

Activities & Tours



Guest Services

With our unique location in the Daintree Rainforest and on the shores of the Coral Sea and Great Barrier Reef, there is a vast array of activities to enjoy at Bloomfield Lodge.

- Bloomfield River Cruise*
- Guided Rainforest Walks*
- Beauty & massage treatments
- Fishing from the Bloomfield jetty
- Day trips to Great Barrier Reef
- Half day fishing tours
- Guided bird watching tours
- Local river, estuary and sport fishing tours
- Boat transfers to beautiful and remote Kangaji Beach
- Cooktown day trip - full day
- Bloomfield Falls tour - half day
- Golf practice net

**Complimentary for stays of 4 nights or more.*

General Information

Guided rainforest walks and river cruises are included in packages of 4 nights or more and arranged only when there are sufficient numbers. As tours are scheduled according to demand, please meet in the Bar at approximately 7.00pm each evening to organise your arrangements for the following day.

You may just prefer to laze around the poolside taking in the relaxed atmosphere of the Lodge and its surroundings.

Beach towels are supplied in your room.

Please Note: That all tours are subject to weather, tides and other operational considerations. All vehicles, boats and aircraft are regularly inspected and conform to all current regulative requirements. All drivers, coxswains and pilots are properly licensed for the activities they undertake. Tours are run on a non profit making basis.

10% sales and service tax included on all tours.

Bloomfield River Cruise

Described by many as the prettiest river on the Coral Coast, the Bloomfield River is home to an array of native wildlife including crocodiles, flying fox and various species of water and sea birds. During the 2 to 2 1/2 hour cruise, we usually cruise the 8km up to the aboriginal community at Wujal Wujal. Along the way, your experienced guide will also explain the Mangrove ecology, show you the ant plant and give you a brief history of the River. Morning or afternoon refreshments are also provided.

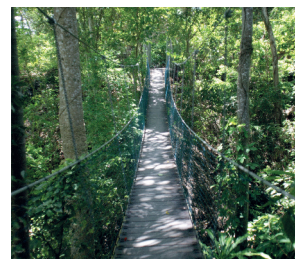
Complimentary for stays of 4 nights or more. Otherwise cost is \$40 per person.

Guided Rainforest Walks

One of the most naturally diverse areas on earth, the Daintree Rainforest has remained virtually untouched for millions of years and exploring it is an unforgettable experience. Led by a highly knowledgeable guide our rainforest walks, offer a fascinating insight into the mysteries of the tropical rainforest, its magnificent ecosystem and the flora and fauna that inhabit it. Home to over a fifth of Australia's bird species and some of the world's largest and most striking butterflies, the animals and insects you encounter will be by chance.

The walk lasts 2 to 2 1/2 hours and can be challenging in parts with some steep sections. Please wear practical and suitable footwear for bushwalking. If you feel like exploring on your own, there are also marked walking trails around the Lodge. Please ask a member of our staff for further advice before you set off and please always advise us of your intentions just in case we have to come looking for you - it has happened!

Complimentary for stays of 4 nights or more. Otherwise the cost is \$25 per person.



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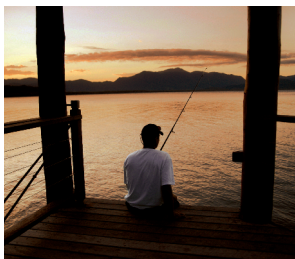
Local Fishing

The Bloomfield Lodge jetty is the ideal place for a leisurely spot of fishing (as well as to watch the magnificent sunsets). Some of the fish that can be caught from the jetty include Barramundi, Mangrove Jack, Fingermark, Bream, Cod, Shark, Tripletails, Mackerel, Queen Fish and Trevally.

Bait, tackle and a little friendly advice if required, is available free of charge to anyone who wants to try their hand. Please check on tide tides for the best time of day to fish during your stay.

Please note that size and bag limits in Queensland are strictly enforced as are closed seasons (eg for Barramundi). Catching them is fun - better still is throwing them back! Fishing gear is in the boat shed and bait is in the freezer.

Half Day Fishing Adventure and Sport Fishing Tours also available.



