

# 12 DAY EAST COAST ISLANDS AND RAINFOREST

## DESTINATIONS

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SYDNEY  
GOLD COAST  
CAIRNS  
COFFS HARBOUR  
BYRON BAY  
FRASER ISLAND  
ROCKHAMPTON  
HAMILTON ISLAND  
MISSION BEACH



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# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Destination	Sydney 🚗 Coffs Harbour
Meals included	Dinner
Hotel	3 ★ BreakFree Aanuka Beach Resort, or similar

Start discovering the landscapes of Australia's east coast as you travel northward to the coastal town of Coffs Harbour. The East Coast tour begins at 7.30 am, so be sure to arrive the day prior.

From your accommodation nestled amongst sprawling tropical gardens, you'll have the opportunity to wander down to Little Diggers Beach and Diggers Head.

Enjoy the early evening sea breeze just like the locals do. Tonight enjoy a Welcome Reception and dinner with your Travel Director.

## DAY 2

Destination	Coffs Harbour 🚗 Byron Bay 🚗 Gold Coast
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Novotel Surfers Paradise, or similar

Journey to Cape Byron Lighthouse for superb views from Australia's eastern-most point over the Pacific Ocean.

Afterwards spend time discovering the relaxed bohemian vibe of Byron Bay. For lunch we recommend fresh fish and chips on the beach, there's nothing more Australian.

Continue to the famous holiday destination, the Gold Coast.

## DAY 3

Destination	Gold Coast
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Novotel Surfers Paradise, or similar

Today you have the freedom to enjoy the Gold Coast in your own style. Nature lovers may head to Mt. Tamborine, foodies explore the growing culinary culture or those needing relaxation just stroll down to the sand and salt of Surfers Paradise Beach.

## DAY 4

Destination	Gold Coast 🚗 Fraser Island
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Kingfisher Bay Resort, or similar

This morning visit Australia Zoo made famous by the Crocodile Hunter, the late Steve Irwin and his family.

Enjoy a sneak peek into the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital and see how AAT Kings works with the Wildlife Warriors to support the koala rehabilitation project at the hospital, the country's largest and busiest wildlife facility.

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This afternoon the ferry will take you across to the World Heritage listed K'gari, also known as Fraser Island.

### DAY 5

Destination	Fraser Island
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Kingfisher Bay Resort, or similar

A day of discovery lies ahead as your 4WD tour takes you for a ride around the island's must-see sites. Visit Lake McKenzie, ringed with magnificent white sandy beaches.

Walk through the ancient rainforest at Central Station and Wanggoolba Creek with its huge satiny, scribbly gum and kauri trees.

Across the island to 75 Mile Beach, the sand highway will take you up the eastern coast to the Pinnacles Coloured Sands; cooling, calm waters of Eli Creek and the famous sinking Maheno Shipwreck.

### DAY 6

Destination	Fraser Island 🚢 Rockhampton
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Quality Hotel Regent, or similar

Visit Langmorn Station, a fully operational family run cattle station.

Meet the Creed family and take a guided tour of the property including the original family homestead, built in 1873.

Enjoy afternoon tea in the garden in the company of the pet kangaroo! Cross the Tropic of Capricorn as you arrive in Rockhampton, the beef capital of Australia.

Your night is free so why not try some local beef at one of the town's steakhouses.

### DAY 7

Destination	Rockhampton 🚢 Sarina 🚢 Airlie Beach 🚢 Hamilton Island
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Reef View Hotel, or similar

Travel north to Sarina today for a guided tour of its unique miniature sugar mill and distillery.

At Airlie Beach you'll catch the ferry to Hamilton Island, one of 74 tropical islands that make up the Whitsunday group in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef.

The spectacular island boasts pristine beaches and a kaleidoscope of coral and marine life.

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### DAY 8

Destination	Hamilton Island
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Reef View Hotel, or similar

Today is yours to indulge in your own pleasures – consider an optional experience.

Perhaps cruise to famous Whitehaven Beach, take a scenic flight over the iconic Heart Reef or sit back with a good book by one of the resort's stunning pools.

#### CRUISE WHITSUNDAYS - HALF DAY WHITEHAVEN BEACH CRUISE

The whitest sand in the Whitsundays is found on the magical Whitehaven Beach.

This half day tour has you boarding a high speed catamaran directly to Whitehaven Beach where you will have time to explore, swim and relax. Morning departure, including morning tea.

#### WHITEHAVEN & HILL INLET, CHILL & GRILL

Spend the whole day experiencing the wonders of the magnificent Whitehaven Beach.

Following the cruise over, your day on the whitest of sands commences on the southern end of the beach. The crew will advise of the days activities available including a trip to Hill Inlet at the northern end of the beach, walking tours and paddle-boarding.

Your trip includes morning and afternoon tea plus a gourmet burger with side salads served on the beach.

