

# *Far North QLD*

## *With Craig Penny*

### *(7th - 14th June 2022)*

#### Day 1/CAIRNS (Tuesday 7th)

Please book return flight to Cairns and take a taxi to The Rydges Hotel.

Free time to settle in and enjoy this gorgeous tropical town.

**5pm:** Meet in hotel foyer for **Welcome Drinks** followed by a **group dinner**. (D)

#### Day 2/CAIRNS (Wednesday 8th)

Cairn's boardwalk, backdropped by tropical landscaped gardens, overlooks a wooden jetty lined with fishing boats and is a fabulous spot for our first painting session. **After a group lunch** at a restaurant by the sea, enjoy your free time to explore the town. Cairns became a gold-rush town in 1876 and is characterized by beautiful heritage and Art Deco buildings.

**In the early evening**, we will capture the tidal bay with its reflections of the dazzling sunset spreading a rainbow of colour across the sea. (B, L)

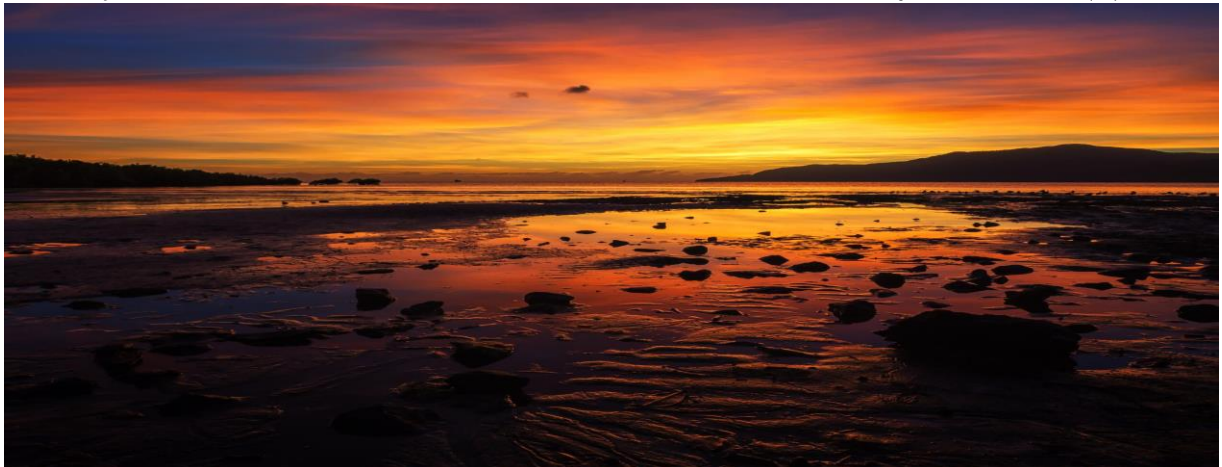
#### Day 3/PORT DOUGLAS (Thursday 9th)

**Palm Cove:** Departing Cairns, we head off along winding coastal roads through sugar cane fields and lush mango farms to Palm Cove where we will spend the morning painting amongst tall swaying palms fringing the turquoise sea.

There is a great choice of cafes for lunch and shops to explore at your leisure.

**Arriving in Port Douglas** in the late afternoon, we will have time to settle in at our resort just a few minutes from the town centre and Four Mile Beach speckled with coral reefs, shimmering islands and mesmerizing horizons.

As breakfast is not included at our resort, you may wish to head into town where you will find an abundance of cafes, restaurants and supermarkets. (B)



#### Day 4/PORT DOUGLAS (Friday 10th)

Morning stop at **Flagstaff Hill Lookout** with its panoramic vista. Heading inland through sugar cane plantations, we reach **Mosman Gorge**, where cascading falls and emerald-green pools are surrounded by smooth granite boulders amongst lush tropical rainforest. **Picnic lunch.**

**Optional early evening drinks** at **Barbados Cocktail Bar** with its spectacular views over Dickson Inlet to the Daintree followed by a **group dinner** on the wharf at the very popular Hemmingway's Pub. **(L,D)**

#### Day 5/PORT DOUGLAS (Saturday 11th)

**Port Douglas Marina**, lined with yachts with tall masts, offers lovely reflections. After our morning session, you are spoilt for choice at the abundance of cafes, superb shops and galleries for your free afternoon to wander around town. **Late afternoon painting** of the iconic Port Douglas sunset with silhouetted palms backdropped by the lagoon and mountains. **Drinks and nibblies provided.**

#### Day 6/PORT DOUGLAS (Sunday 12th)

**The Old Sugar Wharf** is one of the town's most iconic landmarks framed by sea, palms and lush mountains - a perfect morning location!

**Port Douglas Markets:** Free time to stroll around this vibrant, colourful market with their huge range of arts & crafts - the perfect spot for holiday mementos!

**Free afternoon** to finish of work, to relax by our resorts pool or a take a leisurely stroll along Four Mile Beach.

**5pm:** Critique at our hotel followed by **Group Farewell Drinks & Dinner. (D)**





**Day 7/PORT DOUGLAS (Monday 13th) FREE DAY**

**Optional Great Barrier Reef Full Day Tour.** Spend the day snorkelling and swimming in this pristine paradise with its colourful coral gardens and tropical fish - THE perfect way to spend your last day in Far North Queensland!

**If you wish to join this trip,** please let me know in advance so I can make a group booking for us. The boat has very easy access with steps leading off a platform directly into the sea. Snorkelling gear is provided, as well as life jackets and floating noodles. Stops at 3 different reefs with informative talks, assisted snorkelling guidance, morning tea and a lovely lunch. **COST: \$270**

**Day 8/DEPARTURE (Tuesday 14th)**

Morning transfer to **Cairns Airport**. Please book all return flights **after 12pm**



**LAND COST: (based on twin share)**

**Painters: \$2,690**

**Non-painters: \$2,390**

**Single supplement: \$790**

**INCLUSIONS**

- 7 nights in 3.5 - 4 star resort hotels
- 2 breakfasts
- 3 dinners
- 2 lunches
- Drinks & nibblys
- Welcome & Farewell drinks
- Painting demos
- Painting tuition and guidance
- Sightseeing and excursions
- Critique
- Tour organizer
- Transfer to Cairns Airport.

**NOT INCLUDED**

- Flights to and from Cairns Airport.
- Transfer to Cairns Hotel
- Unless specified, meals are at guests' own expense. Breakfast is not offered at our Port Douglas resort However, rooms are equipped with kitchens.
- Optional Reef Trip
- Art Materials



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