

Wet Season Packing List

Daintree & Tropical North Queensland - Wet Season (Nov-Apr)

A free packing guide from Adventure Travel Oz, built from trips actually done, not guessed.

Wet season up in Tropical North Queensland (roughly November to April) means heat, humidity and proper monsoonal downpours, but also empty beaches, waterfalls running at full power and way fewer tourists. Pack for it properly and it's actually one of the best times to go.

Clothing & Layers

- Lightweight, quick-dry clothing (synthetic/technical over cotton, cotton stays wet for days in this humidity)
- A proper rain jacket or compact poncho, not just an umbrella
- One long-sleeve shirt + light long pants for evenings (sandflies and mosquitoes get serious after dark)
- Wide-brim hat with a chin strap (afternoon storms roll in fast and windy)
- Quick-dry travel towel
- Comfortable closed-toe shoes for rainforest walks (thongs get slippery on wet boardwalks)

Health & Protection

- Reef-safe, high-SPF sunscreen (the sun is brutal even through cloud cover)
- Strong insect repellent (tropical-strength, picaridin or DEET-based)
- Antihistamine cream or tablets for bites
- Lip balm with SPF

Gear & Extras

- Dry bag or ziplock bags for phone, passport and cash on boat/rainforest days
- Waterproof phone pouch
- Power bank (storms can knock out power)
- Reusable water bottle

Local Knowledge - Pro Tips

Stinger season (roughly Nov-May):

Stick to patrolled, netted beaches, or wear a full-body lycra stinger suit if you want to swim in the ocean, most tour operators rent or supply these.

Crocodile safety:

Only swim where it's signed as safe, and never at river mouths, creek inlets or in murky water.

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Cyclone season overlap:

It's rare your trip gets disrupted, but check Bureau of Meteorology warnings if travelling Dec-Mar, and keep your accommodation and tour contact details handy.

Best time for waterfalls:

Wet season is the cheapest and quietest time to visit the Daintree and Cape Tribulation, spots like Mossman Gorge are at their best when it's been raining.