

## Getting There and Back

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### Introduction

We have planned transport options to make your journey to and from the ride as easy as possible. **Give your bike to us** before you “leave home” through our extensive *Home or Depot Services* and your journey will be even easier. Our *Home or Depot Services* are cheaper than taking your bike on a flight. We figure if you don't have your bike to lug everywhere then you can use all the regular services just like a ‘normal’ tourist or resident. For details of the excellent bike transport options available see the *Bike Transport* info sheet.

Cycle Queensland 2018 will **start in Cape Tribulation** on **Sunday 2/9/18** around 10.30am. The start site will be within the event campsite at Cape Tribulation Horse Riding. **By road, Cape Tribulation** is 139km north of Cairns, approximately 3 hours drive and includes a ferry crossing.

There will be an event **campsite in Cape Tribulation on Saturday 1/9/2018** with toilets but **no showers** if you don't want to shell out for accommodation in town. Saturday night camping is included in your entry fee and will include a basic dinner and breakfast (Saturday 1/9 dinner & Sunday 2/9 breakfast). Campsite services will be available from **12pm on Saturday 1/9/18**.

Cycle Queensland 2018 will **finish at Cairns on Sunday 9/9/18** between 9am and 12noon depending on your cycling speed and preferences. The finish site is the Eastern Event Lawn, Cairns Esplanade. There are toilets and shower facilities on site.

### Charter buses to and from the event

Bicycle Queensland has chartered buses to transport riders and volunteers from Cairns to the start and back from the finish. **Book and pay for these services with your entry**. Exact details will be confirmed after closing date on 27 July 2018. Cost for bus transport **does not include your bike** so remember to book your bike transport separately - see the *Bike Transport* info sheet for details of the excellent bike transport options. Volunteers do not pay for event transport from Cairns to Cape Tribulation and from the finish site to Cairns Airport / Railway Station. Bus times are subject to change.

### Saturday 1 September 2018 – travel to Cape Tribulation

Departure Location	Departure Time	Approx. duration	Cost	Notes
Cairns Airport (International & Domestic terminals)	10.00am	3hrs	\$60.00	Better to use <i>Home or Depot Services</i> for your bike rather than take it on the bus (which is not available to anyone within the Bike Transport <i>Home Service</i> catchment area).
	1.30pm			
	4.30pm			
Cairns Railway Station	4.30pm	3hrs	\$60.00	
Cairns Car Park – Long term parking is available at Cairns Airport from as little as \$68 from 1-9 September if booked early online	10.00am	3hrs	\$60.00	Better to use <i>Home or Depot Services</i> for your bike rather than take it on the bus (which is not available to anyone within the Bike Transport <i>Home Service</i> catchment area).
	1.30pm			
	4.30pm			

Charter buses arriving on Saturday 1/9/18 will drop off at the Cape Tribulation event registration site/campsite only. A shuttle bus will be in operation between here and the township of Cape Tribulation upon request at event registration.

### Sunday 2 September 2018 – travel to Cape Tribulation

There is no dedicated services from Cairns to Cape Tribulation on Sunday 2 September. If you are unable to arrive on Saturday 1 September, please make your own plans to arrive in time for the start of the event at 10.30am.

### Thursday 6 September 2018 – travel from/to Atherton (Short Ride Options)

Departure Location	Departure Time	Approx. duration	Cost	Notes
Atherton Showgrounds Campsite	9.00am	1.5hrs	\$40.00	Load bikes in bus luggage bay. Bike transport must be booked separately when completing online form.
Cairns Airport & Cairns Railway Station	11.30am & 12.00 noon	1.5hrs	\$40.00	

Charter bus arriving on Thursday 6/9/18 will drop off at the Atherton Showgrounds (event campsite).

### Sunday 9 September 2018 – travel from finish at Cairns

Don't be in a hurry to leave! Cairns is a beautiful spot to relax for a few days in mid-September.

Destination	Departure Time (approx)	Approx. duration	Cost	Notes
Cairns Airport (International & Domestic terminals)	10.30am & 11.30am	15 mins	\$10.00	Better to use <i>Home or Depot Services</i> for your bike rather than take it on the bus with you. We suggest flight departures no earlier than 2 hours after your bus is scheduled to arrive (3hrs for international flights).
Cairns Railway Station	11.30am	10 mins	\$10.00	

### Car Parking at Cairns Airport

Bicycle Queensland has not arranged for additional parking at Cairns Airport Long Term Parking. You must book your own parking online at <https://www.cairnsairport.com.au/travelling/parking-and-transport/parking-information/>. Our charter bus service will depart from the bus departure bays at the airport.

Parking and payment is the responsibility of the vehicle owner and BQ accepts no responsibility for you choosing to use this location.

### Private Support Vehicles

As stated in the Conditions of Entry, private support vehicles are **not permitted** on the event. Bicycle Queensland provides support along the route and on the campsites. **Riders supported by private vehicles risk being excluded from the event.**

The reason for this, besides this being a 'cycling event', is we go to great lengths to minimise traffic on the roads used, including locals changing their habits. The event generates additional traffic through support vehicles and we don't wish to add to this. One rule for all. BQ aims to make the ride more enjoyable for cyclists.

### Vehicle Transfer

For some participants it works well to drive to and from the event. Bicycle Queensland can assist with this by transferring a limited number of vehicles from start to finish, in exchange for the vehicle being available to the organisers for use during the event.

This service is limited by both the number that can be transferred and the suitability of the vehicle for BQ's use. Contact Bicycle Queensland for further information.

### Regular services

There are a number of regular options to get to the event. Bicycle Queensland recommends riders use the charter bus services listed above in combination with car, train or plane travel.

