Welcome, you will love the North Queensland Tropical Coast. This region between Townsville & Cairns is a place of great beauty, boasting exhilarating natural experiences, friendly people and the space to be alone.

Featuring two world heritage listed areas, the Wet Tropics and the Great Barrier Reef.

Take the time to Explore the Tropical Coast, spend at least a week to truly immerse yourself in the diversity of this magnificent region that is Designed by nature.

Advice for Travelers
The Tropical Coast is safe and easy to navigate, but it always pays to seek local advice when travelling.

Weather:
Check weather conditions with the Bureau of Meteorology at www.bom.gov.au or by phoning (07) 4035 9777.

Animals:
The endangered southern cassowary can be dangerous so do not feed or approach them. Crocodiles inhabit coastal rivers, so do the endangered southern cassowary. Be aware of following vehicles.

Road Safety:
Always drive on the left side of the road.

Speed limits are 40-50km/hour in residential areas, 60-80 km/hour in built-up areas and the entry to most towns, while the maximum limit is 100km/hour where signposted on the open road.

Do not cross double lines, and stay in the left lane at all times unless overtaking.

Be aware of following vehicles. If stopped, pull off the road. Assume that verge areas may be boggy after rain.

Check road conditions at www.139940.qld.gov.au or by phoning 139940.

Emergencies:
Call Triple Zero (000) from a land line or (112) from a mobile phone. For non-urgent incidents contact PoliceLink on 13 444.
**Ingham**

**FAST FACTS:** Ingham 4850 | Hinchingbrooke Shire Council

**HISTORICAL FACT:** Lucinda Sugar Jery, at nearly 68m long is the longest in the southern hemisphere. **LOCAL INTERESTS:** Rugby league, soccer, squash, fishing & golf are some popular interests. **FAMOUS FOR:** Wallaman Falls, at 268m, is the highest single drop waterfall in Australia.

**EXPLORE AROUND**

- Events: V8 Supercars, various music and cultural events. Traveling north: Paluma Push mountain bike challenge, Rollingstone Pineapple Festival.

**Swim Spots:**

- Taste: Frosty Mango’s for homemade fresh tropical fruit ice cream.

**Cardwell**

**FAST FACTS:** Cardwell 4849 | Cassowary Coast Regional Council

**HISTORICAL FACT:** Est 1884, originally named Port Hinchinbrook. **LOCAL INTERESTS:** Fishing, golf, mountain biking, bowls, swimming holes, forest beaches, 4.7km waterfront walkway, Historical Precinct, plus Hinchinbrook Island transfers & day tours.

**EXPLORE AROUND**

- Events: Australian Italian Festival, Sugar City Rodeo, Marra Festival, Hinchingbrooke Fishing Classic, Herbert River Show, Car Show & Shine.

**Taste:**

- Mud crab sandwiches, Cardwell pies & local Crystal Liquors, Chocolate & Honey.

**Tully**

**FAST FACTS:** Tully 4854 | Cassowary Coast Regional Council

**HISTORICAL FACT:** In 1935, a hydro electric power station was built in the Tully Gorge which is a major provider of electricity for the cities of Cairns and Townsville. **LOCAL INTERESTS:** Rugby League (home of the Tully Tigers), golf, bowls, fishing, horse and trail bike riding, white water rafting, haymaking, Aboriginal Culture. **FAMOUS FOR:** The Giant Golden Gumbut, a monument to the record breaking rains of 1950, when 7.9 metres of rainfall made it the wettest town in Australia, Tully Mill Tours.

**EXPLORE AROUND**

- Events: Tully Show - the best little show in QLD. Camp Drafting, Rodeo, Christmas Street party, Skydiving, Rafting, Billiards & Golf events. **Swim Spots:** Town Pool. Locals swim at Aligators Nest (no wild animals!) & Tully Gorge swimming hole. **Taste:** Mud crab sandwiches, Cardwell pies & local Crystal Bay prawns.

**Mission Beach**

**FAST FACTS:** Mission Beach 4852 | Cassowary Coast Regional Council

**HISTORICAL FACT:** Australia’s first tea plantation was developed at Bingil Bay. **LOCAL INTERESTS:** Tennis, croquet, facial, golf at El Arish. **FAMOUS FOR:** Ferny Gully, fishing, sailing, surf/lifesaving, cycling, pentagone, outrigger canoeing, haymaking & birdwatching. **Taste:** Duns Island, Saving the Great Barrier Reef. Sailing with beach landings, and the endangered southern cassowary. – Australia’s largest rainforest bird.

**EXPLORE AROUND**

- Events: Banana Festival, Ona Mission Multisport Adventure weekend, Beach Run Half Marathon, Surf Carnival, Sailing Regata. **Swim Spots:** Beaches and swim nets at South and North Mission beaches in season. Lacey Creek on road to El Arish. **Taste:** Local Spanish mackerel, local Bingil Bay Reef, local exotic fruits.

