

## THE Highlander FOOD TRAIL TOUR

A day on the **Highlander Food Trail Tour** takes you inland, over the mountain range, to the Cairns Highlands (Atherton Tablelands). During your day full of food and wine, you will travel through both the **wet and dry tropics**. With contrasting landscapes and weather conditions, the area grows a large variety of excellent foods, which sold locally and interstate.

### YOUR FOOD TRAIL TOUR EXPERIENCE

- We take you to the best produce the region has to offer.
- Taste wines, in the world's only "tropical fruit" wine region.
- You learn about coffee growing, and taste our very best.
- Taste excellent commercially packaged produce, which you can purchase direct from the farmer, or winery.
- Tour private farms and plantations.
- Meet the people, of country Australia.
- Get away from all the crowds, buses and shops.
- Different taste sensations await you at every stop.



*A Banana Bell*

#### ► NQ Gold Coffee Plantation

- Coffee is grown differently in Australia. Hear why.
- Learn about tricks the farmer uses.
- See coffee cherries, the harvester and green beans.
- You will hear why cherry seeds are fermented.
- The roaster creates coffee beans in 15 minutes.
- Learn all the different roasts, how a great cup of coffee is made. It is so easy to get it wrong.



*Bruno explains coffee roasting*

These people are the only Italian – Australian coffee producers, growing and roasting coffee in tropical north Queensland. **Indulgence for your taste buds.**

#### ► deBrueys Tropical Fruit Winery

- All the wines are produced from tropical fruits.
- Try mango, lychee, passionfruit or jaboticaba.
- There are five tropical fruit wines.
- And, three port style tropical fruit wines
- And, three stunning tropical creams
- And, their flagship, a coffee liqueur.
- There are no grapes here!



*Winemaker Bob, serves tastings*

You sample a selection of deBrueys' wines, at the winery.

You may carry your wine purchase on the bus, or send them directly to your home.

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## ▶ **Wondaree Macadamia Plantation**

- You can only visit Wondaree with Food Trail Tours.
- This small farm is not open to the public.
- You are taken on a very informative farm tour.
- Under the trees, your farm tour explains how they grow and harvest this Australian, bush nut.
- In the shed, you see processing machinery, and hear how macadamias are extracted from the shell.



*You may hear it from the farmer*

Tastings are provided for your enjoyment, and you can buy Macadamias, at the farm.

## ▶ **Wild Mountain Cellars**

- This is your first stop after your scrumptious lunch.
- Wild mountain cellars is our newest fruit winery.
- With tropical fruit wines ports and liqueurs there is bound to be something to suit your tastes.
- Warwick (Stretch) is one of our real, local Australians.
- Once again, tastings are provided for you to enjoy.
- Take some back to your hotel to enjoy with cheese.

Stretch has also produced an amazing, smokey, pinot noir.

## ▶ **Curtain Fig Tree**

- Technically an epiphyte, but it kills, by strangulation.
- Formed after one tree falls, against another, on an angle
- As the supporting tree, grows it strangles itself.
- Aerial roots grow down to create the "curtain effect".
- Look up in awe at this 500-year-old natural marvel.
- It is one of the most amazing trees, you will ever see.



*The Curtain Fig Tree*

## ▶ **Gallo Dairyland**

- Frank Gallo's Dairyland our newest food attraction.
- Swiss staff are producing chocolates, and cheeses.
- You can also see cows being milked, if you wish.
- Enjoy afternoon tea, with scones, jam and cream.
- Next you may taste the cheeses, and if you ask nicely, you maybe lucky enough to taste their chocolate.
- This is the last farm, before we return you to Cairns
- We carry an esky (ice box) to get some home.



*Some of the Gallo cheeses*

Purchase cheese or chocolate to enjoy, on your hotel balcony, with a bottle of wine.

*You may not want dinner after a day grazing on Tropical Delights.*

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