

DISHING UP AUSTRALIA WITH AL BROWN

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EPISODE SEVEN QUEENSLAND: Cairns & the Tropical North



It's time to head to the winterless North of Tropical North Queensland, a region lush and brimming with rainforests, beautiful beaches and fresh produce. It's the only place on Earth where two world heritages meet, with adventures as diverse as trekking through an ancient rain forest one day, to diving the world's largest coral reef the next.

This is the home of all things tropical, from coconuts to cocktails, to some of Al Brown's personal favourites, cocoa and coffee.

You too can follow the road the Kiwi chef takes in his Dishing up Australia culinary journey, as he heads from Cairns to the Atherton Tablelands, less than an hour's drive away.



Tropical Treats

The tropical Tablelands are set at an average of 700 metres above sea level, and are a true mountain retreat; refreshing, invigorating, climatically perfect, with a superb range of natural and developed attractions.

It's also home to Australia's oldest coffee plantation. The Australian Coffee Centre is a dedicated multi-million dollar award winning visitor centre overlooking the Skybury Coffee Estate. Perched on the peak of the Great Dividing Range, the stunning timber building enjoys spectacular views over the surrounding countryside. This is the place to taste, tour and take home Australia's purest coffee. skybury.com.au

If it's chocolate you're after then you can't go past Daintree Estates, a family run business that set out to be the first to grow cocoa in the region ten years ago, and turn it into the finest chocolate in the most ethical and equitable way possible. daintreeestates.com

For clients keen to follow in the footsteps of Al's culinary journey, find out more visit Australia.com/albrown



Beachside Perfection At Palm Cove

On his return to Cairns, Al can't resist popping in to the beach at Palm Cove. This pretty beachside village retains its old charm with an eclectic array of brightly painted shop stalls, but has also established itself as the spa mecca of Australia and the premier beach destination of Cairns. So pretty, why not spend your last night here and Peppers Beach Club & Spa is the perfect place to indulge in tropical relaxation. It's a place where you can relax, dine, shop, be pampered, have great adventures and be entertained from morning until night. peppers.com.au



Silky Smooth

Al brings his bounty of tropical delights together for a dessert like no other – and in a place like no other. Just along from the main lodge at the luxurious Silky Oaks Lodge in the Daintree, Al finds a beautiful billabong setting to create a silky smooth dessert of flavours as rich and delicious as the region itself. silkyoakslodge.com.au