### DAY 9

Destination	Hamilton Island 🚢 Airlie Beach 🚢 Townsville 🚢 Mission Beach
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Castaways Resort & Spa, or similar

Take the ferry back to the mainland this morning, from where you'll head north to the seaside town of Mission Beach.

Nestled between World Heritage rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef, your accommodation offers superb views over the Coral Sea.

### DAY 10

Destination	Mission Beach 🚢 Atherton Tablelands 🚢 Kuranda 🚢 Cairns
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Pacific Hotel Cairns, or similar

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Today's journey takes you to the Atherton Tablelands, with its lush rainforests, spectacular waterfalls and peaceful lakes.

Visit Millaa Millaa Falls and the heritage listed 500-yearold Curtain Fig Tree, and keep an eye out for the magnificent Ulysses butterfly.

Spend some free time in Kuranda, the 'village in the rainforest', before travelling on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway. Your six-person gondola will provide spectacular views of the rainforest and the Coral Sea.

### SUNLOVER INTRODUCTORY DIVE

#### SUNLOVER GUIDED SNORKEL SAFARI

Have marine experts guide you on a personal 35 minute tour exploring areas of the reef not accessible by others, highlighting brilliant corals and fascinating marine life.

Our marine naturalist has a large rubber ring that you can hold on to, making it great for non-swimmers and those who aren't confident to snorkel alone, as well as those who want an in-depth experience of the outer reef.

#### NAUTILIS AVIATION

Take a scenic flight over the Great Barrier Reef - spectacular!

#### DOWN UNDER TOURS KURANDA SKYRAIL AND SCENIC RAILWAY

Join your Down Under Tours coach transfer to Smithfield Station. Here you join Skyrail and marvel at the World's Most Beautiful Rainforest.

Experience, including time at both Red Peak and Barron Falls stations, both with spectacular lookouts. On arrival in Kuranda, the Village is yours to explore.

The vibrant and colourful Heritage markets take place daily. Your return to Cairns is aboard the famous Kuranda Scenic Rail. Winding around curves, across bridges and through hand-hewn tunnels this amazing engineering feat is a tribute to our pioneers.

Upon arrival at historic Freshwater Station, you will board your coach back to your accommodation.

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### CAPE TRIBULATION DAY TOUR

Travel in air-conditioned comfort in your luxury purpose-built vehicle to Cape Tribulation, through some of the oldest rainforest in the world.

Included is morning tea and a driver guided walk at Mossman Gorge, a cruise on the Daintree River, delicious tropical BBQ lunch set amongst the rainforest, and a walk on famous Cape Tribulation Beach.

### KURANDA: SCENIC RAIL, SKYRAIL AND HARTLEY'S CROCODILE

Enjoy this historical rail journey to Kuranda, with breathtaking views across the cane fields of Cairns, to the tropical rainforest of Kuranda.

Upon arrival you will have around one hour to explore this fascinating village of colourful and interesting arts and crafts. At 11.30am, make your way directly to the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway to experience this iconic rainforest.

After arriving at the Smithfield Skyrail Terminal, the coach will transfer you to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures. Explore the park, including the unique eco experience of the Wetlands cruise through the ecologically significant Melaleuca wetlands; the domain of the saltwater crocodile. (Operates Daily)

### DOWN UNDER TOURS DAINTREE DREAMING

A cultural journey taking you from coast to rainforest experiencing natural beauty and ancient culture.

Learn traditional hunting and gathering skills as you search for bush tucker of mud crabs, fish and mussels before tasting and sharing what you have caught and gathered.

A short drive away is the lush rainforest of Mossman Gorge Cultural Centre. Here you will experience the splendour of the World Heritage listed Daintree Rainforest.

Enjoy a guided interpretive walk through the ancient rainforest and along the banks of the pristine waters of the Mossman Gorge. Lunch & damper included.

### TJAPUKAI ABORIGINAL CULTURAL PARK - BY NIGHT

More than just a dinner and show; Tjapukai by Night takes you on a magical adventure into the legends of Australia's dreamtime.

Here you will enter another world as Australia's Aboriginal culture is brought to life through a series of award winning performances as you feast on modern cuisine from the Far North.

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### TJAPUKAI ABORIGINAL CULTURAL PARK - BY DAY

Watch Indigenous performers bring the world's oldest living culture to life through traditional dance, art and interactive demonstrations.

### DINNER AND HARBOUR CRUISE ON SPIRIT OF CAIRNS

A Cairns Dinner Cruise is the perfect way to end a perfect day in paradise. Step aboard the luxury catamaran Spirit of Cairns for a 2.5 hour evening cruise through the calm water inlet and waterfront precinct of Cairns.

Enjoy fabulous dining and live music with the lights of Cairns City and mountain silhouettes as your backdrop.

