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Australia's only LGBTIQ resort is ready and waiting for the "Yes"

The iconic Turtle Cove Resort in Far North Queensland is ready in anticipation of a new era this week with same sex marriage ceremony, reception, and elopement packages ready to book.

The resort, situated on a 750 metre stretch of private and secluded beach north of Cairns has been offering same sex couples an unforgettable holiday experience since its opening in 1993.

Resort Marketing Manager Mike Evans said they have a strong and proud history of providing a unique getaway for local and international guests.

"The same sex marriage survey is momentous and we don't want couples to have to wait a moment longer to get married. Should the survey provide a 'Yes' vote, we're ready to host ceremonies and receptions of any size at Turtle Cove. We have always catered for LGBTIQ commitment ceremonies but there's a good chance this week that many couples will get to make it official, which is amazing and long overdue," Mike said.

It is approaching a quarter of a century since the first gay resort in Australia was launched and it has become an ideal destination with gay and lesbian visitors from around the globe.

"We're in a beautiful part of the world and we can't think of a better place to exchange vows should Marriage Equality be passed in parliament," Mike said.

Turtle Cove Resort is located between Cairns and Port Douglas within the world heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest and overlooking the Coral Sea and Great Barrier Reef. The resort is also one of the few in the world to offer guests a private, clothing- optional beach.



Wedding and commitment ceremony packages start from \$2,100 and can cater for exclusive use of the entire 30-suite resort. Friends, family, and straight allies and supporters of the community are always welcome at Turtle Cove. Mike said that whilst their target market is the LGBTIQ community, everyone is welcome at Turtle Cove and over the years we have seen a real diverse range of resort guests and day visitors.

"You only need to log on and read the traveller reviews to see why people keep coming back to Turtle Cove year after year," Mike said. *"It's a holiday unlike any other for our guests and a great injection of tourism dollars for the Cairns and Far North Queensland region."*

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