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1. Geographical location

Situated between the Coral Sea and the Great Dividing Range, Cairns is on the east coast of the Cape York Peninsula. Some parts of the suburban regions of the city are lying on flood plains. The northern part is on Trinity Bay and the Trinity Inlet is the centre of the city. The foreshore is on a mud flat. A number of beaches form the major residential areas. The city covers an area of 254.3 square kilometers. Mount Whitfield at an elevation of 365 m separates some of the suburbs from Cairns city.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Brisbane, The Capital Of Queensland In Which Cairns Is Located Is About 1686 Km Away From The City. Canberra, The Country's Capital Lies At A Distance Of 2518 Km. Cities Within Queensland That Lie Near Cairns Include Innisfail, Townsville, Cooktown, And Sunshine Coast. The Neighbouring Countries Include Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, And Solomon Islands.



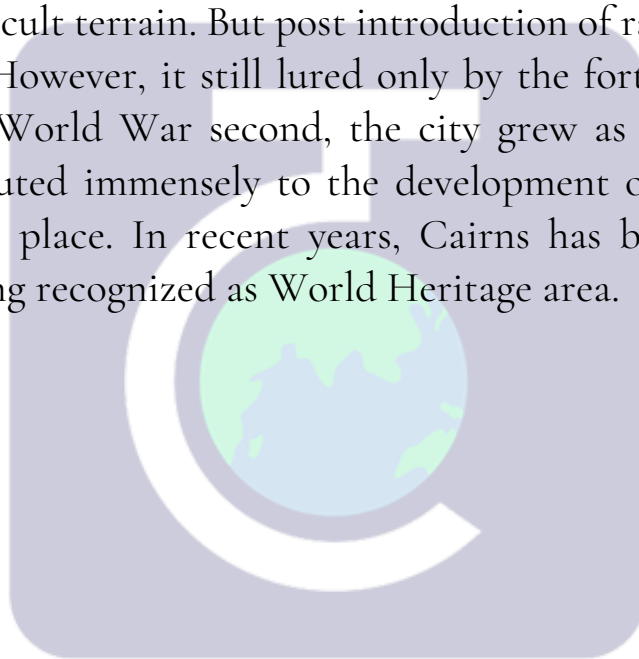
3. Significance

Cairns serve as an agricultural hinterland that produces dairy products, sugarcane, corn (maize), fruit, tobacco, and peanuts (groundnuts). Lumbering, commercial fishing, and tin mining are also carried on in the area. Besides its port activities Cairns has agriculturally based industries, sawmills, foundries, and breweries. It is also a tourist center for the Great Barrier Reef offshore and is known for big-game fishing. The city has a Roman Catholic cathedral, a museum and art gallery, and a botanical garden. Since 2012, Cairns has been home to a self-funded startup hub called the SPACE, which serves as a base for emerging technology-focused businesses.



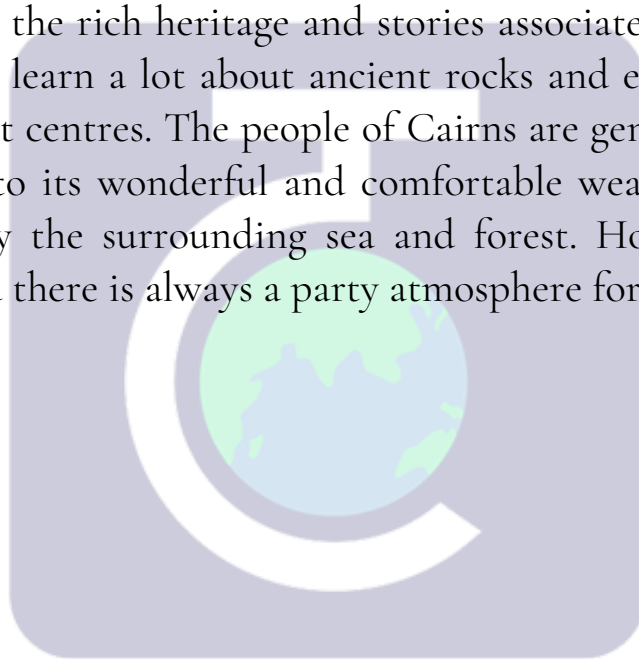
4. History

The city of Cairns was discovered by Captain James cook in about 1770 but was officially founded in 1876 following the discovery of gold mine in the region. The city was named after Sir William Cairns. Before emigrants settled here, Aborigines were the main inhabitants because of extreme climate and surrounding covered by dense forest. Cairns was an under-developed characterized by difficult terrain. But post introduction of railways, the place saw rapid development. However, it still lured only by the fortune hunters and not tourists. Only after World War second, the city grew as a popular centre for tourism and contributed immensely to the development of local economy and infrastructure of the place. In recent years, Cairns has become an important destination after being recognized as World Heritage area.



Index**5. Cultural identity**

Cairns has a rich and vivid culture which has evolved over the years by the original inhabitants of the place as well as the regular influx of European emigrants especially from Britain. Historical remains of Aboriginal people dating back to thousands of years are found all over the region. To know more about these ancient tribes you can visit Tiapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park that has beautifully preserved the rich heritage and stories associated with these cultural groups. You can also learn a lot about ancient rocks and enjoy dance programs organised by these art centres. The people of Cairns are generally laid back sorts and easy going due to its wonderful and comfortable weather all year around. They prefer to enjoy the surrounding sea and forest. However, Cairns has a vibrant night life and there is always a party atmosphere for people here.



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6. Natural resources

It has a rich reserve of natural resources and that includes a various minerals. Some of the main reserves include bauxite, coal, iron ore, copper, tin, gold, silver, uranium, nickel and tungsten. Along with these, there are rare earth elements, mineral sands, lead, zinc, diamonds, natural gas, and petroleum. Australia is the world's largest exporter of coal accounting. It has a large species of flora and fauna.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)**7.1. Paid****7.1.1. Skyrail Rainforest Cableway**

Having won several accolades, this tourist attraction of Cairns flaunts its interesting cableway that tours you through the natural magnificence of the entire city. Skyrail Rainforest Cableway gives you the perfect view of the scenic natural preserves the city owns. Gape at the bountiful nature and heritage rainforest while you travel over the canopy.

Address : Captain Cook Hwy & Cairns Western Arterial Road, Smithfield QLD 4878, Australia

Zipcode : 4878

Location : -16.8476624, 145.69504519999998

Contact : +61 7 4038 5555

Website : <https://www.skyrail.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : CaravonicaSkyrail Train Terminal

Entry Fee : 50 AUD to 367 AUD

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:15hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Kuranda Scenic Railway

Covering approximately 37 kilometers, the Kuranda Railway Line is used solely to take visitors to and from Cairns. Kuranda is a town village located on the mountain side, i.e. Macalister Range. The village has its own charm which includes an array of activities such as shopping, cafés, bars and restaurants as well as interacting with the locals. The ride across the rainforest up the mountain is the major highlight of the trip as it exposes you to scenic vistas.

