



**Cairns Airport**  
*Adventure*  
**FESTIVAL**

**27 May – 4 June 2012**

**[cairnsadventurefestival.com.au](http://cairnsadventurefestival.com.au)**

SET IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST ICONIC TROPICAL LOCATIONS, THE 2012 CAIRNS AIRPORT ADVENTURE FESTIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 27 MAY TO 4 JUNE 2012.

The festival features jam-packed days of events for people of all ages and abilities including; Cairns 2.80.20, Coral Coast Triathlon, RRR Mountain Bike Challenge, Great Barrier Reef Ocean Challenge, Quicksilver Reef Swim – Green Island, The Cairns Post Run for Cairns and Challenge Junior – a triathlon designed especially for kids! Plus there's plenty of entertainment with a free community concert.

The pinnacle event of the festival is 'Cairns Airport Challenge Cairns' a gruelling iron-distance triathlon that features a 3.8km swim, a 180km bike leg that travels one of the most scenic coastal roads in Australia towards Port Douglas and a 42.2km run that includes the Cairns Esplanade before finishing in the heart of Cairns.



- 1 Coral Coast Triathlon**  
Sunday 27 May 2012  
Warm up to a week of lycra-clad action with the Coral Coast Triathlon at Port Douglas. The course features magnificent Four Mile Beach with Olympic, Sprint and Enticer distance options available for individuals and teams.
- 2 RRR Mountain Bike Challenge**  
Sunday 27 May 2012  
Adventure doesn't get better than the iconic RRR (Rural, Rainforest & Reef) cross country endurance mountain bike challenge, Australia's longest running point to point race across three spectacularly diverse terrains to Four Mile Beach at Port Douglas.
- 3 Hekili Great Barrier Reef Ocean Challenge**  
Sunday 27 May 2012  
Outriggers and surf skis will paddle a 40km iron event course from Palm Cove to Four Mile Beach at Port Douglas with the beauty of the Wet Tropics rainforest on one side and the Great Barrier Reef on the other.
- 4 Quicksilver Reef Swim - Green Island**  
Thursday 31 May 2012  
Join colourful tropical fish and turtles on the Great Barrier Reef with a 1.5km or 3km swim at Green Island. After the race explore the coral gardens, sandy beaches and rainforest of this tropical sand cay off Cairns.
- 5 The Cairns Post Run for Cairns**  
Friday 1 June 2012  
Run or walk for a cause on the Cairns Esplanade 5km course where hundreds of locals, friends and families of Cairns Adventure Festival athletes enjoy the winter sunshine in this fun community and charity event.
- 6 Junior Challenge Cairns**  
Saturday 2 June 2012  
Start them young in the kids' version of Challenge Cairns. Swim the Esplanade Lagoon, ride on the Esplanade and run along the Cairns boardwalk to receive a medal and chance to win prizes.
- 7 2.80.20 Cairns**  
Sunday 3 June 2012  
Competitors in the inaugural 2.80.20 Cairns will tackle a 2km swim, 80km cycle and 20km run against the backdrop of Cairns and the Northern Beaches. This new long-course race follows a similar iconic route as Cairns Airport Challenge Cairns, but only half the distance.
- 8 Cairns Airport Challenge Cairns**  
Sunday 3 June 2012  
Take on the challenge of the world's most scenic triathlon course where the sporting elite chase the second richest purse in iron distance racing with a 3.8km swim in the Coral Sea, 180km bike leg taking in the spectacular coastal road to Port Douglas and 42.2km run to the Cairns waterfront.
- 9 Southern Cross Ten Cairns Sport & Lifestyle Expo**  
Friday 1 June – Sunday 3 June 2012  
Be among the first to see the latest sporting innovations and lifestyle products from more than 30 exhibitors while you enjoy the buzz of adrenalin throughout Cairns.
- 10 Cairns Adventure Film Festival**  
CAFF is a short film competition where entrants produce short films featuring adventure activity. The Film Festival will be an action filled evening that will showcase and award the best CAFF 2012.

