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FITZROY ISLAND, GREAT BARRIER REEF

Just a 45-minute boat ride from Cairns, this affordable, family-friendly resort is the place where locals go for weekend camping trips, or to take visitors when they're in town. Swimming with turtles just off the beach in front of the island's only resort is not only possible, it's a common activity. There's plenty to keep kids entertained, with a movie theatre, games room, table tennis and a playroom. You can also hire kayaks and stand-up paddleboards, hike to lookouts, take glass-bottom boat tours, cruise to the Outer Great Barrier Reef, and enjoy scenic and sunset sailing trips. The main restaurant, Zephyr, serves modern Australian dishes with an international flavour, while the beachfront Foxy's Bar & Grill is a more casual option, ideal for families, with bingo nights, trivia and live music throughout the week. Don't miss a visit to the Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre or the Instagram-worthy Nudey Beach, around 20 minutes' walk from the resort.

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