zip-line through the rainforest canopy, ride a horse, take a scenic drive or explore the Bloomfield Track.

Forged from the spirits of gold rush pioneers, cedar timber cutters and farmers, today's Daintree Village is a quaint rural village, hosting travellers from Australia and all parts of the world.

The Village is located on the southern bank of the Daintree River and is the halfway point between Port Douglas and Cape Tribulation, making it a convenient base from which to explore the whole region.

The village itself has a general store, information and booking office, artist's studio, timber gallery, cafes and the Daintree Village Hotel. The Village has

a wide choice of accommodation with high-quality B&Bs, budget cabins and a camping and caravan park. There are also luxury, secluded holiday homes tucked away in the valleys as well as an eco-lodge and spa.

Explore the Daintree on your own or with an expert guide to experience ancient rainforests, stunning valleys, superb beaches, spectacular forest-clad mountains, clear streams, magnificent rivers and rolling farmlands. Hidden in the diverse range of lush vegetation you'll see a wide variety of rare creatures, maybe even the elusive tree kangaroo and the endangered cassowary.

This region is regarded as one of the finest birdwatching areas in Australia, hosting more than half of the continent's bird species. An early outing north of the Daintree River can





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be truly rewarding when many species are active. The Daintree National Park's Jindalba, Marrdja Dubuji Boardwalks are great locations for birdwatching. Take a tour with a specialist guide to encounter the likes of Victoria's Riflebird and Macleay's Honeyeater, both located only in this region.

The endangered Southern Cassowaries, which can grow up to two metres tall and weigh 85 kilograms, are regularly seen in the lowland rainforest north of Daintree River. Their vibrant red and blue head colours give their location away, while their large three-toed foot and horned head are testimony to an ancient world.

Fill your days with adventure or lay back and relax in the Daintree.



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## CRUISE THE DAINTREE RIVER

The Daintree River is one of the longest rivers on the Australian East Coast at 140 kilometres. It harbors 35 mangrove species and its lush swamp forest attracts rare and locally prolific bird life, frogs and insect species.

Fishing the Daintree River is an outstanding experience. There's a huge diversity of species from the saltwater ecosystem at the river mouth, to the brackish water in the middle reaches and the freshwater in the upper parts.

Cruise the Daintree River spotting wildlife while you get closer to nature. This is the best way of seeing and understanding the river's ecosystem and wildlife.

The Daintree River is the habitat of the estuarine or saltwater crocodile which are seen regularly on cruises. There are two species of crocodiles in Australia, the saltwater and freshwater species, but only the "salties" inhabit the Daintree River. It is well-known for crocodile spotting and the chances of

seeing them in the wild are very good throughout the year.

The animals have become used to the boats so tour operators can get as close as 10 metres for the perfect photo opportunity.

The largest crocodiles seen in Australia are between five and six metres. The Daintree River has a population of about 70 adult crocodiles, the largest being the males at approximately five metres and the females at approximately 3.5 metres.

In the past 30 years the Daintree has become well-known for its success in crocodile-spotting. There is nothing more exciting than seeing these wonderful animals in the wild. Tours are conducted in the conservation zone of the river, which means feeding the crocodiles is not allowed.

Croc-spotting and wildlife river tours leave from various points along the river, including the ferry crossing and Daintree village.



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Daintree Discovery Centre Tree Tops Tower

Want to climb into a leafy, lush wonderland or hold 130 million years of evolution in your hand? The Daintree Discovery Centre is the door to the Daintree Rainforest, the oldest lowland tropical rainforest in the world and a magical place to visit and explore.

The Cow Bay attraction, which has been open for three decades, gives visitors of all ages a rainforest experience from the lofty, green canopy to the critter-rich litter of the forest floor.

The much applauded and awarded Discovery Centre features a 23-metre tree tops tower, spectacular 10m aerial boardwalks, animated dinosaurs, a live bug exhibit, reptiles you can hold and a freshwater aquarium, underscored by respect for the fragility and sensitivity of the rainforest.

The Discovery Centre provides visitors to the region with the knowledge and skills to explore the 1200 square kilometre Daintree Rainforest further. Take in the live bugs, freshwater aquarium, reptile displays and more, while having plenty of fun learning, with the helpful staff just itching to share their knowledge of the rainforest and passion for its protection.

