

Tropical North Queensland Self Drive

The Tropical North is the only place on the planet where two World Heritage areas meet. It is an area that is blessed with extraordinary natural landscapes that will have travellers mesmerised.

This self drive itinerary combines a number of experiences and areas of North Queensland that will ensure travellers See Great and Leave Greater. It is a journey of captivating experiences and memories.

Day 1 and 2 - Cairns, Port Douglas Palm Cove

The journey begins! Collect your car from Cairns Airport and head to your chosen destination of Cairns, Palm Cove or Port Douglas. The choice is yours as you choose the vibe of a thriving regional city, a laid back beachside village or a very cool beach and restaurant Mecca, the choices are endless as are the accommodation choices which can range from **resort hotel**, to **fully self contained luxury apartments** or the uniqueness of a **luxury North Queensland home**. Your only task is to choose your adventure for the next day with the opportunity for **Bungee Jumping**, a **trip to the Great Barrier Reef**, **drifting down the waterways of a rainforest river**, a **standup paddle boarding experience**, a **guided cycling experience through the world class Mountain Bike trails** or a **canyoning experience in one of the spectacular waterfalls and crystal clear pools of the Tropical North**. Better still, stay for some additional days and experience it all.

Overnight - Palm Cove, Cairns or Port Douglas (Nights 1 and 2)

Day 3 and 4 - Atherton Tablelands

Today you head South out of Cairns. The sugar cane fields are a constant reminder that you are in Tropical North Queensland. You will drive past the two highest mountains in Queensland Mt Bellenden Ker and Mt Battle Frere. As you enter the small town of Innisfail, you will turn left and make your way up the Palmerston Highway to **Mamu Canopy Boardwalk**. This is a truly spectacular experience as you take in the Johnston River gorge and the World Heritage Wooroonooran World Heritage Rainforest that surrounds it. Keep climbing up with Palmerston Highway and the waterfall circuit is well worth a visit to cool off before you check into some of the unique accommodation properties that the Tablelands are renowned

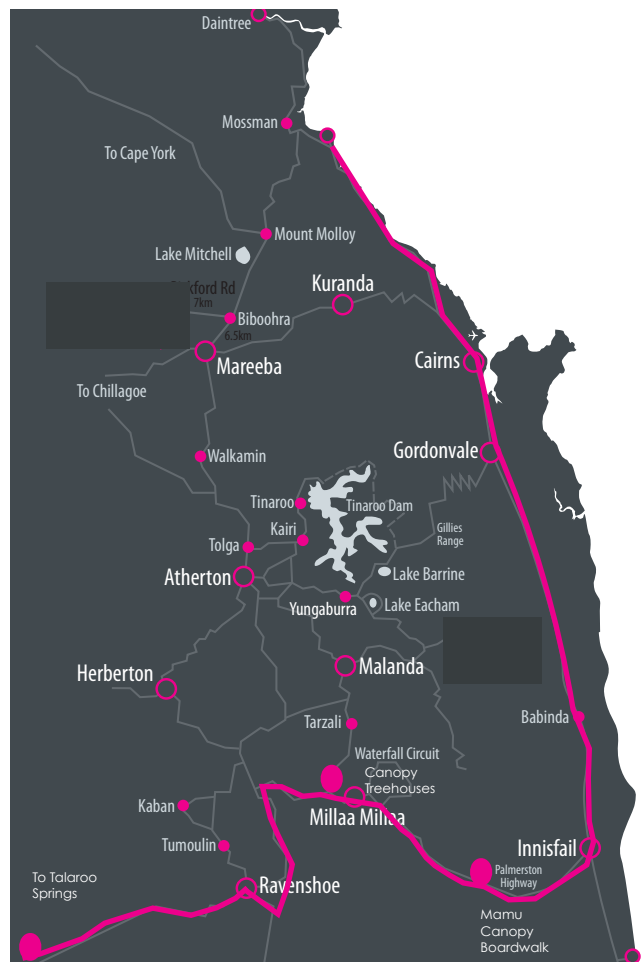
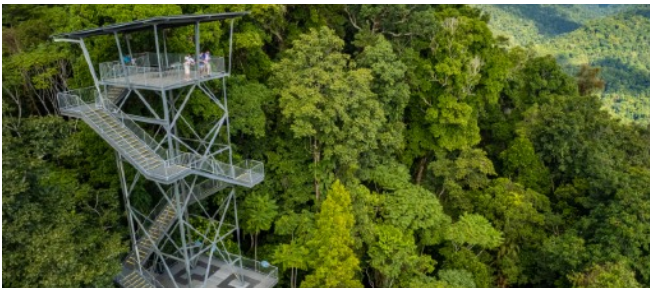
for. Timber pole treehouses are a very different way to engage with the rainforest and there are a number of properties on the Tablelands that offer this incredible accommodation option. Depending on the time of year, light a fire, grab a red wine as you cocoon yourself away from the rest of the world.

