



# *The Cape York Expedition*

**Fully escorted Tour to the Tip of Australia!**

*‘Small group experience’*

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
10 Days & 9 Nights**

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE: \$7630

Room on your own extra \$1500

**Includes Return airfares ex Newcastle**



## Tour Highlights Include

This unique tour to Cape York Peninsula will capture Australia's beauty and harsh environments at its best. Arriving at the tip of country on this Far North Queensland tour, you'll feel like you're on top of the world. On our 10 day adventure you will expect to witness waterfalls, rainforest, wetlands and outback cattle stations.

Tuncurry Coach Tours, along with our host from Heritage Tours will deliver an unforgettable trip with a highly experienced Travel Director/Driver & tour escort for that added attention to detail.

Places we will see: **Cape Tribulation | Cooktown | Lakefield National Park | Musgrave Roadhouse / Weipa / Bramwell Station | Seisia | The Tip | Torres Strait Islands | Thursday Island**

## This is a truly unique holiday and there is some helpful information you need to know before you book.

Cape York Australia is a large tract of largely unpopulated land, which covers the far northern part of Queensland. It includes 'the tip', an iconic landmark which is Australia's most northern point, overlooking the nearby Torres Strait Islands.

Mostly flat, much of Cape York's landscape has been left as it was for hundreds of thousands of years, except for several large cattle stations and some small isolated communities. It includes the historic township of Cooktown, which is a 3.5 hour drive from Cairns, and Weipa which is a bauxite mining community. Cape York Peninsula is one of the last unspoilt frontiers in Australia. Even now, it remains a wild sparsely populated wilderness that is accessible only in the dry season from May until October and then only by 4WD vehicles for most of the way. To travel overland to the Cape is still a true adventure allowing travelers to see the unspoilt and diverse scenery, wildlife and birdlife at close range. Reaching the tip of Cape York and overlooking the myriad of exotic and unspoilt islands, is truly an awe inspiring experience. With only these beautiful waters between Australia and Papua New Guinea, one can truly appreciate the experience of standing on the most northern point of the continent.

**How will we travel?** Travel these remote areas in our purpose built Isuzu off road 4WD tour-vehicles with forward facing reclining seats, footrests, and retractable seatbelts. The vehicles are equipped with standard features as a P.A. System, on-board toilet, T.V and road cam, portable satellite phone and first aid kits and all necessary off road equipment you can think of. With a maximum of 24 passengers, you will have the ultimate opportunity to enjoy the areas at its best.

**Accommodation:** The type of Cape York accommodation varies from location to location. From hotels and motels in the townships and communities, to the "No-Frill" former cattle station cabins along the track where no alternatives exist. Some places may have shared ensuite facilities but regardless of where we are on our adventure, you'll find our Cape York accommodation is all clean and comfortable, the hospitality genuine and the cuisine generous and appetizing.

**Luggage:** *Luggage cannot exceed 10kg per person.* 1. Soft bag or small overnight soft suitcase per person bag ONLY 300mm x 300mm x 700mm - **no suitcases or hard body cases.** (There will be plenty of opportunity to wash your clothes)

**Mobility:** A *high* level of mobility is required to participate in this tour. If you have any mobility issues or are over 80 years of age, a doctor's clearance may be required before booking can be confirmed.

## *Your guided tour itinerary*

### **DAY 1: (D) NEWCASTLE TO CAIRNS**

**SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Welcome to our 10 Day Cape York Expedition. This morning we will make our way to Newcastle Airport, where we will board our flight to Cairns. Upon arrival in tropical North Queensland, we will be transferred to our hotel, where we will spend the next 2 nights. A welcome dinner will be enjoyed on our first night and the next day you have full day to take in the sights of Cairns at your own pace.

