# Bespoke Experiences





Tropical North Queensland is a remarkable region where Australia's celebrated Daintree Rainforest meets the World Heritage-Listed Great Barrier Reef. Silky Oaks Lodge is a luxury base from which to explore the natural wonderland, ideally located for access to all the attractions, including Port Douglas, the Daintree Rainforest, Mossman Gorge, the Great Barrier Reef and Cape Tribulation.

Silky Oaks Lodge works with a selection of preferred local tour operators who provide specialised adventures, offering a chance to tailor a personalised experience of the region. To make the most of your time, it's best to plan ahead and the friendly team are available to make recommendations and assist with bookings either on arrival or during your stay. Unless otherwise stated, all tours depart from Reception. Guests are advised to meet 15 minutes prior to scheduled tour departure, please confirm time with Reception.

**Bespoke Experience Rates** - Valid 1 March 2020 to 31 March 2021 | All rates quoted in Australian Dollars and inclusive of 10% GST.

# Daintree Rainforest and Cape Tribulation

#### **Daintree Discovery**

Absorb the sights and sounds of the rainforest and explore the magnificent World Heritage-listed Daintree region in the company of an expert guide. The days adventure includes a visit to Mossman Gorge, a wildlife-spotting cruise on the Daintree River, a refreshing swim at Cassowary Falls and guided rainforest walks. Morning tea and lunch are served along the way.

Duration	Full Day 7.30am - 4pm
Operator	Daintree Discovery Tours
Tariff	\$215 per person. Minimum 2 people
	Available as private tour on request
Capacity	Maximum 11 quests

#### Daintree and Cape Tribulation Nature Safari

Head off on a full-day private safari with a passionate local guide and discover the stunning wilderness of the Wet Tropics. Visit the remote outpost of Cape Tribulation, take an immersive rainforest walk, spot birdlife and crocodiles while crusing along the Daintree River and take a cooling dip in a freshwater stream. Including lunch at a local cafe; a stop at the Daintree Icecream Co is also a must-do!

Duration	Private tour, full Day 8am - 4pm
Operator	FNQ Nature Tours
Tariff	1-4 people \$1,560. Additional passengers \$125 per person
Capacity	Maximum 7 guests

## Mossman Gorge Adventure Day with River Drift Snorkelling

Begin with a traditional Aboriginal Kuku Yalanji smoking ceremony, then set off to explore the magnificent back country of Mossman Gorge. Enjoy a picnic-style lunch in the great outdoors and fuel up for adventure, drift down river on a snorkelling tour, keeping an eye out for fish, turtles and elusive platypus. An unforgettable Daintree adventure!

Duration	Full Day 8am - 5.30pm
Operator	Back Country Bliss
Tariff	\$240 per person, available as private tour on request
Capacity	Maximum 12 guests







## Daintree River and Mossman Gorge

Journey to the Daintree River via a quick drive and embark on a cruise excursion, keeping eyes peeled for an array of bird-life and depending on conditions, the crocodiles who call the river home. Next, head to Mossman Gorge to wander along rainforest trails, look for Boyd's forest dragons on tree trunks and feel the bouncy exhilaration of crossing the 400 metre long Rex Creek suspension bridge. For those keen to cool off, a natural swimming 'pool' with crystal clear water awaits.

Duration	Afternoon 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Operator	Daintree Discovery Tours
Tariff	\$110 per person
Capacity	Maximum 13 guests

# Daintree River and Cassowary Falls

Board the 'Crocodile Express' for a cruise along the Daintree River looking for crocodiles, snakes and birds before heading to 'Riverhome', a working cattle station. From there, the four-wheel-drive safari begins with Cassowary Falls as the destination. Free of crocodiles, the falls are an ideal place for a swim beneath stunning waterfalls.

Duration	Morning 7.30am – 12.30pm
Operator	Daintree Discovery Tours
Tariff	\$110 per person
Capacity	Maximum 10 guests

#### **River Drift Snorkelling**

Drift-snorkelling along the Mossman River on an inflatable lilo is at times fast and exciting, other times slow and relaxing. Whatever the conditions, glide under the guidance of an experienced instructor. Wetsuits and snorkelling gear are provided.

