

Cairns to Cape York Far North QLD Adventure

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9 Days / 8 Nights



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Tour Departs: Friday 13 September - Saturday 21 September, 2024.



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Day 1. Fri 13 Sept: Homeport - Cairns

Flight Details - Homeport - Cairns (flights to be advised)

Travel from your Homeport to Cairns. Upon arrival at Cairns airport we are transferred to our hotel for check-in, with the afternoon at leisure and dinner at own arrangements.

Overnight Cairns: Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort

Day 2. Sat 14 Sept: Cairns - Cooktown

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning after an early breakfast and check out we meet our Cape York Guide and depart Cairns for Cooktown. Our adventure has begun as we travel north along the scenic Captain Cook Highway, through the **World Heritage listed Daintree Rainforest and Cape Tribulation**, where the rainforest meets the reef. We make our way along the jungle shrouded **Bloomfield Track** (road conditions permitted), enjoying a picnic lunch along the way, before our visit to Lion's Den Hotel. This historic pub is **one of Queensland's oldest**, having been established in 1878. Continue onto Cooktown stopping enroute at the mysterious **Black Mountain**, known as Kalkajaka (meaning 'place of spear'). On arrival in **Cooktown** we visit **Captain Cooks Landing**, before heading to our accommodation for check in and freshen up before dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Overnight Cooktown: Sovereign Resort Hotel

Day 3. Sun 15 Sept: Cooktown - Lakefield National Park - Musgrave

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we depart Cooktown heading west into the outback to explore Lakefield National Park (road conditions permitted) on our way to Musgrave. Lakefield is the second largest National Park in Queensland and is a haven for many birds and animals native to this area. Its lagoons, billabongs, and wide river lakes are also home to both fresh and saltwater crocodiles. Late afternoon has us arriving at the Musgrave Roadhouse, '**Old Musgrave Telegraph Station**' built in **1887**. Musgrave is about half way between Cairns and "The Tip" so has been the resting place for many travellers. Wagon teamsters and Packhorse Mailmen would spell their weary teams here and in later years many aircraft have sheltered here from bad weather. Once settled into our accommodation, take time to soak in the area and read the story of the station and Shepard family before dinner.

Overnight Musgrave: Musgrave Roadhouse

Day 4. Mon 16 Sept: Musgrave - Coen - Archer River - Weipa

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Our journey continues today leaving Musgrave after breakfast and continue our drive north stopping at the historic frontier gold town of **Coen** and the picturesque **Archer River**. From Coen we make our way to the bauxite-mining town of **Weipa**. After check in and before dinner enjoy the spectacular sunset over the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Overnight Weipa: Albatross Bay Resort

Day 5. Tue 17 Sept: Weipa - Wenlock River - Bramwell Station

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning after breakfast we enjoy a **Weipa Wildlife and Eco Cruise**, a unique experience in and around the beautiful eco systems and local culture of Weipa. Cruise the harbour, the Embley River to Hay Point and learn about the local culture, history and view the abundance of wildlife this area has to offer including the croc's. After this tour, there will be time to purchase own lunch in town before leaving Weipa behind and continuing our journey to **Bramwell Station** for our overnight stay at a 'true blue' Aussie cattle station. After check in, the ringing of the station's bell signals happy hour at the licensed Bar and the start of an entertaining evening. The evenings at the Tourist Park usually kick off with a station with an introductory chat during happy hour about the property.

Overnight Bramwell: Bramwell Station

Day 6. Wed 18 Sept: Bramwell - Fruit Bat Falls - Cape York

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After an early start, we head north travelling along part of the **Old Telegraph Track** to arrive at **Fruit Bat Falls** for **lunch**. Relax, swim, and enjoy this unique area with its enchanting waterfall. Continuing northwards across the Jardine River, we arrive at the **'very tip' of Australia - Cape York**. Full of history, culture and scenery our next few days here will be amazing. We make our way to our accommodation for check in at the Seisia Holiday Park which is ideally located, being in walking distance from the Seisia Wharf, the departure point for the ferry to Thursday Island and a famous fishing spot.

