



QUEENSLAND

PLANNING MAP



Whitehaven Beach

Discover Queensland's top regional sights, and experience it through an inspiring list of themes

When to Go



Springbrook National Park

QUEENSLAND HINTERLAND

The Queensland interior is vast, encompassing deserts, agricultural belts, savannah grasslands and mountainous swathes of jungle...even a wine region! Most travellers stick to the coast, but the hinterland delivers a different take on the Sunshine State.

SPRINGBROOK NATIONAL PARK D4

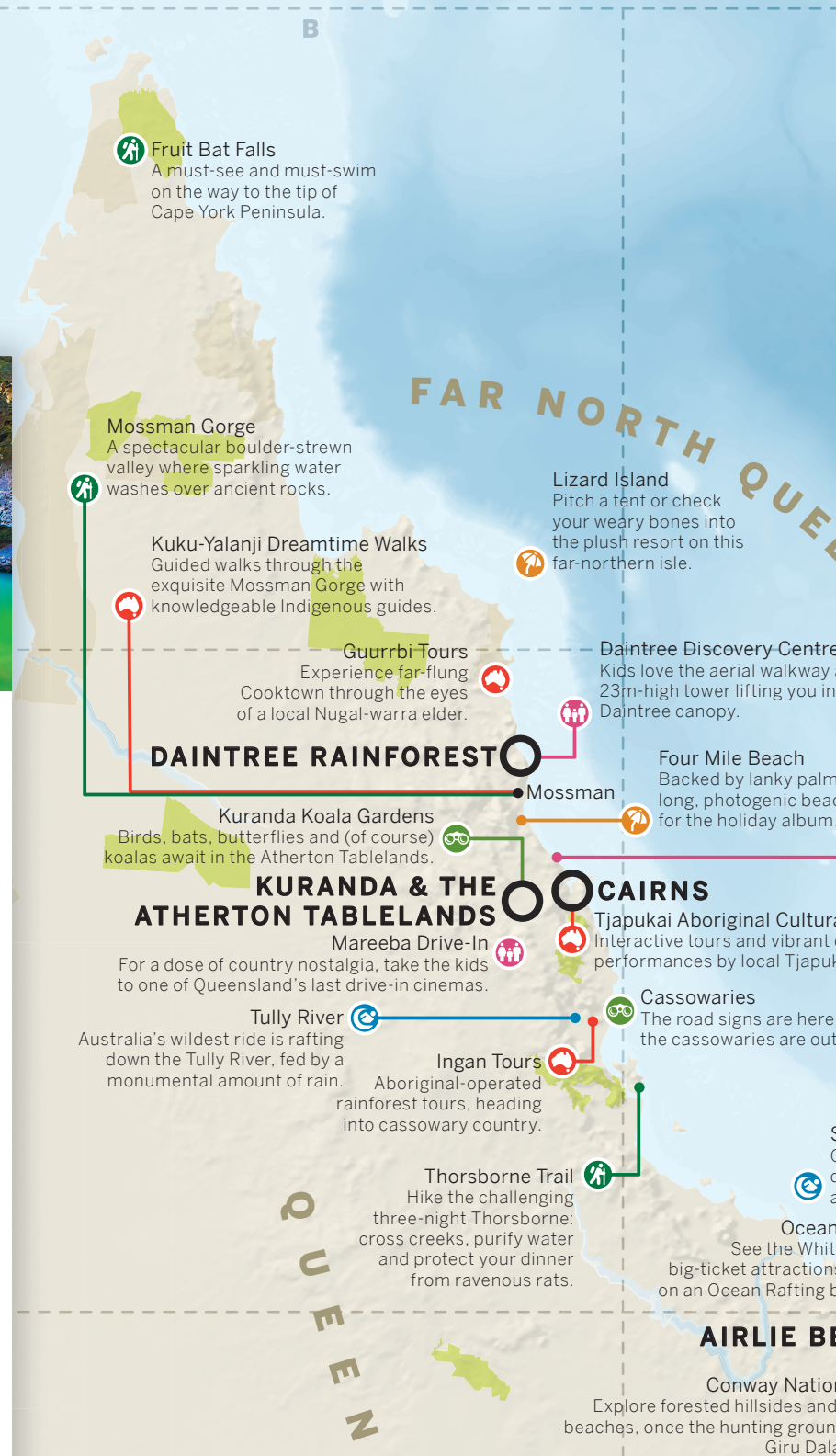
In the Gold Coast backblocks, lofty Springbrook is a mosaic of gorges, cliffs and waterfalls – a hiking wonderland with trails weaving through cool-temperate, subtropical and eucalypt forests.

KURANDA & THE ATHERTON TABLELANDS B2

Rising behind Cairns is the fertile food bowl of the north, the Atherton Tablelands. Quaint country towns (Kuranda is accessible from Cairns by scenic rail), eco-lodges and luxurious B&Bs dot greener-than-green hills between fields, rainforests and lakes.

