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DON'T PAY THE FERRYMAN!

Port Douglas, 13th February, 2018 – Think of the Daintree Ferry as the Love Boat this Valentine's Day.

Anyone wanting to do something special this February 14 – or anytime in the next two weeks – need to look no further than the iconic river crossing from the south to north bank of the Daintree River.

And up until February 28 the ferry is free. The boat is due to undergo mandatory maintenance on February 28 for five days but prior to that it's business as usual for the car ferry and even better, the service is free to local people who live between Cardwell and Cooktown including the Atherton Tablelands.

The ticket is being picked up by the Douglas Shire Council, who want locals to get a taste of the beauty, adventure and relaxation available just an hour or so away.

Tourism Port Douglas Daintree executive officer Tara Bennett said there was still plenty of time for locals to take advantage of the offer and with Valentine's Day next week, a trip into the beautiful Daintree is a wonderful way to celebrate love.

"The free ferry initiative gives locals a great reason to head north and explore our ancient rainforest."

The Daintree Ferry will be out of the water from February 28 until March 4 for its Australian Maritime Safety Authority inspection.

A passenger ferry has been organised and shuttle buses will pick people up and drop them off at various locations in the Daintree during this time.

The Douglas Card is available from the Douglas Shire Council and residents can apply on its website.

The ferry charge is usually \$26 return and the free ferry travel is available to private motorists.

The free ferry ride makes it easier for regional residents to explore their own backyard and enjoy the more than 25 attractions in the Daintree from forest zip lining to croc spotting to night bush walks to Great Barrier Reef trips.

There are also more than 40 places to stay and scores of restaurants and cafes. Ferry services are expected to resume as normal on March 5.

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