



Australian Wilderness Tours 2017/18

CCY13

Cairns – Cape York & Return

Duration: 13 days, 12 nights

Day 1 – Sunday

Your guide will pick you up at 3.00pm from your Cairns accommodation to take you on an afternoon tour of the sights of Cairns visiting local landmarks and places of interest before taking you to view the sunset on the beach with a drink and nibbles before returning you to your accommodation.

Overnight: Cairns (your accommodation)

Day 2 – Monday

Leaving Cairns we head north along Queensland's Great Ocean Road towards Daintree, where we will join the Daintree River Cruise for an hour of exploring the wilderness where crocodiles are often found. We then cross the Daintree River by cable ferry and make our way to the Daintree Ice Cream Company (own expense) and then onward to Cape Tribulation giving you an opportunity to explore coastal headland and long sandy beaches stopping to enjoy lunch before we journey through the World Heritage Rainforest to Mardja Boardwalk and enjoy an interpretive walk through the rainforest.

Overnight: Beach House, CAPE TRIBULATION (DBB)

Day 3 – Tuesday

Today we 4WD along the Bloomfield Track enjoying many scenic spots including Bloomfield Falls and Cedar Bay National Park. We stop at the Lions Den Pub – another classic Aussie Icon – and then continue our journey to Mysterious Black Mountain. In Cooktown we enjoy lunch before we spend the afternoon visiting Grassy Hill Lookout, the historic cemetery, the Captain Cook Museum – this is truly an amazing place – and the Cooktown Historical Gardens.

Overnight: Seaview Motel, COOKTOWN (DBB)

Day 4 – Wednesday

An early start from Cooktown as we head west to Battle Camp and onwards into Lakefield National Park. After visiting "Old Laura" homestead we travel through many fascinating river valleys and numerous giant termite mounds before arriving at Musgrave Station for an afternoon break. We continue our journey to Coen for our overnight stay in guesthouse accommodation.

Overnight: Mrs Taylors Guesthouse, COEN (DBBL)

Day 5 – Thursday

Traveling along part of the southern leg of the old Telegraph Track we come to the Archer River, one of the Cape's well known obstacles. Then continuing our adventure to one of Australia's most remote areas we head east exploring the Sir William Thompson Range and then crossing the Pascoe River, we head to Iron Range National Park. As we enter the National Park, we see the spectacular Mount Tozer at the peak of the table range, before descending down to Lockhart River a unique community situated on the ocean at Lloyd Bay. Onwards further north, exploring the many wonders of the Iron Range National Park whilst enjoying the dense tropical rainforest being the largest remaining area of lowland rainforest in Australia. We arrive at Portland Road at Cape Weymouth on the beautiful Coral Sea for our overnight stay. Enjoy a pleasant evening at Portland House Cottages.

Overnight: Portland House, PORTLAND ROAD (DBBL)

Day 6 – Friday

Leaving the ocean, we head inland through the National Park and onwards to more savannah land, country of the Cape; to Batavia Downs and heading north on the Telegraph Track to the Wenlock River, and continue further along the old Telegraph Track to arrive at Bramwell Station property for our overnight stay.

Overnight: Bramwell Station, BRAMWELL STATION (DBBL)

Day 7 – Saturday

Heading north along the old Telegraph line track we visit Elliot Falls and after crossing many creeks we arrive at the Cape's most famous river, the Jardine. Here we can enjoy another tranquil lunch site before crossing the crocodile infested stream by ferry. We stay in air-conditioned cabins or tent cabins by the sea, in the most exotic setting you can imagine.

Overnight: Seisa Resort, SEISA (DBBL)



Day 8 – Sunday

The most northerly tip of the Australian continent, Cape York, is our destination. We celebrate with champagne before visiting the remains of Somerset, which was established by the Jardines as the government outpost for the Torres Strait. We spend some time at some secluded beaches, where we have previously sighted dugongs and sea turtles. This is a particularly scenic part of the Cape, with lots to see and do. Later in the afternoon we return to our accommodation in Seisa.

Overnight: Seisa Resort, SEISA (DBBL)

Day 9 – Monday

A change today from 4WD travelling as we take a boat cruise across the Torres Strait to Thursday Island and enjoy a tour around this small island. The island is situated between Cape York and New Guinea. After lunch we it's now time to rejoin our cruise to Seisa.

Overnight: Seisa Resort, SEISA (DBB)

Day 10 – Tuesday

We depart the Cape and head into Bamaga, then south across the Jardine River and this time, travelling the Bamaga Development Road, we head to Batavia Downes before heading west to Weipa on the western shores of the Cape on the Gulf of Carpentaria, known for its large bauxite mines and export facilities. We stay the night at the Albatross Bay Resort.

Overnight: Albatross Bay Resort, WEIPA (DBBL)

Day 11 – Wednesday

Leaving Weipa we head south on the Peninsula Development Road crossing the Archer River and through Coen to overnight at Musgrave Station. Here we have a great opportunity to experience the lifestyle of the large property owners of the region.

Overnight: Musgrave Station, MUSGRAVE (DBB)

Day 12 – Thursday

Heading further south today on a different route to our way north, we cross the Hann River on our way to the property of Fairview where we leave the main track and head into the historic Palmer River Goldfields. Exploring this fascinating area and crossing the Palmer River, we head to Wrotham Park and joining the Burke Development Road we head to Chilligoe, home to the unique Chilligoe Caves National Park.

Overnight: Chilligoe Caves Lodge, CHILLIGOE (DBBL)

Day 13 – Friday

On our final day, we climb eastwards to the Atherton Tablelands and visit Mareeba and enjoy this beautiful agriculture and scenic region on our way to Atherton where we have lunch and afterwards we enjoy the famous Curtain Fig at Yungaburra and then on to the volcanic lakes of Lake Eacham and Lake Barrine, then down on the range to Gordonvale to conclude our tour at Cairns later that afternoon.

Departs Cairns every 1st and 3rd Sunday May to November

INCLUSIONS

- Luxury 4WD vehicle with experienced driver guide
- Twin Shared Accommodations
- All breakfasts & dinners & 7 lunches (as noted)
- Morning Teas
- All National Park Entry Fees
- All ferries and barges
- Cruise to Thursday Island

TOUR COST: AUD

\$5,990.00 Adult (twin share)

\$1,450.00 Single Supplement

\$4,190.00 Child (5-12 years – share with adult)

Minimum 4

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Note: Accommodations are subject to availability and may be changed without notice.