

## 11 Day Cooktown & Cape York

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Cairns

Port Douglas

Daintree National Park

Cooktown

Weipa

Musgrave

Coen

Bramwell Station

Thursday Island

Horn Island



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### DAY 1

Destination	Cairns 🚗 Port Douglas
Meals included	Dinner
Hotel	Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort, or similar

Your adventure begins in Cairns today, where we meet you on arrival and transfer you to your resort in Port Douglas.

The remainder of the afternoon is yours to spend at leisure. You might like to go for a dip in one of the resort's many pools, or head into Port Douglas for a wander through town.

This evening, a relaxed welcome dinner provides the perfect opportunity for you to meet your fellow travellers.

### DAY 2

Destination	Port Douglas 🚗 Mossman Gorge 🚗 Daintree National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Daintree National Park Heritage Lodge, or similar

Travel to Mossman Gorge in Daintree National Park and set off on the Ngadiku Dreamtime Gorge Walk, led by local Indigenous guides.

Start with a smoking ceremony, before journeying along private, gentle tracks visiting culturally significant sites.

Learn about traditional hunting and gathering techniques, hear stories of the Dreamtime and gain a deeper understanding of how the indigenous people have lived off the land here for thousands of years.

After your Signature Experience, embark on a Daintree River Cruise and keep an eye out for crocodiles, birds, butterflies and a variety of reptile species.

Tonight, dine amidst the rainforest in an open-air restaurant.

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### DAY 3

Destination Daintree National Park 🚗 Cape Tribulation 🚗 Cooktown

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel 4 ★ Sovereign Resort Hotel, or similar

Journey along the Bloomfield Track, one of Australia's most iconic outback roads. Journey through dense sections of rainforest, tackling steep climbs and several challenging creek crossings.

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Explore Cape Tribulation this morning, the only place in Australia where two World Heritage-listed phenomena meet – the Daintree Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef.

After a day of Signature Experiences, arrive in Cooktown and discover the Cooktown Botanic Gardens and the James Cook Museum. Just before sunset, savour views from Grassy Hill Lookout over the Endeavour River.

### DAY 4

Destination Cooktown 🚗 Laura 🚗 Lotus Bird Lodge

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel 4 ★ Lotus Bird Lodge, or similar

Travel to Quinkan Country, ranked as one of the top 10 rock art areas in the world by UNESCO.

Here, embark on a walk with an Indigenous guide to Split Rock, an intriguing rock art site where Quinkan figures depicting native animals, spirits and totems have been painted onto the rock face.

Afterwards, continue your journey to the Old Laura Homestead. Later, turn off into Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park, home to crocodiles, wallabies and an array of bird life.

Afterwards, arrive at Lotus Bird Lodge and retreat to your log-style cabin before a nature walk around the property's serene billabong. Set amidst shady eucalyptus trees, the aptly named Lotus Bird Lodge is a birdwatcher's paradise.

During your stay, be sure to keep an eye out for kites, kookaburras, egrets, goshawks and jabirus.

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### DAY 5

Destination	Lotus Bird Lodge 🚗 Musgrave 🚗 Coen 🚗 Weipa
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	3 ★ Albatross Bay Resort, or similar

Journey to Musgrave, the only remaining overland telegraph station on the peninsula.

Explore the old gold mining town of Coen and stop at the well-known Archer River Roadhouse for lunch, which marks the halfway point of your journey.

Afterwards, continue to the town of Weipa, home to the largest community on the Cape York Peninsula. Here, set out on a sunset boat trip and relax as you learn about the region's unique ecosystem, mining industry and Indigenous culture.

Enjoy nibbles and drinks on board as you keep your eyes peeled for crocs lazing on the banks.

### DAY 6

Destination	Weipa 🚗 Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve 🚗 Bramwell Station
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Bramwell Station, or similar

#### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Board a helicopter and fly into the Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve, normally off-limits to the public.

Today is sure to be one of the highlights of your journey as you enjoy a visit to the Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve, which is normally off-limits to the general public.

Board a helicopter in Weipa and fly into the reserve, gaining an aerial perspective on this vast wilderness area. On arrival, you'll be welcomed by a ranger from Australia Zoo, who will provide an introduction to the wildlife and sonar detector tracking methods.

