

The 11 Most Popular Markets near Cairns

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Everyone loves a market don't they? The colour and the character, the smells and the sounds clunk and clash in a cacophony of excitement. Shoppers, of course, know the thrill of perusing market stalls, their noses sniffing out a bargain here, a one-off piece there. But markets are not just for shoppers, they're good for eaters too! Gardeners, re-cyclers, and up-cyclers will also likely find something of interest.

But one of the best reasons for visiting the markets is for the people-watching value. There's no need to dress up, in fact dressing down is recommended to ensure you don't stand out too much. Pull up a deck chair, slurp on a freshly cracked coconut and soak in the tropical atmosphere – you're sure to be entertained.

Whatever your interest, here's 12 markets to kick-start your market hopping in Tropical North Queensland.

Cairns Night Markets



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When: Open daily from 5pm-11pm

Where: 71-75 The Esplanade, Cairns

Why: The night markets allows you have have a walk on the Esplanade and grab dinner before launching a quest for bargains at the Market. Here, you'll find food stalls, clothing, arts, crafts, accessories, jewelleries and even a massage and beauty sector.

Cooktown Markets



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When: Sat 7.30am – Noon

Where: Lions Park, Cooktown

Why: Much like Cooktown itself, the Cooktown Markets are full of hidden pleasures. Expect an oddball mix of stalls offering trash, treasure, fresh squeezed juices, home baked cakes manned by the odd hippy or far north Queensland ‘character’. Cooktown’s full of them!

Kuranda Rainforest Markets



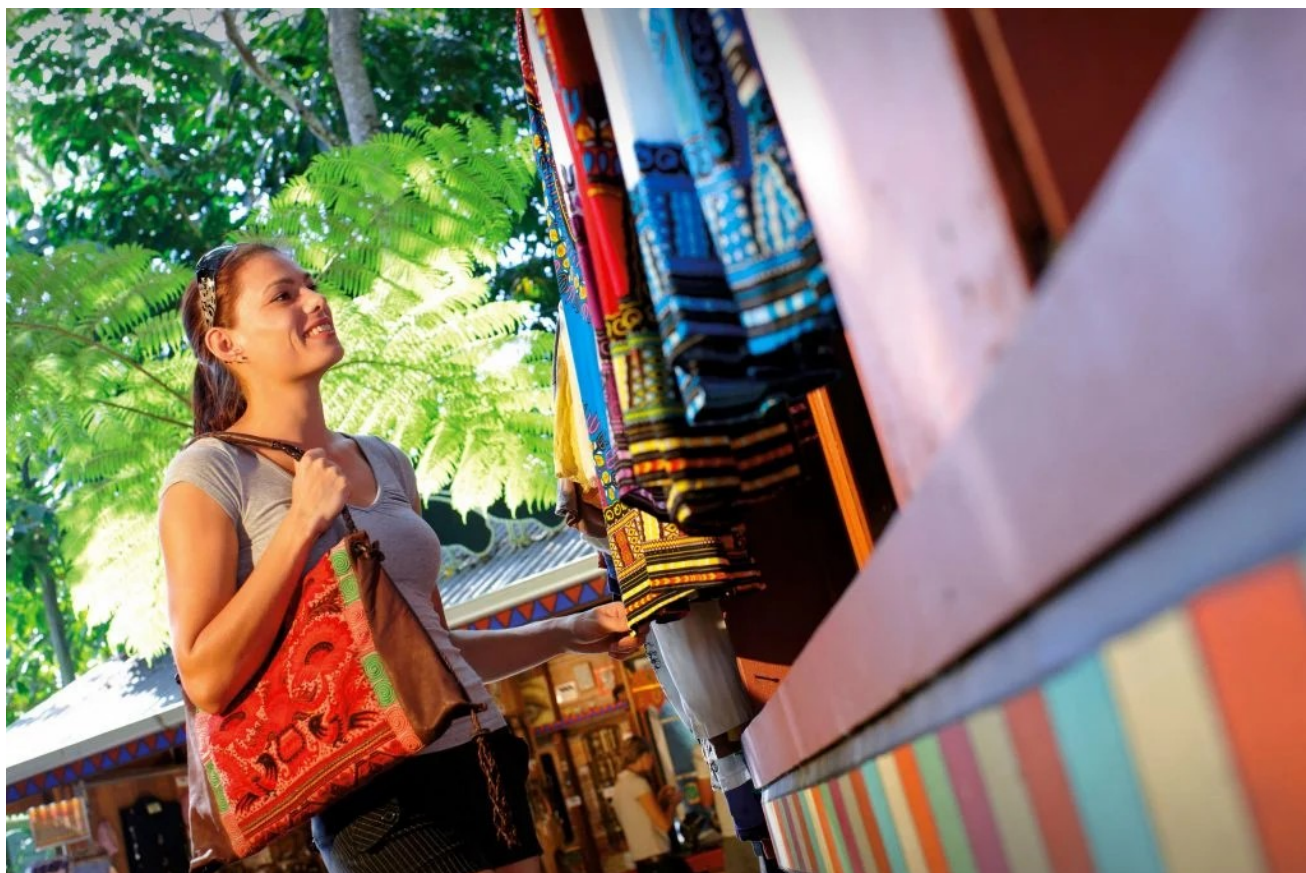
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When: Daily 9am – 3pm