Address : 126-144 Bunda St, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Zipcode : 4870

Location : -16.9257533, 145.77114329999995

Contact : +61 7 4036 9333

Website : <http://www.ksr.com.au/Pages/Default.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Cairns Railway Station
Entry Fee : 50 AUD to 190 AUD
Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 07:30hrs-16:00hrs
Time Required : 2
Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park

Learning about Aboriginal culture is best done in Central Australia, particularly in the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park. Begin at the Creation Theatre where you will experience illusions and theatrics that retell the beliefs and traditions of the Tjapukai tribe. Afterwards, move to the History Theatre and Magic Space Museum, which showcases a compelling documentary about the indigenous inhabitants and their lifestyle. There is also a makeshift village displaying the ancient settlement schemes and artefactual remains that represent their diverse skills and activities.

Address : Cairns Western Arterial Road, Caravonica QLD 4878, Australia

Zipcode : 4878

Location : -16.848724, 145.69490900000005

Contact : +61 7 4042 9999

Website : <http://www.tjapukai.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Brinsmead Kamerunga Rd (Skyrail Base Station) bus Station

Entry Fee : 62 AUD to 209 AUD
Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-21:30hrs
Time Required : 3
Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Cairns Regional Gallery

Being a prime destination for art enthusiasts, this gallery is housed in a historical building. The two-level government building is constructed from red brick and reinforced by steel and concrete. The gallery displays both historic and contemporary art with a majority of the exhibits coming from the Northern side of Queensland. The gallery maintains a controlled environment and temperature to preserve the artworks.

Address : 40 Abbott St, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Zipcode : 4870

Location : -16.9212907, 145.77725829999997

Contact : +61 7 4046 4800

Website : <http://www.cairnsregionalgallery.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cairns City Bus Station Platform 2

Entry Fee : Adults – 5 AUD; Students – 2.50 AUD

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs; Saturday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs; Sunday 10:00hrs-14:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Cairns Historical Society Museum

Although Cairns is a popular tourist destination in South Australia, not many people know about its history. This museum takes you back to the Islanders and Aboriginal period with its vast collection of artefacts that are of great historical relevance. The old school and arts building that house this museum adds a unique charm to the experience.

Address : Former Post Office Building, 13 Grafton St, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Zipcode : 4870

Location : -16.9265477, 145.77733579999995

Contact : +61 7 4051 5582

Website : <http://www.cairnsmuseum.org.au/contact>

Nearest Public Transport : Spence St near McLeod St (Hail n Ride) Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult – 5 AUD; School Children – 2 AUD; Family (2 adults + children under 17) – 12 AUD

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Saturday 10:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. Samurai Gallery Australia

This is the only gallery in Australia dedicated to Japanese Samurai warriors. It

entails a collection of armor, arms and art that have been used or are of relevance to the warriors. Historically, Samurais formed the military of feudal Japan that dates hundred of years back. You will get a chance to explore artefacts relating to the Samurai Culture that are over a century old.

Address : Level 1 - first floor, 22 Shields Street, Cairns QLD 4870, Australia

Zipcode : 4870

Location : -16.921638, 145.7758331

Contact : +61 4051 5196

Website : <http://samuraigalleryaustralia.com/index.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Cairns City Bus Station Platform 2

Entry Fee : Adults – 10 AUD; Students / Pensioners – 5 AUD; Family Pass – 25 AUD

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Friday 11:00hrs-16:00hrs; Saturday 10:30hrs-15:00hrs

Time Required : 0.75

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Daintree National Park

Located 60 miles northwest of Cairns, this park is part of the Wet Tropics of Queensland. It is divided into 2 sections, namely the Cape Tribulation section and the Mossman Gorge section. The park is renowned for its exceptional biodiversity that entails prolific birdlife and rare species of flora. It is home to at least 23 species of reptiles, amphibians and mammals such as Bennett's tree kangaroo, brown bandicoot and swamp wallaby among others.

Address : Cnr, Cape Tribulation Rd, Cow Bay QLD 4873, Australia

Zipcode : 4873

Location : -16.2236183, 145.41843730000005

Contact : +61 7 4098 9171

Website : <http://www.discoverthedaintree.com/>

Entry Fee : 55 AUD

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:30hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 6

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Great Barrier Reef

It is one of the most renowned places on the Earth with the magnanimous range of flora and fauna it offers. The Great Barrier Reef is believed to be seen and recognized from the outer space. It has a 2,300 kilometer-long ecosystem, which includes corals, colourful fish, starfish, molluscs, dolphins, plus turtles and sharks. Since the year 1979, the Reef has suffered from over 8 mass coral bleaching events because of the extremely high temperature and shifts in global climate. Here you can enjoy a range of thrilling activities such as snorkelling scuba diving and a lot more.

Address : Great Barrier Reef, Queensland, Australia

Location : -18.2870668, 147.6991918

Entry Fee : Tours starts from AUD 238

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 6

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Muddy's Playground

This playground is perfect for both children and adult activities and therefore popular for family outings. It provides adequate entertainment facilities for people of all ages, ranging from track rides, sound chimes, Flying fox, play houses, rope-bridge to see-saw and storytelling areas. There is also a café within the park where you can grab a quick snack.

Address : The Esplanade, Cairns, Queensland 4870, Australia

Zipcode : 4870

Location : -16.914661, 145.77250500000002

Contact : +61 7 4044 3715

Nearest Public Transport : Lake Street at Cairns Private Hospital Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Esplanade

As the saying goes 'the best place to experience a seaside city is the boardwalk', the Esplanade is no exception as it offers the best experience in Cairns. Just by strolling along the boardwalk, you will encounter some terrific street art, a swimming lagoon (cut out from the ocean), unique trees and pines, barbeque and picnic spots perfect for family bonding and for children to play. You will also experience stunning views of the sunset/sunrise over the sea.

Address : Esplanade, Somerton Park SA 5044, Australia

Zipcode : 5044

Location : -34.9970177, 138.5105833

Nearest Public Transport : Cairns Hospital (Lake Street) Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Centre of Contemporary Arts Cairns

Located at the city center, this is a state of the art cultural facility. It entails

around 248 theatres for art studios, screening and performance of shows and plays, climate controlled exhibition galleries and art galleries. The center also has a gallery shop where you can purchase unique art pieces.

Address : 14 Porter St, Parkside SA 5063, Australia

Zipcode : 5063

Location : -16.9182123, 145.77451139999994

Contact : +61 8 8272 2682

Website : <http://www.cacsa.org.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cairns City Bus Station Platform 2 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Friday 11:00hrs-17:00hrs; Saturday & Sunday 13:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Cairns Convention Centre

This center was built in 1997 and ranked as the best Congress center in the World in 2004 and 2014. Currently, it hosts a wide array of events including concerts, exhibitions, meetings and conventions. Similarly, all the international and local acts of Cairns are hosted in this center, such as Australia's National Basketball League.

