



Cape Tribulation

Cape Tribulation is one of the few precious places in the world where the rainforest meets the reef, and can be found in the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area in Queensland's far north. 'Cape Trib' as it's known to locals, is also located within the Daintree National Park and is a 110 kilometre drive north of Cairns.

This makes it extremely easy to visit and is one of the most popular day trips from Cairns. Cape Tribulation boasts stunning beaches, crystal clear bays, amazingly green rainforest, rich with extremely rare flora and fauna, scary saltwater crocodiles and the world renowned Great Barrier Reef just off its shores. It's a true tropical wonderland and boasts one of the most important ecological systems alive today, as the Daintree National Park is home to species of flora and fauna found nowhere else in the world.

The best way to visit the Cape is to take a tour for 1 or more days, or to hire a car or camper out of Cairns. Cairns is extremely well set up for tourists with its international airport making it easy to get to and it's numerous tours and types of accommodation for all types of traveler. The quality of these is up there with some of the best in Australia. If you want to stay in Cape Tribulation there are many options from 5 star resorts, to eco-friendly bed and breakfasts, to backpacker hostels with some nightlife.

Sights & Attractions

The Daintree Rainforest is the jewel in the crown of Cape Tribulation. The rainforest is dated as being 135 million years old and is the oldest living in the world today. It is home to the largest range of plants and animals on the planet and is the largest rainforest in Australia, covering an area of 1200 square kilometres. There are many hiking trails, some along wooden boardwalks built to least disturb the fragile ecosystem that is the rainforest. A great way to understand the Daintree is to take a walking tour (day or night) with a qualified ranger or guide and learn all about this significant world heritage area. For tourists there are also numerous scenic lookouts, picnic spots, camping sites, and stunning swimming holes. To reach the Daintree National Park you must cross the Daintree River on the cable ferry. Day tours from Cairns will usually offer a wildlife cruise on the River, where you can spot snakes, birds and saltwater crocodiles.

Apart from the rainforest the main sight to visit from Cairns and Cape Tribulation is The Great Barrier Reef. It is one of the seven natural wonders in the world, is a world heritage region and is so large it can be seen from the moon. The reef stretches 2300 kilometres down the Queensland coast and is closest to the mainland along the Daintree

Coast. Be enchanted by the exotic marine life and colourful coral on a snorkeling or diving trip from Cape Tribulation. Though many trips to the reef depart from Cairns, Cape Trib offers a stunning natural marina from which to depart, that cannot be experienced from Cairns. There are a number of boat trips to the reef departing Cape Trib, just ask us for details.

While most people tour Cape Tribulation and its surrounds in a day from Cairns, it is a beautiful region to stay a few nights at any of a selection of beautiful rainforest accommodation. Also there are many activities to be involved in while staying here, such as beach horse riding, jungle surfing, kayaking, exploring the different beaches, night tours of the rainforest and visiting an information centre to learn about this amazing environment.

One of the most photographed places in Queensland is Cape Tribulation Beach. It appears as paradise itself, with its white sandy beaches stretching to crystal blue waters, with a back drop of the green rainforest. Cape Trib Beach is a must to visit and all the trips from Cairns will include it in the itinerary. You can stroll the sandy shores or hike up to the lookout for spectacular views. If you've your own transport, it's worth checking out a few of Cape Trib's other beaches, such as Myall and South Noah. However, keep in mind that during the build up and wet season months from October through til May there may be dangerous stingers (small jellyfish) in the ocean, so be careful swimming or invest in a stinger suit or even stick to swimming pools during this time.

Climate

The best time to visit Cape Tribulation is in the dry season. From May to September, the humidity is not too high and the average daily temperature is a pleasant 26 °C. The Cape Trib region has one of the wettest climates in Australia (during the wet season naturally.) From December to April each year there are heavy, frequent downpours with some areas receiving over 6 metres of rainfall annually! The humidity at this time is very high, often over 85% and the temperatures range from 28°C to 35°C. Needless to say, this is not the best time to travel to far north Queensland, so if you can planto be here in the 'dry' for the best experience for this stunning natural playground.

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