



Cassowary

Far North Queensland

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Cassowary prides itself as being an exemplary world-class boutique facility, accommodating guests' comforts and desires while being sensitive to the environment. Custom-designed by award-winning architect Charles Wright, Cassowary has been awarded a five-star rating for energy efficiency thus contributing to a reduction in Cassowary's carbon footprint.

Here you will find a luxurious, fully self-contained retreat nestled in a serene natural setting.



From its elevated position Cassowary offers a spectacular vista dominated by features such as Mount Demi and the majestic Thornton's Peak in the heart of the Daintree. Just 15 minutes from the internationally renowned resort town of Port Douglas, and 40 minutes to the Daintree River Ferry, Cassowary is the ideal base for exploring the Great Barrier Reef, World Heritage-listed rainforests, the Daintree National Park and also to enjoy the attractions of Port Douglas.

From the high-end teak imported furniture, colourful accents and fabrics to the Dana-series oil on canvas art pieces. The artist, Dante Palmes, resides in the Philippines and his Dana series is a vibrant collection that captures and brings the lush beauty of the rainforest into your suite. Cassowary featured in the top 50 Interiors in Australia – House & Garden Collector's Edition, October 2009.

Cassowary can be defined as an ecologically sound concept that has resulted in a superb fusion of elegance, luxury and environmental sensitivity.



Luxury gone green

In addition to being an exotic paradox of indulgent luxury, modern architecture and natural wilderness, Cassowary also cares about the environment.

Our tagline 'Luxury gone green' not only suggests that we offer luxury in the green of the rainforest, but that we also care about our environment. In an attempt to reduce our carbon footprint the spectacular architectural roof line also serves as a conduit for capturing rain water throughout the rainy season. With over 80,000 gallons of water collected each year, this allows Cassowary to fully service water outage throughout the retreat, and utilise this energy efficient methodology in water consumption.

To reduce the excessive use of air cooling requirement the actual design of Cassowary affords an efficient air flow throughout the structure. To enhance the efficiency of the air conditioning process all units are stored under the house in order to leverage the natural coolant effect of the quantum mass of the rock foundations.

Only biodegradable products are used at Cassowary.

At Cassowary we care, you can contribute too, by using the recycling bins and re-using towels when you can.







Accommodation

Whether you are a family of 10, 14 friends, a senior executive group, a 5-couple get-away, a bridal party of up to 14, or a golfing party ready to hit the greens, Cassowary caters to you and your preferences.

Comfortably accommodating 10 guests (with provision for a further 4), Cassowary has three master suites complete with built-in robe and marble bathroom, private balconies, and water features with views of the lush rainforest. The Honeymoon Suite has an elegant four-poster teak bed, spa bath, and private outdoor rain shower.

There are three double suites, two of which have private balconies and water features. Every room in the house has a TV / DVD offering free-to-air and cable television (seven screens in total).



For those that need to keep their technology close, Cassowary has an automated clipsal system with high-speed internet, cable TV, and a state-of-the-art conference facility that overlooks a marble water feature.







The main pavilion features a fully equipped designer kitchen, dining area and lounge room. A full bathroom overlooks a water feature with a designer stand-alone bath tub; storage and laundry are also located here. The facility is wheelchair accessible.

There is also a well-equipped gym for those who wish to stay in shape or to improve their level of fitness during the stay. Cassowary is also pet friendly.







Rates & conditions

\$750/night for 6 guests (extra guests \$50 each per night) for greater than 3 nights stay.

\$850/night for 6 guests (extra guests \$50 each per night) for less than 3 nights stay.

A charge of \$50.00 per person, per night, applies for any additional guests. (max. 14 guests)

Cassowary comfortably sleeps 10 people, however prior arrangements can be made for the bedding layout to be reconfigured to accommodate up to a further 4 guests.

Children under 2 years stay free of charge.

Cancellation policy – 21 days prior to arrival no refund. Outside 21 days a full refund will be provided less a \$50.00 administration fee.

Bookings are confirmed upon full payment.





