

DAINTREE ECOLODGE EXPERIENCES

With its unique location deep within the magnificent Daintree Rainforest, there's an abundance of things to do both in and around the Daintree Ecolodge. The region has some beautiful landmarks that are a must see during your time in the region. We have listed the top places to visit and experience to ensure you get the most out of your stay.

Guided Rainforest Walk

Explore the beauty of the Daintree Rainforest on a guided 'A Walk Through Time' rainforest walk on the grounds of the Daintree Ecolodge. On a leisurely 1.5 hour stroll through the enchanted rainforest, discover the lodge's private onsite waterfall. The waterfall and swimming hole is sacred to the Kuku Yalanji women who for thousands of years have bathed in its crystal-clear waters for healing and spiritual beliefs. Learn about the unique and amazing plants, insects, birds and other wildlife that surround us. Much of the wildlife you will see here cannot be found anywhere else in the world, with some species dating back 135 million years. **\$50 pp, minimum 2 guests (book via Northern Escape Collection Reservations Department)**

Daintree Wellness Spa

The local Kuku Yalanji people have named the land on which the Daintree Ecolodge sits 'Wawu-karrba' which means 'healing of the spirit.' With approval from the local Indigenous tribe elders, each of the Daintree Wellness Spa treatments combine the wisdom of their culture, healing, medicines and spirituality. Using the pure waters of the pristine onsite waterfall and the powerful properties of nourishing botanical products, many found in the Daintree Rainforest, guests can experience a renewed sense of wellbeing with each unique treatment. The treatment rooms are open roofed opening up to the rainforest canopy above and the sounds and smells of the wilderness. Located on the property, our therapists are highly skilled and offer each guests a personal spa journey which can be customised to reflect mood or desire. From \$95 pp (book via Northern Escape Collection Reservations Department)

www.daintree-ecolodge.com.au/spa



Gourmet Hampers

Celebrating the local provedores of the Daintree & Douglas region, our gourmet hampers are bursting with local delights and tasty temptations. Order a gourmet Lunch Hamper and self-drive the winding roads nestled between the mist-clad mountains and valleys of the Daintree Rainforest and the pristine beaches of the Coral Sea as you venture to some of our favourite local hideaways. Our top recommendations for a picnic lunch adventure include Mossman Gorge, Four Mile Beach, Wonga Beach and Cape Tribulation. Alternatively, breathe deeply the scent of the tropics and become immersed in our rich, natural paradise when we deliver a Local Hamper or Indulgence Hamper to your bayan (treehouse). From \$55 for two guests (book via Northern Escape Collection Reservations Department) www.daintree-ecolodge.com.au/picnic-hampers

Daintree River Cruise

The mighty Daintree River winds its way through the ancient Daintree Rainforest and this densely populated mangrove estuary is home to an abundance of wildlife and incredible scenery that dates back thousands upon thousands of years. A large population of crocodiles reside in the Daintree River together with an amazing array of birdlife, tree snakes, frogs and some impressive spiders (all seen from the safety of your boat). A variety of operators offer a 1 hour day cruise or a two hour sunrise/sunset cruise and their highly knowledgeable guides will help you spot wildlife in their natural habitat. From \$60 pp www.daintreeriverwildwatch.com.au

Mossman Gorge Experience

Nestled in the heart of the Daintree Rainforest, Mossman Gorge is a hidden gem which can be explored a number of ways! Join a guided Dreamtime Walk, conducted by the local Kuku Yalanji Indigenous people, to gain a deeper insight into the ancient flora and fauna of the rainforest and learn about traditional plant uses and the Kuku Yalanji culture. Or, take in the towering rainforest, crystal-clear streams, striking mountains, and boulderstrewn gorge at your own pace on a self-guided walk. We recommend that you pack a picnic hamper from the Daintree Ecolodge and enjoy lunch by one of the many waterholes as you appreciate the wonders of your lush rainforest surrounds. <u>http://www.mossmangorge.com.au</u>

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Walkabout Cultural Adventures

