

Great Barrier Reef

Land-based Alternative



So you're traveling to Australia and want to learn more about the Great Barrier Reef and its surrounding ecosystems. Great! But what if you are unable or uncomfortable with actually snorkeling in its waters? No problem, we've got you covered! Enrichment Journeys offers a land-based alternative.

For those wishing to stay on dry land, Enrichment Journeys will provide you with a day pass to the newly-opened Cairns Aquarium. This new attraction has become a leading educational facility to showcase the diversity of Australia's two main ecological environments, the Daintree Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef, within its interactive zones. You will have the day at leisure to spend as much time at the aquarium as you wish.

Talk to your Personal Vacation Manager about adding this experience to your Enrichment Journey.

About the Cairns Aquarium

The Cairns Aquarium is a world class venue for seeing and interacting with the incredible plants, animals, and habitats found only in Australia's Wet Tropics, a region which borders two World Heritage listed environments: The Daintree Rainforest and The Great Barrier Reef.

As the only aquarium in the world dedicated exclusively to the habitats and species of tropical North Queensland, Australia, the Cairns Aquarium connects visitors with the natural wonders of The Great Barrier Reef, The Wet Tropics, The Gulf Savannah and Cape York regions. With over 15,000 animals and unique opportunities to move up close to some of the world's most fascinating, elusive or deadly creatures, every visit is unforgettable.

At the Cairns Aquarium you will not only learn about the Great Barrier Reef and its inhabitants, but also about the reef's neighbouring habitats that compliment the entire region's ecosystem. Your journey through the Cairns Aquarium follows a drop of rain as it descends from the tropical rainforest covered range, to join creeks, streams and rivers before travelling through the rainforest, across the mangrove flats and coral reef systems before entering the Coral Sea. 10 North Queensland ecosystems and 71 habitats have been meticulously researched so that these natural environments could be recreated in Cairns Aquarium to ensure the ongoing health and longevity of the species on display.

Visit <https://www.cairnsaquarium.com.au/animal-habitats-cairns> to learn more about the aquarium.



Frequently Asked Questions

Is this a guided tour?

No. This is a deviation from the scheduled itinerary, so you will be mostly on your own this day with free time to stroll through the aquarium at your leisure. As the aquarium is located just one block from your hotel, no transfer is necessary. Enrichment Journeys will arrange for a guide or aquarium staff member to speak with you, provide you with your tickets, and ensure that you know how to get to and from the aquarium.

Is lunch included?

No. There is a lovely restaurant at the aquarium, or you may choose to have lunch at one of the many restaurants in town.

Will I receive a refund or credit for choosing to visit the aquarium instead of going snorkeling?

Yes. You will receive a credit of \$35 if you choose to forego the snorkeling (and included lunch) and instead spend the day at the aquarium at your leisure.

Do me and my traveling partner need to sign up for the same activity?

No. One of you may go snorkeling and the other may visit the aquarium. You will simply meet back up at the hotel at the end of the day.

Is there a deadline for signing up?

Yes. Because Enrichment Journeys purchases tickets for both the snorkeling excursion and aquarium ahead of time, no changes to your reservation can be made after final payment is collected.

What if I want to go snorkeling AND visit the aquarium?

It is not possible to do both in the same day. In order to do both activities, Enrichment Journeys recommends adding the optional extension of 1-night Cairns hotel stay. That will give you an extra day on your own before the Enrichment Journeys program begins, which can be used to visit the aquarium.

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