

Explore Hinchinbrook

Home of Australia's largest permanent single drop waterfall, Hinchinbrook is a nature-lover's paradise. Reconnect with nature, and start exploring.

 **Townsville**
North Queensland

Trip Highlights



DURATION
1 – 3 Days



Australia's largest
single-drop waterfall



Experience the stunning
reef off Orpheus Island



Mountain biking magic
through lush rainforest



Day 1

You live life in the fast lane and only have the day to get out and explore – we get it! Here is our Top 3 Bucket List for Hinchinbrook.

JAW-DROPPING WATERFALLS

You'll be amazed when you stand in front of **Wallaman Falls**, Australia's largest permanent single drop waterfall, located in Girringun National Park. In between the forest clad ridge tops and rainforest lined gullies and creeks, Wallaman Falls stands at a mighty 268 metres. Experience the beauty of World Heritage-listed rainforest and spectacular gorge views on one of the short walking tracks near the falls.

Take in the view from the platform, and stay for a picnic, or make the most of the staggering heights with a short trek to its base to feel the rush of the water as it hurtles down the ancient cliff-faces.

Need a guide? **The North Queensland Tours – Tag-Along Tour** is the perfect way to explore this slice of nature's paradise from the comfort of your own vehicle. The Wet Tropics World Heritage Ambassadors will lead you through the rainforests of Paluma Range National Park and Girringun National Park offer a wealth of local knowledge via UHF, complimenting the stunning landscapes of your windscreen view. Bookings essential – visit www.northqueenslandtours.com.au

MOUNTAIN BIKING MAGIC

Pump up those tyres and put the pedal down, with wilderness mountain biking trails meandering through the forests of Broadwater National Park catering to all fitness types. From kid-friendly dirt tracks, to the more adventurous water-crossing off-road trails, throw caution to the wind, and indulge your sense of adventure with this action-packed activity. Don't forget to take in the scenery as you whirl by – this truly is nature's playground.

REFUEL IN INGHAM

You've probably worked up a decent appetite with all that nature and adventure! Ingham is home to a large Italian descent... which means just one thing – AMAZING FOOD! Pasta and antipasto are the speciality in this little Italy. Pop into one of the many delis for a picnic lunch or enjoy a walk through the towns art galleries and Mercer Lane street art before enjoying a bite at one of the specialty cafes.

Holy cannoli – these are not to be missed!
Seriously some of the best baked Italian goods on offer!

Local Tip

Day 2

DIVE DEEPER

Sail the seas to nearby luxury island of Orpheus Island, where the surrounding reefs are some of the most spectacular. Don the snorkel and fins, and swim with the fishes to get a truly immersive experience on the Great Barrier Reef. While the island lodge is exclusive to guests, Yanks Jetty is public access and your gateway to over 1000 different vibrant and colorful marine species which enriches the value of Orpheus Island, making it a paradise for nature lovers and campers.

Being a small island gives you a great opportunity for walking and hiking, as you trek your way through stunning eucalypt forests with the ever-present backdrop of spectacular horizons. Extend your stay and camp on an island paradise – bookings essential!

REEL IT IN

The Hinchinbrook region is renowned for its incredible fishing! With several charter companies providing the ultimate on the water fishing adventures, you're just about guaranteed to reel in a whopper! If you've got your own boat, or you just want to stay as close to the water as possible, then we recommend Hinchinbrook Resorts Lucinda. Perhaps you might like to try something a little more adventurous? Jump on a heli-fishing tour with the crew from **Hinchinbrook Adventures** and discover some of the most exclusive (and best) fishing locations this little part of paradise has to offer.



Day 3

TYTO-TASTIC WETLANDS

Experience the natural beauty and tranquil environment of TYTO Wetlands, a unique 90-hectare natural wetland which is home to over 245 species of birds, native Australian wildlife and numerous tropical plant species. Take a leisurely stroll along the four kilometres of walkways and stop along the way to enjoy the lookouts and viewing platforms.

