

Backpacker & Adventure Tourism Industry Forum in Cairns, 4 May 2016

Bookings are now open for representatives to attend a **Backpacking & Adventure Tourism Industry Forum** in Cairns, taking place on 4 May 2016.

The forum is hosted by YHA, and will bring over 120 delegates from the backpacking industry together to consider trends and topics in the sector. The half-day forum will hear presentations from leading speakers, including forecasts of where the industry is heading. There will also be networking opportunities to engage with a range of industry professionals.

Each year, YHA holds a national Conference that has become the largest learning and development event for the backpacker industry in Australia. In 2016, for the first time, the doors will also be open to non-YHA participants for a plenary session, inviting delegates from the broader backpacker industry of tropical north Queensland to attend a part of the event.

Delegates will have the opportunity to learn from industry leaders and to network with representatives from YHA's network of 85 hostels in Australia. There is also the opportunity to showcase backpacker travel product at the event through an expo, as well as sponsorship options.

Participation in the forum by backpacker industry representatives is by booking in advance for a fee of \$50 (includes attendance, lunch and presentation notes).

YHA is part of the world's largest budget accommodation network, Hostelling International, with 4,000 hostels in more than 90 countries.

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