

ULTIMATE 10-DAY FOOD TRAIL IN FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND



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Cruisin' Distance 641 Kms Duration 10 Days Best Time Of Year September / October

Highlights

- Rusty's Market
- The Australian Chocolate Farm
- Hook-A-Barra
- Cape Trib Farm
- Skybury Cafe & Roastery
- Mt Uncle Distillery
- Shaylee Strawberries
- Gallo Dairyland
- Mungalli Creek Dairy

Day 1: Cairns

Distance: Flexible **Time:** Flexible

- **Morning:** Pick up your motorhome from the Cairns depot and get familiar with your home on wheels. Make your first stop at **Rusty's Market** to discover the wide variety of fresh local produce and fill up your motorhome fridge (and bellies).
- **Afternoon:** Visit **Sushi Momiji** for generous sashimi bowls and sushi rolls packed with local seafood. Head to the **Cairns Esplanade** and waterfront for a midday splash, then walk around town to immerse yourself in the tropical lifestyle.
- **Evening:** Hit up **Prawn Star** at the Marlin Marina for the freshest seafood right on the boat, then trawl the **Cairns Night Markets** for some retail therapy and a late-night snack at the food court.
- **Where to stay:** Cairns Holiday Park, 12-30 Little Street, Cairns QLD 4870.

Day 2: Port Douglas via Palm Cove

Distance: 70 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 20 Minutes

- **Morning:** Have breakfast at **White Whale Coffee Roasters** or **Caffiend**, or start driving to Palm Cove and have a cuppa by **Palm Cove Beach**. Make sure to stop by the **Palm Cove Markets** (check schedule [here](#)) for more local delicacies and products.
- **Afternoon:** Enjoy the coastal **Great Barrier Reef Drive** as you head to Port Douglas. Visit **The Australian Chocolate Farm** for a cocoa farm tour and tastings. Stop at **Shannonvale Tropical Fruit Winery** for fruit wine tastings and get a glimpse into the winemaking process.
- **Evening:** Treat yourself to a seafood dinner at **Wrasse & Roe**, or feast on a seafood platter from **Port Seafood** under the stars at **Four Mile Beach**.
- **Where to stay:** Tropic Breeze Caravan Park, 24 Davidson Street, Port Douglas QLD 4877.

Day 3: Daintree

Distance: 55 Kms **Time:** 50 Minutes

- **Morning:** Spend the morning at the **Port Douglas Markets** (check schedule [here](#)), or pop into any of the surrounding cafes on Macrossan Street. Get some oysters for the road from the **Get Shucked Oyster Vending Machine** before heading up north!
- **Afternoon:** Stop by **Scomazzon's Farm Store** to pick up more local and exotic produce before making your way to **Hook-A-Barra** for a farm tour and barramundi fishing experience. Bring back your catch or buy some barra fillets for dinner tonight!
- **Evening:** Cook a locally inspired dinner in the motorhome using the tropical produce and fresh seafood and savour it by the sea at **Wonga Beach**.
- **Where to stay:** Daintree Beach Resort, 113 Vixies Road, Wonga Beach QLD 4873.



Image: You can catch your fish & eat it too, Hook-A-Barra

Day 4: Cape Tribulation

Distance: Flexible **Time:** Flexible

- **Morning:** Stop by for more fruit from the **Daintree Gateway Fruit Stall** and cross the Daintree River to go to the **Daintree Discovery Centre**. Head to the **Daintree Ice Cream Company** for an orchard tour and ice cream made using their harvest.
- **Afternoon:** Head next door to the **Daintree Fan Palm Farm** for a bite before continuing to **Cape Trib Farm**. Its orchard grows over 70 rare and exotic fruits, with guided tastings introducing visitors to seasonal fruits.
- **Evening:** Cook dinner in the motorhome and listen to sounds of the Daintree Rainforest, or have dinner by the beach at **Thornton's**.
- **Where to stay:** Daintree Siesta, 1973 Cape Tribulation Road, Diwan QLD 4873



Image: A tasty encounter, Tourism Australia

Day 5: Mareeba

Distance: 140 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** Stop at **Daintree Tea Company** to pick up some locally grown black tea. Make a scenic pit stop at the **Mossman Gorge** for a swim in pristine, croc-free waters. Visit **Golden Drop Winery** to pick up some mango wines in their sprawling mango plantation!
- **Afternoon:** Continue south towards **Skybury Café & Roastery**, where Australia's oldest coffee plantation sits alongside papayas and bananas, all grown on the same farm. Sample their coffees and experiment with exotic fruit-flavoured brews.
- **Evening:** Pick up some goodies for the evening and get an açai bowl at **Harvest Lane**. Cook dinner in the motorhome and enjoy a slow night. Catch a movie at the drive-in theatre at **Mareeba Drive-In** if there are movies on!
- **Where to stay:** Mareeba Country Caravan Park, 13 Malcolm Close, Mareeba QLD 4880.

