

10 DAY CAPE YORK & THURSDAY ISLAND

DEPARTING SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER TO TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2024
MOTEL ACCOMMODATION



in conjunction with
Heritage Tours

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HIGHLIGHTS

Cape Tribulation
World Heritage Daintree National Park
Bloomfield Track
Cooktown
Lakefield National Park
Musgrave Telegraph Station
Weipa
Bramwell Station
Fruit Bat Falls
Thursday Island
Cape York – The most Northern tip of Australia

DAY 1: SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER D.
HOME TO MELBOURNE

After your home pick up today we travel to Tullamarine for our overnight stop prior to flying to Cairns. Staying in Melbourne overnight, allows us an early start for Cairns tomorrow morning.

Accom: Ciloms Airport Lodge

DAY 2: MONDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER B.
MELBOURNE TO CAIRNS

This morning we depart Tullamarine for our direct Qantas flight to Cairns. The city of Cairns is known as the capital of the tropical far north. The city's terraces, foreshore, parks and spectacular gardens boast colourful blooms and a myriad of tropical plants and trees. Cairns commands an enviable position with the Great Barrier Reef to the east, mountain rainforests and plains of the Atherton Tableland to the west and exquisite palm fringed beaches to the north and south. We arrive early, check into our rooms, then with time to enjoy the atmosphere and freshen up prior to dinner where you may wish to try one of the many restaurants or clubs along the esplanade.

Accom: Doubletree by Hilton - Cairns Ph: 07 4050 6070

DAY 3: TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER B.L.D
CAIRNS TO COOKTOWN

After an early morning pick up from Doubletree by Hilton-Cairns Hotel our adventure begins. 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. Then making our way along the jungle shrouded Bloomfield Track (road conditions permitting), stopping off at the unique Lion's Den Hotel, and the mysterious Black Mountain, arriving at the old gold port of Cooktown. Visit Captain Cooks Landing and Grassy Hill Lookout, before settling in our accommodation with ensuite facilities.

DAY 4: WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER B.L.D
COOKTOWN - LAKEFIELD NATIONAL PARK - MUSGRAVE

Heading west into the outback to explore Lakefield National Park (road conditions permitting). An amalgamation of 3 huge cattle stations, now a haven for the many birds and animals native to this area. Lagoons, billabongs, and wide river lakes are home to both fresh and saltwater crocodiles. The afternoon finds us arriving at our overnight accommodation at The Old Musgrave telegraph station. Accommodation with ensuite facilities.

DAY 5: THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER B.L.D
MUSGRAVE - COEN – ARCHER RIVER – WEIPA

This morning, we continue north stopping off at the historic frontier gold town of Coen and the picturesque Archer River, before making our way to the bauxite-mining town of Weipa. Enjoy the spectacular sunset over the Gulf of

Carpentaria.. Our accommodation with ensuite facilities tonight is at the Heritage Resort.

**DAY 6: FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER B.D
WEIPA -WENLOCK RIVER -BRAMWELLSTATION**

This morning you have ample time to explore the town of Weipa. You also have the option to join a Wildlife Eco River Cruise (own expense). After lunch, we head for our overnight accommodation with ensuites at a true blue Aussie cattle station, BramwellStation.

**DAY 7: SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER B.L.D
BRAMWELL – FRUIT BAT FALLS – CAPE YORK**

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. Then northwards across the Jardine River, to arrive at Cape York! We will be staying at Seisia. Seisia is ideally located for our next few days, being in walking distance from the Seisia Wharf, the departure point for the ferry to Thursday Island and a famous fishing location. Our accommodation at Seisia Holiday Park are cottages with ensuite facilities.

**DAY 8: SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER B.L.D
CAPE YORK - SOMERSET**

An unforgettable day! Stand at the very top of mainland Australia. We then visit Somerset (road conditions permitting), once the home of the legendary Jardine family. We have lunch on palm fringed Anchorage Beach which overlooks the Albany Passage. A walk on the beach completes our day before returning to Seisia.

**DAY 9: MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER B.
CAPE YORK – THURSDAY ISLAND -CAIRNS**

An early morning departure as we cruise through island studded straits to explore our northern community, Thursday Island. Here we will be taken on an informative guided bus tour of the island and its picturesque Harbour, once home to the romantic pearl lugger fleet. Then board our plane at Horn Island for a scenic flight back to Cairns. Accom: Doubletree by Hilton - Cairns Ph: 07 4050 6070

**DAY 10: TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER B.
CAIRNS TO HOME**

This morning we will be transferred to Cairns Airport to board our return flight to Tullamarine where we will once again be met and transferred to your home after a memorable ten days touring the beauty of Cape York and Thursday Island.

PRICE: \$6390.00 per person twin share
SINGLE SUP: \$1420.00
Price includes GST

PRICE INCLUDES:

Airfare Melbourne to Cairns
Airfare Cairns to Melbourne
Airfare Horn Island to Cairns

4WD off road tour vehicle travel
Brendan's Australian Tours Travel Bag & Wallet
All accommodation - Twin Share

All Cruises & Admissions as specified.

All Meals as specified:
B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

Pick up & return to your home.

Cape York accommodation: Your overnight stays quite often reflect the unique nature of the sparsely inhabited regions in which we travel. Your accommodation ranges from resorts and hotel/motels and station properties in the townships / communities in "No Frills" cabins where no alternative accommodation exists. All are clean and comfortable, the hospitality genuine, open and friendly and the cuisine generous and appetising.

Cape York meals: All meals are included in the tour cost as per itinerary code: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner. All breakfasts and dinners are served in the restaurants of the accommodation venues we stay at. You will enjoy 4 continental breakfasts and 3 cooked breakfasts while on tour. 2 course dinner is provided at night time with a main course, dessert, tea or coffee. Lunch will be served at a suitable lunch stop: Salads and sandwiches, which will be made at the lunch stop each day.

The Cape York Tour vehicle: We travel these remote areas in a purpose built Isuzu off-road 4WD vehicle with forward facing reclining seats, foot rests and retractable seatbelts. The vehicles are equipped with an on board toilet. Standard features include PA system, TV, road cam, portable satellite phone, first aid kits and all necessary off road equipment.

- **Travel Insurance is highly recommended and is the responsibility of each passenger.**



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