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# **TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND**

**Australia**

## **FOCUSED ON FEATHERS**

### **Tropical Highlands, Wetlands, Rainforest and Reef**

**8 Days from \*\$1941 per person twin share**

Day 1 **Atherton Tablelands**

*Pick up your rental car from the airport and drive to Rose Gums Wilderness Retreat.*

Accom: **Rose Gums Wilderness Retreat**

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This Wilderness Retreat is advanced ecotourism accredited with 230 acres of tropical rainforest just ten minutes from Lake Eacham bordering the World Heritage Wooroonooran National Park. The luxury pole and timber treehouses are totally private and feature large spa baths, cozy fireplaces and verandas with stunning mountain views. Explore pristine rainforest streams and kilometers of walking tracks. There is abundant wildlife with over 160 species recorded. Guided bird watching is available.

This cool tropical mountain retreat offers peace and relaxation. The treehouses are ideal for the romantic hideaway or the family holiday with your friendly hosts Jon & Peta Nott.

#### **All accommodation features:**

Large spa bath, Wood burning fireplace, Self-contained kitchen, Private verandah, Convection microwave oven, 4 pot gas cook top, Refrigerator, King size beds, Stereo/television/DVD/clock radio, Games/magazines/bird book, Covered carport, Washing machine/dryer, All linen including fluffy bathrobes and slippers, Complimentary breakfast hamper on first night only, BBQ

Bring: **Walking shoes** - you will love the walk to the creek and looking for [platypus](#). **Binoculars** - The bird life is abundant and there is a bird guide book and CD in your treehouse. Please see our [bird watching page](#) for bird list and further information. **Groceries** - Fully equipped kitchens are in all treehouses if you want to stay in for [meals](#).

Day 2 Free Day

Day 3 **Mareeba Tropical Wetland Savanna Reserve**

*Drive to Mareeba Wetlands.*

The Mareeba Tropical Savannah and Wetland Reserve is situated on the East Asian-Australasian flyway and provides a unique environment in which to enjoy Australia's tropical wetland and savanna birds. A series of 8 inter-connected lagoons, creeks and channels weave their way across the 2,000 hectare Reserve, with lagoons ranging in size from several hundred acres to much smaller intimate habitats.

The lagoons attract a rich and diverse array of native wildlife and provide a sanctuary for almost all of Australia's tropical waterbirds.



Reserve is home to several threatened, rare and endangered species, including the Gouldian Finch, Buff-breasted Button-quail, Black Throated Finch, and Brown Treecreeper. The Conservancy is also at the forefront of the race to save the Gouldian Finch from extinction through its Gouldian Finch Reintroduction Program. All the Conservancy's income from sustainable tourism is reinvested into its conservation and land management activities. A visiting birdwatcher can expect to get up to 60 species during a day's visit, rising rapidly when staying overnight, as many species are regular visitors and breeders. This number will greatly increase again if the lodge is used as a base for visiting surrounding rainforest areas.

Accom: **Jabiru Safari Lodge**

2nts



The Jabiru Safari Lodge is a comfortable nature experience and has been designed to ensure you can experience the wildlife to its best advantage. Your Lodge Host and Reserve Guide will make you welcome and be happy to assist to make your stay memorable and rewarding.

The unique, safari-style tent-cabins blend into the open savannah woodland providing comfortable overnight accommodation. Delightfully furnished with high quality private en-suite facilities, insect screens, a fridge and a fan, it utilizes natural materials which compliment the warm tones of the safari furniture. To cool off or relax after your day's activities, a heated spa tub is located near the deluxe safari cabins in a rustic bush setting.

The Deluxe Safari cabin is well-appointed with comfortable beds - Queen or Double and a single with all linen. There is 240v power, a fridge, tea and coffee making facilities and a toaster, but there are no telephones or televisions in any of the tented safari cabins. Continental breakfast provisions provided in your cabin include, orange juice, cereal, local plunger coffee, and tea selection, fruit and bread with butter and a variety of condiments.



