



Townsville – Paluma – Hidden Valley –Ingham – Port Hinchinbrook - Cairns

Day 1

Explore some of the local areas including castle hill and the strand. A must see is North Queensland best attraction, Reef HQ and Billabong Sanctuary. Stay a night at City Oasis Inn Townsville. City Oasis Inn is beautifully landscaped with lush tropical gardens and resort pool. They are superbly located in the **city centre** of Townsville.

Day 2

Head north to Paluma Range National Park and have a swim at crystal creek. Take a walk in the clouds through World Heritage listed rainforest, the world's oldest living rainforest. Have lunch at Rainforest Inn café in Paluma. Head to Lake Paluma and Birthday creek falls. Stay a night at Hidden Valley Cabins, Australia's 1st Carbon neutral accommodation. Surrounded by open woodlands, this resort follows a modern rustic theme and offers a unique style of accommodation. Explore the resort's renewable energy system with a guided tour, go for a walk, relax by the pool, birdwatch or read a book. A must see is Hidden Valley most precious resident – The Platypus.

Day 3

Travel across the top of the 'Coastal Range' to Wallman Falls, visiting Mt Fox dormant volcano crater on the way. Wallaman Falls is Australia's largest sheer drop waterfall, pack a lunch and enjoy a picnic at the lookout. Stay a night at Noorla Heritage Resort. Noorla is a grand mansion built in 1923 in the art deco era and fully restored to its original glory. Take a tour of the resort and learn the resort's colourful past and unique architecture.

Day 4

Situated halfway between Townsville and Cairns, Port Hinchinbrook is the gateway to Hinchinbrook Island and everything the Hinchinbrook area has to offer...Untamed wilderness, superb beaches, deserted islands and the Great Barrier Reef, not to mention possibly the best fishing and boating opportunities in Australia. Stay at Port Hinchinbrook Resort or Hinchinbrook Lodge on the Island.

Day 5

Take half a day to drive to Cairns and explore the coast north of Port Hinchinbrook. Arrive Cairns in afternoon.