Address : PO Box 8084 Cairns 4870 Queensland Australia

Zipcode : 4870

Location : -16.9275, 145.777778

Contact : +61 7 4042 4200

Website : <https://www.cairnsconvention.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Spence St near McLeod St (Hail n Ride) Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Stony Creek Falls

Located within a 20-minute drive from Cairns, this is a must-visit destination popular among tourists. The waterfall is surrounded by a scenic tropical forest and swimming holes with crystal clear water. There are also shallow swimming holes convenient for kids to dive in. The nearby café ensures that you are not left

hungry while enjoying your expedition.

Address : Kuranda QLD 4881, Australia

Zipcode : 4881

Location : -16.8807063, 145.65110060000006

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Kuranda

Surrounded by a World Heritage Rainforest, this village is situated at a distance of 25 kilometers from Cairns. Although the village was formerly popular for the Barrons waterfall, it is now home to vast wildlife, great scenery and heritage markets. Some of the key attractions around Kuranda include Australian Venom Zoo, Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, Kuranda Koala Gardens, Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, BirdworldKuranda and Kuranda Riverboat Tours.

Address : Kuranda, Queensland 4881, Australia

Zipcode : 4881

Location : -16.816667, 145.633333

Nearest Public Transport : Kuranda Railway Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 6

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Behana Gorge Waterfalls

Popularly referred by the locals as "The Cairns Hike in Paradise", these waterfalls offer the most glorious scenery one can ever expect in Cairns. From Cairns, you will have to drive for 30 minutes then take a 3 kilometer walk through the paved mountain trail that exposes you to panoramic views and some wildlife such as the large goannas. After the long walk, you will reach Behana Gorge where you will be welcomed by one of the most stunning swimming holes.

Address : Behana Gorge Rd, Cairns, Queensland 4870, Australia

Zipcode : 4870

Location : -17.1474384, 145.82297749999998

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Cairns Night Markets

This place is an extremely popular tourist joint and is open throughout the week. It has more than 100 stalls where you can buy locally made items like gifts, showpieces and clothes, and a food court where you can snack on some local delicacies while shopping.

Address : 54/60 Abbott St, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Zipcode : 4870

Location : -16.9204534, 145.7763602

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Cairns Central Shopping Centre

The Cairns Central Shopping Centre has various brands, products and restaurants under one roof. So you don't have to go looking for things very far.

Address : Cairns Central, 1 - 21 McLeod St, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Zipcode : 4870

Location : -16.9251893, 145.77186159999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

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8. Key sites sports & adventure

Tourists can have the best of adventure and extreme sports in Cairns where nature provides the most exciting backdrop for thrilling outdoor activities. Some of the adventures include sky diving, jungle surfing, river boarding, jet boating and many more.

- **Jungle Surfing -**

Address : Jungle Surfing Canopy Tours, 24 Camelot Cl, Cape Tribulation QLD 4873, Australia

Location : -16.0866135,145.4632709

Contact No : +61 7 4098 0043

Website : <http://www.junglesurfing.com.au/>

Entry Fees : 95 AUD to 239 AUD

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 3

- **River Boarding -**

Address : Rapid Boarders,9 Tully River National park, Cairns, Queensland 4870, Australia

Location : -17.7734095,145.6987014

Contact No : 0427 364 311

Website : <http://www.rapidboarders.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cairns City Bus Station Platform 2

Entry Fees : 160 AUD to 235 AUD

Open / Close Time : From 05:30hrs

Time Required : 2

- **Jet Boat -**

Address : Reef Sprinter, 44 Wharf St, Port Douglas QLD 4877, Australia

Location : -16.4847911,145.460958799999

Contact No : +61 408 870 965

Website : <http://www.reefsprinter.com.au/>

Entry Fees : 130 AUD to 200 AUD

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

- **Sky Dive -**

Address : Tandem Cairns, 96 Lake St, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Location : -16.9213814,145.775655899999

Contact No : +61 1300 759 348

Website : <http://tandemcairns.com.au/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cairns City Bus Station Platform 2

Entry Fees : 90 AUD to 295 AUD

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Wait Time : 15 minutes

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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Association football is the most popular sport in Cairns. Other games that are widely played in the city include basketball, hockey, rugby, soccer, baseball, and a host of water sports. Some of the most popular sports stadiums and arenas include:

- **Barlow Park:**

Address : Scott St & Severin St, Parramatta Park QLD 4870, Australia

Location : -16.9297362,145.7669499

Contact No : +61 7 4051 9701

Website : <http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/facilities-sport-leisure/sport-and-recreation/sport/barlow-park>

Open/Close time : Monday-Friday 16:00hrs-19:00hrs

- **Cazaly's Stadium:**

Address : Mulgrave Rd, Westcourt QLD 4870, Australia

Location : -16.9357526,145.74899879999998

Contact No : +61 7 4054 1464

Website : <http://cazalys.com.au/>

10. Spas and relaxation

- **The Float Studio:**

Address : 149 Anderson Street, Manoora QLD 4870

Location : -16.917468,145.74245900000005

Contact No : 07 4032 0367

Website : <http://www.thefloatstudio.com.au>

- **Natural Palm Day Spa & Thai Massage:**

Address : Level 1 Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort 122 Lake Street, Cairns 4870

Location : -16.919314,145.77394500000003

Contact No : 0402119793

Website : <http://www.naturalpalm.com.au>

- **Water Dragon Chinese Massage:**

Address : 85 Lake St, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Location : -16.929403,145.76221099999998

Contact No : +61 7 4051 8344

Website : <http://refreshcitydayspa.com.au>

11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Chinese New Year Hot Air Balloon Festival (22nd to 28th)

Celebrate Chinese New Year with thrilling hot air balloon rides. Fly over mesmerising scenery in balloons of all designs and colours imaginable.

Yungaburra Markets (28th)

There are local producers that showcase with a range of flowers, fresh produced local wines, home made crafts, clothing and furniture.

Holloways Beach Markets (12th)

It is a foreshore local market that includes stalls of various food items famous in Cairns. With toys, sausage sizzles, orchids and honey, you get to eat the most amazing dishes of the city.

MS Swimathon (24th to 25th)

An initiative to support people suffering from multiple sclerosis, this swimming event welcomes everyone who loves to swim. Take part in this great effort to

raise funds for those living with MS.

Karumba Community Anglers Classic (7th to 9th)

Enjoy angling fun in these annual local community events of fishing competitions and exhibition. Great entertainment, fun, and food mark this get together of the fishing masters. Port Douglas Carnivale (26th to 28th)

An event to “Taste-Watch-Dance-Play” and to have fun day and night. Local and international performers showcase their talent coupled with food festivals that include a seafood extravaganza. Cairns Children’s Festival (21st)

Cairns Children’s Festival is an annual event aiming to boast adventure, creativity and innovation among the kids with various international, national and local artists.

Cairns Airport Adventure Festival (5th to 13th)

A number of exciting adventures await everyone in the Tropical North Queensland. Some of the

events are IRONMAN 70.3 Cairns, Mountain Bike Challenge, Great Barrier Reef Ocean Challenge, night run, etc.

The Cairns Show (19th to 21st)

3 days of fun and performance as well as display of local agriculture, pastoral, and mining business. A host of extreme sports displays, fireworks, competitions, and live demonstrations provide unlimited entertainment.