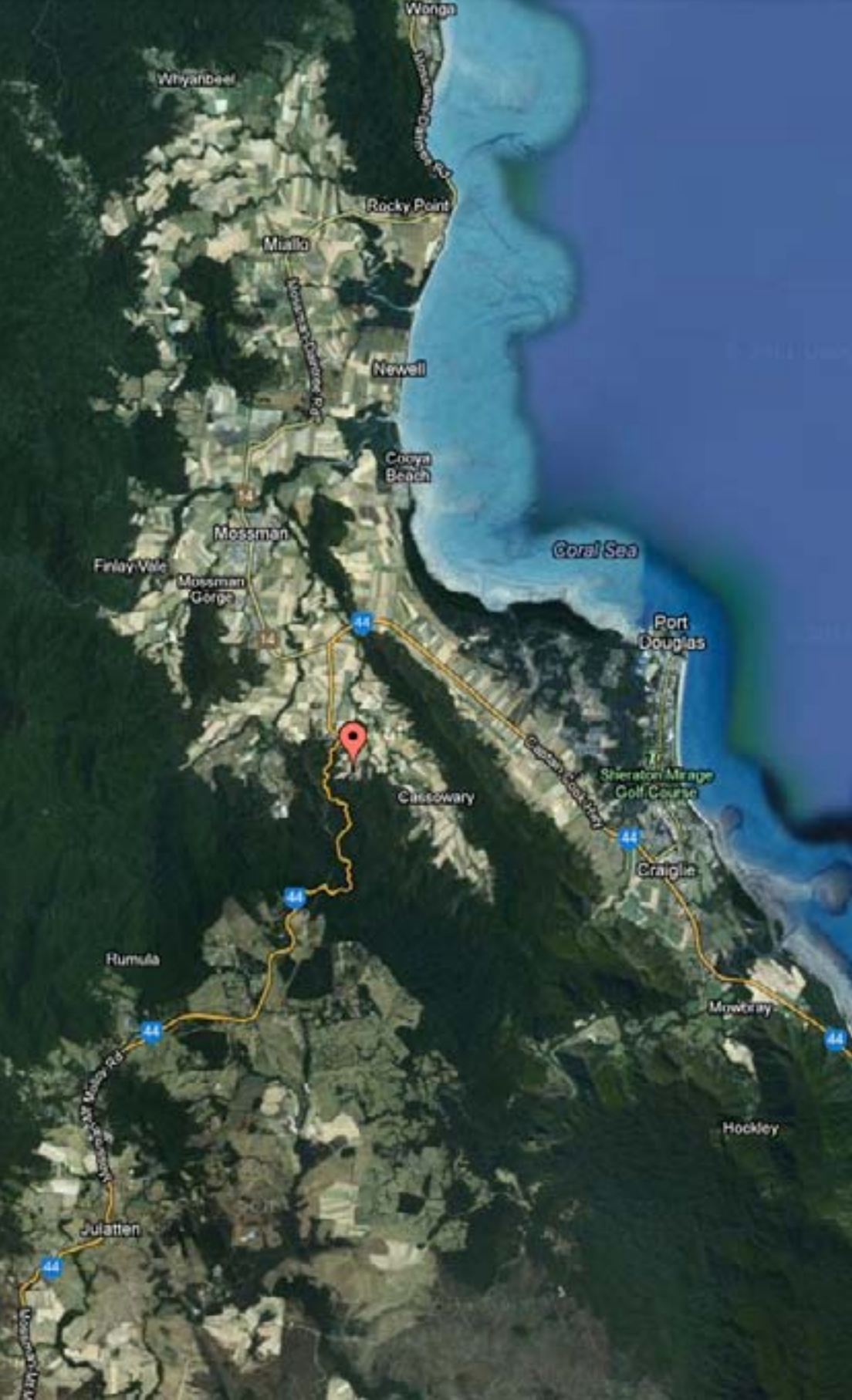


Additional features

- Air-conditioning
- TV
- DVD
- Broadband access
- Stereo
- Linen provided
- Pool towels
- Fully self-contained kitchen
- Parking
- Pool
- Phone
- Guests' library
- Outdoor entertaining area – BBQ
- Games







Getting to the Cassowary retreat

If your journey begins at Cairns International Airport or Cairns City you will head north along the Captain Cook Highway. The Captain Cook Highway is a scenic highway that winds alongside the coast heading to Port Douglas and beyond to the Daintree.

Getting to Cassowary entails a leisurely 75 minute drive; punctuated by rocky headlands and boulder-strewn points, pristine sandy beaches and tropical rainforest – it is, in a sense, an experience just getting to your holiday destination.

Continuing along past Port Douglas for 13 kilometres you turn left onto the road to Mt. Molloy (Rex Range Road)

You may wish to stop & shop for your provisions / essentials en route. The Smithfield Centre or Clifton Beach shopping complex or Port Douglas IGA are conveniently located on the highway.





