



ITINERARY
8 Day Cape York Drive/Fly
Adventure



Travel by luxury 4WD to the very tip of the Australian Mainland on this fully accommodated 8-day drive/fly adventure. Visit iconic Australian Pubs, meet the locals, drive the legendary Bloomfield Track and the Telegraph track and enjoy great outback food and hospitality on this once in a lifetime Australian Adventure.

Inclusions

- ✓ Highly qualified and knowledgeable guide
- ✓ Travel in specially prepared Luxury 4WD Vehicles
- ✓ Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day, (Excluding breakfast on day one and dinner on day eight)
- ✓ Comprehensive commentary
- ✓ All touring
- ✓ All entry fees including a sunset cruise in Weipa and tour of Weipa Mine site
- ✓ 1 way economy flight from Cairns to Horn Island (or in reverse)
- ✓ Exclusive Glamping stay on Roko Island in the Torres Strait
- ✓ Behind the scenes Tour of the fascinating Horn Island

Exclusions

- ✗ Alcoholic & some non alcoholic beverages
- ✗ Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- ✗ Additional activities as mentioned
- ✗ Gratuities
- ✗ Souvenirs
- ✗ Snacks

Departing

7am Cairns, Palm Cove and Port Douglas Hotels

Return

6pm, Cairns Day 8



Legend

B: Breakfast

L: Lunch

D: Dinner

Itinerary: Day 1

Cairns to Cooktown

L, D

Your guide will meet you early this morning at your hotel to start your tour heading North to the last frontier, Cape York Peninsula. Leaving Cairns behind we head north along Queensland's Captain Cook Highway towards the Daintree Rainforest. We stop to cross the Daintree River by vehicle ferry before entering the 180-million-year-old Rainforest. Our journey takes us up the beautiful Alexandra Range and on to our first stop, where we take a scenic walk through this amazing eco system. Immerse yourself inside protected forests as we take you on a guided walk to view ancient plants and amazing wildlife. Afterwards enjoy some morning tea.

The Wet Tropics is one of the richest sites for biodiversity on earth and the Daintree is a place of spectacular beauty, rugged mountains, deep gorges and flowing rivers. Our next stop is at one of magical beaches that adorn the coastline of Cape Tribulation; here our guides will highlight the amazing wildlife and ecosystems unique to this part of the world. You will have time to explore the region where the Rainforest meets the Reef before enjoying lunch at a nearby café.

After lunch we continue North, engaging 4WD and travelling along the legendary Bloomfield Track. Enjoy this part of the adventure as we travel through thick Rainforest and cross several shallow creeks. We make a stop at the Bloomfield Falls before continuing on and arriving into Cook Town late afternoon. Check into the Sovereign Resort before meeting your guide for dinner at 7pm.

Travel Distance

242 kms

Itinerary: Day 2

Cooktown Touring

B, L, D



Your guide will meet you early after breakfast this morning to visit the Grassy Hill Lookout. The spectacular vantage point offers incredible views of the Coral Sea. From here, it is easy to see Captain Cook's dilemma when he arrived in Cooktown unexpectedly in 1770, a maze of reefs that stretch to the horizon in every direction. Rejoining your vehicle, we head back into town and visit the fascinating James Cook Museum. The museum houses the original anchor from James Cook's HMS Endeavour, along with an amazing collection of artifacts, highlighting Captain Cook's voyage along the East Coast of Australia.

After plenty of time to explore the museum, we now head to the legendary Lions Den Hotel for lunch. Kick back at this iconic Australian Pub and be entertained by the locals. You will observe the many memorabilia that adorn the walls of the hotel left by passing travelers over many years. Relax with a cold beer and a great lunch.

After lunch, we reboard the vehicle and make our way to the Cooktown Botanical Gardens. Your guide will show you around the spectacular display of tropical and sub-tropical plants before entering Nature's Powerhouse, a large interpretive centre that houses nationally significant botanical illustrations and a wonderful natural history display. You will have time to stroll the centre and enjoy a coffee.