Don't miss your chance to be part of the 2012 Cairns Airport Adventure Festival! This world famous destination and its breathtaking views will host a variety of events for every age and ability. Once the racing is done, spoil yourself with all that Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef has to offer.



**LEG 1**  
3.8km SWIM

The iconic Great Barrier Reef sets the picturesque scene for the start of the triathlon with swimmers plunging into the warm tropical waters of the Coral Sea.



**LEG 2**  
180km BIKE

Cliff hugging curves fringed by the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics rainforest are a highlight of the cycle course along one of the most scenic coastal highways towards Port Douglas.



**LEG 3**  
42.2km RUN

The vibrant Cairns Esplanade provides the festive atmosphere for the final leg with enthusiastic fans and friendly locals waiting under coconut palms to cheer each runner to the finish line.

Enter now at [www.cairnsadventurefestival.com.au](http://www.cairnsadventurefestival.com.au)



## Sail on the sand

[www.missionbeachadventurecentre.com.au](http://www.missionbeachadventurecentre.com.au)

Ride like the wind on a blo kart, an eco-friendly powerhouse of silent speed on three wheels. The light and easily manoeuvrable karts with sails are mastered within minutes so you can zoom along the ocean's edge only centimetres from the sand.

## White water adrenalin all the way

[www.raft.com.au](http://www.raft.com.au)

Top athletes demand hard core adventures and, as one of the Top 10 wilderness adventures in the world, that's what white water rafting the North Johnstone delivers. The only way in is via chopper and the only way out is four days of hurtling through lush rainforest on extreme Grade 5 rapids.



## Conquer the tip of Australia

[www.capeyorkmotorcycles.com.au](http://www.capeyorkmotorcycles.com.au)

Hit the dirt on an off-road motorcycle adventure to the tip of Australia through the remote wilderness of Cape York Peninsula. Traverse creek crossings on the Old Telegraph Road, test your skill on sandy beaches and overgrown tracks while encountering diverse landscapes from rainforest to the outback on the eight-day journey.

## Discover ultimate kite surfing

[www.australiankiteurfari.com.au](http://www.australiankiteurfari.com.au)

Pack your kite and join an exclusive group for some high speed kite surfing action in a deserted wide, flat bay north of Cooktown where the trade winds consistently deliver world-class conditions. The four-day camping expedition passes through the Daintree Rainforest across the Bloomfield River to traditional Aboriginal grounds.



## Swim with a minke whale

[www.marineencounters.com.au](http://www.marineencounters.com.au)

Be awed by a close encounter with a dwarf minke whale at the ribbon reefs off Port Douglas, the only place in the world where people are permitted to swim with these friendly, inquisitive creatures. This unique adventure takes place from May to September when the whales visit the Great Barrier Reef.

## Jump for the best view

[www.jumpthebeach.com.au](http://www.jumpthebeach.com.au)

Combine an adrenalin rush with incredible scenery skydiving 14,000 feet on to Mission Beach. Join a tandem master for a spiralling 60-second 200km/h free fall, slowing down as the parachute opens to take in the view of a 14km stretch of beach and a cluster of tropical islands.

## Stand to attention on the reef

[www.standuppaddle surfer.com.au](http://www.standuppaddle surfer.com.au)

Get a new perspective on the Great Barrier Reef with a stand up paddle board tour of Low Isles off Port Douglas. See turtles, rays and colourful reef fish as you navigate the calm waters surrounding the picturesque sand cay, then snorkel over a pristine reef.



## Balloon over a serene landscape

[www.hot-air-balloons.com.au](http://www.hot-air-balloons.com.au)

Slow the pace down and enjoy the stillness of an early morning hot air balloon ride over a tapestry of landscapes on the Atherton Tablelands. Embrace the calmness of floating above timeless villages, farmlands and orchards as a welcome respite from training.



## Saddle up for the ride of a lifetime

[www.skysafari.com.au](http://www.skysafari.com.au)

Take a scenic helicopter flight over the spectacular waterfalls and rainforest of Mossman Gorge to land at Wonga Beach for a horseback adventure. Ride along the beach to the mouth of the Daintree River and look across to Thornton's Peak to marvel at the oldest surviving rainforest on the planet.

