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QR 'Two Wonders in One' Special

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Chris and Taryn set out with Queensland Rail to explore Lamington National Park and Fraser Island on Queensland Rail's 'Two Wonders in One' holiday package.

The trip begins with a bush transfer from Brisbane's Roma Street Station to O'Reilly's Rainforest Guesthouse in Lamington National Park. O'Reilly's has been wowing visitors since 1926 when the doors to their guest houses first opened. Originally, the O'Reilly clan used the land for dairy farming, but the family soon realized their future lay in protecting the environment. Some call them the inventors of eco-tourism.

Lamington National Park is world heritage listed and there are 160 kilometres of bush walking trails to suit all levels of fitness. A favourite is their tree top canopy walk. At its highest point it reaches 30 metres above the ground and gives a totally different view of the pristine rainforest.

O'Reilly's has a number of accommodation options; including their Mountain View rooms or the self contained Mountain Villas. Both have spectacular views of the McPherson Ranges.

QR organizes transfers throughout the trip, such as the journey from Roma Street Station up to Maryborough. It's a three and a half hour journey on the Tilt Train at speeds of up to 160kph. Facilities are world class including in-seat dining and on-board movies.

Once transferred to Fraser Island, visitors have the pleasure of staying at Kingfisher Bay Resort. The resort has 152 hotel rooms, more than 100 self-contained bedroom villas, a 174-bed Wilderness Lodge for groups, three restaurants, four bars and a shopping village.

For those wanting to explore the island, the resort can organize a tour to suit. One particularly popular tour is the 4WD beauty spots tour, which takes in highlights such as Lake Mackenzie, 75-mile beach and Central Station.

Peter Meyer often leads the tours. He's a ranger with a passion for photography and has exhibited in galleries, now creating his own calendars, posters and cards.

Other optional extras are a flight over the island with Air Fraser, a bush tucker bush walk and a sailing expedition with Shayla Cruises.

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