

family adventure
IN
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Why Queensland?

Whether you're as laid back as a koala or as lively as a kangaroo, there is heaps of family-friendly fun to be had in Queensland. With beaches, water activities, nature, wildlife encounters, and theme parks, Queensland is a playground for the whole family. Plus, don't tell the kids, but there are educational opportunities disguised as fun around every corner!

From the Daintree Rainforest, which is older than your grandparents' grandparents, to Bluey's World, Brisbane's newest theme park, Queensland is a wonderful destination for making family memories.

Speaking of family, it's at the heart of everything we do. Swain Destinations is a family business with nearly 40 years of experience helping people explore faraway places. Our network of travel partners includes many family-owned and -operated businesses that share our commitment to integrity and mutual respect. And just as we support our own family, we extend that same care to our traveling clients—ready to assist at any time!

"Travel is the most wonderful gift we have on this planet. And sharing it with children fosters an appreciation for other cultures and a sense of curiosity, helping them develop a lifelong love for exploring the world.

I feel so fortunate to have shared the gift of travel with my children and grandchildren. And I am honored to play a small role in assisting other families in creating lifelong memories.

Whether you are honeymooners starting a new chapter in your family or a multi-generational family setting out on a grand adventure, you are in good hands with the Swain Destinations family. As a Queenslander myself, these destinations hold a very special place in my heart. Happy exploring!"

~Ian Swain, President and Owner, Father and Grandfather, Queenslander







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Brisbane

Upon arrival in the vibrant capital of Queensland, Brisbane, you'll be immediately taken by the coastal, cosmopolitan city. Bask in the sunshine at Streets Beach – a beach right in the heart of the city. Participate in a welcoming ceremony of the Turrbal Aboriginal Tribe on the banks of the river. Climb the Story Bridge for panoramic views of the city. Take in the art scene before venturing beyond to experience all Queensland has to offer.



Streets Beach is surrounded by 40 acres of recreational park. With a sandy beach and sparkling blue swimming lagoon, it's a fantastic spot for families to spend a day in the sunshine. A five-minute stroll away, stay at the Emporium Hotel South Bank and take in the breaktaking view overlooking the city from the rooftop pool.



Practice your best pirate accent as you float among coral reef shipwrecks!



Tangalooma Wrecks

The Tangalooma Wrecks are a fascinating day trip across the bay from Brisbane. Between 1963 and 1984, 15 vessels were sunk for recreational purposes on the eastern side of Moreton Bay. Now the cluster of sunken ships is a vibrant marine sanctuary with colorful corals, more than 100 tropical fish species swimming about, and the occasional curious dolphin.



Australia Zoo

Home of the Crocodile Hunter, the Australia Zoo is a must-do day trip from Brisbane for the fam. The Platinum Zoo Adventure includes a golf cart tour with your own personal guide, exclusive behind-the-scenes and up-close animal and reptile encounters, VIP seating at shows, and meals. It is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet and learn about a variety of wildlife.



In 2004, Wildlife Warriors opened the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital, inspired by the wonderful work of Steve's mother, Lyn Irwin, who was a pioneer in wildlife care. In one year, between 9,000 and 10,000 animals are brought to the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital for lifesaving treatment.

The Zoo is dedicated to wildlife conservation through habitat protection, research, and education. Now managed by Terri, Bindi, and Robert Irwin, the Zoo continues Steve Irwin's legacy by fostering a deep connection between people and wildlife. The Zoo is the main sponsor of Wildlife Warriors Worldwide, a global organization protecting wildlife and wild places.



Cape Tribulation

Where the reef meets the rainforest, Cape Tribulation is where Australia's richest diversity of flora and fauna is found, both underwater and on land. With a wide range of nature experiences and guided tours of two UNESCO World Heritage Sites—Daintree Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef—this is an incredible destination for families to make lifelong memories.



Nearby, Thala Beach Nature Reserve is a destination unto itself. Stay in your own treehouse bungalow, explore the Coconut Grove in search of wallabies and bandicoots, stroll the private beach, and splash in the grotto-style pool. This family-owned eco-retreat is the ideal base for exploring the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest.



Daintree Rainforest

More than 130 million years old, the Daintree Rainforest is older than your grandparents' grandparents—and it's a pretty amazing destination for all generations to see. Kids, parents, and grandparents all will delight in spotting unique wildlife, like cassowaries, pademelons, and bandicoots.