## Ride hinterland trails on horseback

[www.blackmountainhideaway.com.au](http://www.blackmountainhideaway.com.au)

Unwind on a rustic hilltop farm surrounded by World Heritage rainforest in the Port Douglas hinterland. Take a guided tour on horseback to Mowbray Falls, a cool 550m above sea level or ride a stock route through the Australian bush for a view of the Great Barrier Reef from the mountains.



## Paddle into a wilderness adventure

[www.coralseakayaking.com](http://www.coralseakayaking.com)

Discover an island wilderness on a five or seven day sea kayaking expedition around Hinchinbrook Island on the Great Barrier Reef. See dugongs and dolphins as you paddle the island's coastline to camp on deserted beaches and swim in freshwater pools beneath towering granite peaks and World Heritage-listed rainforest.

## Fight a sporting fish

[www.cooktownfishingcharters.com](http://www.cooktownfishingcharters.com)

The line gives a tell-tale tug and the fight is on: human vs fish. The waters off Cooktown are home to some of the world's best fighting fish guaranteed to work you hard to haul your catch on board whether it's the sporting spanish mackerel or a top table fish like coral trout.



## Events

### Gravitate Mountain Biking Festival September 2012

[www.cairnsmtb.com](http://www.cairnsmtb.com)  
Rainforest trails and long, steep descents are a highlight of this annual event in the Cairns region which attracts competitors from around the country.

### AdventureThon 31 March – 1 April 2012

[www.adventurethon.com.au](http://www.adventurethon.com.au)  
The toughest multi-sport adventure in Queensland challenges participants to paddle, mountain bike and run on picturesque Magnetic Island located off Townsville.

### Crocodile Trophy 20 – 28 October 2012

[www.crocodile-trophy.com](http://www.crocodile-trophy.com)  
One of the hardest and longest mountain biking adventures in the world takes in Cairns, Cooktown, Laura and the Atherton Tablelands, challenging riders to endure 1200km in 10 days.

### Cardiac Challenge 29 September – 1 October 2012

[www.cardiacchallenge.com.au](http://www.cardiacchallenge.com.au)  
Tough it out for charity with a gruelling three-day 335km ride inland from Cairns to Cooktown.

### On a Mission 9 September 2012

[www.adventuresportnq.info](http://www.adventuresportnq.info)  
This multisport adventure features fabulous Mission Beach scenery with a paddle to Dunk Island, run to Mt Kootaloo, bike ride through the rainforest and ends with a beautiful beach run.

### Cairns to Karumba Bike Ride 24 – 30 June 2012

[www.ridefnq.com](http://www.ridefnq.com)  
Experience the Queensland outback on a seven day ride covering more than 780km from Cairns to Karumba in the Gulf of Carpentaria.



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### Great Pyramid Race and Country Fair 2012 dates to be confirmed

[www.pyramidrace.com](http://www.pyramidrace.com)  
The foot race to the 922m peak of Walsh's Pyramid, south of Cairns, is a never ending uphill scramble followed by a controlled downhill free-fall that is not for the faint-hearted.

### Paluma Push 22 July 2012

[www.rockwheelers.com.au](http://www.rockwheelers.com.au)  
Riders battle old 4WD tracks and fun downhills on either a recreational or marathon course through World Heritage rainforest from Paluma to Hidden Valley, near Townsville.

### 2012 Solar Eclipse Adventure Marathon 14 November 2012

[www.greatbarrierreefmarathon.com.au](http://www.greatbarrierreefmarathon.com.au)  
Runners will tackle this unique 42km Port Douglas marathon in the spine tingling moment when the first rays of the sun emerge from behind the moon during the 2012 solar eclipse.

[tropicalholidays.com.au](http://tropicalholidays.com.au)

Swap downhill thrills for uphill climbs  
[www.tablelandadventureguides.com.au](http://www.tablelandadventureguides.com.au)

After the thrill of a downhill race through the rainforest take time to explore the landscape further by mountain bike. Go outback on the former Lappa to Mt Garnet railway line or, if you're done with riding, experience new highs hiking Queensland's highest mountain, Mt Bartle Frere.





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