Overnight - Atherton Tablelands (Nights 3 and 4)

Day 5 and 6 - Gulf Savannah

Bid farewell to your rainforest treehouse and continue west into the food bowl of the Tropics, the Atherton Tablelands. Green rolling hills start to make way to the ochres and oranges of the Savannah as you make your way through Ravenshoe, the highest town in Queensland and further west. For some people this is the real Australia, the vast and open landscapes are never ending, the sky is a rich blue and the people and their personalities speak to the brand statement, "There is Nothing like Australia". The Undara Lava tubes are a must see. Approx 190,000 years ago, a large volcano erupted, spewing molten lava. The lava flowed rapidly down a dry riverbed leaving behind a series of hollow tubes that give an incredible insight into the evolution of our land. Heading further west you will find **Talaroo Hot Springs** which is Ewamian Peoples Country. Talaroo is a living cultural landscape for Ewamian people, rich with dreaming stories and centred around healing Hot Springs which form a lifeline through the ages. Choose your place of accommodation and don't miss these incredible attractions.

Continue to head South towards Charters Towers and Townsville or make your way back to Cairns for further adventures and experiences **Overnight - Gulf Savannah (Undara, Cobbald Gorge or Talaroo Hot Springs) (nights 5 and 6)**



Tropical North Queensland/ Townsville Self Drive

If seeing one area of North Queensland is not enough then combining two of the most dynamic areas of Queensland will leave you spellbound and mesmerised

This self drive itinerary combines the Tropical North Queensland Self Drive (6 nights/ 7 days) and the Townsville Self Drive (3 nights/4 days) to provide an experience that showcases the very best of both regions

Day 1 -6 - Cairns (and surrounds), Atherton Tablelands, Gulf Savannah

As described above, your journey begins in Cairns (and surrounds) before heading south and heading into the Atherton Tablelands. After spending two nights in this region, you head west into the Gulf Savannah and the awe inspiring landscapes that this region offers.

Day 7 - Charters Towers

Bid farewell to your accommodation in the Gulf Savannah and begin your journey south. Your destination is the very Queensland town of Charters Towers. Step back in time and discover the authentic charm and elegance of this regional town. It is a living montage of Australian history and heritage.

When gold was discovered in 1871, the town became a gold rush town and quickly grew to become the second largest in the state. Today you can really feel the history through the magnificent heritage buildings which are testament to prosperity of years past.

Your accommodation tonight is at the very unique **Kernow Charters Towers**.

Overnight - Kernow Charters Towers

Day 8 - Townsville

Make your way back towards the coast and the regional city of Townsville. The city combines a vibrant and bustling community, a relaxed North Queensland lifestyle, rich history and stunning natural wonders.

Check into your accommodation and look out over the Coral Sea to Magnetic Island. That is for tomorrow however, as you explore the Strand in Townsville, the marina and the many restaurants in the

centre of town. Your accommodation boasts a bevy of different restaurants and bistros.