It is situated on a known cassowary corridor so there's a chance of seeing one of these exceptional birds in a walk through the trees. And you can walk

with the dinosaurs – one of our newest features is a Jurassic Forest with seven animated dinosaurs to emphasise just how old this amazing part of the world is.

The Discovery Centre has received many awards for its contribution to tourism and conservation including Ecotourism Australia's Gecko Award for Ecotourism, and the United Nations Award for Leadership in Sustainability.

Visitors are given an audio guide, available in eight languages, to make the most out of their centre experience. There is also a 68-page guide to take home. Children will also have an amazing time, with their own special interpretive tour and displays, plus activities that are entertaining and creative.

There is also a mini theatre, interpretive centre with touch screens, all ability access for prams, strollers and wheelchairs and gorgeous views from the coffee shop, overlooking Maclean's Creek.

Make use of the complimentary 7-day return pass to experience the rainforest in different weather conditions, or take your knowledge to explore other parts of Cape Tribulation on the rest of your journey.

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## BIRDS & CROCODILES

This region is regarded as one of the finest birdwatching areas in Australia with more than half of the continent's bird species recorded here. An early outing north of the Daintree River can be truly rewarding with many species active.

The Daintree area has a variety of habitats with coastal lowland rainforest, riverine, wetlands, mangroves, open farmland and the Daintree River, where over 430 species of birds have been recorded. In the Daintree birdwatchers are spoilt for choice.

This is where you can see nine out of ten of Australia's Kingfisher species, including the Buff-Breasted Paradise-Kingfisher and the Little Kingfisher. The Daintree is an ideal location as a base for a birding holiday in Tropical North Queensland or can be an addition to your bird-watching

itinerary which may include Cairns, Julatten, Mareeba and the Atherton Tablelands.

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Cape Tribulation

## CAPE TRIBULATION

Taste exotic tropical fruits on a farm tour, try locally made ice cream, refresh in a swimming hole or soar through the rainforest canopy on a zip line.

Cape Tribulation is where you can position yourself between the tumbling rainforest of the Daintree and the glistening corals of the Great Barrier Reef. Cape Tribulation offers many activities, including bush walking, mountain biking, horse riding treks, diving and snorkelling, river cruises and even 4WD safaris. There's also an opportunity to join a night tour to see nocturnal animals.

Australia's richest diversity of flora and fauna is found in this region, so a guided tour will explain the intricacies of an ancient environment and introduce you to the likes of the Peppermint Stick Insect or the Boyd's Forest Dragon.

The name Cape Tribulation is traced back to the legendary Lieutenant

James Cook who was trying to find a way through what he described as 'the insane labyrinth'. His ship ran into Endeavour Reef, north-northeast of Cape Tribulation. He wrote: "I name this point Cape Tribulation, because here began all my troubles."

Accessible via car ferry across the Daintree River, Cape Tribulation offers World Heritage-listed rainforest and coral reefs as far as the eye can see. Spend a night or two or venture further beyond Cape Tribulation in a four-wheel drive to discover the Bloomfield Falls, Cooktown and beyond.

Cape Tribulation is popular with backpackers who enjoy the jungle setting and lively atmosphere of the hostels. Accommodation options vary from camping grounds to bed and breakfasts, Airbnbs, holiday houses and eco-lodges.



Mossman Gorge,  
Daintree National Park

# NATIONAL PARKS

## MOWBRAY NATIONAL PARK



This little-known national park featuring rainforest and open eucalypt forest, covers the coastal range behind Port Douglas. You'll recognise the pyramid-shaped Black Mountain, a prominent landmark feature. Four-wheel-drive enthusiasts will be keen to drive the popular 43km Black Mountain Road that runs through the park, passing through native forest, pine plantations and farmland and crossing picturesque creeks. Access is via Kuranda or Julatten.

Stretch your legs or pedal your mountain bike on the long-distance Bump track (12km return). This historic track, blazed in 1877, offers views of the Mowbray River valley where the Mowbray River drops through a gorge carved into the forested foothills of the Macalister Range. The track is shared by walkers, mountain bike riders and horse riders.

### Location and getting there:

To reach the bottom of the Bump Track, head south from Port Douglas to 1.5km past Craiglie, turn right into Mowbray River Road then turn into Connolly Road and continue for 3.5km to the Bump Track.