Tours and activities

To fully enjoy an optimal, revitalizing get-away, we believe in attending to guests in a customized approach during their stay. We cater holistically and tailor individually to your needs and preferences – regardless of how active or relaxed you want your stay to be. Before you arrive, you can choose from an array of amenities, services, activities, excursions, and treatments – all designed to refresh, restore and rebalance.





Why not take the stress out of planning your tours & activities and let us do the running around. We know what is on offer throughout the region so we can gauge (according to individual preferences) tours and activities which would be most appropriate for the particular group or members thereof. We check weather conditions / forecasts regularly throughout any day and would therefore suggest that you perhaps contact us several days before your arrival, and before you commit to a tour or activity that may be affected by adverse weather conditions – we can generally assess at what point in your stay optimal conditions would likely exist for undertaking certain activities.

At the Cassowary we want you to relax and enjoy the environment whilst experiencing all that the area has to offer. Tell us what you would like to do and let us do the 'leg work' for you. We pride ourselves on being able to connect the visitor to the desired experience – and we do it free of charge.





Activities

Great Barrier Reef – Options include fishing, scuba diving, snorkelling, sailing, and coral viewing to the Outer Barrier Reef and the Islands.

- Mossman Gorge
- Daintree Rainforest walking trails
- Tropical fruit farms
- Wildlife sanctuary
- Secluded beaches
- Crocodile adventures
- Cultural experiences with Kuku Yalanji rainforest walks and cultural habitat safaris
- North Queensland outback
- Kuranda village in the rainforest
- Tropical tablelands
- Mareeba wetlands



Attractions

- World Heritage Great Barrier Reef Marine Park
- World Heritage Daintree Rainforest
- Wildlife & environment parks,
- Adventure; horse riding, water sports, river cruises, white water rafting
- River & reef fishing
- Historical sites
- Indigenous cultural tours
- 4WD adventures
- World class golf courses
- Tropical fruit winery
- Day spas
- Outdoor theatre and nightlife
- Aerial tours by microlight, seaplane, helicopter & hot-air balloon
- Diving, snorkelling, glass-bottom coral viewing
- Port Douglas village for shopping
- Weekend markets in Mossman and Port Douglas
- World renowned restaurants





Weddings at Cassowary

Cassowary is perfect for tropical romance, and Port Douglas Catering and Events has the expertise to turn your wedding dream into a reality.

With over 15 years' local experience and access to this unique venue of the rainforest, wedding co-ordination is one of their specialties making the most special day of your life one of the easiest. Their services encompass:

- Themes
- Flowers
- Entertainment
- Celebrants
- Photographers
- Wine selection
- Food with flavour and flair
- Transport
- Mid week bookings

When you choose Cassowary Port Douglas as your wedding destination, you will find that most of your family and friends will be here on holiday with you for a week or more. So... it doesn't mean that you have to limit yourself to a weekend wedding. To help accommodate everyone's requests for our services, we have a mid week booking incentive – this means that you receive a 15% discount of the wedding grove fee.



Parties and special events

If you are planning a celebratory dinner party for friends & family or a birthday bash to remember, then Port Douglas Catering & Events will look after all your needs.

They can deliver platters of food ready to serve, marinated meats for you to barbecue or even cater a 'build a burger' buffet for a party idea with a difference. They offer a range of menus and food styling for all tastes and budgets. They can also organise your very own chef to come to the Cassowary and cook up a storm for you and your friends.

They also offer great party ideas, themes and entertainment, so just let us know how much help you need.

It's your day so let us make it something special.



Awards & honors

2009 Awarded 5 star efficiency rating

2009 Awarded top 50 hotspots in Australia

2010 Showcased in the Beautiful Accommodations of Australia Book

2010 Showcased in the Executive Retreats of Australia Book

2011 Showcased in TV show 'Getaway'

2011 Cassowary selected to feature in an architectural publication called 'best contemporary country houses' under the hinterland collection.





Hinterland Holiday

A 16-hectare estate in a world heritage rainforest is home to an impressive sustainable country residence that provides an exclusive retreat for eco-tourists.



When one imagines the ultimate luxury retreat in Queensland's tropical north, they envision an escape of lush green rainforests, crystal blue waters and colourful reefs. A house residing in a place such as this would be expected to have the conventional ideas of appearing rustic and raw.

