

## CAPE YORK TOUR – Fly/Drive 2018

**Duration:** 8 Days / 7 nights (Fly/drive)

Departs Cairns	7:00am
Returns Cairns	6.00pm

### Inclusions:

- Modern 4WD vehicle and experienced driver guide
- All accommodation costs
- Breakfast, Dinner and light lunches as per the itinerary
- Morning / Afternoon teas
- All National Park entry fees
- All ferries and barges
- Cruise to Thursday Island and a bus tour of the island
- Cruise to Horn Island and tour of Horn Island
- QANTAS Flight from Cairns to Horn Island
- Queensland's "Great Ocean Road"
- Daintree National Park and Ferry Crossing
- Cape Tribulation and its sandy beaches
- Mardja boardwalk
- Bloomfield Track & Falls
- Cedar Bay National Park
- Lion's Den Pub
- Black Mountain
- Lakefield National Park
- Old Laura Homestead
- Batavia Downs
- Wenlock River
- Elliot Falls
- Fruit Bat Falls
- Jardine River
- Seisa

# Itinerary - 2018

## Day 1 - FLY FROM CAIRNS TO CAPE YORK

*Lunch & Dinner Provided*

*Overnight: Loyalty Beach*

Your tour commences from Cairns Airport or if required a shuttle bus will take you to the airport from the Cairns CBD. Following your arrival at Horn Island Airport, we take a guided tour of this interesting Island.

After lunch we jump on board the transfer boat and head to Thursday Island, where we have time to explore this small island that is part of Torres Strait culture and history.

Thursday Island is situated between Cape York and Australia's nearest neighbour New Guinea. We then transfer by ferry to Seisa on the Mainland and make our way to our accommodation; this will be our home for the next two nights.

## Day 2 – CAPE YORK & THE TIP

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Provided*

*Overnight: Loyalty Beach*

Today we visit the remains of Somerset, which was established by the Jardine Family as the Government outpost and Cattle Station. 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.

We then head for Australia's most northerly point, Cape York. The 30 minute walk to the point has lots of great views, also once we arrive it's time to grab a drink and enjoy the afternoon over the Torres Strait.

## Day 3 - CAPE YORK TO BRAMWELL

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Provided*

*Overnight: Bramwell*

Leaving the Cape behind us, we travel south across the Great Dividing Range though the Jardine National Park boarded with the stunning Coral Sea to the East

Arriving at the Jardine River it's time to board the Ferry to cross the Jardine. We arrive at Fruit Bat Falls where we enjoy the board walk and continue further along and then stopping for lunch and then onto Bramwell Station for the night.

## Day 4 – BRAMWELL TO WEIPA

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Provided*

*Overnight: Weipa*

We make a morning visit to the Morton Telegraph Station; this important link in communication to the far north and the cape operated till 1960. Re-joining our 4WD we travel south crossing many creeks and streams and then we head through one of the largest cattle station on the Cape - Batavia Downs.

We then head towards Weipa is located in the Gulf of Carpentaria is the largest town in the Cape York Peninsula

Then take a stroll through the township and explore the port of Weipa and its amazing coastline before returning to our accommodation in time to enjoy a relaxing late afternoon.

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## Day 5 – WEIPA TO LOCKHART

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Provided*

*Overnight: Lockhart River*

Today we continuing our adventure to one of Australia's most remote area's 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 aboriginal community situated on the ocean at Lloyd Bay.

Heading 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 Lockhart River for our overnight stay.

## Day 6 - LOCKHART TO COEN/MUSGRAVE

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Provided*

*Overnight: Coen/Musgrave*

Travelling 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 and river crossing. We then continue further south to Coen or Musgrave - our home for the night.

## Day 7 - COEN/MUSGRAVE TO COOKTOWN

*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Provided*

*Overnight: Cooktown*

After an early start from Coen we head into Lakefield National Park including visits to Red and White Lilly Lagoons - these are truly spectacular parts of the National Park. We will also travel through the many river valleys and numerous giant termite mounds and arrive at Old Laura Homestead.

From the homestead we take a short drive to "welcome waterhole" wetlands from here we travel the Battle Camp Track to Cooktown. After arriving in Cooktown where we enjoy lunch before we spend the afternoon visiting the James Cook Museum, Botanical Gardens & Powerhouse Museum - this is truly a unique and amazing place.

## Day 8 - COOKTOWN TO CAIRNS VIA THE DAINTREE

*Breakfast and Lunch Provided*

*Return to Cairns*

Leaving Cooktown we engage 4WD and make our way along the Bloomfield Track enjoying many scenic spots including The Mysterious Black Mountain, Bloomfield Falls and Cedar Bay National park. We make a short stop at the Famous Lion Dens Hotel - another classic Aussie Icon.

Heading onward to Cape Tribulation, we give you an opportunity to explore coastal headlands and long sandy beaches before stopping to enjoy lunch before we journey through the World Heritage Rainforest .A visit to this area would not be complete without a stop at the Daintree Ice Cream Company we then cross the Daintree River by cable ferry before joining our afternoon cruise on the famous Daintree River where many crocodiles and amazing birdlife are often found. We complete our 8 day cape to cairns experience with a scenic drive along the beautiful Coral Coast to Cairns City completing a truly memorable time touring the Cape York Region.

Please note that Single Travellers must purchase the optional extra "single supplement" if you prefer your own private room, otherwise you may be roomed with another single traveller.

*Seasonal weather conditions and operational requirements may cause a variation in the tour itinerary. The operator reserves the right to substitute or modify if required. Please read our terms and conditions carefully. Departure and Return times are approximate. Tour is not suitable for infants. We endeavour to room guests in ensuite rooms where available, once full we use shared facilities.*

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