## DAINTREE NATIONAL PARK



Forget about everyday life and soak up the privilege of exploring one of the world's most ancient rainforests in the iconic Daintree National Park, part of the Wet tropics World Heritage Area.

Start your journey at Mossman Gorge where crystal-clear waters cascade over granite boulders. In the Mossman Gorge Visitor Centre, browse for local Indigenous art, enjoy tea and damper at the cafe then set off to explore the famed Mossman Gorge—a shuttle bus will take you into the heart of the park. Spot spectacular butterflies as you amble along an elevated boardwalk through the rainforest and gaze over the gushing waters and granite boulders of the scenic Mossman River. Walk across the gently-swaying suspension bridge spanning Rex Creek then immerse yourself in moist cool green rainforest on an easy circuit walk.

Join in a guided tour—Dreamtime Walk—offered by the local Indigenous people to immerse yourself in authentic Aboriginal culture, walking in the footsteps of Yalanji ancestors as you explore the gorge.





Strangler Fig Arch, Mardja

From here, take one of Australia's most scenic drives into the heart of the Daintree, exploring the rainforest and golden beaches along the 33km road from the Daintree River ferry to Cape Tribulation.

The Cape Tribulation section of the park extends along the coast and offers a variety of boardwalk experiences. At Jindalba, delve deep into dense lowland rainforest at the base of Mount Alexandra on a circuit track that crosses several rainforest creeks. At Marraja, explore dense lowland rainforest as it merges into mangrove-lined creek habitat, all from the comfort of a boardwalk.

At Kulki (Cape Tribulation), stroll along the boardwalk for an iconic view of Cape Tribulation, where steep rainforested-slopes sweep down to sandy beaches and rocky headlands. Mother Nature is at her best here, where the rainforest meets the reef and two World Heritage areas connect!

And make sure you take a leisurely cruise along the Daintree River to spot crocodiles in their natural habitat. You can also experience this ancient rainforest from every level on the Daintree's canopy tower and aerial

walkway, where you can witness world breaking rainforest research in action and find out more about how you can help protect this unique environment.

#### **Location and getting there**

Mossman Gorge: 80km N of Cairns.

Access is via the Captain Cook Hwy and Mossman.

Cape Tribulation: 110km–143km N of Cairns. Access is via the Captain Cook Hwy, Mossman-Daintree Road, Daintree River ferry and Cape Tribulation Road.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Once you cross over to the north of the Daintree River, you are entering the oldest part of the Daintree rainforest—the Cape Tribulation section of Daintree National Park—which has survived continuously for more than 200 million years, since Gondwana times. Today it is home to some of the most varied plant and animal species in the world, including primitive species that were once wide-spread throughout Gondwana, and are now restricted to very isolated pockets of rainforest north of the Daintree River.



Red Peak Boardwalk, Skyrail Rainforest Cableway

## EXPERIENCE KURANDA

Located in the world-heritage listed rainforest, 1,000 feet above Cairns lies the picturesque village of Kuranda.

The best way to discover and immerse yourself in Kuranda is by combining Skyrail Rainforest Cableway and the Kuranda Scenic Railway for one unforgettable adventure.

Embark on a fascinating journey and unlock the secrets of the world's oldest tropical rainforest with Skyrail. Enjoy a truly unique perspective of Australia's World Heritage listed Rainforest as you glide just metres above the pristine canopy before descending to explore the forest floor. Take a complimentary Ranger Guided Tour at Red Peak and learn about plants and animals found nowhere else on Earth thanks to the Rainforest Discovery Zone, boardwalk and interpretive displays. Enjoy live commentary throughout your experience by downloading the Skyrail Audio Guide and Interpretive App. Marvel at

unimpeded spectacular panoramic views of the ancient landscape spanning across the Barron Falls and sweeping down along the Gorge from The Edge Lookout.

From the moment you step aboard the Kuranda Scenic Railway, you'll enjoy a nostalgic and scenic journey. Travelling across 37 bridges and through 15 hand-carved tunnels, reaching heights up to 328 metres above sea level, you'll marvel at the engineering feat. Passing steep ravines and lush vegetation so close you could almost touch it; see the impressive heights of Stoney Creek Falls, before a photographic stop at the grand Barron Gorge Falls.