After lunch at Camp Coolibah, discover the movement of the crocodiles in the area and the endangered Spertooth Shark.

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You'll also see a demonstration on how crocodile cages are deployed and operated. Later, visit Bluebottle Creek and uncover the geology of the region, the significance of bauxite and how the plateau filters water to ensure survival of endangered species.

You will also learn about bush tucker and the native flora, including the Sarsaparilla Bush and Hanguana Malayana.

### DAY 7

Destination	Bramwell 🚗 Fruit Bat Falls 🚗 Punsand Bay
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Punsand Bay, or similar

Observe the towering termite mounds of Bramwell Junction before continuing on with your adventure. Stop at Fruit Bat Falls and cool off with a refreshing swim in the pristine waters of the Elliott River.

Cross Jardine River by ferry, then skirt Jardine River National Park and continue through the traditional land of the Injinoo Indigenous people.

### DAY 8

Destination	Punsand Bay
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Punsand Bay, or similar

Take a mildly challenging but thoroughly awe-inspiring walk to the tip of the peninsula to experience being at the Australian mainland's most northerly point.

Take in the stunning vistas over the Torres Strait, then afterwards, take to the skies as you embark on a scenic helicopter flight over the tip of Cape York.

Awake this morning to sweeping views of the tip of Cape York and travel along a 4WD track to Frangipani Beach.

After your tip of Cape York experience, travel to historic Somerset Hill, the site of a station established by John Jardine in 1863. On Somerset Beach, admire Albany Island, as well as discover the history of 'Jackey Jackey' and Frank Jardine.

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### DAY 9

Destination	Punsand Bay 🚢 Thursday Island
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	3 ★ Grand Hotel, or similar

Ferry across Endeavour Strait to Thursday Island, which was once a base for pearling luggers.

Step back in time with a visit to Green Hill Fort, located atop the island's highest hill. Once used as ammunitions storage, the fort's maze of underground tunnels and rooms now house the Torres Strait Museum.

Admire views of the mangrove-covered coastlines, azure waters and golden-sand beaches before visiting the local cemetery to see the memorial to the Japanese Pearl Divers.

You'll also enjoy time at the Gab Titui Cultural Centre.

### DAY 10

Destination	Thursday Island ✈️ Cairns
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ Shangri-La Hotel, The Marina, or similar

Transfer to Horn Island aboard the local ferry. On a guided tour, visit the World War II Base and Torres Strait Heritage Museum, and learn how the island became an operational airbase following the bombing of Darwin.

Later, board an included Qantas flight from Horn Island over the Great Barrier Reef and marvel at this spectacle from the air before arriving in Cairns.

Reunite with your driver and later, toast the end of your adventure with a farewell dinner.

### DAY 11

Destination	Cairns
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

After breakfast this morning, be transferred to Cairns Airport for your onward flight.

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### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Arrival and departure transfers with guide assistance
- 10 nights accommodation
- All Transportation - coaches
- Meals: 29 as per itinerary
- Group size: 22 maximum
- 1 English speaking tour leader – Will accompany the group throughout
- All accommodation as listed
- All entrance fees to the sites listed (except optionals)
- All activities listed in the itinerary unless a paid optional
- Comfortable, dedicated private transportation throughout

### Fine Print

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### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with only a \$1,500 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1,529 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 100 days prior to departure.

#### Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur.
- You will then be allocated and contacted by one of our Dedicated Support Agent's (within 48 hours) who will support you right up until you return from your journey

### EXCLUSIONS

- Return domestic airfares
- Visas (if applicable)
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, a basic level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

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As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

### **Tipping**

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package.

You may also consider tipping your tour leader and driver for outstanding service throughout your trip. Remember, a tip is not compulsory and should only be given when you receive excellent service.

### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

### **Single Supplement**

Single supplement is \$1,400 per person, in addition to the twin-share price.

### **Triple Share**

Not available.

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with nib to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply by clicking [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 42 days prior to travel.

### **Group Size**

A maximum of 20 people.

### **Children**

Children must be 12 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

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### **Tour Length**

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).

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