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## Travel Highlights

### Cairns to Brisbane

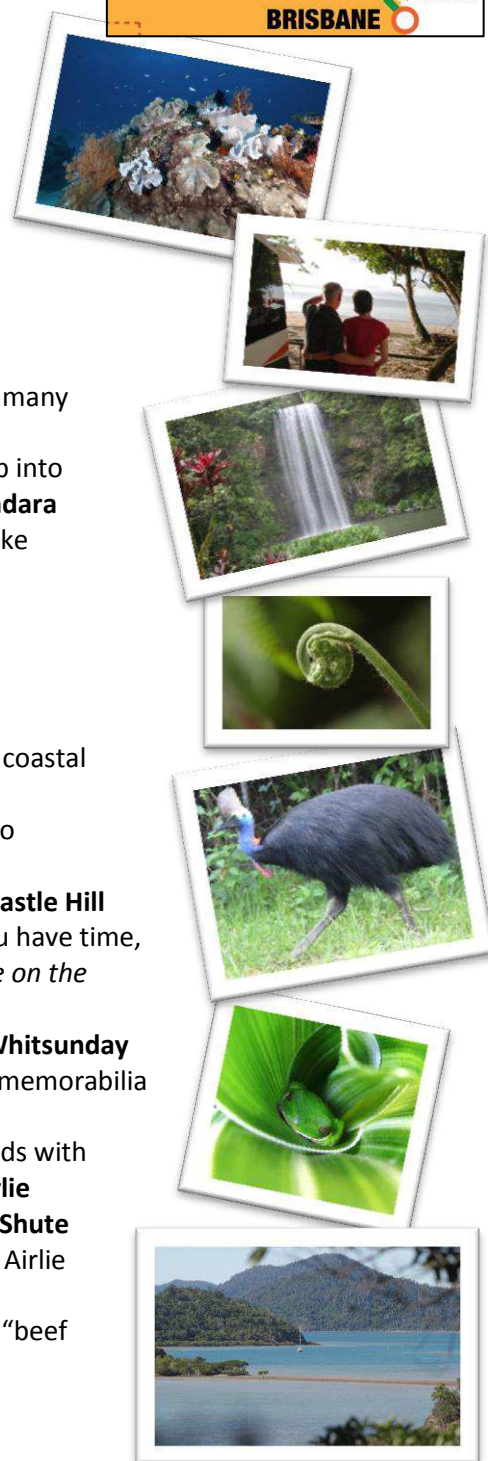


- Distance** 1700 km (coastal, Brisbane to Cairns)
- Best Time to Travel** May to September
- Suggest Time Frame for Travel** 14-21 days for Coastal
- Highlights**

Cairns is very easy to navigate around and is the ideal starting point for many different trips. For example you could head north to **Port Douglas**, the **Daintree** and **Cape Tribulation** (sealed road) or you could travel west up into the **Atherton Tablelands** and over into the outback after visiting the **Undara Lava Tubes**. There is also a lot to see and experience around Cairns, like visiting the **Great Barrier Reef** and the **Kuranda Sky Rail** amongst other attractions.

#### Heading South:

- **Mission Beach**, a beautiful coastal village surrounded by rainforest and coastal farmland – keep your peepers peeled for a cassowary sighting
- Enjoy viewpoints which look out over **Hinchinbrook Island** on the way to **Townsville**
- **Townsville** has a nice esplanade, good for a picnic and walk. Drive up **Castle Hill** for some amazing views over the city and out to **Magnetic Island**. If you have time, take a day trip out to **Magnetic Island**, via ferry (leave your Camper Hire on the mainland).
- **Bowen** –snorkel at Horseshoe Bay; get some excellent views over the **Whitsunday Islands** from driving up **Flagstaff Hill**; Enjoy the murals in town and the memorabilia from the movie 'Australia' which was filmed here recently.
- **Airlie Beach**, the gateway to the **Whitsundays**, which are stunning islands with long white beaches. Enjoy bushwalks in **The Conway Range** behind **Airlie Beach**. The majority of the tours to the Whitsunday Islands leave from **Shute Harbour**, near Airlie Beach. You'll find markets on Saturday morning at Airlie Beach.
- **Rockhampton** spans the **Tropic Of Capricorn** and is the self proclaimed "beef capital" of Australia



- **Agnes Waters** and **The Town Of 1770** are a worthy detour from the **Bruce Highway**. Agnes Waters boast Queensland's most northern surf beach while 5kms away you'll find the laid back relaxed community of 1770.
  - **Enjoy 'the Larc'** while in **1770**, which is an amphibious vehicle that drives up the coastline of **Bustard Bay** to the isolated **Bustard Head Lighthouse** - the first lighthouse to be built in Queensland. Have a fantastic day, spotting an abundance of wildlife, spectacular scenery and learning about the history of the area.
- **Bundaberg** - another pretty detour off the **Bruce Highway**. If you visit **1770** first, take a secondary road down to **Bundaberg** which is a stunning drive. **Bundaberg** has attractions which are popular like finding out more about 'Bundy Rum' or 'Bundaberg Ginger Beer', which are both very popular drinks here in Australia. Head out to **Bargara** on the coast for more enjoyable scenery.
- **Hervey Bay** is one of the locations where you can take a day tour to **Fraser Island**. A great way, when on a limited time frame, to experience World Heritage listed Fraser Island (*the largest sand island in the world*) is on a 4WD day tour. You can see all the main highlights like the stunning Lake Mackenzie, enjoy a rainforest walk, see the spectacular and colourful sand dunes and even go for a couple of swims. There's a variety of different day tours available, and these can also be taken further south from **Rainbow Beach** if you have more time to head out to this beautiful seaside community.
- **Noosa**, at the northern end of the Sunshine Coast offers everything from boutique shopping and exquisite cuisine to picnics on the beach. Also enjoy the nearby **Noosa National Park** situated on Noosa's headland. It is full of great walks and wildlife.
- Enjoy the coastal drive from **Noosa to Caloundra** if you have time, through many popular seaside towns and past long golden beaches – plenty of campgrounds along this section. These can be busy during popular times like school holidays and Christmas.
- **Glass House Mountains** – these are large remnants of volcanic peaks that are quite stunning against an otherwise flat landscape and can be seen from the Bruce Highway, heading back to Brisbane.
- **Australia Zoo**, a very popular attraction made famous by Steven Irwin (aka the Crocodile Hunter).



**Brisbane** is also a great base to start and finish many other popular shorter and longer camper road trips. Both the **Sunshine** and **Gold Coast**, including the **hinterlands** are popular with those who only have a few days.

### What Else?

- See plenty of **wildlife** along this route also like Crocodiles (top third of Australia); Kangaroos, Wallabies, vast range of Birdlife including Cassowaries, Kookaburras and a range of parrots and maybe even a Dingo
- A number of **National Parks** to explore with a range of scenery from **long golden beaches** in the **south** to the **tropical rainforest in the north**
- This trip is popular as a circuit for those who have longer including the **outback of Queensland** for a more diverse adventure
- Enjoy a thousand star accommodation – you'll see a number of commercial camps, low cost camps and free rest areas that allow **overnight camping**.
- Minimum time frame of 7 days for those in a rush; many of our retired clients take 28 days or longer. 14 – 21 days is the most popular length of time. Travel in the top third of Australia is best during the Dry Season, so this trip is best May to September