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## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

### EMERGENCY

Police, ambulance and fire brigade services can be reached by calling 000.

### MEDICAL

The Mossman Multi-Purpose Health Service (the local hospital) is located at 9 Hospital St, Mossman.

(07) 4084 1200

The Port Village Medical Centre

(07) 4099 5043

Port Douglas Medical Centre

(07) 4099 5276

New Horizons Health

(07) 4099 1111

There are a number of pharmacies in the main street of Port Douglas and in the shopping centres.

### POST OFFICE

The Port Douglas post office is located at Shop 9, 5 Owen St, near the corner of Owen and Macrossen. The Post Office is also a Western Union Agent and can provide a range of banking services.

Open Monday to Friday 8:30 – 5:00pm  
and Saturday 9:00am – 12:00 noon.

Closed on Sunday and Public Holidays.

### BANKING

Banks generally open from 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

### GETTING AROUND

Motor car driving is on the left-hand-side of the road in Australia. Cars may be hired at the Cairns airport or from Avis and Budget in Port Douglas. Get local road condition reports from [www.racq.com.au](http://www.racq.com.au) or call 131 905.

Getting around Port Douglas is easy with the local Port Douglas Taxi service (131 008) which operates 24 hours a day.

There are also bicycle and scooter hire companies in the region.

### MARINE STINGERS

Marine stingers are another creature to be wary of in the ocean. Stinger season is between November to May and generally a stinger net is installed on Four Mile Beach, in front of the Port Douglas Surf Lifesavers, during this period.

### CROCODILES

Crocodiles inhabit the waters in this region so it is important to be 'Croc Wise' in and around the waterways. Always take note of any signage in the area. Visit [www.douglas.qld.gov.au/croc-wise/](http://www.douglas.qld.gov.au/croc-wise/) for more information.





Great Barrier Reef Drive

# DRIVE TIMES

## DRIVING NORTH - PORT DOUGLAS TO:

Mossman	21km	21 mins
Daintree Ferry	49km	44 mins
Daintree Village	55.5km	50 mins
Cape Tribulation	85km	1hr 52 mins

## DRIVING SOUTH - PORT DOUGLAS TO:

Thala Beach	16km	18 mins
Turtle Cove Beach Resort	21km	21 mins
Rex Lookout	24km	20 mins
Ellis Beach	42km	30 mins
Palm Cove	43km	35 mins
Kuranda	67km	1hr 7 mins
Cairns	68km	1hr

## PORT DOUGLAS TO:

Osprey's Restaurant	16km	18 mins
Shannonvale Tropical Fruit Winery	19km	15 mins
Hartley's Crocodile Adventures	27km	25 mins
Mossman Gorge Centre	22km	2 mins
Hook A Barra	39km	35 mins
Solar Whisper Wildlife Cruises	49km	43 mins
Crocodile Express Daintree		
River Cruises	55km	50 mins
Daintree Discovery Centre	59km	1hr 20 mins
Ocean Safari	81km	1hr 51 mins
Mason's Cafe and Cape Trib Shop	3km	1hr 50 mins
Jungle Surfing Canopy Tours	85.5km	1hr 53 mins



Cape York

## DRIVING

Driving in Tropical North Queensland is an unforgettable travel experience and self-drive tours are the most popular way to see the best of what this region has to offer. Discover the many easily accessible features and off-the-beaten-track thrills of the Daintree, Cape Tribulation, Cairns or the Atherton Tablelands from the reef to outback, through rainforest and grasslands by car or 4WD.

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fish, discover gold town ruins and try your luck at isolated fishing spots.

The Douglas Shire Council website ([www.douglas.qld.gov.au](http://www.douglas.qld.gov.au)) contains valuable information on camp sites and

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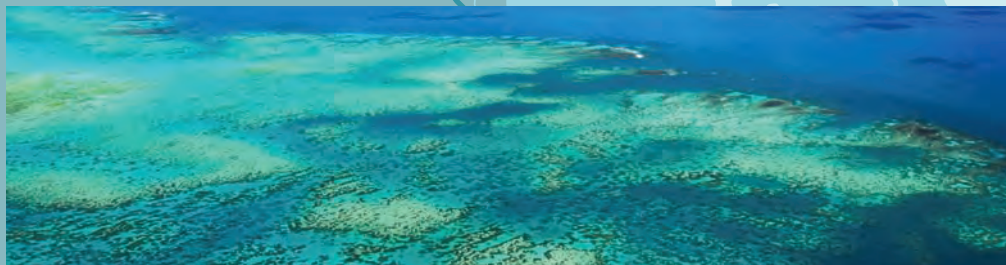
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To the north is beautiful Mossman Gorge before you drive through sugar cane fields to the township of Daintree. Cross the Daintree River on the cable ferry for a leisurely drive through ancient rainforest, as you wind your way past pretty beaches to Cape Tribulation.