TYTO Wetlands is located just 500 metres from the township of Ingham and situated just a few hundred metres off the Bruce Highway down Cooper Street; TYTO Wetlands is a carefully preserved natural environment that integrates lagoons, walking tracks and native flora.

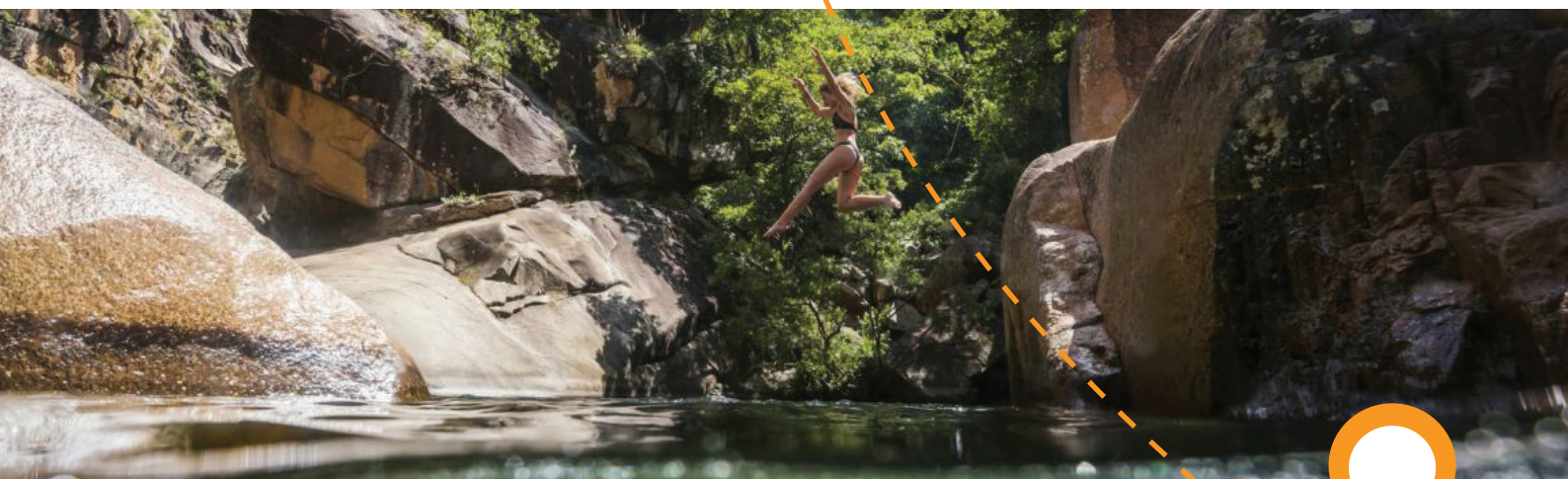
The area is named after the endangered Eastern Grass Owl (TYTO Longimembris) TYTO meaning monkey faced owl that can be found in the Hinchinbrook Shire, one of the few places in the world where this owl can be spotted regularly. These owl can be seen leaving their grassy habitat just on dusk.

The TYTO Precinct also features an interactive and informative Visitor Information Centre, Regional Art Gallery, Parklands, Conference Centre and Library.

PARK RUN: While you're here, get active and follow the well-worn paths of the local Park Run! Saturday morning events are 5k and take place in parks and open spaces. On Sunday mornings, there are 2k junior parkruns for children aged four to 14.

CHASING WATERFALLS

TLC said 'Don't go chasing waterfalls'....but we disagree, especially when you are in waterfall territory. We gave away the big daddy of waterfalls at the top – and how could we not! – but just a few clicks south is Paluma National Park, home to many-a-waterfall and delightful Jourama Falls. We'd recommend stockpiling a few treats from the local delicatessens, and lounge by the waters edge with a tasty Italian snack.



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