The Casuarina brings to life the dream holiday, and is one of the most 'green' houses ever built.

Named after the province tropical rainforest just north from Port Towns, The Casuarina offers the perfect balance between comfort, feel and sustainability. The house is built on an elevated ridge in order to maximize the breathtaking view across the working sugar cane farm towards the Queensland National Park.

Designed by Charles Wright of Charles Wright Architects, the design philosophy was to produce an unconventional outcome from conventional criteria. In this end Charles explains, "the conceptual framework for the project embraces our practice's ongoing pre-occupation with sustainability."

"The imaginative design that resulted balances the provisions of luxury. Walls are virtually non-existent, with outdoor living comprising much of the home. The climate of the wet tropics enables you to move about buildings in all primary indoor spaces and can thereby design an open number-room under a large roof canopy that to the most almost temperature fluctuation." Charles adds.

The goal was to create a luxury home that was also sustainable, being a low impact on the surrounding environment but nonetheless making a statement in progressive tropical architecture.

Here, the house comprises a series of bedrooms and bathroom facilities that are supported by green energy systems and a main living area, all neatly tucked under one continuous and impressive roof line that continues out to protect external living areas.

Sustainable initiatives include solar rainwater harvesting, removing the reliance on mains water, an advanced in-house sewerage treatment plant with recycled landscaping irrigation infrastructure, low energy fixtures & fittings throughout the property, passive ventilation systems and a long term low carbon footprint.



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Charles Wright

43 Tropical escape

The brief: Sited within Far North Queensland tropical rainforest, this room had to give the occupants a sense of bathing among the treetops.

Why it works: "Sustainable luxury was the aim," says architect Charles Wright. "This was achieved by opening up the room to the views and generating cross-ventilation." Natural materials, such as polished-concrete floors, stone benchtops and plywood panelling reinforce the natural surrounds. The broad roof canopy offers protection from the sun and downpours.

Charles Wright Architects; (07) 4099 4965, www.wrightarchitects.com.au.



Susanna Bilardo

44 Back to the future

The brief: A no-fuss living space that merges old and new topped the wish list for the owners of this Adelaide home. Plus, it had to have a spacious feel to play down the long, narrow footprint of the living area.

Why it works: Interior designer Susanna Bilardo of Enoki has used a void, teamed with a mezzanine, to open up the narrow living space, giving it a towering ceiling that extends over two levels. Sunlight floods in through a glass rear wall. An old fireplace has been retained as a link to the home's past – a connection reinforced by the secondhand table and recycled blackbutt floorboards.

Enoki; (08) 8271 5500.



Sarah Davison

45 Room with a view

The brief: The owners wanted a formal, yet comfortable, living room with furnishings to complement, but not upstage, their art collection and the sweeping views of Sydney Harbour.

Why it works: With its restrained, elegant palette of colours and materials, this room has a serene feel, says interior designer Sarah Davison of Ara Design Studio. "And it looks beautiful by day and night. By day, the blue of the harbour, the cream sofas, large silk rug and the vibrant artworks give it an airiness; by night, it becomes moody and sophisticated."

Ara Design Studio; (02) 9331 7810, www.aradesignstudio.com.au.



Cassowary WINS!

Cassowary was selected from the best of the best Australian Interiors.

You will Cassowary featured in the top 50 interiors in Australia - House & Garden Collector's Edition, October 2009.

The judges selected Cassowary's Honeymoon Master en-suite which features a spa bath, outdoor rain-shower with natural materials such as polished concrete floors, stone bench tops, plywood paneling reinforce the natural surrounds.

Cassowary is featured in Executive Retreats Flipbook Publication: "Cassowary is an exotic paradox of indulgent luxury, modern architecture, and natural wilderness".

Cassowary selected to feature in an architectural publication called "Best Contemporary Country Houses" under the hinterland collection.



How it all started

George and Samantha Kozak purchased the 40 acres of Lot 25, Upper Cassowary Road in 2003... and never looked back since then. They had a vision and since 2003 have been working on creating it.



Global wellness specialist

Paying attention to your health and well being while you stay at Cassowary is what Samantha is known for throughout the world. Applying her extensive global experience and knowledge in corporate settings, she ensures that your experience at Cassowary also includes relaxation and rejuvenation of the body, mind and spirit, showcasing Cassowary as the ultimate solution to our stressed and overloaded lifestyles. Contact Samantha for your next corporate getaway, event or retreat at: info@thecassowary.com



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