

# Tropical North



Queensland's Tropical North region has the largest concentration of exclusively gay resorts, including Skinny Dips in Cairns, Turtle Cove in Palm Beach and Boyz on the Beach in Kewarra Beach. It's a haven for southern gay and lesbian travellers who want a warm, often humid climate, gay-friendly atmosphere and excellent restaurants. The area is touted as the only place in Australia where rainforest meets the reef. Unspoilt stretches of sand can be found at Trinity and Mission beaches, and at Palm Cove, just north of Cairns. Further north, Port Douglas offers a five-star resort feel with plenty of accommodation, shopping and day tours. The nearby World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park offers unrivalled rainforest in a haven of lush greenery. Take

a dip in the cool waters of Mossman Gorge where you can watch fish darting below and flashes of blue from kingfishers and Ulysses butterflies flitting around a canyon of towering rainforest. Many travellers choose to base themselves in Cairns, well known as the adventure capital of Queensland. Here you can book an island charter cruise, a white water rafting adventure or a trip to a crocodile farm.

From Cairns it's a short journey to the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway to the mountain (and souvenir) town of Kurunda.


Visit the Undara Lava Tubes four hours south-west of Cairns or stay at the exclusive Lizard Island Lodge on Lizard Island, an hour's flight from Cairns.

**More information:**  
[www.tropicalaustralia.com.au](http://www.tropicalaustralia.com.au)



## travel tips

▲ Enjoy a homophobia-free holiday by booking into an all-gay resort. No need to worry about strange looks holding your boyfriend's hand poolside! North Qld has a fantastic selection of gay-only hotels, such as Skinny Dips in Cairns. The hotel, which accommodates guests from all over the world, has a pool, bar, massage facilities, a gym and sauna. You don't even need to leave the premises if you fancy a lazy, laid-back kind of getaway – there's an onsite dining room headed by a lesbian chef with desserts to die for.

  
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