Explore Kuku Yalanji country, the only place in the world where two World Heritage-listed sites meet (the Daintree Rainforest and Great Barrier Reef) and share the cultural connection the local Indigenous people have with their land on a full or half day cultural tour. Learn about the precious environment, different bush foods and medicines. Sample some seasonal bush tucker while appreciating the history, culture and traditions of their Australian Aboriginal people. From \$180 pp

Great Barrier Reef Snorkelling & Scuba Diving

The world's largest and most famous coral reef system, the Great Barrier Reef, is right on our doorstep. Half day and full day snorkelling and scuba diving adventures to the Great Barrier Reef depart from either Cape Tribulation of Port Douglas Marina. Visit the Low Isles, home to over 150 species of corals, vibrant fish species and a significant green turtle habitat too. There's a snorkel and dive tour to suit everyone (even those who don't want to get wet), so let us help you choose the most suitable operator for the experience you are seeking. **From \$159 pp**

https://sailawayportdouglas.com https://www.oceansafari.com.au https://calypsoreefcruises.com

Back Country Bliss River Drift Snorkelling

Within an ancient rainforest setting, step into the cool, crystal-clear waters of the Mossman River and drift on a personal floatation device downstream and discover life beneath the surface. Watch fish dart in and around the river stones and keep your eyes out for the occasional turtle. This family friendly tour is the perfect way to stay cool in the hot tropics and is a great introduction to snorkelling before heading out on the reef. Small children (and adults) can journey down the river on large river sleds. From \$105 pp www.backcountrybliss.com.au/tours/river-drift-snorkelling

Sunset Sail

Soak up the peace and tranquillity of a tropical sunset over the Coral Sea as you sail along the coast of Port Douglas on board a first-class sailing catamaran. Take in the ambient music, relaxed and friendly atmosphere and the spectacular mountain views whilst enjoying a welcome drink and delicious canapés. Catered to adults only. From \$70 pp https://sailawayportdouglas.com



Scenic Helicopter Flight

From Port Douglas, take to the skies with Nautilus Aviation and witness the sharp contrasts of the lush emerald foliage of the Daintree Rainforest against the aquamarine waters of the Great Barrier Reef on scenic helicopter flight of the region. Flying at low altitude allowing for a close-up vantage of the oldest living rainforest on Earth, your experienced pilot will provide commentary of the rugged and lush undergrowth below that's riddled with towering trees, breathtaking waterfalls, golden beaches, misty mountains and remote rivers. From \$399 pp, minimum 2 pax (30 mins) https://www.nautilusaviation.com.au

Billy Tea Safaris – 1 Day Daintree, Cape Tribulation & Bloomfield

Sight crocodiles on a Daintree River Cruise, meander through the lush lowland rainforest and learn about the rare flora and fauna on a guided boardwalk tour, join a 4WD adventure along on the rugged Bloomfield Track, savour a traditional Aussie BBQ lunch, sample a traditional Australian billy tea, damper and tropical fruits in the company of wallabies and enjoy a homemade Daintree ice-cream on your journey home! From \$220 pp www.billytea.com.au/our-tours/1-day-daintree-cape-trib-bloomfield

Daintree Fishing

The Daintree River and its coastline is teeming with mangrove jack, fingermark, trevally, barramundi and mud crab (when in season). Get all the insider knowledge and expertise with a local fishing guide. Choose from half day or full day fishing adventures on the Daintree River or try your hand at hooking a barramundi at the local 'barra' farm, located only a 10 minute drive from the lodge. Our chef is happy to cook up your catch for dinner that evening.

www.hookabarra.com/farm www.daintreefishing.com.au

Cape Tribulation Horse Riding

Explore the unrivalled beauty of Cape Tribulation on horseback. Departing from the stables, follow your guide through the majestic Daintree Rainforest. Discover an abundance of local flora and fauna as you weave through the rainforest and across several creek crossings on your way to Myall Beach. Once there you will explore the beautiful stretch of golden sand and have the opportunity to walk your horse into the shallow waters of the ocean (clarity permitting). Take a minute to soak in this incredible majesty and juxtaposing landscapes that surround you. From \$129 pp www.capetribhorserides.com.au

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