

Kuranda Scenic Railway

Kuranda Scenic Railway is one of Australia's most spectacular rail journeys through ancient World Heritage-listed Wet Tropics Rainforest of the Din Din Barron Gorge National Park, to the mountain village of Ngunbay (Kuranda), meaning place of the platypus.

With breathtaking scenery, towering waterfalls and deep ravines, the train winds its way through 15 hand-made tunnels and over 55 bridges. This Heritage-listed railway line, opened in 1891, is an engineering feat which has stood the test of time.

The train journey can be joined from Cairns, Freshwater or Kuranda.

So if you're visiting Cairns – be sure to visit Kuranda Scenic Railway!



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'Seek and Find' Challenge

This beautiful illustration captures many of Far North Queensland's unique points of interest. From nature's beauty to the engineering wonder of the railway and the indigenous storytelling of the Djabugay people.

Good luck exploring the beauty of Kuranda and surrounds.

YOUR CHALLENGE IS TO FIND THE 10 HIDDEN ELEMENTS WITHIN THE ILLUSTRATION



Platypus

The name Kuranda (Ngunbay) means 'place of the platypus' in bama people language.

Cassowary 3

Cassowaries can run at up to 50 km per hour and can jump up to 1.5 metres. They are good swimmers, crossing wide rivers and swimming in the sea.



6 Fan palm Also known as Licuala Palms,

their geometric fronds are iconic images of Queensland's northern rainforests.

Damarri dog 🧿

According to Djabugay story – you must speak in language before entering the waters so the dog knows who you are and belong to.



Buda-dji

that, in the dreamtime.

and the creeks that join

it, from the coast to the

Tablelands.

Buda-dji is the carpet snake

carved out the Barron River

Pump cart 2

Operated by two people, the cart travelled along the track to do inspections and maintenance, doubling as delivery vehicles for mail, and other supplies in times of floods, or natural disasters.



5 Ulysses butterfly

The Ulysses butterfly is one of Tropical North Queensland's most distinctive and unique butterfly species.

Friendly frog

He greets visitors at

Freshwater station

each day.



Rainbow lorikeet

A regular visitor in the area, and also a local resident at Birdworld in Kuranda.

Stained-glass window 10

There's a distinctive window at one of our stations – can you find it?



Illustrations by Pete Lambie – Pete is an engineer with a passion for the Queensland suburban landscape. He has an eye for beauty in the everyday. His ink and watercolour style evokes nostalgia and the essence of life in Queensland. Pete is a relative newcomer to the art world but has built a loyal following on Instagram. Follow him for more inspiration **@choppychopkins**