Cairns Amateurs (31st to 2nd September)

The Cairns Amateurs Racing Carnival offers fun, food, fashion, and glamour along with the excitement of horse racing. Being one of the premier spring horse racing carnival in the country, this event brings together the locals as well as the visitors from foreign countries.

Crocodile Trophy (16th to 23rd)

Watch the oldest mountain bike stage race in the world as it starts from the tropical rainforests in and around Cairns and travelling 8 days to finish at the enchanting Four Mile Beach.

Riding with the cyclists and camping on cattle stations offer unforgettable experiences. Rugby League World Cup (29th to 11th December)

Enjoy the ultimate rugby experience in the city at Barlow Park. Watch world-class rugby live with all the excitement with local and international fans. Halloween (31st)

Enjoy Halloween throughout the city with people dressing up in the costumes of ghosts and monsters. There are pumpkins carved and lit in the shape of a face. Cairns Parkrun

Viewing the entire city while running for a distance of 5 kilometers. It is not a race but an event to gather people together and get physically active at the same time. New Year's Eve (31st)

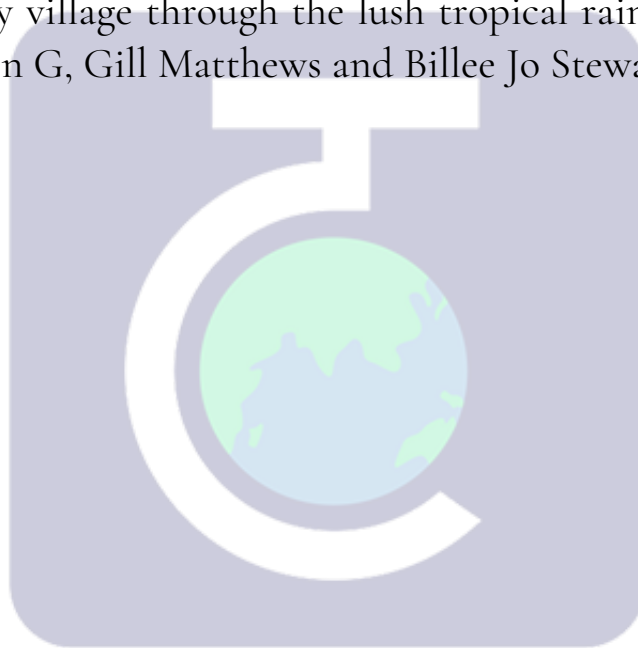
Welcome the New Year with vibrant firework displays and live entertainment. Take part in the wide selection of parties and events taking place in the most

**amazing nightlife venues in the
city.**



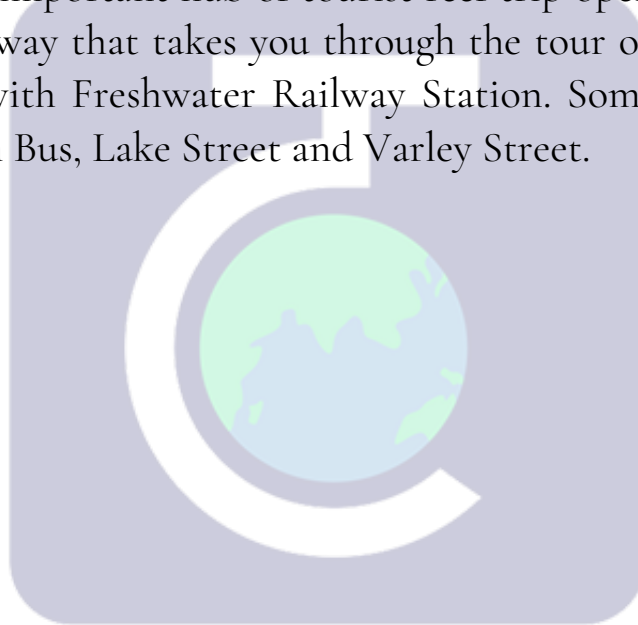
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Cairns has a lot to offer to the tourists and there are a number of interesting tours that offer the best of Cairns to the visitors. Great Barrier Reef diving and snorkelling cruise tours take the explorers to the biggest coral system in the world. Some tours even include helicopter sightseeing. Skyrail tours offer a different view of the city and its surrounding areas from above. The ride takes the tourists to the nearby village through the lush tropical rainforests. A few of the local guides are Darrin G, Gill Matthews and Billee Jo Stewart.



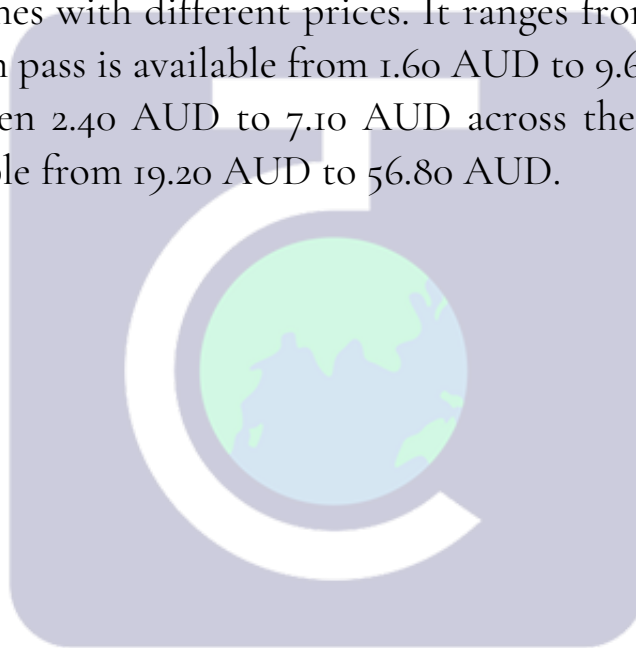
13. Transportation hubs

Cairns International Airport is located 7 km away from the city centre. Passengers can reach the downtown area by airport shuttle buses. The fare ranges from 15 to 17 AUD for a one-way ticket, and 25 to 35 AUD for return tickets. Taxis are also available at the airport. A ride to the city centre will cost 25 to 35 AUD. Cairns Railway Station is the major terminus for Queensland Rail. The Cairns Seaport is an important hub of tourist reef trip operations. There is even Kuranda Scenic Railway that takes you through the tour of the best part of the city via trail along with Freshwater Railway Station. Some of the bus stations include Cairns North Bus, Lake Street and Varley Street.



