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QR Special – Brisbane to Cairns
With Buddha and his Brother, Ross

Sunlander

For over fifty years the Sunlander has been hauling holiday makers from Brisbane to the tropical north in style and comfort. QLD Rail's Sunlander has two classes of travel. There's accommodation for the budget conscious, but also Queenslander Class for those seeking luxury in the style of first class train travel with 3 course meals, twin berths and an exclusive dining and lounge car.



Buddha and his brother Ross travelled from Brisbane to Cairns enjoying the Sunlander service. While in Cairns exploring the sights they stayed at the Lakes Cairns Resort and Spa which offers self contained accommodation in a relaxed, village style setting. There are pools, restaurants and a day spa all on site.

Kuranda Scenic Railway

A popular day trip for visitors to Cairns is a charming trip on the Kuranda Scenic Railway. Guests can travel gold class for the 90-minute journey which takes in amazing views of the hinterland as well as a stop at Barron Falls.



There's plenty to see when you arrive in Kuranda. What began life as a timber town over the years has morphed into a hippie town and a quiet tourist escape. Rainforestation Nature Park is a local attraction worth checking out during your visit.

Skyrail

The Skyrail Rainforest Cableway is another enjoyable way to see the rainforest. It's a seven and a half km cableway that glides just metres above the rainforest canopy. There are a few stops along the way, like Barron Falls station which has its own Rainforest Interpretation Centre. Red Peak Station provides a good opportunity to rope in a ranger and take a guided tour of the rainforest along the specially constructed rainforest boardwalks.



Normanby Island

In Cairns, for those wanting to experience the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef, Frankland Islands Cruise and Dive Day Tours can showcase the very best in just one day. They take a maximum of 100 people out to Normanby Island where they can snorkel and scuba dive. They offer a buffet lunch and walking tours of the island. Normanby Island is a national park and completely uninhabited and undeveloped.



Palm Cove

A popular destination for people holidaying in Cairns is taking a short trip north to Palm Cove. Blessed with a stunning white, sandy beach, there are plenty of resorts to choose from along the foreshore. Peppers Beach Club and Spa is a superb option as it offers a range of luxurious accommodation and is located right across from the beach. It has a huge swimming pool, tennis courts, gym, boutique shops, day spa, and restaurant.



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