### Flights

**Cairns Airport** is 7km from Cairns Central and is serviced by all major flight companies.

Bus connections are available from the airport with Bicycle Queensland – see event options above.

**Links** Qantas [www.qantas.com.au](http://www.qantas.com.au) Virgin Australia <https://www.virginaustralia.com>  
Tiger Airways <https://tigerair.com.au/> Jetstar [www.jetstar.com.au](http://www.jetstar.com.au)

Remember to enquire about your 'excess' luggage - your bicycle, if you decide to chance it rather than use our bike transport services. Luggage limits vary between each company.

### Cairns Airport Transfers

Cairns local airport transfers by bus – Cairns Bus Charters <http://tnqshuttle.com.au/> or phone (07) 4049 2244.

### Train

**Cairns** is serviced by the Tilt Train and the Spirit of Queensland along the main east coast rail line. Bicycles are accepted on some services in limited numbers but must be pre-booked with a fee applying.

**Cape Tribulation** is not serviced by train. The closest station is Cairns, on the main rail line. From there you would have to catch a Cairns Charter Bus to Cape Tribulation (see above options).

**Links** Queensland Rail Travel [www.queenslandrailtravel.com.au](http://www.queenslandrailtravel.com.au)  
Translink [www.translink.com.au](http://www.translink.com.au)  
Cairns Bus Charters [www.cairnsbuscharters.com](http://www.cairnsbuscharters.com)

### Bus

**Cairns** is serviced daily by Greyhound Coaches along the main east coast highway.

**Cape Tribulation** is serviced by Trans North, however only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



**Links** Greyhound Coaches [www.greyhound.com.au](http://www.greyhound.com.au)  
Options to Cape Trib. - <http://www.destinationdaintree.com/getting-here-getting-around>

### **On demand – taxis and special services**

**Cape Tribulation** – no direct services operating out of Cape Tribulation

**Cairns** – Cairns Taxis – 131 008

**Atherton** – Atherton Taxis – 131 008

### **Accommodation**

**Cape Tribulation & Atherton** – see our *Local Accommodation Guide* info sheet for further details.

**Cairns** – there are plenty of accommodation options in and around Cairns, however we recommend booking early as there are other significant events on in Cairns either side of Cycle Qld. We have partnered up with **Mantra Hotels** to give all CQ riders a 5% discount off accommodation at all Mantra Hotels in Tropical North Queensland. For more information on how to book please read our promotional offer details on the accommodation page.

Budget accommodation close to Cairns city centre – due to the Targa North Queensland and Cairns Amateur Carnivals, budget accommodation will be hard to come by unless booked early. The best option is to search with Trip Advisor or use a website comparison site to find the best deals for your chosen dates.

### **Suggested Itineraries - some ideas to help you get to the start and home again:**

#### ***I'm from South East Queensland and I can travel on Friday 31/8/18 or Saturday 1/9/18;***

Great! Use our Depot or Home service to offload your bike and then:

Fly to Cairns with your preferred airline. Keep an eye out for deals as prices vary greatly. Then you can catch a bus charter connection to Cape Tribulation from the Cairns Railway Station OR Cairns Airport (Saturday only).

The **trip home** is easy via our bus transfer direct to Cairns Railway Station or Cairns Airport.

#### ***I have to work on Friday 31/8/18;***

Catch a flight on Saturday 1 September and then use our Cairns Airport bus connection to arrive in Cape Tribulation on Saturday afternoon.

Pre-flight, offload your bike via one of our bike transport services.

The **trip home** is easy via our bus connections to Cairns Railway Station or Cairns Airport.

#### ***I'm from North Queensland;***

Use our Depot services in Cairns, Townsville or Mackay if it suits to offload your bike and then:

Catch a plane or train to Cairns and then our bus connection to Cape Tribulation OR

Drive to Cairns and use the long term car park at the airport (on Saturday 1/9/18).

The **trip home** is easy using our bus connection to Cairns Railway Station or Cairns Airport or via your own car (using our bus transfer to the Cairns airport long term car park).

***I'm from the Sunshine Coast or Darling Downs;***

Use our Depot services in Toowoomba, Warwick, Kingaroy, Gympie or the Sunshine Coast if it suits to offload your bike and then: Catch a train or plane to Cairns and then one of our bus transport services.

You could also drive directly to Cairns and use the Cairns Airport long term car park (on Saturday 1/9/18). If you use our *Depot Services* (Warwick, Kingaroy, Toowoomba, Gympie, Sunshine Coast) for your bike you'll be able to put more bodies (driving helpers) in your vehicle.

***I'm from NSW North Coast;***

Driving to the Gold Coast or Brisbane for a connecting flight is possibly your best bet and if you use our *Depot Services* for your bike you'll be able to put more bodies (driving helpers) in your vehicle. From there you'll be able to utilise the Bicycle Queensland bus charter service all the way to Cape Tribulation on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

***I'm from Interstate near a major city;***

Fly to Cairns and catch one of our bus connections to Cape Tribulation.

For the **trip home** use our bus connection to Cairns airport / Cairns Railway Station.

Better to use our Depot Services for your bike if you can.

**Options summary**

**The best way to/from Cape Tribulation/Cairns** is to fly or drive and use connecting services from Cairns airport. Saturday 1/9/18 is the best travel day to get to the event to ensure you don't miss out on any of the excitement CQ18 has installed for you.

Quickest For **flying** we are offering charter bus connections to/from Cairns Airport.

Most flexible For the **drivers:** drive and park in the Cairns Airport long-term car park on Saturday 1/9/18. Catch our event charter bus on Saturday afternoon to Cape Tribulation. At the end of the event, catch our charter bus from the Cairns finish site back to the carpark (airport) and away you go. There is very limited space for bikes on the charter services to and from Cairns Airport, so best use our Depot or Home Services where possible.