

INTERN ACCOMMODATION GUIDE CAIRNS



CAIRNS – AUSTRALIA'S GATEWAY TO THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Thanks to a hot weather all year round with its close proximity to the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics Rainforest, Cairns is an internationally favourite tourist destination (4th most popular in Australia)! It is a great place to enrich yourself in the multiculturalism of Australia, unwind in the quiet streets and relaxed lifestyle. It really isn't too hard to guess why people end up staying in Cairns for life.

CAIRNS FACTS

STATE: Queensland

POPULATION: 142,000

BORN OVERSEAS: 20.3%

CLIMATE: Warm and dry winter and hot and humid summer with tropical monsoons

VIBE: Casual, tropical, and touristic.

COST OF LIVING: \$480/week; \$24,960/year

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Train, bus, ferry, Tram (<https://translink.com.au/cairns>)

WHAT TO SEE AROUND

GREAT BARRIER REEF & ISLANDS

The largest coral reef in the world can be found with a short scenic boat ride from Cairns. The Great Barrier Reef contains copious marine life and comprises over 3000 individual reef systems and coral cays. The reef is truly one of Australia's greatest treasured beauties. You can enjoy many breathtaking experiences including snorkelling, scuba diving and whale watching!

CAPE TRIBULATION

Cape Tribulation is located in the breathtaking Daintree National Park. It is the only place on earth where two spectacular world heritage sites meet, the Daintree Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef. It is a gorgeous place where the rainforest mountains sweep down to long sandy beaches.

CAPE YORK PENINSULA

Cape York is an untamed wilderness area where everyone can enjoy bushwalking, four-wheel driving, wildlife watching, fishing, bird watching and camping. This is a unique wilderness area that remains relatively untouched, maintaining its original beauty.

KURANDA

Kuranda, known as "the village in the rainforest", has a large number of attractions including a butterfly sanctuary, a colourful bird aviary, a koala park and a thriving market community. Kuranda's cool, tropical mountain climate makes it the ideal destination for a relaxing rainforest walk next to the Barron River. The small village itself is filled with amazing fig trees all around. Don't miss the breathtaking Barron Falls when you visit Kuranda!

THE GREEN ISLAND

Green Island is a coral cay 27 kilometers offshore from Cairns. This paradise on Earth is surrounded by white sandy beaches and sapphire blue waters. Green Island is the perfect place to escape for a day or two from the city and enjoy mother nature at her finest. It's one of the most popular places in Cairns to discover the seabed.

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ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Finding comfortable accommodation, in a convenient location with the right people is important and may take time. Factors such as budget, length of stay and whether you want to live alone or with others will influence your decision.

Research all available housing options before you arrive for your internship so you can establish a realistic expectation and budget for accommodation (including the cost of utilities) and living expenses.

Questions to ask yourself when choosing accommodation:

- What is my budget?
- Do I want to live alone? With other travellers? With a family?
- How far do I want to live from my internship location?
- Do I want to prepare my own meals? Or have meals prepared for me?
- How long do you want to commit to?
- Do I want to buy my own furniture?

Australian Internships arranges a variety of accommodation options for different budgets and needs. Our team will help you to find the most suitable option for you!

HOMESTAY

Homestay is a safe and affordable. Typically, you will have your own bedroom and two or three meals with the family per day. Living or boarding in a home with a local family can be a great way to know more about daily Australian life and improve your English skills.

Note:

Australia is a widespread country and it isn't unusual to travel up to 1 hour to and from work. All accommodation prices are per person, per week in \$AUD and are subject to change without notice.

Please note these accommodation booking options are subject to availability.

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OPTIONS	A
TYPE OF BOARD	2 meals (Mon-Fri) 3 meals (Sat-Sun)
PRICE ¹	\$285/week

- 1- Minimum initial stay is 4 weeks
- 2- There is a one off placement fee of \$250 for all accommodation

WHAT IF I WANT TO CANCEL MY HOMESTAY BEFORE ARRIVAL?

- **More than 2 weeks before your arrival:** 100% of the accommodation fee and placement fee will be refunded
- **Less than 2 weeks before your arrival:** you will be charged two (2) weeks Accommodation Fee (to compensate the host family). The Placement Fee will not be refunded.

WHAT IF I WANT TO LEAVE MY HOMESTAY?

A minimum of two (2) weeks stay in Homestay Accommodation is required. If you choose to depart homestay (after the 2 week minimum stay), either you or Australian Internships must give your service provider at least two (2) weeks notice to depart, so we can advise the host family and the balance can be refunded to your nominated bank account.