Beauty & Massage Treatments

Experience the timelessness and romance of Bloomfield with our holistic range of therapies. A natural healing begins to take place when you are embraced by the sounds and scents of the rainforest and a relaxing massage is the perfect way to revive the body and lift the spirits.

Bloomfield Lodge's Wellness Centre offers the ultimate treat to complete your rejuvenation. Choose from a range of massages, scrubs, facials, manicures and pedicures, all provided by the expert hands of our qualified therapists.



Bird Watching

Bloomfield Lodge is ideally located for bird enthusiasts and wildlife photographers to enjoy the unique diversity of bird life in this region. The Daintree area is recognised as one of the premier bird watching locations of Australia with over 430 species, from Australia's endemic Macleay's Honeyeater, Pied Monarch, and Victoria's Riflebird to the more unusual Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher, Little Kingfisher, Mangrove Heron, Lovely Fairy-wren, Double-eyed Fig Parrot, and the Southern Cassowary.



Half Day Guided Bird Watching Tours

Our half day guided tours offer a personal, informative and unique experience of the local environs and of this remote location. There are a variety of areas to choose from rainforest to tropical wetland and eucalypt forests. All our guides are very knowledgeable on the varied bird life in this area. You can decide with the help of our guide the areas that you prefer, keeping in mind that conditions vary with the weather and seasons. Our guide can also tailor your tour according to the distance you are happy to walk.

1 person	\$150
2 people	\$75 each
3 people	\$70 each
4-6 people	\$60 each

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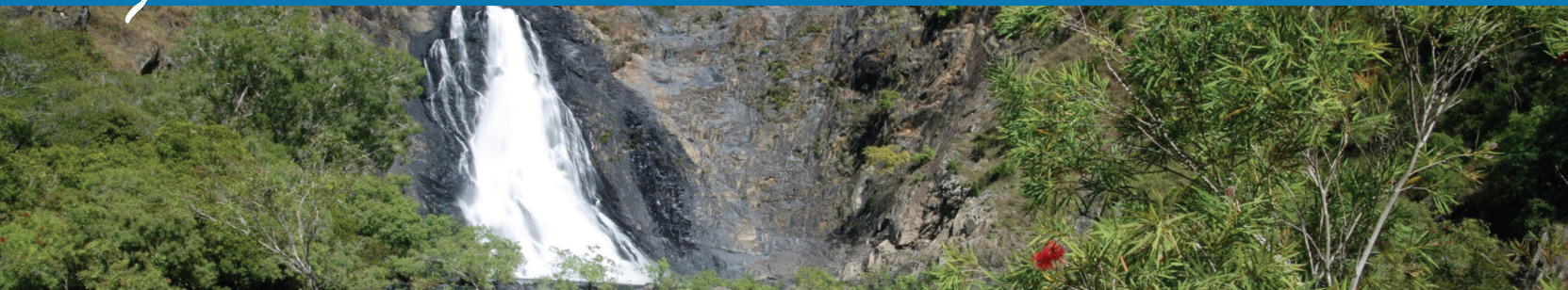
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EXPLORE THE LOCAL AREA

Kangaji Beach

Slip away to the lovely secluded Kangaji Beach, an idyllic spot to stroll, beach comb and imagine yourself as Robinson Crusoe for a few hours. The chef will prepare a gourmet picnic lunch for you and a cool box for any drinks you want to take with you. The easiest way to get to nearby Kangaji Beach is by boat, timings are dependant on the tides.

Cost of boat transfer \$30 each way.

Cost is for the boat and boatman, not per person.



Mount Louis

Come and join us for a few hours of enjoyment as we show you around arguably the most picturesque cattle station in Far North Queensland. Mount Louis has a very diverse ecosystem with wetlands, ancient paperbark forests, rainforests and of course improved pastures that fatten some of the finest Brahman steers in Australia.

Mt Louis was the one of the very first properties in Queensland to grow sugar cane and the ruins of the old homestead can still be explored whilst we enjoy refreshments on top of Mt Annie which has amazing views out to Weary Bay and Bloomfield Lodge.