Overnight - The Ville Townsville

Day 9 - Magnetic Island

Today you begin your exploration of Magnetic Island. You are going to need a couple of days to really see what the island has got to offer. From your accommodation walk down to **Sealink** terminal for your ferry crossing to the island. Once there you will be met by **Magnetic Island Best Bus Tours**. Your guide will take you on a journey through time and nature revealing the island's fascinating past and abundant wildlife. That's only the first part of the day though. This evening you will head out onto the water for a sunset sail with **Pilgrim Sailing**. This stunning 58ft yacht will treat you to stunning views, a relaxed atmosphere and the best locally sourced food and wine. What a way to finish this day. Make your way back to your accommodation in Townsville.

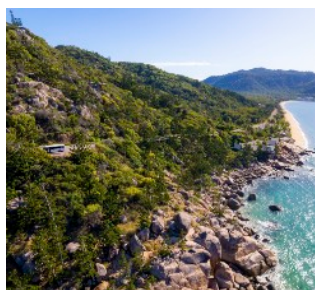
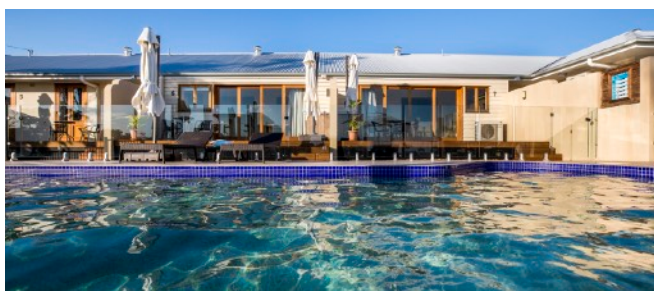
Overnight - The Ville Townsville

Day 10 - Magnetic Island

This day promises to be a highlight. Make your way across to Magnetic Island, but today you are exploring the island from the water. The award winning **Aquascene** is your tour operator today. Visit many of the 23 beautiful beaches, snorkel and interact with some "wildlife friends", or just sit back and soak up the serenity of a secluded beach or two.

Back to your accommodation in Townsville and the end of a truly epic adventure.

Overnight - The Ville Townsville



Townsville Must See, Must Do, Must Experience

Townsville and Magnetic Island would have to be one of the undiscovered gems on the Queensland Coast.

This itinerary is designed to be used as part of a self drive or a stand alone module that will ensure travellers are seeing the very best that Townsville has to offer. Extend the itinerary to include highlights such as Charters Towers or the awe inspiring

Day 1 - Townsville

Arrive into the regional city of Townsville. The city combines a vibrant and bustling community, a relaxed North Queensland lifestyle, rich history and stunning natural wonders.

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Overnight - The Ville Townsville

Day 2 - Magnetic Island

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Overnight - The Ville Townsville

Day 3 - Magnetic Island

This day promises to be a highlight. Make your way across to Magnetic Island, but today you are exploring the island from the water. The award winning [Aquascene](#) is your tour operator today.

Visit many of the 23 beautiful beaches, snorkel and interact with some "wildlife friends", or just sit back and soak up the serenity of a secluded beach or two. Lunch is included on this awesome experience. After your full day on the water, take the short ferry crossing back to your accommodation in Townsville and the end of a truly epic adventure.

Overnight - The Ville Townsville

Day 4 - Museum of Underwater Art (MOUA)

In August of 2020 the Museum of Underwater Art (MOUA) began seeing divers and snorkellers. Located at John Brewer Reef off the coast of Townsville, this installation is the only one of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

MOUSA is not only a uniquely beautiful spectacle, but an indicative blend of art, marine science and culture.

[Adrenaline Dive and Snorkel](#) is the operator that is going to give you access to this incredibly unique part of the Great Barrier Reef. Boarding your vessel in Townsville you will make the journey to the reef that houses MOUA for a day that will leave you spellbound.

Whether you are a diver or a snorkeller this incredible day is for and will cap off an incredible encounter with the city of Townsville and Magnetic Island.

Overnight - The Ville Townsville

