

SILKY OAKS LODGE & HEALING WATERS SPA

THE DAINTREE RAINFOREST - QUEENSLAND



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CONFERENCES & INCENTIVES

SILKY OAKS LODGE

Finlayvale Road, Mossman
Queensland

Draw on the spirit of the Daintree.

Perched on the banks of the Mossman River, Silky Oaks Lodge & Healing Waters Spa is within easy reach of many Tropical North Queensland attractions. Reward delegates with a stay in contemporary treehouses, set in the rainforest on the edge of the Daintree National Park.

Delegates can unwind with a visit to the Healing Waters Spa acknowledged by The Australian as the best spa in Australia in 2004. Explore the tropics on an Australian Wilderness Experience day tours to Cape Tribulation or other wilderness destinations. If your group is staying in Port Douglas, Silky Oaks Lodge provides spectacular natural locations for off-site meals.

GETTING TO SILKY OAKS LODGE

- Air Connections - Via Cairns with Qantas and Virgin Blue.
- Private Chauffeured Car Transfer - Cairns Limousines offer a meet/greet service from Cairns Airport and Cairns City. The drive takes approximately 1.5 hours. (Maximum 3 delegates per vehicle).
- Coach - Charter a coach to suit your group size (6 to 48 seats) and sit back and enjoy the scenic drive.
- Self Drive - Car rental is available at Cairns Airport or Cairns City.

CONFERENCE SERVICES & FACILITIES

- Resident conference coordinator
- VHS video recorder
- Slide Projector
- Colour monitor
- Whiteboard
- Flipchart
- Dimmer switches
- Photocopying, facsimile and secretarial services available – fees apply
- Additional equipment may be hired.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

A selection of group activities are available including:

- Naturalist guided rainforest walks including Mossman River
- Gorge Walk
- Australian Wilderness Experience Day tour to Cape Tribulation
- Great Barrier Reef trips
- Cruise on the Daintree River
- Horse-riding
- Skyrail Cable Cars to Kuranda
- Ballooning on the Atherton Tableland
- Golf at Port Douglas or Mossman
- **The Healing Waters Spa** – Set in lush tropical gardens, the Healing Waters Spa at Silky Oaks Lodge has been inspired by ancient wisdoms that celebrate water as a renewing and life-giving force. The Spa is designed with renewal, vitality and well-being in mind and offers a range of signature treatments using the art of aromatherapy. We choose to exclusively use the Elemis range of spa and skincare products at the Healing Waters Spa.

FUNCTION ROOM CAPACITIES

Silky Oaks Lodge has two meeting rooms available for use.

Room	Area (m2)	Theatre	Classroom	U Shape	Banquet	Natural Light
Kubirri Room	95	84	45	30	50	Yes
Daintree Pavilion	140	100	98	30	100	Yes

The Daintree Pavilion is an open air venue that is unsuitable for audio visual presentations, however it is a peaceful setting offering delegates a distinct contrast from city meeting environments. It is the perfect location for informal meetings.

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THEMED EVENTS

Cane cutters, rainforest men and the stunning natural environment provide inspiration for our unique events.

Dr Livingstone's Welcome

One of the benefits of arriving by this unusual route is that the lodge is revealed unexpectedly and from its most pleasing perspective. As guests emerge from their rainforest walk, the beauty of the rainforest lagoon and the elegance of Silky Oaks Lodge which is nestled amongst the treetops across the River will overwhelm them. Silky Oaks Lodge is located on the northern bank of the Mossman River. On the southern side of the river are sugar cane plantations fringed by rainforest. Between the two banks of the river, at this point, is a wide rainforest island. We build temporary bridges, just for the event, from the cane farm to the island and from the island to Silky Oaks. Because this access is only used occasionally, the 200-metre walk across the island retains its wilderness feel and outstanding natural qualities. The group is usually divided into smaller units so naturalist guides can further enthuse the group and provide an interesting interpretation of the fauna and flora as they pass through.

BBQ Breakfast

An invigorating start to the day is an outdoor barbecue breakfast. We can arrange a bush breakfast on the edge of the Mossman River or in the Daintree Pavilion.

Pre-Dinner Drinks – Forest Magic

Passing through the fields of cane as the last light of day fades, the bus enters the lush vegetation of the famous World Heritage forest. Rounding the bend the guests at the front of the bus suddenly let out a gasp – for there ahead on the roadside a mighty jet of flames burst out of the darkness. Stepping into the light of the flames is a majestic cloaked creature. Graven, the ancient and fabled dweller of the deep forest, walks forward into the headlights of the halted bus. Graven screeches through the bus asking "what are you doing disturbing my peace in the forest?" then vanishes into the dark forest. Silence descends for a few moments, until driver carries on to their destination. Now settled in the majestic surroundings of Silky Oaks, pre dinner drinks are served. The sounds of a distant flute can be heard drawing nearer, when suddenly the unmistakable screech of Graven is heard. He returns and is now far more jovial and decides to join the group.

Dinner – Cane Cutters Crush

As guests stroll along the river bank towards pre-dinner drinks they hear the sounds of a rollickin' good times ahead. As a stockman cracks his whip, an old relic cane cocky arrives on the scene with his old wooden soapbox in hand preaching stories both past and present with some lively bush poetry. The guests enjoy some unique "Green Ant" cocktails and start to get into the spirit of the night to follow. Guests then move to the Daintree Pavilion which is like stepping into an old cane barracks with bamboo and iron lining the walls. Bits of Sugar cane push their way through the gaps of this old barn. Rusty old bits of farm machinery adorn half the area as hessian hangs from ceiling highlighting the old timber beams. Half the area is lit with lanterns and candles and the ceiling is flooded with soft, ambient lighting. The other half of the room if themed with sugar cane around the edges as guests walk into it they look up to see the night sky and all its twinkling stars. The tables are covered in hessian and sugar cane tripods sit on top with Billycans and Xylume sticks fires glowing softly. The chairs are covered in hessian with green covers and tied with string ties. As they take in the awesome grandeur of their surroundings, roving balladeers entertain guests with music and song inviting them in to take seats for dinner. The meal, which follows, is a formal plated celebration of Far Northern Australian food with all ingredients sourced locally and beautifully presented. After dinner the band take to the stage for some good old Australian music and the guests are encouraged to get up and dance into the night.

Dinner – Rumble in the Jungle

The evening begins in puzzlement, as the guests gather in the Jungle Perch, quite uncertain as to what to expect. Dr Blitherstone appears clambering over the balcony edge, muttering about a forestman. "Come, come" he beckons. Off they all go on a crazy ramble, one pathway leads into another. Sometime later everyone emerges onto a candlelit, sandy clearing by the river. Now Dr Blitherstone has disappeared! Suddenly, Boompa the forestman swings down from above smiling smugly as he flies through the air. He lets out an almighty blood curdling call and Dr Blitherstone starts to thump out a beat on the jungle drums and is accompanied by Boompa and his own brand of singing. As the music begins to fill the area, canoes appear around the bend of the river carrying costumed waiters bearing trays of drinks. Wild fruit cocktails and rainforest canapés are served to the guests while Boompa performs magic. For his grand finale he look towards blackened forest and appears to throw something towards the rainforest and as he does, magical flames appear to light a pathway. Guests follow the pathway leading to Blitherstone's tree top abode and guests are invited to join him for a sumptuous meal celebrating the rich produce of the local rainforest. As guests feast on the sumptuous meal a costumed jungle band entertain the guests. After dessert the band heats up the tempo and the guests are invited to join their jungle friends to dance the night away high up in the trees.

FLOOR PLANS