1 person	\$175
2 people	\$85 each
3 people	\$80 each
4 people	\$70 each

Bloomfield Falls

This half-day trip to the picturesque Bloomfield Falls is one of the most popular amongst guests at Bloomfield. From the Lodge we travel to the wharf by boat, where we drive by 4WD along the Bloomfield River through the Aboriginal community of Wujal Wujal. After parking the vehicle it is an easy 5 minute walk to get a spectacular view of the Falls.

A highly informative and entertaining 30 minute Aboriginal guide option can be arranged. The Indigenous interpretation of the area is delivered with passion and allows visitors an opportunity to learn of the cultural significance of the area and how for thousands of years the surrounding land has been used for medicines and food, perhaps even try some bush tucker. Please add \$20 per person to the prices below.

1 person	\$145
2 people	\$75 each
3 people	\$70 each
4 - 5 people	\$60 each
6 people or more	\$50 each

Bloomfield Falls & Cedar Bay - National Park Tour

Visit the spectacular Bloomfield Falls; from here it is a short drive to the beautiful Cedar Bay National Park home to a wonderful variety of wildlife including the rare and elusive Bennett's tree-kangaroo, the endangered southern cassowary and beach stone-curlew. Walk through the World Heritage rainforest to Gap Creek, an idyllic picnic and swimming spot where you stop for one of Bloomfield gourmet lunches and enjoy a refreshing dip in the cool water of the creek. The trip leaves mid morning and returns approximately 4 1/2 hours later.

1 person	\$295
2 people	\$150 each
3 people	\$100 each
4 people	\$95 each
5 people	\$85 each
6 people	\$80 each
7 people	\$75 each

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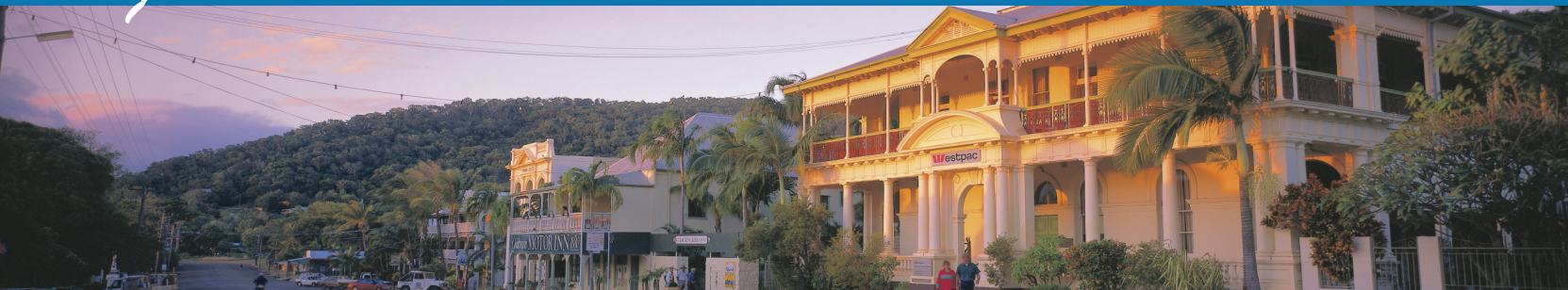
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Bloomfield Explorer - Reef Trip

Come and enjoy a wonderful day on board the Bloomfield Explorer with our experienced skipper and knowledgeable guides. The Bloomfield Explorer is a purpose built 11m power catamaran that will take you to one of three locations on the Great Barrier Reef.

A maximum of 12 guests and away from the crowds; you will be the only ones at the chosen location. This is a very special and personalised way of experiencing this amazing natural wonder.

Whilst snorkelling you will have the chance to see some of the 1500 species of fish, 360 species of hard coral, one third of the worlds soft corals, over 8,000 different shells, 54 species of sea and shore birds and every chance of spotting the majestic hump back whales.

We combine our day with both snorkelling and fishing and our chef will provide a gourmet lunch for you to indulge in. The journey out to the reef is less than an hour and the fishing on the way home appeals to both the experienced fisherman or those new to fishing and just want to try their hand, with the guides baiting the hooks and unhooking the fish, all you have to do is pull the fish in. All snorkelling and fishing equipment provided.

We leave for your adventure from our jetty at 9:00am and return approximately 5:00pm.