Afterwards we head back to your hotel where the late afternoon is yours to enjoy. Continue exploring Cooktown or simply relax in your resort surrounds. Later your guide will meet you for dinner.

Travel Distance

50 kms

Itinerary: Day 3

Cooktown to Musgrave Station

B, L, D



Your guide will meet you after breakfast this morning. Today we head west along Battle Camp Road towards Lakefield National Park and the town of Laura. The Lakefield National Park is a stunning and diverse area. You will start to see giant termite mounds that the area is well known for along with the scenic river valleys.

Just North of Laura we make a stop at the Split Rock Aboriginal Rock Art Site. The rock art in this area forms some of the oldest in the world. Your guide will walk you up to the site so you can see firsthand the amazing detail in the 40000-year-old paintings at this well-known and significant gallery. Take your time to observe the paintings while your guide interprets some of different images.

Reboarding the vehicle we continue North West. Our next stop is at the historic Old Laura Homestead. You will have time to wander the site and learn all about this heritage listed building and the remarkable history behind it. On your return, sit down to a wonderful picnic lunch prepared by your guide, in a beautiful location.

Continuing we arrive late afternoon at Musgrave Station, our overnight accommodation. Built as one of the original buildings for the Overland Telegraph, Musgrave Station is steeped in history. Once you have checked in, meet your guide later for dinner.

Travel Distance

279 kms

Itinerary: Day 4

Musgrave Station to Weipa

B, L, D



Continue your adventure along the Peninsula Development Road this morning. Admire the changing scenery and the endless lowlands before arriving at the small town of Coen. We refuel here and have some time to grab a coffee and some morning tea. Continuing North we make a stop at the Archer River Roadhouse for some lunch. Admire the quirky surrounds and meet some of the locals. After lunch rejoin your vehicle and head northwest now towards the mining town of Weipa. The country changes to savannah grass lands as we make our way towards the west coast of Cape York.

This afternoon we have arranged a wonderful sunset tour of the local area. Join an informative boat tour and discover the local flora and fauna as you experience the sun setting over the ocean while enjoying a glass of Sparkling Wine or cold beer. Keep a look out for the elusive saltwater crocodiles and many native birds. Later your guide will transfer you back to your overnight accommodation, the Albatross Bay Resort before enjoying dinner at their restaurant.

Travel Distance

375 kms

Itinerary: Day 5

Weipa to Merluna Station

B, L, D

Your guide will meet you after breakfast this morning to continue your tour of Weipa. We start our day with a visit to the incredible Bauxite Mine. Don a hard hat as you have the opportunity to get close to the massive machinery and see firsthand how the mining is conducted in a harsh environment.

Afterwards we visit the Western Cape Cultural Centre. The cultural centre is supplied with arts and crafts from the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities. You will have some time to peruse the centre and learn about the indigenous culture and beautiful artwork. Afterwards we will enjoy some lunch at a local café in Weipa.

Reboarding your vehicle, head Northwest now towards Merluna Station, a working cattle station and our overnight accommodation. On arrival we have arranged for the station owners to give you an exclusive tour of this magnificent working cattle station. Discover what station life is like on the cape and admire the beautiful property. Later settle into your air-conditioned cabins with ensuites and have some time to freshen up before a sumptuous station dinner. Later enjoy a few drinks with new found friends around the fire pit, gazing up at the millions of stars.

Travel Distance

122 kms

Itinerary: Day 6

Merluna Station to Bamaga

B, L, D



Departing Merluna Station early this morning, we make a stop at Bramwell Station for morning tea. Continuing North we pass through one of the Capes largest cattle stations, Batavia Downs. We make another stop at the interesting Morton Telegraph Station; this important link in communication to the far north and the cape operated till 1960, and the main reason why Cape York was opened up in the first place.

From here we enter the famous Telegraph Track. It is along this section that we drop into the beautiful Fruit Bat Falls to enjoy a swim and cool off in the crystal-clear waters. We also enjoy a picnic lunch here.

After lunch we join the Bamaga Development Road on our way to the Jardine River ferry.