Day 6: Atherton Tablelands

Distance: 33 Kms **Time:** 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** Have an early brekkie with house-roasted coffee at **Coffee Works** and make your way to **Mt Uncle Distillery** and taste your way through locally made gin, rum, whisky and agave spirits while meeting some friendly farm animals. Call upon your trusty deso driver again!
- **Afternoon:** Drop by **The Humpy** to stock up on farm-fresh fruit and veg, local nuts, jams and plenty of road-trip snacks and souvenirs. Arrive in Atherton and give geode cracking a go at **The Crystal Caves**.
- **Evening:** Turn today's haul into a grazing board and have an evening meal at the **Platypus Park**, spotting some local wildlife and the elusive platypus.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Atherton Tablelands Holiday Park, 141 Herberton Road, Atherton QLD 4883.

Day 7: Atherton Tablelands

Distance: Flexible **Time:** Flexible

- **Morning:** Visit **Shaylee Strawberries** for seasonal pick-your-own-strawberry sessions and homemade strawberry treats and wines galore. Go for a leisurely walk in the **Curtain Fig National Park** surrounded by massive ancient fig trees.
- **Afternoon:** Hide from the arvo heat at **Gallo Dairyland** for handcrafted cheese, chocolate and even more ice-cream! Then, head to **Lake Barrine Teahouse** for a classic Devonshire tea overlooking the crater lake.
- **Evening:** Explore **Peterson Creek** and try to spot a platypus or two. Visit any of the restaurants on Main Street in Atherton for a filling dinner after all that walking or cook up a storm in your motorhome with local produce.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Atherton Tablelands Holiday Park, 141 Herberton Road, Atherton QLD 4883.



Image: Strawberries for days, Tourism and Events Queensland

Day 8: Mission Beach

Distance: 150 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours

- **Morning:** Travel south towards Millaa Millaa and stop at **Mungalli Creek Dairy**. Grab some warm scones and cheesecakes made with their biodynamic dairy products and sample their homemade ice cream and chocolates for a second breakfast.
- **Afternoon:** Stretch your legs at **Mission Beach** with a walk along the beachfront. Have some fish tacos or a good ol' fish and chip from **The Chippy No. 1**, and head on a tour with **Fruit Forest Farm** and explore a working exotic farm from the comfort of a tractor trailer.
- **Evening:** Feast on a seafood platter at **Mission Beach Tavern** or **Charlie's Beach House**, or put together a tropical dinner using the local goodies and have a picnic at the **Clump Point Lookout**.
- **Where to stay:** Mission Beach Camping & Caravan Park, 53 Porter Promenade, Mission Beach QLD 4852.

Day 9: Cassowary Coast via Innisfail

Distance: 52 Kms **Time:** 50 Minutes

- **Morning:** Visit **Charley's Chocolate** to follow the journey from cocoa tree to chocolate bar, see the working plantation and factory, and finish with the important part: chocolate tastings.
- **Afternoon:** Have lunch at the **El Arish Tavern** and try the smoked whole croc (pre-book 1 week in advance). Head to **Murdering Point Winery** to indulge in tropical fruit wines made with mango, lychee, passionfruit, and more local flavours.
- **Evening:** Enjoy fresh fish and hot chips from **Innisfail Seafood** or eat up anything left in the fridge from the past 9 days of food stops. Head to **Etty Bay** for the evening and spot a cassowary or two roaming around.
- **Where to stay:** Etty Bay Cabins & Caravan Park, 615 Etty Bay Road, Etty Bay QLD 4858.



Image: A tree-to-bar chocolate experience, Tropical North Queensland

Day 10: Cairns

Distance: 91 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 20 Minutes

- **Morning:** Enjoy your breakfast in the motorhome before heading north. Stop at Babinda to visit the **Babinda Bakery** for some award-winning pies and head down the road to **Babinda Boulders** for a dip in the cool river,
- **Afternoon:** Travel to Cairns for one last wander around town and visit the **Cairns Botanic Gardens** if the weather allows. Make sure you leave enough time to return your motorhome by **3:30PM** at the Cruisin' Cairns depot!



Image: Babinda Boulders, Tourism and Events Queensland

Packing List For Your Foodie Trip

Travelling by motorhome gives you the freedom to explore at your own pace, with the comfort of home always close by. Here are some items to bring along on this food trail:

- **Clothing:** comfortable clothes for driving time, layers for varying temperatures, lightweight jacket or raincoat
- **Shoes:** walking shoes, tongs/slippers, hiking shoes
- Hat, sunglasses, insect repellent, **sunscreen**
- Plenty of food, snacks, and water
- Reusable bags for shopping
- Takeaway boxes and reusable food containers
- Portable fan for the tropical weather
- Maps, journals
- **Camera**, phone, charging cables, power banks
- Personal toiletries and hygiene items
- Picnic basket & thermos
- Large towels or waterproof picnic rugs
- Head torches for night beach walks
- **Binoculars** for spotting birds, dolphins, whales and other wildlife

Have a great trip!