### KURANDA, SKYRAIL AND TJAPUKAI DAY TOUR

Your tour today offers the wonders of the rainforest, as well as our unique indigenous culture.

Visit the award-winning Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park. Experience the history, creation and dance theatres where the legends of the dreamtime are brought to life. Glide over and through the World Heritage rainforest with Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, before free time in Kuranda.

Wander through the colourful Heritage Markets and find some interesting arts and crafts. You then take a spectacular journey along the Scenic Railway through the curves and waves of the rainforest to Freshwater Station.

Your coach awaits for your transfer back to your accommodation.

## DAY 11

Destination	Cairns
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Pacific Hotel Cairns, or similar

Board a high-speed catamaran today and cruise out to the iconic Great Barrier Reef, the only living organism that can be seen from the moon.

You'll have the opportunity to go snorkelling (equipment provided) or view the spectacular coral and tropical fish from the underwater observatory and glass bottom boat.

Enjoy a tropical buffet lunch on board, before you return in the late afternoon for a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director and new-found friends.

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### DAY 12

Destination	Cairns
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Say farewell to your fellow travellers when your holiday comes to an end this morning after breakfast.

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### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Arrival and departure transfers with guide assistance
- 11 nights accommodation
- Meals: 17 as per itinerary
- Group size: 50 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
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

#### SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

#### CRUISE/RAIL DETAILS

### Fine Print

#### EXCLUSIONS

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

#### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

##### **Deposit & Payments**

- Book now and secure your package with only a \$200 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$637 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 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

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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 booking is on request and will be confirmed by Inspiring Vacations once all components of your package have been secured with our partners, please see below for further information

### **Booking On Request**

- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple components and travel partners. Once your booking is made and passenger details form submitted, we will begin to confirm all of your arrangements. Please note, this process can take several business days to complete.
- Once all elements have been confirmed we will send you an email confirmation, if we are unable to confirm we will provide you with alternative dates or offer a full refund of your deposit or re-credit your account if a travel credit was used.
- Please DO NOT book any additional services, such as flights, until we have confirmed your Inspiring Vacations package in writing. Inspiring Vacations will not be liable for any fees or charges incurred to change or cancel components not booked by Inspiring Vacations should your selected package be unavailable.

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### EXTRA SERVICES

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour, or booking a tour extension. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

#### **Pre and post-tour accommodation**

- Pre-tour accommodation: \$214.50 per person twin share (\$394.90 per person single share)
- Post-tour accommodation: \$137.50 per room twin share (\$259.60 per person single share)

**Arrival and departure airport shuttle transfers** (deviating from group flights forfeits your group airport transfers)

- Arrival Transfer: Included (if flight information is provided shortly after time of booking)
- Departure Transfer: Included (if flight information is provided shortly after time of booking)

Please note, the transfers are not private and you may be grouped with other Inspiring Vacations customers.

Please specify in the 'Special Request' field when making your purchase your preferred travel arrangements and if you would like our team to book additional nights' accommodation and/or airport transfers. The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability. Alternatively, you may purchase 1 pre or post-night accommodation + transfers, at time of booking.

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### OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we are offering guests a choice of the following optional activities:

- Kuranda, Skyrail and Tjapukai Day Tour (Day 10) - \$220
- Dinner and Harbour Cruise on Spirit of Cairns (Day 10) - \$109
- Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park - By Day (Day 10) - \$103
- Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park - By Night (Day 10) - \$170
- Cruise Whitsundays - Half Day Whitehaven Beach Cruise (Day 8) - \$132
- Down Under Tours Daintree Dreaming (Day 10) - \$260
- Kuranda: Scenic Rail, Skyrail and Hartley's Crocodile (Day 10) - \$219
- Cape Tribulation Day Tour (Day 10) - \$222
- Down Under Tours Kuranda Skyrail and Scenic Railway (Day 10) - \$170
- Nautilus Aviation (Day 10) - \$219
- Sunlover Guided Snorkel Safari (Day 10) - \$61
- Sunlover Introductory Dive (Day 10) - \$164
- Whitehaven & Hill Inlet, Chill & Grill (Day 8) - \$259

*Prices are per person and are subject to change.*

The optional tours and shore excursions can only be purchased on-tour with your guide or the ship staff. Optional tours are subject to conditions such as traffic, weather and sightseeing schedules, as well as minimum numbers.

### 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.

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, nor is it expected in Australia.

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.

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### **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 \$1,408 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.

### **Visa & Passport information**

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of your return.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://safetravel.govt.nz/> for up to date information in terms of entry requirements.

### **Tour Documentation**

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

### **Group Size**

A maximum of 50 people.

### **Children**

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

### **Tour Length**

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent inflight 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).

### **Advance Purchase**

All departure dates from 1st April 2021 are not guaranteed, itinerary and pricing is subject to change.

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