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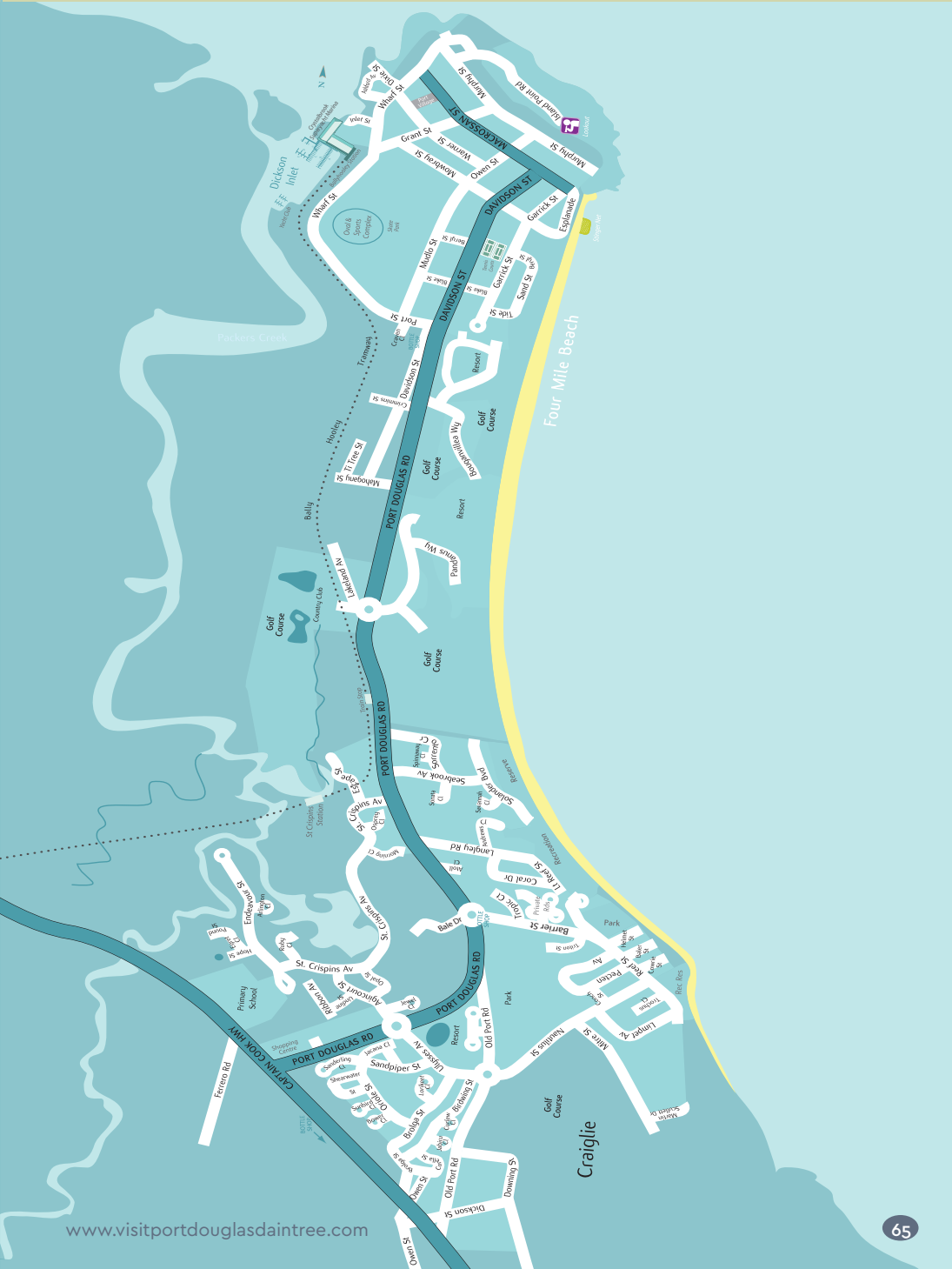
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