Day 4 Free Day

Day 5 **Daintree Village and the Rainforest**

*Drive to Daintree Village*

Accom: **Red Mill House**

2nts



Daintree accommodation for travelers interested in nature, wildlife and conservation, also known for excellent service, accurate information, and fabulous breakfasts.

Combining an historic Queenslander home with a modern, tasteful addition that has an AAA 4 star rating.

A well known as birdwatching accommodation for many years, who have been awarded Advanced Ecotourism Certification - highlighting our commitment to achieving best practice when using resources wisely, contributing to the conservation of the environment and helping local communities. Their Green Policy and genuine efforts to reduce our environmental footprint reinforce this commitment.

Owned and operated by Andrew and Trish Forsyth, two enthusiastic birders, who happily provide up-to-date information and advice to their guests, encouraging them to learn about the local environment whilst enjoying the wildlife and local nature-based activities. Check in 2pm check out 10:30am.

**Included:** Breakfast

Day 6 Free Day

Day 7 **Port Douglas and the Great Barrier Reef**

*Drive to Port Douglas*

Accom: **Peninsula Boutique Hotel**

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Located overlooking the Coral Sea and just a minute's walk from the town centre. Relax in the spacious one bedroom fully air conditioned suites with private balcony or patio. Enjoy the freshwater pool, the spa, the submersed grotto. Indulge in Hi Tide restaurant with its innovative cuisine and cocktail bar.

Located on the same latitude as Fiji, Tahiti and Acapulco, warm days and balmy nights are all part of the tropical experience.

The suite doors fully open enabling the outside and inside areas to become one. The discreetly concealed kitchen offers everything you need from dishwasher, refrigerator, microwave to the hot plates. The ensuite bathroom features a separate shower to engulf the ambience of the Coral Sea. Step out the door, just paces from pristine Four Mile beach.



**Included:** Full buffet breakfast, daily room servicing.

Day 8 **Dive/Snorkel Trip to the Outer Great Barrier Reef**



*8:30am depart return 4:30pm to Marina Mirage*

By providing both snorkeling and scuba diving we are able to offer you any combination of activities for family and friends that may have different interests.

We take you to the very edge of the outer barrier reef – Agincourt Ribbon Reefs. With access to more than 45 locations at 16

different reefs - 3 sites are chosen each day according to tidal & weather conditions.

**Included:** - Limited Passenger numbers with high crew/passenger ratio for personalized service and individual attention, Reef interpretation talk, Spacious air conditioned bar/saloon area, large sun & covered deck areas, All snorkel equipment (including prescription masks) and instruction, Lycra suits and flotation devices, Guided snorkeling tour, Three excellent snorkel and dive sites, Fresh water showers, Morning and afternoon tea or coffee with cake and fruit, Superb tropical buffet lunch.

**What to Bring**

Swimwear, hat, towel, sunglasses, sunscreen, cash, Visa or Mastercard for E.M.C., drinks, etc...

**Environmental Management Charge:** An EMC of \$5 is levied for all adults and children 4 years and over entering the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage area. This additional charge is payable direct on the day of travel.

Day 9

*Return your rental car to the airport.*

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**Price Per Person Twin Share:** \$1941 based on low season

**Included:** Rental car 8 days, Rose Gums Wilderness Retreat 2 nights, Jabiru Safari Lodge 2 nights, Red Mill House 2 nights, Peninsula Boutique Hotel 3 nights, Outer Barrier Reef Cruise.

**Additional:** Any items not specifically mentioned under included.

Terms: Price is on a share twin basis and is per person. Trip extensions within Australia may be permitted. Prices and itinerary are subject to change and availability. A \$200 deposit (non-refundable) per person is required to begin booking, cancellation fees apply, travel insurance is recommended. CST 2060400-40

**Booking Conditions:** Subject to availability and weather conditions. Pre-booking minimum one month prior to departure with accommodation package secures tours on your chosen dates. Tours can be taken on any day during accommodation stay dates and can be date changed subject to availability. Bookings less than 30 days prior to arrival are available on request. Upgrade accommodation and full day Cape Tribulation/Daintree available at additional cost.