

Kuranda Scenic Rail Experience



Some persons using a mobility device may need a carer or someone to assist on and off the Kuranda train as required.

The walk from Kuranda Station is 800m up a hill and although there is a well graded path with landings along its course some visitors may require assistance.

Parking and drop off at Kuranda Rail Cairns Central Station

On arrival at Kuranda Scenic Railway Station you will find accessible car parks located opposite the front entrance in the Cairns Central Shopping Centre. If travelling by coach or taxi there is a large drop off zone out front of the station with good access to the footpath. Access into the terminal is via a well constructed ramp with an easy gradient. Assistance may be required by some visitors. Lifts will assist you moving from platform to platform depending on which side you enter from.

There are no lowered counters at the station, but staff is more than happy to assist when necessary.

Boarding Kuranda Scenic Railway at Cairns Central Station

Boarding the train at Cairns Central is via a portable ramp and staff are very helpful and friendly. Assistance will be given if required while boarding or disembarking. The Wheelchair accessible carriage is the Gold Class carriage which has been fully restored to its former glory and is a great way to travel. You have the option of moveable seating for your carer and yourself as required. Staff will ensure that you are very comfortable and can't do enough for you.



Cairns Central Station entrance.



Access into the station



Boarding train in Cairns



Gold Class Carriage



Accessible toilets within the carriage



Freshwater Station

Boarding Kuranda Scenic Railway at Freshwater Station

There is no accessible car parking at Freshwater Station, you will find conventional parking located to the right of the station and there are ample parking bays. If arriving by coach you will be dropped off in the coach parking area where there is good access to the station.

The ticket sales counter does not have a lowered counter for people using wheelchairs but staff will assist you if required.

Access into the Museum and Red Lynch's cottage is via a small set of step and will not be accessible to all visitors.

Boarding the train will be via a platform lift and staff will assist you into the carriage and show you to your seats.



Coach parking and access into station



Ticket sales



Freshwater Station restaurants



Red Lynch's cottage



Museum



Boarding train via platform lift

Barron Falls

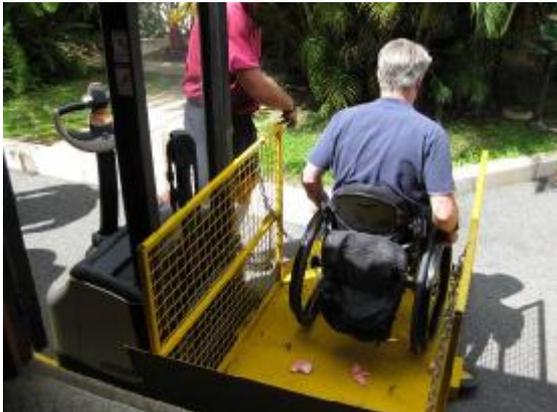
The train will stop at Barron falls so passengers can disembark and view the falls. Unfortunately there is no lift or ramp available and a guest using a wheelchair will not be able to disembark the train. You are still able to see the falls from the train but if you really want the full experience you will need to travel to the falls walking trail from the top of Kuranda Village. The walking trail is a small distance from the village and the only way to get there is by car or accessible tourist operator as there is no accessible public transport operating in Kuranda.



View of falls from carriage

Kuranda Station

On arriving at Kuranda Station you can disembark the train via another platform lift. There is a lift from the platform to take you up to street level. From there you will have to negotiate the path leading up the hill as there is no accessible transport to take you to the village. The gradient is good with landings every six metres but assistance will be required by some visitors to Kuranda.



Disembarking carriage at Kuranda



Kuranda Station looking towards lift

The experience

The Kuranda Scenic Rail experience is one that should not be missed. As you travel by train through the streets of Cairns and on into the sugar cane fields before heading up the mountain to Kuranda you will experience the ambiance of nostalgic rail travel. As the train climbs through the mountains you will see changing scenery from eucalypt woodlands to dense rainforest, magical waterfalls and views to the Great Barrier Reef.

There are some great photo opportunities along the way and you will receive a running commentary about your journey as you progress. The history to the region is vast and the hardships our pioneers endured to build the railway is nothing short of amazing.



Stoney Creek Falls



Stoney Creek Falls



Aerial view of Stoney Creek



Winding past Robb's Monument



Aerial view of Kuranda Station

The Kuranda Scenic Railway operates daily all year, except Christmas Day. Schedules may occasionally vary due to climatic or track maintenance demands.

To Kuranda – Daily

<i>Station</i>	<i>Service times (am)</i>	
Cairns	8:30 DEP	9:30 DEP
Freshwater	8:50 DEP	9:50 DEP
Kuranda	10:15 ARR	11:15 ARR

From Kuranda - Daily

<i>Station</i>	<i>Service times (am)</i>	
Kuranda	2:00 DEP	3:30 DEP
Freshwater	3:25 ARR	4:55 ARR
Cairns	3:45 ARR	5:15 ARR

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