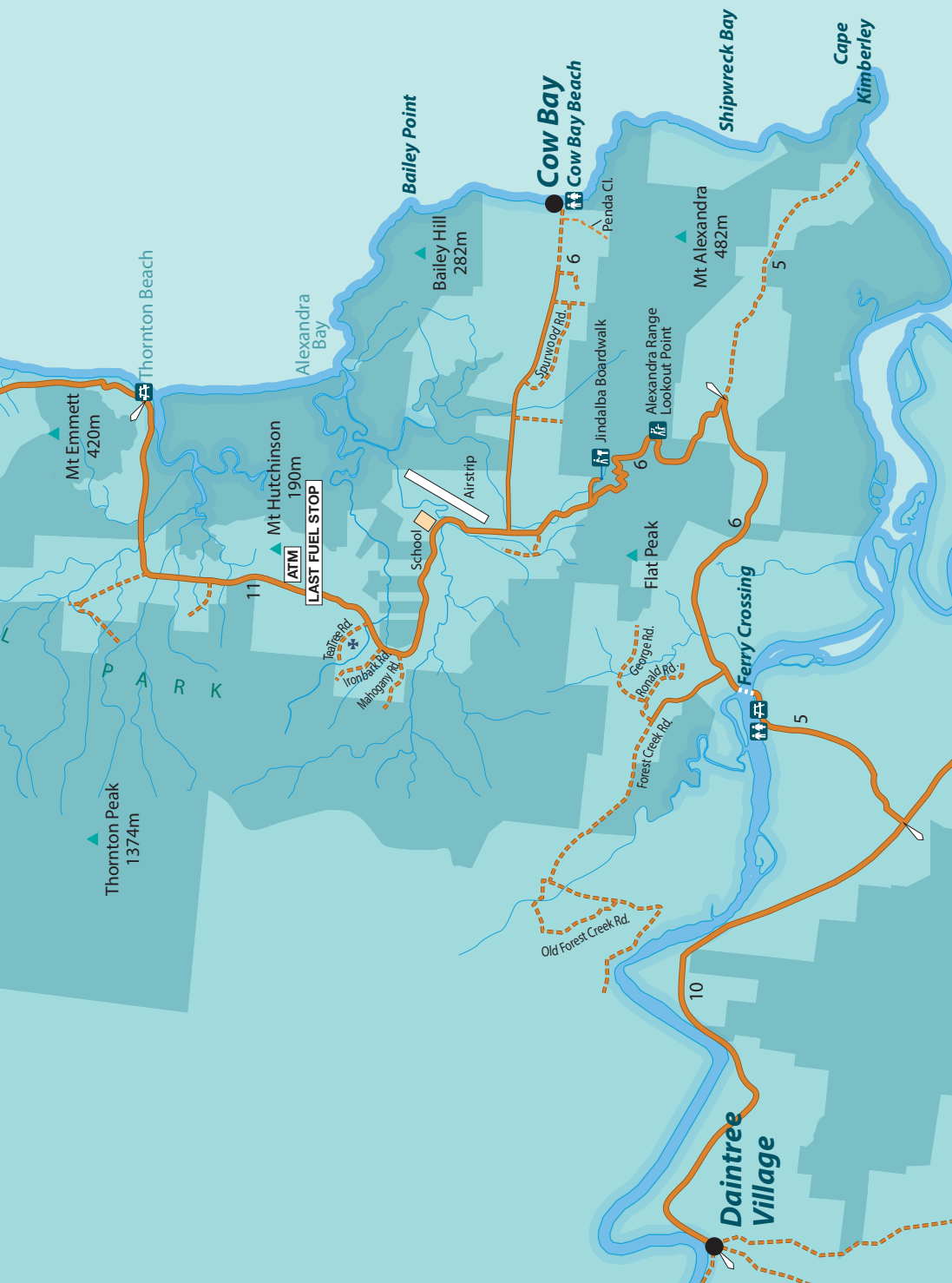


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