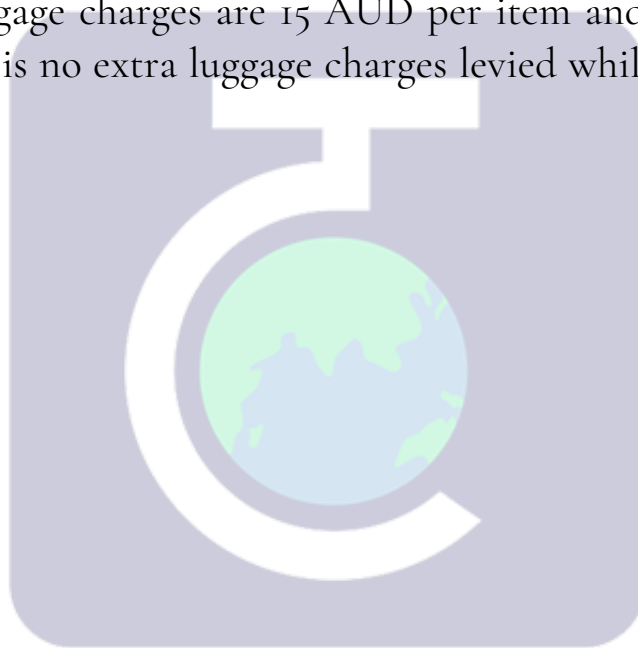
Index**14. Transportation cost**

Most of the city can be covered by foot. Taxis and buses are also available to travel to the nearby places. Taxi starting rate from 07:00hrs to 19:00hrs on weekdays is 2.90 AUD with a booking fee of 1.50 AUD. The rate per kilometre is 2.23 AUD and waiting charges are 0.79 AUD per minute. On weekends and public holidays, taxi starting fare is 4.30 AUD. After midnight, the rate is 6.30 AUD. There are various zones with different prices. It ranges from 3.20 AUD to 199.32 AUD. The concession pass is available from 1.60 AUD to 9.66 AUD. A single pass by bus ranges between 2.40 AUD to 7.10 AUD across the 9 zones whereas the weekly pass is available from 19.20 AUD to 56.80 AUD.



Index**15. Baggage allowance**

While travelling by Queensland Rail, economy seat passengers can carry one checked luggage that weighs up to a maximum of 20 kg and one item of hand luggage, and first class sleepers, Railbeds, and business seats passengers can carry 2 items and one item of hand luggage per customer. Collapsible prams and strollers, wheelchairs and mobility items, child restraint car seats, etc, are allowed on board. Excess luggage charges are 15 AUD per item and are accepted only if there is space. There is no extra luggage charges levied while carrying it via taxis or buses.



Index**16. Must try food and local savouries**

When you are in Cairns, do not forget to try the seafood varieties like barramundi or prawns, and a range of game meat.



17. Restaurant & Nightlife

Every street and main centres in the city have the finest places to dine. You can find the best restaurants that offer absolutely divine food anywhere you go. Many of the restaurants are concentrated at The Pier.

Food -

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- **Splash Seafood Restaurant:**

Address : 103 Esplanade, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Location : -16.9182432,145.775732299999

Contact No : +61 7 4031 9300

Website : <http://www.splashrestaurant.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-22:30hrs

- **Tha Fish:**

Address : Pier Shopping Centre, G7b Pier Point Rd, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Location : -16.9197891,145.7805545

Contact No : +61 7 4041 5350

Website : <http://www.thafish.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-15:00hrs, 18:00hrs till late

- **Ochre Restaurant:**

Address : Harbour Lights, 61, Marlin Parade, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Location : -16.921954,145.780888799999

Contact No : +61 7 4051 0100

Website : <http://ochrerestaurant.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday 11:30hrs-14:30hrs, 17:30hrs-21:30hrs; Saturday, Sunday, and public holidays 11:00hrs-14:30hrs, 17:30hrs-21:30hrs

- **Tamarind Restaurant:**

Address : 35-41 Wharf St, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Location : -16.9239,145.77928099

Contact No : +61 7 4030 8897

Website : <http://www.reefcasino.com.au/hotel/menu-en.html>

Open / Close Time : Daily 18:00hrs-21:00hrs

- **Bellocale Italian Seafood Restaurant:**

Address : 62C Shields St, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Location : -16.9231874,145.77399560

Contact No : +61 7 4051 7777

Website : <http://www.bellocale.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Thursday 17:30hrs-21:30hrs; Friday 12:00hrs-14:30hrs, 17:30hrs-21:30hrs; Saturday 17:30hrs-21:30hrs

- **Waterbar & Grill Steakhouse:**

Address : Pier Shopping Centre Pier Point Rd, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Location : -16.9200609,145.780674800000

Contact No : +61 7 4031 1199

Website : <http://www.waterbarandgrill.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-23:00hrs

- **The Pier Bar:**

Address : The Pier, Cairns, 1 Pier Point Rd, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Location : -16.91964,145.77963899

Contact No : +61 7 4031 4677

Website : <http://www.thepierbar.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-late

- **Gilligan's:**

Address : 57-89 Grafton St, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Location : -16.9240357,145.775441799999

Contact No : +61 7 4041 6566

Website : <http://www.gilligans.com.au/>

Open / Close Time : Daily from early evening hours till late

- **The Woolshed Char Grill and Saloon Bar:**

Address : 24 Shields St, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia

Location : -16.9219158,145.77600970000003

Contact No : +61 7 4031 6304

Website : <http://www.thewoolshed.com.au/>

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In an inexperienced restaurant a normal meal costs 15.00 A\$. A three-course meal at a mid-range restaurant for two people costs 90.00 A\$. You can have a fresh cappuccino at 4.53 A\$. (0.33 liter bottle) small bottle of water can be purchased at 2.71 A\$.



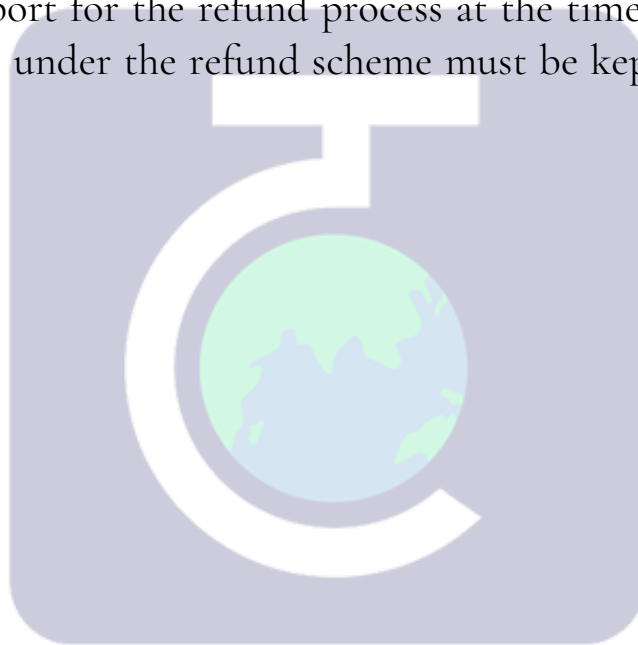
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19. Shopping

There are abundant of shopping areas in Cairns offering whole lot of stuff including local products and fashion merchandise. You can buy exquisite pearl studded jewelry or loose pearls, outstanding souvenirs, boutique clothes and great fresh food. Besides market places, there are quite a few art galleries selling artwork that depicts local influence. Cairn Night Market - To begin with, a special mention has to be made of this extremely popular place. This place is a favorite tourist haunt and is open the entire week. It has more than 100 stalls and a food court. You can buy locally made things like gifts, showpieces and clothes to take home. Cairns central and Smithfield Shopping Centre – These are other important places for shopping are. These places have lot of brands, products and restaurants under one single premise. So you don't have to go looking for things very far. There are various boutiques and jewellery shops that sell Pearls. You can't leave Cairns without buying Pearls here. There are plenty of reputed stores selling genuine things and providing great deals.