Duration	Morning 9.15am - 12.15pm or Afternoon 2.15pm – 5.15pm
Operator	Back Country Bliss
Tariff	\$105 per person, available as private tour on request
Capacity	Maximum 12 guests
Lodge transfers	Provided by operator, complimentary, bookings essential

# Great Barrier Reef

## Low Isles

The Low Isles is a World Heritage-listed island coral cay, home to a variety of wildlife both above and below the water, from ospreys and terns to anemone fish and turtles. Sailing time is approximately 1 hour aboard a luxury sailing catamaran.

## Sailing Reef and Island

Set sail to the Low Isles on a luxury sailing catamaran in the company of a select few. Included in the tour is island access, delicious food, swimming, snorkelling, a glass bottom boat tour and turtle spotting, a reef interpretation with a marine biologist and island heritage walk.

Duration	Full Day   Snorkel – Island – Lunch 8.30am – 4.00pm
	Afternoon Sunset   Snorkel – Island – Sunset sail 1.00pm 6.30pm
	(Fully inclusive of all beverages)
Operator	Sailaway
Departs	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, Port Douglas
Tariff	All reef and island tours \$283 per person
	\$7 Environmental Management Charge payable on vessel by cash
	or credit card
	Available as private tour on request
Capacity	Maximum 33 guests to Low Isles
Lodge transfers	Provided by operator, private on request - additional \$336 return,
	up to 4 guests











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## **Outer Reef**

At the edge of the Great Barrier Reef is the continental shelf, where the water is crystal clear, highlighting the vibrant corals and marine life. Sailing time is approximately 2 hours or 1.5 hours aboard a cruise vessel.

## Agincourt Reef and Optional Helicopter Flights

Travel to the Outer Reef and visit a purpose-built platform on a modern, spacious 'wave-piercer' vessel. Passengers travel on semi-submersible boats, allowing a Great Barrier Reef encounter without getting wet. Extra activities on offer are snorkelling, scuba diving, an informative marine biology talk, helmet diving and helicopter flights (additional charges apply).

Duration	Full Day 9.30am – 5.30pm
Operator	Quicksilver
Departs	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, Port Douglas
Tariff	\$273 per person
	Inclusive of Environmental Management Charge
	10 minute heli scenic flight from pontoon from \$199 per person
	additional
Capacity	Maximum 400 guests
Lodge transfers	Provided by operator, on request - \$18 per person return

#### Outer Reef Mackay Cay - Snorkel & Sail

Full Day Outer Reef sailing and snorkelling eco adventure to Mackay and Undine Coral Cays. Snorkelling specialists for small groups with expert guiding with marine biologists.

Duration Operator	Full Day 8am – 5pm <u>Sailaway</u>
Departs	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, Port Douglas
Tariff	All reef and island tours \$283 per person
	\$7 Environmental Management Charge payable on vessel by cash or credit card
	Available as private tour on request
Capacity	Maximum 45 guests to the Outer Reef
Lodge transfers	Provided by operator, private on request - additional \$336 return, up to 4 guests

#### Agincourt and Opal Reef – Snorkel and Dive

Agincourt and Opal Reefs are considered among the best locations to snorkel and dive on the Great Barrier Reef. Explore three great sites on a full day tour, enjoy a delicious buffet lunch, an informative marine talk and guided snorkelling tours.

Duration	Full Day 7.30am – 5pm
Operator	<u>Calypso Snorkel &amp; Diving</u>
Departs	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, Port Douglas
Tariff	\$269 per person
	\$7 Environmental Management Charge payable on vessel by
	cash or credit card
Capacity	Maximum 85 guests
Lodge transfers	Provided by operator, on request - \$30 per person return

#### Private Reef Charter

MV Monsoon is a luxuriously appointed motor vessel operating day charters to the reef catering for a maximum of ten guests. Overnight charters are available for a maximum of six guests. Charters and itineraries may be tailored to suit your preferences.

Duration	Full Day Private 8am – 4pm
Operator	Monsoon Reef Charters
Departs	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, Port Douglas
Tariff	\$3,500
Capacity	Maximum 10 guests
Lodge transfers	Self drive or contact reception for transfer options









# Indigenous Encounters

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# Kuku Yalanji Dreamtime Walk

The Daintree's indigenous people live in harmony with their natural environment and invite guests to discover it with them. A guided rainforest walk with an indigenous guide demonstrates traditional use of plants for food and medicine and explains the Dreamtime legends of the rainforest. The Dreamtime Gorge Walk takes visitors on a journey along gentle rainforest tracks, visiting traditional shelters or humpies. An indigenous guide welcomes guests to country with a traditional 'smoking ceremony'.

