



*Better than we could
have imagined*

Aqualin Holloways Beach



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Finding the perfect place to accommodate my sister, her husband and her two teenage sons from Scotland, who were visiting Cairns over the school holidays, was a bit challenging, mainly because our family also included a teenage boy and, as we know, teenagers are hard to entertain.

Not only did I want my sister and her husband to relax, I wanted to make sure the teenagers had fun too, which is not always easy to do these days when they're normally glued to their digital devices!

Friends of ours highly recommended staying at Aqualin at Holloways Beach, a five-bedroom beachfront home that has everything you could possibly want. Once I checked out this amazing fully air-conditioned home, its fantastic five-star facilities and location, I just knew it would be a hit with everyone. Well, I kept my fingers crossed about the teenagers!

As soon as we entered the two-story home, everyone was quiet as they stood open mouthed while they looked at the tropical décor and amazing beachfront views. Then they all started chatting at once, admiring this beautiful home. It was then that I knew we picked a winner.

With five spacious bedrooms (each with their own TV), a large gourmet kitchen plus a kitchenette (both with Nespresso coffee makers), three outdoor/indoor alfresco dining areas as well as a spacious lounge area and sitting rooms, there was more than enough room for everyone to chill out, relax and enjoy.

And with Wi-Fi, an Xbox game console and a 3D LED TV entertainment system with Bluetooth sound bar in the main lounge, the teenagers were in seventh heaven. So were the adults, who could relax on the outdoor patios overlooking sensational Coral Sea views.

As we arrived in the afternoon, I was sure the boys would spend the rest of the day playing Xbox games, tuning into their phones or watching TV while us adults could catch up over drinks and nibbles. Boy, was I wrong!

I'm not sure if it was the heart-shaped pool that attracted them outside, the undercover pavilion with its lounges, the inviting hammock by the pavilion or the gorgeous landscaped lawn that was perfect for playing soccer, but once they went outdoors all we heard was laughter and lots of splashing. We couldn't resist joining them.

Afterwards, we all went for a walk along the golden sandy beach, picking up sea shells and enjoying the fresh sea air.

During our week-long stay, we tore ourselves away from our beautiful holiday home to explore Holloways Beach restaurants, Cairns, the Great Barrier Reef, the Daintree and beautiful surroundings.

All too soon our stay came to an end. While our teenagers barely spent time on their phones while we were there, which was a marvellous change, they did take lots of photos and posted them on their Facebook and Instagram pages.

That's probably why we are suddenly inundated with requests from friends and family to come and visit us. Of course, we can't refuse. The truth is, we honestly just can't wait to spend more time at Aqualin. Even with teenagers!

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