Overnight Cape York: Seisia Holiday Park

Day 7. Thu 19 Sept: Cape York - Somerset

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

We have an unforgettable day ahead of us today. After breakfast we stand at the very top of mainland Australia to enjoy the views and take some photos. Then visit **Somerset** (road conditions permitted), once the home of the legendary Jardine family. One of the greatest historical places in Australia, it was the earliest permanent white settlement on the Cape York peninsula and first administrative centre for the Cape York and Torres Strait area, in one of the most isolated and violent places in Australia. Explore and learn about this interesting place before heading to the palm fringed **Anchorage Beach** which overlooks the **Albany Passage (Adolphus Channel)**. After lunch, enjoy a walk along the beach before returning to our accommodation.

Overnight Cape York: Seisia Holiday Park

Day 8. Fri 20 Sept: Cape York – Thursday Island - Cairns

Breakfast

We have an early start today as we head to the **Seisia Wharf** for our 8.00am ferry departure. Cruise through island studded straits to explore our northern community, **Thursday Island**. Once here we will be taken on an **informative guided tour** of the island and its picturesque Harbour, once home to the romantic pearl lugger fleet. See all Thursday Island has to offer and learn more about the rich Torres Strait culture and history with our informative guided tour aboard our luxury air-conditioned coach. Professional tour guides will delight you with their knowledgeable and entertaining narratives of Thursday Island's history. This guided tour visits all the main points of interest as well as areas off-the-track and is simply the best way to explore Thursday Island. You will have some free time at your own leisure to purchase your lunch, before we take a short ferry ride to Horn Island and transfer to the Horn Island Airport for our flight back to Cairns. Arriving late afternoon/evening into Cairns we are transferred to our accommodation for a good nights rest.

Special Note: Please note during funerals and tombstone unveiling the cemetery stop will be unavailable, this in turn shortens the tour by 10-15 mins.

Flight Details - departure time approx.

Qantas - Horn Island - Cairns (times to be advised)

Overnight Cairns: Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort

Day 9. Sat 21 Sept: Cairns - Homeport

Breakfast

Today we checkout and transfer to the Airport for our homeward flight after a wonderful time away in tropical Cairns and Cape York **with Trade Travel**.

OPTION FOR EXTENSION: Option for additional nights in Cairns available, please ask our consultant.

Flight Details: Cairns to Homeport (flights to be advised)

Tour Highlights & Inclusions

Tour Highlights: Cape Tribulation; World Heritage Daintree National Park; The Bloomfield Track; Lion's Den Hotel "established 1878"; Cooktown - Captain Cooks Landing; Lakefield National Park; Musgrave Telegraph Station; Weipa Tours - Wildlife & Eco Cruise; Bramwell Station; Fruit Bat Falls; Cape York - Stand at the Most Northern Tip of Australia; Thursday Island Guided Tour.

Cairns Optional Extension available - ask our consultant for information and pricing.



Tour Price Includes:

- Return domestic flights from Homeport to Cairns as per below
- Return Airport Transfers in Cairns
- Quality coach travel (note Cape York Touring is in 24 Seater 4WD Coach)
- 8 Nights quality accommodation (note some motels on Cape York tour are basic accommodation)
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (19 Meals)
- All entry fees, cruise & guides as per itinerary

Ex Sydney \$5498.00 per person Twin Share
Ex Brisbane \$5698.00 per person Twin Share
Ex Melbourne \$5698.00 per person Twin Share
(Single Supplement \$1270.00)

Tour subject to availability at time of booking. Limited - Single rooms available.

The tour prices are indicative for travel in 2024 - and final cost to be provided at time of booking - price adjustment may be applicable.

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change at any time without notice.

Please note: *Flights are subject to surcharges based on availability at time of booking.*

Deposit: A deposit of \$1200.00 per person is due on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form.

Final Payment: Due no later than **Friday 14 June, 2024.**

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