

Bloomfield Lodge

BEAUTIFULLY REMOTE

Guided Daintree Rainforest Walk By Shayne Marks – Tour Guide

Situated on the most northern edge of the iconic World Heritage listed Daintree National park Bloomfield Lodge is a great place to experience firsthand some of the wonders of the world's oldest rainforest. Virtually untouched for millions of years it remains one of the most naturally diverse areas on earth, home to over a fifth of Australia's bird species, some of the world's largest and most striking butterflies, primitive flowering plants and the rare and endangered Southern Cassowary and Bennett's Tree-Kangaroo.

At Bloomfield Lodge we offer guests a fascinating guided walk, giving an insight into the mysteries of the tropical rainforest, its magnificent ecosystem and the flora and fauna that inhabit it.



The walk begins at the bar/reception area, and takes you through the gardens of the Lodge and into the bush of Wongabadja, the wild forest that backs onto the lodge's grounds. Within the gardens quite a few exotic tropical fruit trees were planted in the early days and if in season guests may taste jaboticabas (tree grapes), lychee, mango, jackfruit, star apple, carambola or sapote before even venturing into the woods.

Once in under the canopy the light dims and the temperature drops considerably and as you go down into a seasonal stream bed the earthy moist smells arise to meet you.

All of our guides have grown up in the bush and they give a detailed commentary of the various workings of the rainforest ecosystems from minute fungi to massive buttress rooted trees and giant strangling figs.



Along the way we will point out various kinds of ancient Eucalypt, Fig, Bumpy Satinash, Silky Oaks and Kapok trees. Taking special note of the lawyer vine and nasty stinging trees. Eyes are on the lookout for any wildlife along the way, however most mammals of the area are nocturnal. Lizards, Water Dragons and birds will most likely be your daytime companions.

The tracks are sometimes a bit rough under foot but taken at a leisurely pace with plenty of chat and water stops they are easily navigated even for the less fit. It's a great way to spend a couple of hours and work off a bit of that extravagant breakfast or lunch!