**Kurrimine Beach**

**FAST FACTS:** Kurrimine Beach 4871 | Cassowary Coast Regional Council

**HISTORICAL FACT:** Originally named Murdering Point in reference to the fate of shipwrecked survivors who were eaten by local Aboriginal people. **LOCAL INTERESTS:** Fishing, spearfishing, snorkelling/diving, archery, rifle range and horse riding on the beach. **FAMOUS FOR:** Walla to the Reef and Tractors - finest collection of old tractors still used to launch fishing boats.

**EXPLORE AROUND**

- Events: Kurrimine Beach Fishing Competition, Classic Car Show, Night Markets 3rd Friday of the month. **Swim Spots:** Kurrimine Beach (nets in season). Water Park & local waterholes. **Taste:** Tropical Fruis Wines, freshly caught fish and the famous King Reef Cray.

**Canecutter Way**

**FAST FACTS:** 6 Villages | 52 kilometres | Beach - Hinterland

**HISTORICAL FACT:** Old Bruce Highway and popular respite stop for American and Aussie troops in World War 2. **LOCAL INTERESTS:** Live music, bush poetry, local markets, horse sports, mountain biking and bouldering, camping & waterfall picnics. **FAMOUS FOR:** Known as the Greatest Detour in the North, José Paronella – building his dream in the Rainforest.

**EXPLORE AROUND**

- Events: Feast of the Three Saints, Silwood Bush Poets Breakfast, Men’s Creek, Community Night Markets 3rd Friday of the month. **Swim Spots:** Kurrimine Beach and Eby Bay. **Taste:** Local Wines and Liquors, Chocolate & Honey.

**Innisfail**

**FAST FACTS:** Innisfail 4860 | Cassowary Coast Regional Council

**HISTORICAL FACT:** Est 1879 originally named Geraldton, Innisfail was renamed at a public meeting in 1900 after a ship confused towns and travelled to Geraldton WA. **LOCAL INTERESTS:** A famous rugby league town, soccer, tennis, golf, swimming, Josephine Falls, Ella Bay, cichile, skydiving, fishing, hunting, outrigger canoeing, horse racing. **FAMOUS FOR:** Art deco buildings, built after the cyclone in 1918 which destroyed almost every building in town.

**EXPLORE AROUND**

- Events: Feast of the senses (Mar), Invisilll Bullfish Tournament (Sep), Horse Racing - Annually (Oct), Invisilll Show, Concerts & Maji Am exhibitions. **Swim Spots:** Yellow Water Billabong, Murphy Bay, Palmers River, banana islet, Henrietta Creek (Palmerston Highway), Eby Bay. **Taste:** Tropical Fruits from shops and road side stalls. You must have a local banana! Local fresh caught seafood. Local vanilla and local coffee.

**Babinda**

**FAST FACTS:** Babinda 4861 | Cairns Regional Council

**HISTORICAL FACT:** Officially Australia’s wettest town. **LOCAL INTERESTS:** Fishing, golf, lawn bowls, touch football, haymaking, painting, prilling, junior rugby league & swimming. **FAMOUS FOR:** The only hotel in Queensland ever (197H) constructed by the State Government.

**EXPLORE AROUND**

- Events: The Babinda Harvest Festival & The Feast of Saint Rita. **Swim Spots:** Bramston Beach, Bibinda Creek, Howard Kennedy Drive, Bransom Beach, Josephine Falls & Harvey Creek (Hwy North). **Taste:** An icy cold beer from a government-built hotel.

**Cairns - South**

**FAST FACTS:** Cairns 4870 | Cairns City Council

**HISTORICAL FACT:** Set up as a port to service the northern gold rush. **LOCAL INTERESTS:** A modern city, all sports and a diversity of leisure interests are catered for. **FAMOUS FOR:** The coastal international Gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, & The Great Green Way.

**EXPLORE AROUND**

- Events: Cairns Ironman & Adventure Festival, RRR and Croc Trophy Mountain Bike races, Pyramid race, Cairns Show & Cairns Amateurs - Horse Racing Carnival. **Swim Spots:** Harvey Creek as Bellenden Ker, Alstonba (Ehanna Creek), Mulgrave River at Goldsborough Valley, The Esplanade Lagoon. **Taste:** Seafood fresh from the Coral Sea.

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**VISITOR INFORMATION**

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**Tyrus Centre** | **Wat Tropics Centre**

Bruce Hwy Sth | Portar Angiemenne

Cardwell 4066-2412 | Inisfail 0428 228 962

Heritage Centre | I-van

Bruce Hwy Nth | Bruce Hwy Sth

Tully 4068-2288 | Babinda 4067-1086

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