Duration	90 minute walk departing 10am, 11am, 1pm and 3pm Daily
Operator	<u>Mossman Gorge Centre</u>
Tariff	\$80 per person, available as private tour on request
Lodge transfers	Self drive or contact reception for transfer options

# Experience the Daintree with local Kuku Yalanji guide

Local Aboriginal guides lead a tour of Kuku Yalanji country which encompasses both traditional and modern-day legends of the land. Operator Juan Walker and his team share traditional knowledge and experiences with guests. The Cultural Tour on the Daintree River's southern side includes a guided rainforest walk learning about traditional hunting techniques, seasonal bush foods and medicine identification, while the Sightseeing Tour travels north, exploring Cape Tribulation and includes a guided rainforest walk with an introduction to seasonal bush foods and medicines.

Duration	Full Day 8.30am – 4.30pm
	Half Day 8.30am – 12.30pm or 1pm –4.30pm
Operator	Walkabout Cultural Adventures
Tariff	Full day \$230 per person, half day \$180 per person
	Available as private tour on request
Capacity	Maximum 11 guests

## Janbal Art Gallery and optional Art Workshop

Janbal Art Gallery is owned and operated by indigenous Kuku Yulanji people, housing its own artist in residence. Guests learn stories told through Aboriginal paintings and create their own artwork to take home under the guidance of acclaimed Aboriginal artist Brian 'Binna' Swindley.

Duration	1.5 hour group workshop 9am and 3pm - Monday to Friday
Operator	Janbal Art Gallery
Location	5 Johnston Road, Mossman
Tariff	\$55 per person. Available as private tour on request
Lodge transfers	Self drive or contact reception for transfer options







# Helicopter Experiences

Helicopter tours can be tailored to each guest's interests and range from rainforest and outback tours to a discovery of the inner and outer Great Barrier Reef. Departures can be arranged from Silky Oaks Lodge nearby heli-pad. Arrival and departure transfers are also an option from Cairns Airport.

#### Reef Discovery

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Viewed from the air, the turquoise waters and rainforest fringed coastline of Tropical North Queensland really come to life. This is just the beginning of an odyssey that takes guests soaring over one of the greatest natural wonders on the planet, the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef. Visible from space, it's even better close up in a helicopter!

Duration	30 minutes
Operator	GBR Helicopters
Departs	Port Douglas Heli-pad
Tariff	\$299 per person. Minimum 2 passengers, maximum 6 passengers
Lodge Transfers	Provided by Silky Oaks Lodge, on request - additional \$250 return,
	up to 4 guests

Duration	40 minutes
Operator	GBR Helicopters
Departs	Silky Oaks Lodge Heli-pad
Tariff	\$549 per person. Minimum 2 passengers, maximum 6 passengers
Lodge Transfers	Provided by Silky Oaks Lodge, complimentary, bookings essential

#### The Ultimate Rainforest Explorer

The meaning of the term 'fringing rainforest' becomes apparent on this scenic heli flight. Ancient rainforests and mountains lead to the rugged beauty of the Great Dividing Range where rivers and creeks run year-round, creating dramatic cascading waterfalls. The tour flies from Mossman Gorge and follows the Daintree River to Cape Tribulation.

Duration	60 minutes
Operator	GBR Helicopters
Departs	Silky Oaks Lodge Heli-pad
Tariff	\$699 per person. Minimum 2 passengers, maximum 6 passengers
Lodge transfers	Provided by Silky Oaks Lodge, complimentary, bookings essential

#### Rainforest Waterfall Escape

A truly unforgettable tour with the sense of a Jurassic Park-style adventure! Accessible only by helicopter, the coastline flight takes in rivers and creeks before the dramatic Mossman Gorge gives way to a picture perfect waterfall. Swim, relax and feast on a gourmet hamper and premium beverages.