GRANITE BELT WINERIES D4

Dappling the Great Dividing Range southwest of Brisbane, the Granite Belt sidesteps the Queensland clichés of sun and surf. Here, rolling hillsides are lined with cool-climate vineyards, olive groves and orchards.



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ITINERARIES

SOUTHEASTERN SCENIC

Coolangatta P19

Down-to-earth 'Coolie' on Queensland's southern border has quality surf and a tight-knit, un-touristy community. 🚗 30min to Surfers Paradise

Surfers Paradise P18

Conversely, Surfers is a hyperactive, hedonistic, sky-scraping holiday haven (with paradisiacal surf!). 🚗 1hr to Brisbane

Brisbane O18

Australia's third-biggest city, underrated Brisbane has great museums, restaurants, coffee, bars and live music. 🚗 1hr to Glass House Mountains

Glass House Mountains P17

These dramatically eroded volcanoes rise abruptly from the plains, 20km from the coast. 🚗 1hr to Noosa

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NOOSA HEADS P17

Between subtropical rainforest and surf beaches, Noosa is one of Australia's most fashionable resort towns.

DAINTREE DRIVING

Cairns J8

Far North Queensland's gateway, Cairns has buzzy night-life, a safe-swimming lagoon and easy reef access. 🚗 1¼hrs to Kuranda

Kuranda J8

Ride the Kuranda Scenic Railway to this endearing town in the Atherton Tablelands. 🚗 1hr to Port Douglas

Port Douglas J8

Superb restaurants, bars and Great Barrier Reef cruises convene in perfect Port Douglas. 🚗 1¼hrs to Daintree Rainforest

Daintree Rainforest H7

A World Heritage wonder, the Daintree features lush rainforest, empty beaches and croc-filled river systems. 🚗 1¼hrs to Cape Tribulation

Cape Tribulation J7

Desperately seeking solitude? You'll find it at this isolated headland, backed by tropical jungle.

COASTAL CRUISER

Fraser Island P5, P16

The world's biggest sand island offers 4WD touring, beaches, shipwrecks, walks and wild dingoes. 🚗 50min to Hervey Bay, then 🚗 9½ hr to Airlie Beach

Airlie Beach L11

Back on the mainland, track north to Airlie, the party-prone gateway to the Whitsunday archipelago. 🚗 1hr to Whitsunday Islands

Whitsunday Islands L11

Aside from some luxe resorts, these 74 tropical islands are uninhabited: set sail into paradise. 🚗 1hr to Airlie Beach then 🚗 3¼ hr to Townsville

Townsville K10

Backed by towering Castle Hill, Townsville is the unofficial capital of North Queensland. Urban delights! 🚗 3hrs to Mission Beach

Mission Beach J9

Cool your boots in this gorgeous beachy enclave, a short hop south of Cairns.

Road Distance and Average Road Travel Times	Public Transport Modes				
	Airlie Beach	Brisbane	Cairns	Cooktown	Hervey Bay
	Airlie Beach	✈️+🚗 2½hrs 🚗+🚗 16hrs	🚗 9hrs 🚗+🚗 11hrs	🚗 15hrs 🚗+🚗 16hrs	🚗 13hrs 🚗+🚗 13hrs
	Brisbane	1125km 🚗 14hrs	✈️ 2½hrs 🚗 25hrs	✈️ 4½hrs 🚗+🚗 30hrs	✈️ 1hr 🚗 5½hrs
	Cairns	625km 🚗 8½hrs	1700km 🚗 21hrs	✈️ 45min 🚗 5½hrs	🚗 23hrs 🚗+🚗 22hrs
	Cooktown	925km 🚗 12hrs	2000km 🚗 25hrs	340km 🚗 4½hrs	🚗+🚗 26hrs 🚗 27hrs
	Hervey Bay	875km 🚗 11hrs	300km 🚗 4½hrs	1500km 🚗 18hrs	
	Mt Isa	1125km 🚗 14hrs	1850km 🚗 21hrs	1175km 🚗 15hrs	1400km 🚗 17hrs
	Noosa	1025km 🚗 13hrs	140km 🚗 2¼hrs	1600km 🚗 20hrs	1900km 🚗 24hrs
	Rockhampton	500km 🚗 6hrs	650km 🚗 8hrs	1175km 🚗 14hrs	1375km 🚗 17hrs
Townsville	Surfers Paradise	1200km 🚗 15hrs	80km 🚗 1¼hrs	1775km 🚗 22hrs	2075km 🚗 26hrs
		280km 🚗 3¼hrs	1350km 🚗 17hrs	360km 🚗 5hrs	675km 🚗 8½hrs