20. Tourist benefits

The Tourist Refund Scheme (TRS) allows tourists to get tax refunds for the goods they have purchased during their stay in Australia. The goods must be bought within 60 days before leaving the country. The purchase must be from a single shop and the total amount should be 300 AUD or more. The original tax invoice can be obtained from the shop at the time of payment. This needs to be submitted at the airport for the refund process at the time of leaving Australia. The goods that come under the refund scheme must be kept in checked luggage or carry-on bags.



21. Essential local apps

Mobile apps are quite useful in a new place to find routes or transport or to find the best places to eat and much more. iCabCairns app helps in booking taxis. It is possible to watch the taxis approach, get an estimate, trace route, etc. Sunbus Tracker Cairns provides live bus tracking facilities, search for the nearest bus stops, view schedule, get location and routes, etc. Australian Good Food Guide is an excellent app to find the best restaurants and other eateries near your location. Users can compare prices, see photos, read and write reviews, and do many other functions.



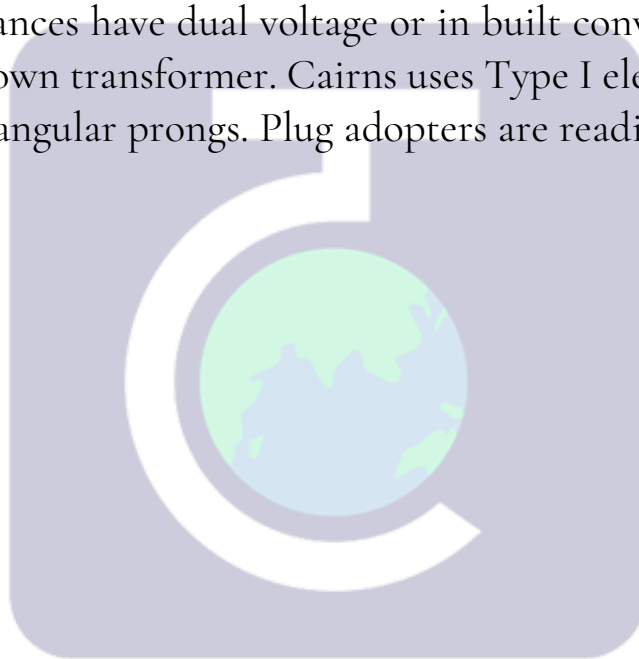
22. Driving

Tourists can drive in Cairns with an overseas license. They can drive only those vehicles as authorized by their license. If the license is not in English, an authorized translation of it must be carried along with the original license all the time. Seatbelts are compulsory for all passengers. Children need age appropriate child restraints. Motorcycle riders should wear safety helmets. Drunken driving is punishable if the blood alcohol level is above the prescribed limits (above 0.05%).



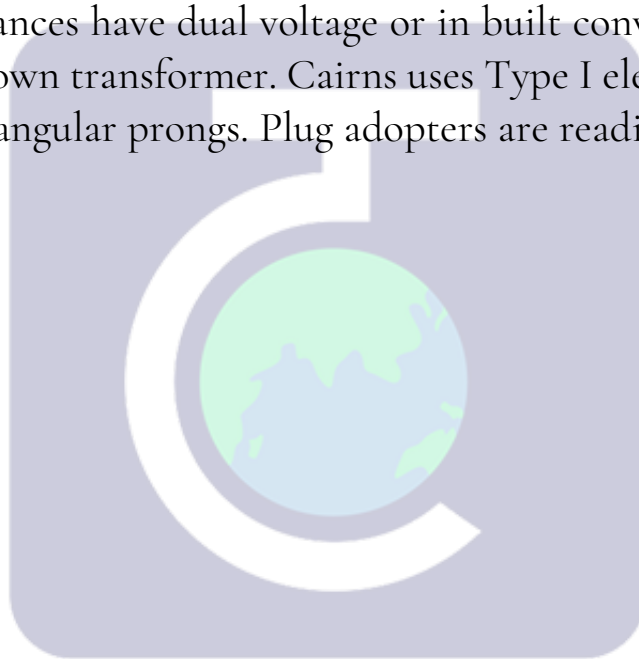
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Cairns uses a standard voltage of 220 to 240 volts at frequency of 50 Hz. This standard of voltage is used throughout Australia. North America (United States, Canada) uses a standard voltage of 110 to 120. Foreigners who come from countries that use same standard as North America should come with or buy a step up transformer so as to use their electrical appliances. Although some of these electrical appliances have dual voltage or in built converters, it is advisable to still use the step down transformer. Cairns uses Type I electrical sockets which has two or three rectangular prongs. Plug adopters are readily available in Cairns in electric shops.



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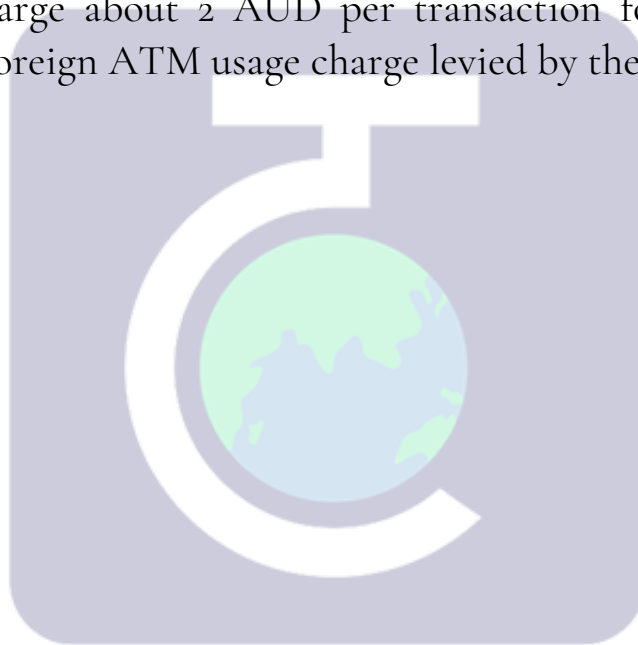
Index**25. Local currency**

The local currency of the city is Australian Dollar. It is denoted as AUD. 1 USD = 1.39 AUD



26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Tourists can exchange foreign currencies at the exchange bureaus at airports though the rates tend to be poor and the commission is much higher. They charge about 2.50-10 AUD as commission for their service. Banks are the best places to exchange foreign currency for better rates and lower or no fees or commission. ATMs that allow withdrawals with international cash cards are plenty in the city. Australian banks charge about 2 AUD per transaction for using their ATM. There will also be a foreign ATM usage charge levied by the card issuing bank.