Duration	2 hours
Operator	GBR Helicopters
Departs	Silky Oaks Lodge Heli-pad
Tariff	\$941 per person. Minimum 2 passengers, maximum 6 passengers
Lodge transfers	Provided by Silky Oaks Lodge, complimentary, bookings essential













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# Local Favourites

#### Oaks Kitchen and Garden

Oaks Kitchen and Garden was created by Ben Wallace and Rachael Boon, inspired by their appetite for Southeast Asian cuisine and culture. Join a masterclass and share their passion for cooking diverse and interesting menus using fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Duration3-4 hour classes. 3pm Monday – Friday and 11am SaturdaysOperatorOaks Kitchen and GardenLocationLot 3, 11-13 Nancy Close, Oak BeachTariffFrom \$165 per person. Available as private tour on requestCapacityMaximum 8 guestsLodge TransfersSelf drive



Tucked away in a hidden valley, Spring Creek bushwalk is a three hour (three kilometre) return walk, ideal for the adventurous traveller. Rock-hop along creeks in a narrow valley to reach the magnificent Spring Creek Falls. Relax and watch for wildlife or enjoy a swim in the deep rock pools. A challenging yet rewarding walk, Spring Creek is set away from the crowds and is a favourite with the locals.

Duration	Morning 7.30 – 12pm
Operator	Back Country Bliss
Tariff	\$120 per person. Available as private tour on request
Capacity	Maximum 8 guests
Lodge transfers	Provided by operator, complimentary, bookings essential

## Daintree Rainforest Mountain Biking

Travel through magnificent ancient rainforest by mountain bike or on a state-of-theart electric full suspension mountain bike. Bike tours are available for all fitness levels, including the Mt Lewis tour, an easy ride through the pristine rainforest. Other trails include the historical Mt Molloy Trail, Hartley's Falls and the famous Bump Track, regarded as one of the ten best mountain bikes rides in Australia.

DurationFull Day 8 hours, Half Day 4-5 hours or Night Rides 3 hoursOperatorBike & HikeTariffGuided group rides from \$189 per personLodge transfersProvided by operator, complimentary, bookings essential







# Wildlife Encounters

#### **Bird Watching**

Operated by renowned naturalist Doug Herrington, guests enjoy a bird watching or photography tour (or combination of both) covering many different habitats from coastal heath to rainforest and dry woodland environments.

Duration	Full Day 6.30am – 4.30pm Summer   7am – 5pm Winter Half Day 6.30am – 12.30pm Summer   7am – 1pm Winter
Operator	Birdwatching Tropical Australia
Tariff	Full Day \$250 per person
	Half Day \$200 per person
	Private charter on request
Capacity	Maximum 4 guests
Lodge transfers	Provided by operator, complimentary, bookings essential

Wildlife Habitat

Located in Port Douglas, the award-winning Wildlife Habitat is an immersion exhibit providing visitors with a chance to experience native wildlife across the wetlands, rainforest, woodland and savannah environments up close. Enjoy breakfast with the birds, join a guided tour, hand feed kangaroos, observe cassowaries and Lumholtz's tree kangaroos and even cuddle a koala.

Duration	General admission includes multi-entry over 5 days
Operator	<u>Wildlife Habitat</u>
Location	Port Douglas
Tariff	\$38 per person
Lodge transfers	Self drive or contact reception for transfer options

#### **Daintree River Cruises**

Bruce Belcher's Daintree River Cruises offers a one-hour river cruise on the Daintree River. Their experienced interpretive guide is accustomed to the nuances of the river and rainforest and can spot an incredible variety of camouflaged wildlife. Birds, snakes and even four-metre crocodiles are difficult to see in their natural environment. Tide dependent.

Duration	1 hour
Operator	Bruce Belcher's Daintree River Cruises
Location	2856 Mossman-Daintree Road, Lower Daintree
Tariff	\$30 per person. Private charter on request
Capacity	Maximum 18 passengers
Lodge transfers	Provided by operator, on request - \$60 per person return
	(minimum 2 passengers)

# Other Experiences

- Hot Air Ballooning
- Fishing Charters
- Hiking
- Kuranda Rainforest Cableway

For more information, please contact our friendly team.

#### Terms & Conditions

Rates are subject to minimum numbers set by external operators and are subject to change. A 48-hour cancellation policy applies. No refund applicable if cancelled within 48 hours of travel. Touring options, inclusions and times are subject to change without notice. Experiences can be customised to individual requirements at the discretion of external operators. Some experiences are subject to weather conditions.









- Sunset Sailing
- Golf