Where: Therwine St and Heritage Markets, Kuranda

Why: A little bit kitschy, a little bit commercial and a whole lot of quirkiness, Kuranda is famous for its markets. Add to your Kuranda day with an immersive rainforest experience with unrivalled views of the spectacular Barron Falls and Gorge on board [Skyrail Rainforest Cableway](#).

Mission Beach Markets



The beachfront at Mission Beach where markets are held each month

When: First & third Sun of each month, 6.30am – noon

Where: Opposite Hideway Caravan Park

Why: Close enough to the dreamy beach that the town is famous for to taste the salt in the air, the markets offer a good mix of art, fashion, plants and home-baked food. There always seems to be someone selling mangos here no matter what time of the year!

Don't miss: Monster Markets on the last Sun of each month 8am – 2pm at Mars Park, Mission Beach (Apr – Nov)

Mossman Markets



The Mossman Markets are held under the gigantic Raintrees in the centre of town

When: Sat 7am – noon

Where: Under the raintrees, downtown Mossman

Why: Didn't you read the address? These markets are worth a visit if only to enjoy this gorgeous little town as a teaser for a trip to the Daintree Rainforest a little further north.

Palm Cove Markets



The market day during Palm Cove Reef Feast is the biggest of the year

When: First Sunday of every month

Where: William's Esplanade, Palm Cove

Why: Set on a beach-front esplanade lined with 500-year-old Melaleuca trees, the Palm Cove markets are popular with visitors and locals alike. Browse around 140 stalls of homemade goods, fashion, art, gifts and more.

Port Douglas Markets



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When: Sun 8.30am – 1pm

Where: Anzac Park, Port Douglas

Why: Probably the best markets in north Queensland. Food, fresh produce, art, crafts, fashion, jewellery, the cute and the quirky it's all here. If you leave Port Douglas Markets having purchased nothing you're really not trying!

Rusty's Market



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When: Fri 5am-6pm, Sat 6am – 3pm, Sun 6am – 2pm

Where: Grafton St Cairns

Why: Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Cairns at the markets in the heart of the city. There's fresh local produce, artisan breads, organic meat, spices, tropical flowers, locally produced cheeses and charcuterie plus an eclectic mix of handicrafts.

Tanks Art Centre Markets



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When: last Sun of the month 9am – 2pm (Apr – Nov)

Where: Collins Ave, Edge Hill, Cairns

Why: Arts and crafts, coffee and cake, it's all here in one of Cairns prettiest tree-lined streets in the Botanic Gardens precinct tucked within the rainforest.

Yungaburra Markets



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When: Fourth Sat of the month (3rd Sunday in December) 7.30am – 12:30pm

Where: Main St Yungaburra

Why: [Yungaburra Markets](#) are typical of the Tablelands, where market day is used as an excuse by locals to catch up with friends, neighbors and anyone else within earshot. Historic Yungaburra Markets are a terrific place to pick up fabulous fresh produce that the Atherton Tablelands are famous for.

Holloways Beach Markets



The markets are held on the beach front

When: Second Sun of the month 8am – 1pm

Where: Casuarina Street, Holloways Beach

Why: Holloways Beach Markets are a locals go-to and are held right on the beachfront. The market is a treasure trove; you never quite know what you're going to find. Browse a range of bric-a-brac, clothing, jewellery, locally-made gifts and food stalls

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