27. Staying connected

This is no short supply of communication channels in Cairns and phones are easily available throughout the city. The principle telecom service providers are: Optus and Vodafone. You can procure a SIM card at a nominal cost at the Domestic section of the International airport, supermarkets as well as petrol pumps. You will need to show and submit copies of your passport and valid Australian visa. There are a lot of spots around town with access to free wireless networks including Cairns Esplanade, Cairns Library, Stockland and Cairns Businesses.



28. Time Zone

Cairns follows Queensland Time Zone which is Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) with UTC + 10:00 hours.



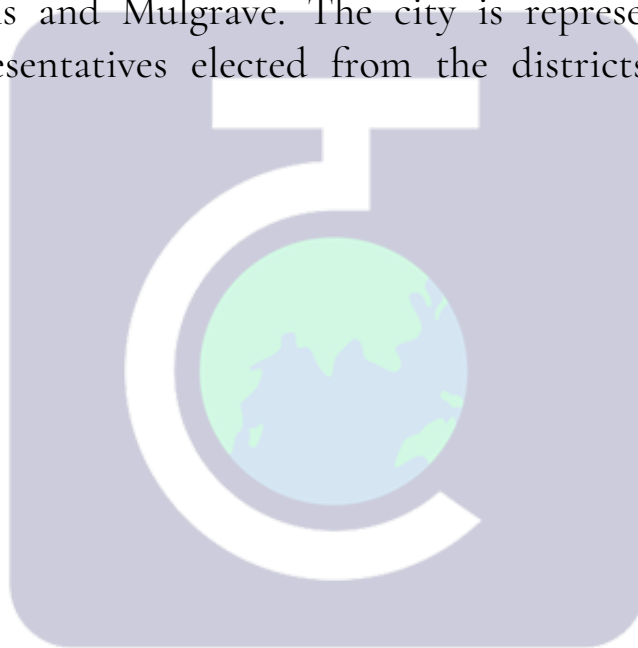
29. Languages

Australian and Italian are the main languages along with English spoken widely here.



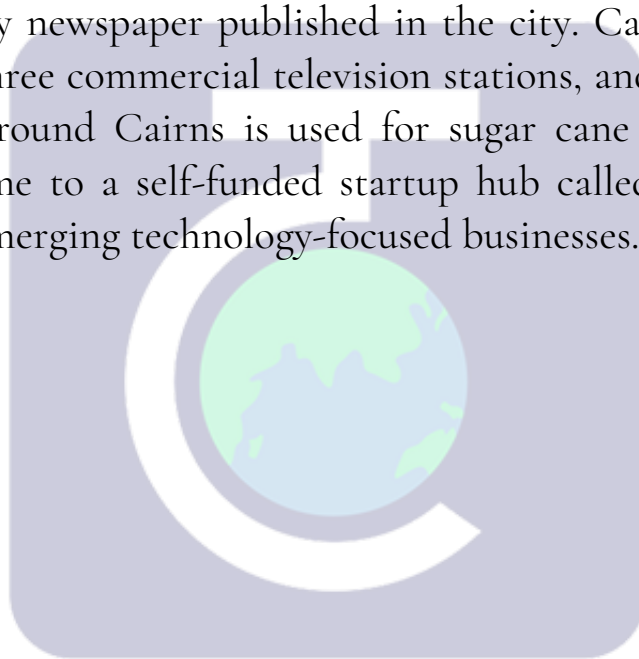
30. Political Scenario

Cairns is part of the Cairns Region local government area which is administered by a Regional Council. The Council comprises of a directly elected mayor and 10 councilors, elected from 10 single-member divisions using an optional preferential voting system. Elections are held every four years. Cairns has three representatives in the Queensland Parliament, from the electoral districts of Barron River, Cairns and Mulgrave. The city is represented in the Federal Parliament by representatives elected from the districts of Leichhardt and Kennedy.



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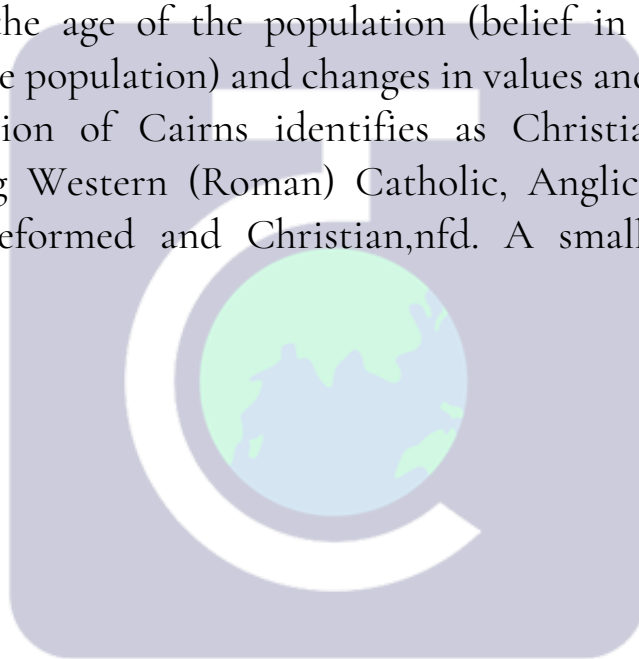
Cairns serves as the significant business community for the Far North Queensland and Cape York Peninsula Regions. It is a base for the territorial offices of various government departments. Tourism has a noteworthy influence in the Cairns economy and is the fourth-most well known destination for international tourists in Australia after Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. The Cairns Post is a daily newspaper published in the city. Cairns is served by five television stations, three commercial television stations, and public broadcasters services. The land around Cairns is used for sugar cane farming. Since 2012, Cairns has been home to a self-funded startup hub called the SPACE, which serves as a base for emerging technology-focused businesses.



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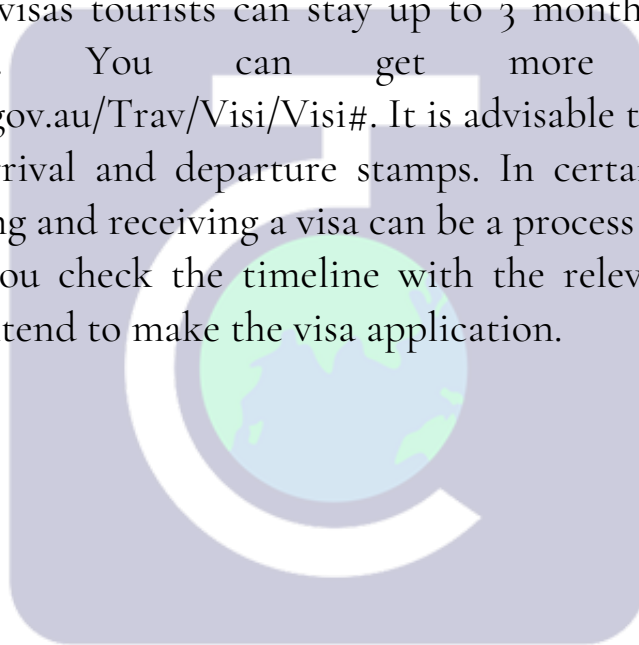
32. Religious belief

Cairns' religion insights give a pointer of cultural identity and ethnicity when seen in conjunction with other key factors. Religion information uncover the real centralizations of religions as well as revealing the proportion of people with no religious affiliation. There are a number of reasons for different religious compositions across areas including the country of birth and ethnic background of the population, the age of the population (belief in religion is generally stronger, the older the population) and changes in values and belief systems. Over half of the population of Cairns identifies as Christian, with the largest denominations being Western (Roman) Catholic, Anglican, Uniting Church, Presbyterian and Reformed and Christian,nfd. A small 1.7% population is Buddhist.