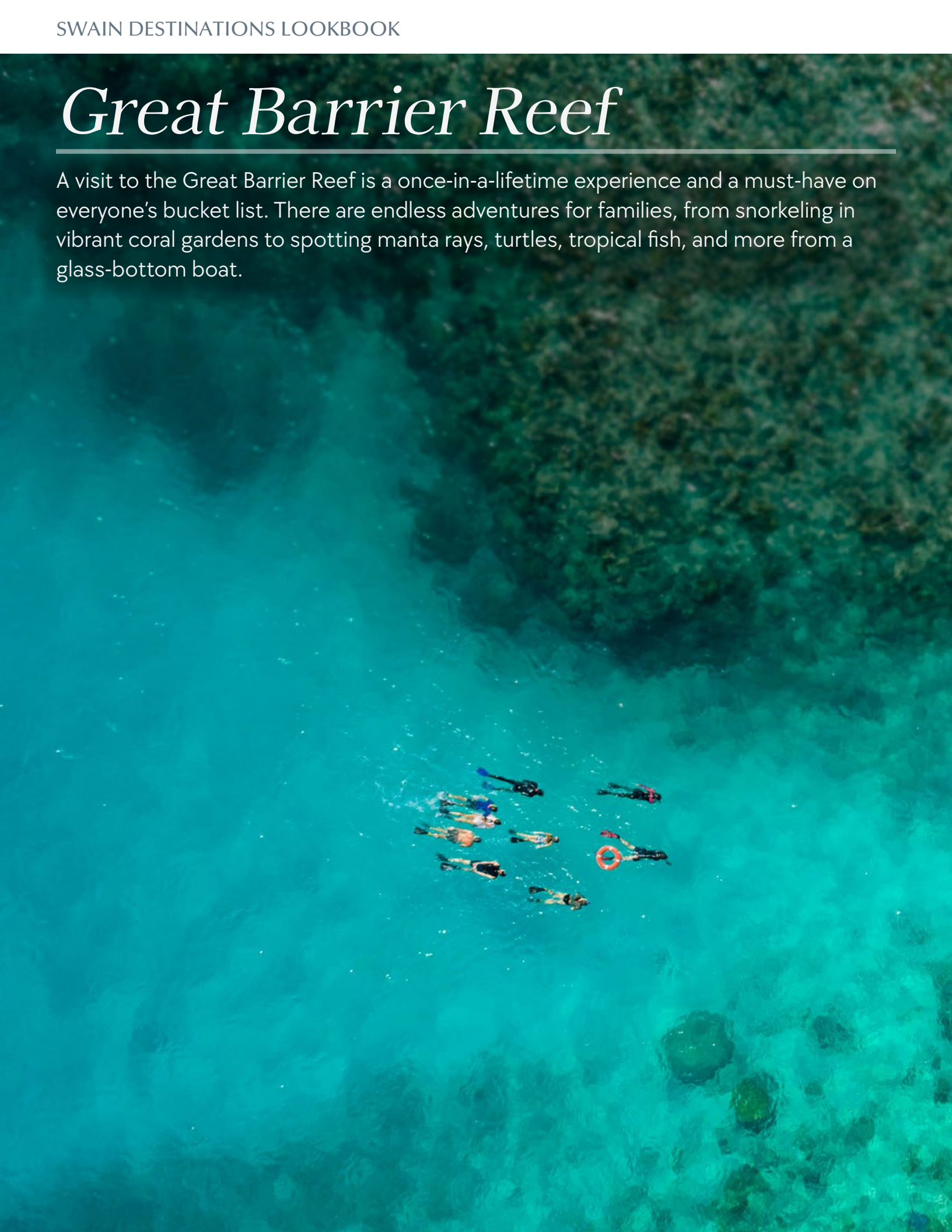


Families can enjoy activities like a rainforest safari to discover plants that pre-date the dinosaurs, a river cruise to see crocodiles, swimming in crystal-clear waterfalls, or drifting down the Daintree River. With a mix of education, adventure, and natural wonders, the Daintree provides a perfect escape for families looking to connect with nature and each other.



Great Barrier Reef

A visit to the Great Barrier Reef is a once-in-a-lifetime experience and a must-have on everyone's bucket list. There are endless adventures for families, from snorkeling in vibrant coral gardens to spotting manta rays, turtles, tropical fish, and more from a glass-bottom boat.



With activities suited for all ages, kids and adults alike can enjoy exploring the underwater world or relaxing on stunning island beaches. Plus, the fun and educational experience fosters a love for nature and conservation, inspiring young and young-at-heart explorers to help protect the world's underwater ecosystems.





The Outback

A journey to the Outback is a must for families with young explorers. Opportunities for fun and learning—like ATV adventures, fishing, kayaking, and swimming in waterfalls—are as vast as the wide-open spaces. Stunning sunrises in brilliant shades of orange and red start the day, and when it's time to wind down, millions of stars paint the night sky. An Outback adventure is an ideal way to disconnect from everyday life and create unforgettable memories together.



Luxury With Heart

Swain Destinations curates extraordinary travel experiences that immerse travelers in some of the world's most stunning locations—all while prioritizing sustainability, conservation, and cultural awareness.

At the heart of our Luxury With Heart philosophy is a commitment to protecting the environment, wildlife, and the communities that make each of our destinations unique. From connecting with people in their cultures to encountering wildlife in their natural habitats to enjoying impeccable accommodations in breathtaking landscapes, luxury and compassion truly can go hand-in-hand.

What better way to prepare future generations to be good stewards of the Earth and its inhabitants?

We invite your family not just to set out on a grand adventure, but to be part of something greater.

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