Exclusive Charter **\$2,000**

1 person	\$1,400 each	7 people	\$240 each
2 people	\$670 each	8 people	\$235 each
3 people	\$440 each	9 people	\$230 each
4 people	\$330 each	10 people	\$225 each
5 people	\$265 each	11 people	\$220 each
6 people	\$245 each	12 people	\$215 each

In addition there will be a small Environmental Management Charge (EMC) that will be added to your barcard - this payment is for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and helps towards funding for the protection of the reef.



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Cooktown

An hour and a half drive from the wharf takes us the 65 kilometres to Cooktown, one of the most historically interesting towns in Australia. After running aground on Endeavour Reef, not far from Bloomfield Lodge, it was here on the banks of the Endeavour River that James Cook found a suitable place to make repairs to his ship. One hundred and three years later in 1873 the town was established as the closest known port to the Palmer River Goldfields. At its peak it had a population of some 5,000 people with as many as 17,000 out on the goldfields, at least two thirds of all these being Chinese.

Today it is a popular tourist destination with a population of around 1,600. The many attractions we visit include the James Cook Museum (where, among many other historical artefacts, you can see the jettisoned anchors and guns not that long ago recovered from Endeavour Reef) the Botanic Gardens, Grassy Hill, art galleries and the Cook memorials.

There is also a large collection of items from the gold rush era, which help one to imagine the wild and rowdy town that Cooktown once was. The harbour side is pleasant and interesting, here a large stone marks the spot where the Endeavour was beached and repaired over 6 weeks in 1770.

Memorials to Cook are nearby. Other points of interest are the cemetery and some historical buildings. There are also many places of interest on the return drive including the mysterious and forbidding Black Mountain and the Lions Den Hotel. The Lions Den has changed little over the last 100 years. Tin miners, fossickers, cattlemen and hippies all gather there. Definitely the best place in the Far North to hear a pub yarn.

Exclusive Charter **\$630**

1 person	\$495
2 people	\$260 each
3 people	\$180 each
4 people	\$155 each
5 people	\$130 each
6 people	\$110 each

Cost includes admission to the James Cook Museum and Natures Powerhouse.



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Half Day Fishing Adventure

A fun filled morning with our highly experienced and enthusiastic crew onboard the Bloomfield Explorer.

We will head to the secret spots that have been tried and tested to catch you that fish of a lifetime! Some of the recent catches have been Red Emperor, Coral Trout, Big Chinaman Fish, Gold Spot Cod, Black King, Sweetlip and the Bull Dog of the ocean, the hard fighting Spanish Mackerel.

In fact it could be any 1 of 1500 different species that inhabit the Great Barrier Reef.

We leave for the hot spots at 8am and have you back at the lodge approximately 12.30pm. All bait, tackle and refreshments provided.



Exclusive Charter **\$1,200**

1 person	\$990 each
2 people	\$500 each
3 people	\$340 each
4 people	\$260 each
5 people	\$220 each
6 people	\$200 each
7 people	\$190 each
8 people	\$180 each

Sport Fishing Tours – Paradise Kingfisher

Experience the thrill of tropical sport fishing whilst enjoying the picturesque local surrounds aboard our custom built fishing vessel. Specifically designed for local conditions, the Paradise Kingfisher is equipped with everything required to chase the elusive tropical prize fish.

Tours are structured depending on season, tide and weather conditions – fishing creeks, headlands and inshore reefs. Targeted species include Mangrove jack, Queenfish, Nannygai, Giant Trevally and the iconic Barramundi.

Our fishing guides are keen local sport fishermen, who spend much of their spare time fishing these very waters, perfecting their techniques and experimenting with new systems. Quality fishing equipment and basic tackle is provided, lures are provided on a replace if lost basis, recorded on your barcard.

We promote a primarily catch and release policy to maintain a healthy local fishery. Photos last longer than fillets, so we take only a couple of fillets but plenty of photos.

Time, duration and location of tours are tailor made to suit you. Tours are charged for vessel and guide at \$75 per hour, maximum guest numbers are dependant on the nature of the tour.

In addition there will be a small Environmental Management Charge (EMC) that will be added to your barcard - this payment is for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and helps towards funding for the protection of the reef.



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