

Daintree Rainforest

Rainforest | Coast

The Daintree region is dominated by the 1,200 Km², World Heritage listed Daintree National Park stretching between the Daintree and Bloomfield rivers. Botanically rich, 12 of the world's 19 primitive flowering plant families are found here. The steep rainforest slopes of the McDowell Range transition eastwards into ancient lowland forests that meet rocky coastal headlands and sandy beaches. Pristine creeks intersect the forest, some with large waterholes.

This is a place to slow down, relax and take your time. Strolls along the beaches often yield sightings of Beach Stone-curlews and forest walks reveal Cassowaries.

Board walks allow close enjoyment of the forest and birdlife. Look out for the Dubuji, Jindalba, Kulki, and Madja walks where you can immerse yourself in rainforest, fan palm forest, and mangroves. If you are feeling intrepid, the Mt Sorrow Ridge Trail is a great experience with views of Snapper Island and the Daintree coastline.

To get near canopy birds visit the elevated walk and canopy tower at the discovery centre. To see mangrove and water birds, Daintree River boat tours leave from both the township and near the ferry crossing. Always be croc-safe and follow warning signs.

When to go

The Daintree is in the Wet Tropics with constantly mild or warm conditions and moderate to high levels of humidity depending on the season. The average annual rainfall is 2,000 mm with 60% falling in the wet season between December and March. Visit at any time, but be prepared for the tropical conditions.

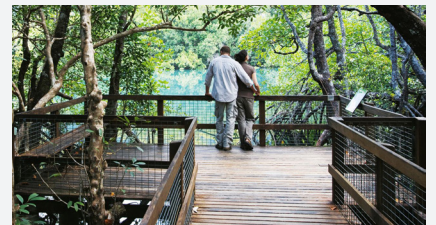
Getting there

The Daintree region is usually accessed from the south by road. The highway heads straight into Daintree township, or access the Daintree National Park by ferry (6am – 12pm) over the Daintree River. From the North access is via Bloomfield, on an unsealed road – check for accessibility in the wet season.



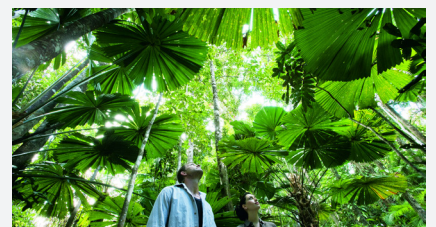
Daintree River

A cruise gives you the chance to see up to 260 species, including some not found anywhere else



Madja Boardwalk

Dense lowland rainforest and mangrove lined creek – excellent birding and botany



Cape Tribulation and Dubujj Boardwalk

Lush lowland rainforest, mangrove swamps and sandy beaches

Spot these locals when you visit

Community

Ecotourism is the economic lifeblood of the local Daintree community, so we recommend shopping and staying locally if you can. Spread the word about your experience visiting the Daintree and the value of conserving tropical rainforest and its inhabitants.

Conservation

Much of the area is conservation reserve, so please take nothing but photographs and memories and leave nothing but footprints. Drive slowly and watch for signs to avoid hitting Cassowaries and other wildlife.

Make your birding count by doing a bird survey in the Daintree Key Biodiversity Area and entering it into Birddata. Every time you share your bird surveys, our collective knowledge of birds grows. For more information go to birddata.birdlife.org.au.

Find out more about Key Biodiversity Areas by visiting keybiodiversityareas.org.

Get involved!

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Beach Stone-curlew



Black Bittern



Black-necked Stork



Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher



Yellow Oriole



Little Kingfisher



Magpie Goose



Mangrove Robin



Metallic Starling



Orange-footed Scrubfowl



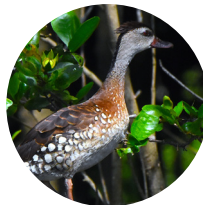
Osprey



Pacific Baza



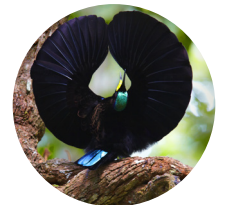
Rufous Owl



Spotted Whistling-Duck



Striated Heron



Victoria's Riflebird



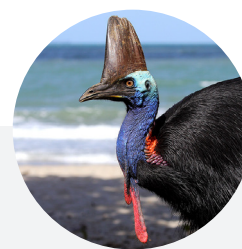
Great-billed Heron



Papuan Frogmouth



Radjah Shelduck



Southern Cassowary



Shining Flycatcher