Its not far now before we are at the top of Australia. We cross the river before arriving at the town of Bamaga and check into our overnight accommodation at Cape York Peninsula Lodge.

You will have some time to settle into your surrounds before meeting your guide for dinner.

Travel Distance

365 kms

Itinerary: Day 7

Explore The Tip then Roko Island

B, L, D



Your guide will meet you after breakfast this morning and head north towards the very tip of Australia. We make a stop at the well-known Croc tent to get some local souvenirs on our way.

Continue along through rainforest tracks before the ocean can be seen on both sides of the vehicle. We are getting close. The last 400 meters to the tip is a walk as we climb across rocks to eventually arrive at the most northerly point of mainland Australia. Enjoy the wild and pristine views out across the Torres Strait. An amazing and truly iconic Australian experience.

You will have time to soak in the moment and take some photos. You may even want to pause and enjoy a celebratory drink.

When you are ready, we make our way back to the vehicle and head back to Seisia.

At Seisia Wharf we meet a boat for a short 20-minute transfer to Roko Island. Roko is a part of 274 islands which forms the Torres Strait, and at less than 9000 m², it is one of the smallest. It consists of only 2 permanent residents, and it is where we will spend our last night on Cape York.

Your accommodation is in a stunning Glamping Tent. On arrival be met by your hosts before enjoying some lunch. The afternoon will be yours to explore the local area, maybe try some fishing in the abundant waters or simply relax on your own tropical island.

Later enjoy a specially prepared farewell Island dinner.

Travel Distance

40 kms

Itinerary: Day 8

Tour Horn Island and fly to Cairns

B, L

After waking up on your own private tropical Island today, enjoy a relaxed breakfast overlooking the crystal waters of the Torres Strait.

Mid-morning we take a private boat to the nearby Horn Island. Horn Island was an important outpost during the Second World War where almost 5000 Australian and US troops were stationed, defending Australia from the advancing Japanese through Papua New Guinea.

Today we have arranged a behind-the-scenes tour of many relics left behind from during that time including underground rooms, gun emplacements, magazines, the airstrip, abandoned aircraft, slit trenches and more. Learn of the history and hear the stories from a local guide. A truly fascinating experience.

Afterwards enjoy some lunch before visiting the Heritage Museum, full of artefacts and the history of Horn Island.

Later in the afternoon, your guide will transfer you to the airport for your onward flight to Cairns. On arrival in Cairns, your driver will meet you to transfer you to your hotel or accommodation.

Travel Distance

25kms then fly to Cairns

Additional Information

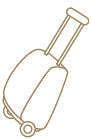


Time Zone
AEST UTC +11



Climate

You will be travelling in Far North Queensland where the average annual rainfall is 1900 mm, almost 2 meters. Fortunately, most of that precipitation falls between the months of December to April. Average rainfall for the months of May through to November is around 20mm, so on some days there may be showers around, although generally it is dry. The days are warm at an average daily temperature of 27 degrees Celsius, and the nights are mild to around 20 degrees Celsius. In some areas there may be insects so we recommended a good personal repellent.



What to Bring

- Day pack/shoulder bag
- Light comfortable clothing including a light rain jacket
- Hat and sunscreen
- Comfortable and sturdy walking shoes
- Camera
- Binoculars



Luggage/Baggage

A maximum of 20kg per person is allowed in a small, soft sided bag plus a carry on/day bag to take with you in the vehicle.



Level of Fitness

Minimum level of fitness is required however there are a number of short walks included in the itinerary.



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Disclaimer:

From time to time our itineraries are updated prior to departure to incorporate improvements stemming from past travellers' feedback as well as updates from our service providers. Some changes may be necessary due to inclement weather and common seasonal changes to timetables and transport routes. Whilst we endeavour to give you as much notice as possible, this can happen with little notice so please be prepared for modifications to the route. The order and timing of included activities may also vary from time to time. We do travel on unsealed roads in the outback and sometimes these roads can be a little rough, however it's all part of the experience! We do take our time and extra care when travelling through these remote regions which may result in longer travel times.



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