

4-19-2024

Easter Break, Part I-Trip to Cairns!!

Taryn Dance

Linfield University, tdance@linfield.edu

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/intl_postcards_2324

Recommended Citation

Dance, Taryn, "Easter Break, Part I-Trip to Cairns!!" (2024). *2023-24 Postcards*. Article. Submission 6.
https://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/intl_postcards_2324/6

This Article is protected by copyright and/or related rights. It is brought to you for free via open access, courtesy of DigitalCommons@Linfield, with permission from the rights-holder(s). Your use of this Article must comply with the [Terms of Use](#) for material posted in DigitalCommons@Linfield, or with other stated terms (such as a Creative Commons license) indicated in the record and/or on the work itself. For more information, or if you have questions about permitted uses, please contact digitalcommons@linfield.edu.

Taryn Dance

Spring 2023

Australia

April 19, 2024

Easter Break, Part I – Trip to Cairns!

Recently, we had a week off classes for Easter break. I spent the first half of this week in the town of Cairns, located in the Northeastern coast of Australia. I had three days in the area, so had to squeeze everything I wanted to do into that short period of time.

My flight landed Monday morning. I went straight from the airport to the botanical gardens for a nice morning walk. I spent a few hours walking around the different trails. It was very pretty and from the moment I entered I felt like I was deep in the rainforest. After the botanical gardens, I walked to my hotel to get checked in and relaxed for a bit. Then I took a bus into town to meet up with a friend. We walked the main streets and wandered through some night markets, then had dinner at a bar near the pier.



Boardwalk in Cairn



Cairns Botanical Garden

On Tuesday, I had a Great Barrier Reef snorkeling tour booked. The tour was amazing. We got picked up by the shuttle around 7am and were boarded the boat and headed towards the reef by 8am. The crew on the boat made it very enjoyable. We stopped at our first reef location for about two hours. The time flew by. I was in the water snorkeling the whole time. I got to see a lot of different fish and coral, and even a couple sharks at that location. Then we boarded the boat and headed to a second reef location. During this time, we were fed a delicious lunch by the crew. At the second spot, I again spent almost the whole time in the water snorkeling. I finally found a sea turtle and followed it around for at least 30 minutes. After that location we headed back to shore. It was a great day and an amazing experience.



Sea turtle spotted at the Great Barrier Reef



Great Barrier Reef



Reef

Snorkeling at the Great Barrier

On Wednesday, a friend and I took a ferry to Fitzroy Island for the morning. The day started out beautiful, then as we were eating lunch it began to downpour. Our plan was to go kayaking, but we aborted that plan when the rain started. Instead, we took a hike through the forest, heading along the beach once the rain stopped. It was super pretty and a fun, quick trip before we had to head out for our flights. Once we got back, we gathered our things and headed to the airport.



Fitzroy Island

Cheers!
Taryn Dance