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Cairns Airport

YBCS / CNS · Cairns and Port Douglas, Qld · directions and private handling

YBCS / CNS	3,196 m	2	65–67 km
Codes: ICAO and IATA	Runway: 15/33, grooved	FBOs: open 24 hours	Port Douglas: about an hour

Getting there: road distances and drive times

FROM CAIRNS AIRPORT TO	BY ROAD	DRIVE TIME*
Cairns CBD	7 km	about 15 min
Reef Fleet Terminal, Cairns	7 km	about 15 min
Palm Cove	26 km	about 30 min
Kuranda	29 km	about 35 min
Port Douglas	67 km	about 1 h 10 min
Mossman	75 km	about 1 h 15 min
Daintree village	107 km	about 1 h 45 min
Atherton	93 km	about 1 h 30 min
Mission Beach	145 km	about 2 h 10 min

*About, no traffic; allow more in the peaks. OSRM router, 24 Nov 2026.

Cairns in one box

> One runway, 15/33, about **3,196 m**. **Two FBOs open 24 hours.** No curfew found in the aeronautical information. Itinerant access form required; 48 hours notice for parking if the apron is short; marshalling by an FBO is mandatory.

The address to give your driver

Give the driver the FBO address in your flight brief; Jet Aviation and Machjet are on different parts of the airfield.

How your flight is handled

Arrival and departure at Cairns Airport

Arriving

1. We send the meeting point, the time to arrive and the aircraft details before you travel.
2. You are met at the aircraft or at the handler’s facility, as set out in your flight brief.
3. International arrivals: Border Force and biosecurity clearance is arranged in advance and the place is confirmed for your flight.
4. Your car, or a helicopter or boat transfer where the destination needs one, meets you on the other side.

Departing

1. Arrive at the time we confirm; it depends on the airport and the aircraft.
2. Identification is checked against the passenger details we hold.
3. The handler or the airport takes you and your luggage to the aircraft.
4. Domestic flights have no customs step; international departures include formalities.

Handlers and fuel

Jet Aviation +61 7 4030 1859,; Machjet +61 428 756 929. Customs: ABF Cairns 07 4052 3541. Confirmed for your flight.

If Cairns Airport does not suit

AIRPORT	FROM CAIRNS AIRPORT	NOTE
Townsville (YBTL)	South, about 350 km by road	The nearest large alternate; a long diversion.
Hamilton Island (YBHM)	South by air	A different destination; see our Whitsundays pages.

> If the flight is cancelled because of the weather, a full refund is provided, or you can rebook on another date, it’s your choice.

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One fully inclusive quotation, no obligation.

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