33. Visa requirements

A visitor visa is needed to visit and stay in Australia as a tourist. Based on the duration of stay, passport, current location, and purpose of visit, tourists can get three types of visas. The Visitor Visa holders can only stay for a period as determined by the Minister. An Electronic Travel Authority Visa permits any number of visits for the traveller for up to a year and stay up to 3 months for each visit. With eVisitor visas tourists can stay up to 3 months at a time within a 12-month period. You can get more information at <https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visi/Visi#>. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.



Index**34. Essential vaccination**

Make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines before the trip. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot.



Index**35. Theft and Safety**

Cairns is a very safe city and enjoys one of the lowest crime rates in all of Australia. However, be cautious, especially around bus interchanges, where some youths may tend to be hostile.



36. Embassy/Consulate

Cairns have consulates of six nations. Most of them are concentrated near The Esplanade area. For more information regarding their address and contact details you can visit <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/australia>



37. Accessibility

The entire city can be easily accessed by differently abled people. There are different slides, signs and boards for such people across the buildings, roads and transportation systems.⁴¹



38. Emergencies

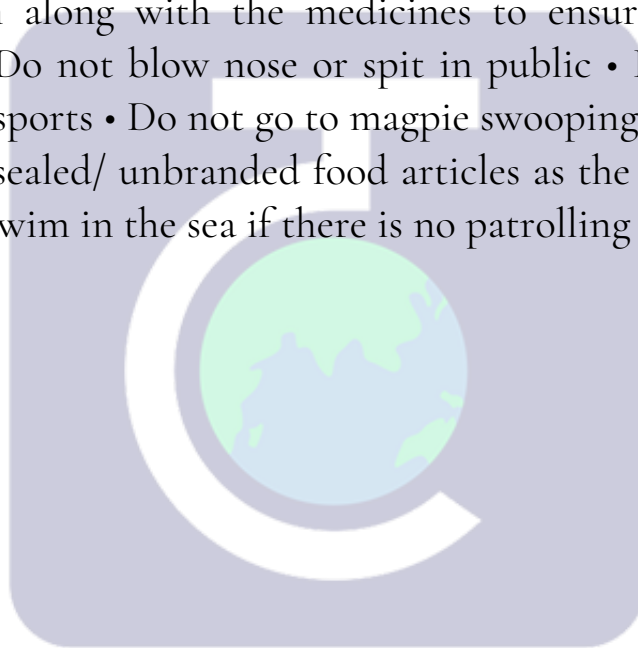
Australia's primary emergency call service number is Triple Zero (000), which can be dialed from any fixed or mobile phone, pay phones and certain Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services. There are also two secondary emergency call service numbers—112 and 106. Cairns Hospital is major hospital in the city accepting travel insurance.



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39. Do's and Don'ts

Every region has its own rules and customs which need to be obeyed and followed by tourists as well for a better and more comfortable experience of the place. Do's - • Always carry copies of your travel and identification documents and emergency numbers • Look out for kangaroos while driving • Wear socks and boots when bushwalking to prevent snake bite • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance Don'ts - • Do not blow nose or spit in public • Do not eat, drink, or smoke in public transports • Do not go to magpie swooping areas • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import • Do not swim in the sea if there is no patrolling



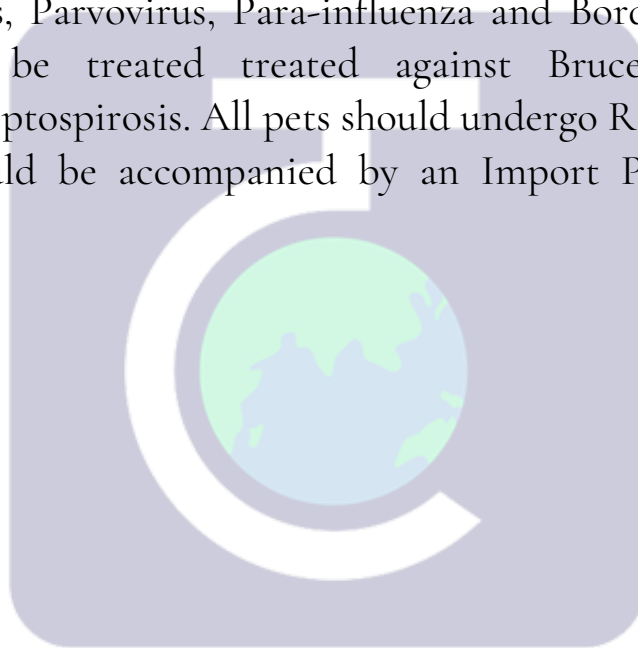
Index**40.Tipping basics**

There is no tipping formality carried in the city. It is recommended to tip for showing gratitude towards the efforts offered to you. You can pay 5% to 10% of the total bill in a restaurant or a café shop. Drivers can be tipped by giving them a dollar extra or asking them to keep the change.



Index**41.Pet info**

Tourists can bring their pet animals into Australia provided they meet the entry requirements. The first procedure is to implant an ISO compliant 15 digit micro chip in the animal at the country of origin before travel. A vaccination against rabies follows this. Cats are given additional vaccinations against feline enteritis, rhinotracheitis and calicivirus. Vaccinations for dogs include those against Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Para-influenza and Bordetellabronchiseptica. Dogs should also be treated against Brucellosis, Ehrliciacanis, Leishmaniosis and Leptospirosis. All pets should undergo Rabies Titer Test prior to entry. They should be accompanied by an Import Permit and a Health Certificate.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

The city is renowned for offering wide variety of exciting things to visitors. The list is an endless list of attractions like the art galleries, museums, theatres, monuments, festivals etc. Adelaide has numerous heritage buildings constructed since the time it was established as a free settlement. These include churches and cathedrals among its several structures. For those of you looking for cultural performance can visit numerous theatres and art centres in the city. Adelaide has interesting mix of history and museums. Like the Australian National Motor Museum has largest collection of automobiles. In fact, as part of experiencing the glorious past, you can enjoy tram ride, originally introduced in 1929 in Glenelg suburb of Adelaide. The city also offers excellent avenues to enjoy the natural treasures like the Kangaroo Island and Botanic garden to name a few. Adelaide is considered a paradise for food and wine lovers. Eating out in the city is an exceptional experience with so many restaurants, cafe and bars offering wide range of food and drinks to people. There is no way you can leave Adelaide without tasting its wonderful wine that is popular around the globe. Shopping is also fun here with many special markets selling fresh produce and organic food. Besides this you can also purchase artefacts associated with Kaurna People.

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