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RAIL, REEF & RELAX

11 days / 10 nights

31 August 2018

Day 1 – 31 Aug 18: Depart Sydney, *Spirit of Queensland* – Brisbane to Cairns

Fly from Sydney to Brisbane this morning. On arrival you will be transferred to Roma Street Station to board the *Spirit of Queensland*. Combining modern seating and entertainment options with the charm of long distance rail travel, the *Spirit of Queensland* is comfortable and convenient. The train departs at 3.45pm and travels overnight to Cairns. You'll travel in a unique Rail Bed, a business class-style seat which converts into a flat bed at night. (D)

Overnight on board the Spirit of Queensland

Day 2 – 1 Sep 18: Cairns

Arrive into Cairns this afternoon and transfer to your accommodation. (B,L)

Stay: 5 nights at Bay Village Tropical Retreat, Cairns (or similar)

Day 3 – 2 Sep 18: Cairns

This morning enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of Cairns. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

Day 4 – 3 Sep 18: Great Barrier Reef Cruise

Discover the underwater world on a full day cruise to the Great Barrier Reef. Spend up to five hours at the Marine World pontoon snorkelling (instruction is included), witness a fish feeding presentation and take a glass bottom boat tour. Buffet lunch and morning and afternoon teas are included. Take your swimmers and towel, sunblock, hat, sunglasses, camera, and money/credit card for any on-board purchases. (B,L)

Day 5 – 4 Sep 18: Kuranda

Depart today for a full day exploring the rainforest. Transfer to the railway station for the Kuranda Scenic Train and the spectacular views as you journey through fifteen hand cut tunnels and passing spectacular waterfalls.

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Day 5 (cont.)

In Kuranda meander through the charming village, visit the Butterfly Sanctuary and experience indigenous culture, before boarding the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway to glide over the the rainforest canopy. After your tour you will be transferred back to your hotel. (B)

Day 6 – 5 Sep 18: Cairns

Enjoy a day at leisure in Cairns. (B)

Day 7 – 6 Sep 18: Board *Pacific Eden*

Check out of your hotel today after breakfast. Your day is at leisure until it is time to transfer to Cairns cruise terminal to board your ship, P&O's *Pacific Eden*. One of the latest additions to the P&O fleet, *Pacific Eden* brings an intimate feel and more space to truly get away from it all. A highlight is the dining onboard, from the The Pantry food court to the classic Waterfront Restaurant, both included in your fare, to specialty restaurants such as Salt Grill by Luke Mangan and Chef's Table (charges apply). With fun activities, stage shows, live music and bars for every mood, you'll find so much choice to enjoy. *Pacific Eden* departs at 4.00pm. (B,D)

Day 8 – 7 Sep 18: Townsville

Today *Pacific Eden* arrives at Townsville. Why not take a shore excursion to explore the city and surrounds, including Magnetic Island? (B,L,D)

Day 9 – 8 Sep 18: At sea

Enjoy life at sea aboard *Pacific Eden*. (B,L,D)

Day 10 – 9 Sep 18: At sea

Enjoy life at sea aboard *Pacific Eden*. (B,L,D)

Day 11 – 10 Sep 18: Arrive Sydney

Pacific Eden arrives in Sydney this morning as you cruise through the Heads into Sydney Harbour. (B)

Meals: B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner

Please note: all main meals are included on board *Pacific Eden*. Surcharges apply for selected specialty restaurants such as Salt grill by Luke Mangan. Meals on shore excursions may vary.

Cruise code: E847