**Hotel:** Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort, | 2 nights | Lunch own cost | dinner in hotel



## DAY 2: (B) CAIRNS FREE DAY

SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> September 2024

After a good breakfast, you have a whole day to relax in Cairns. We are centrally and conveniently located to the esplanade, shopping precinct, restaurants and cafes. This is **your free day** before our big adventure begins. You may like to arrange a harbour cruise, visit nearby Green or Lizard Island, head out to the reef for some snorkeling, or simply just relax in town or by the pool. Dinner tonight is also free choice. We have an early start tomorrow, so be sure to get a good night sleep.

**Hotel:** Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort, | Lunch and dinner own cost

## DAY 3: (B, D) CAIRNS - THURSDAY ISLAND - CAPE YORK

MON 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024

This morning we will be picked up from our accommodation and transferred back to Cairns airport for our flight to Horn Island. We will then be transferred by ferry to **Thursday Island** and upon arrival you will have an informative guided bus tour of the Island and its picturesque harbour, once home to the romantic pearl lugger fleet. This afternoon, we board the ferry back to the mainland, where we will be ending the day at Seisia which we located at for the next few days.

**Hotel:** Seisia Holiday Park and Cottages with ensuite facilities | 2 Nights | **Included**

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner (Lunch own expense)



## DAY 4: (B,L D) CAPE YORK

TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

An unforgettable day!! Stand at the top of mainland Australia. We visit Somerset (*road conditions permitted*), once home to the legendary Jardine Family and government outpost est in 1864. We have lunch on the palm fringed Anchorage beach, which overlooks the Albany Passage. A walk on the beach will complete your day before returning to Seisia

**Hotel:** Seisia Holiday Park and Cottages with ensuite facilities | **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



**DAY 5: (B,L,D) FRUITBAT FALLS, BRAMWELL STATION****WED 2nd Oct 2024**

Today we cross the mighty Jardine River, stopping at **Fruit bat falls** for lunch. Relax, swim and enjoy this unique area with its **enchanted waterfall**. Travelling along parts of the **old Telegraph Station Track**, before we make our way to a former 'true blue' cattle station **Bramwell Station**.

**Accom:** Bramwell Station- combination of both ensuite and shared bathroom facilities.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

**DAY 6: (B,D) BRAMWELL-WEIPA****THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**

We travel on a southerly run through the wilderness with all its varied landscapes to cross the **Wenlock River**. We head for the shores of the **Gulf of Carpentaria & Weipa**. This afternoon we take a **Weipa wildlife eco river cruise** from Embley River to Hay Point where we learn about the culture, history and wildlife in this region, before returning to our accommodation.

**Hotel:** Albatross Bay Resort with ensuite **Included Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

**DAY 7: (B,L,D) WIEPA- MUSGRAVE****FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Today we continue our travels south, stopping off the **picturesque Archer River**, then on to the historic frontier **gold town of Coen**. This afternoon finds us at our overnight accommodation at the Old Musgrave Telegraph Station.

**Hotel:** Musgrave Telegraph Station -ensuite facilities **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**DAY 8: (B,L,D) MUSGRAVE- COOKTOWN****SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Today we head east toward **Princess Charlotte Bay** where we explore **Lakefield National Park**, a haven for bird and wildlife, lagoons, billabongs, wide river lakes and saltwater crocs. Travelling on to **Cooktown**, we visit **Captain Cooks Landing**, before settling into our accommodation in Cooktown

**Hotel:** Cooktown -ensuite facilities

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner



**DAY 9: (B,L,D) COOKTOWN-CAPE TRIB- CAIRNS****SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024**

Before we return to Cairns, we make our way south passing the mysterious **Black Mountain** and the historic **Lions Den Hotel**. Traversing the shrouded **Bloomfield Track** we see where the rainforest meets the reef at **Cape Tribulation** at the heritage listed rainforest. We take a scenic drive along the **Marlin Coast** back to Cairns where we will be transferred back to our accommodation for one last night together.

**Hotel:** Novotel Oasis Resort **Included Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**DAY 10: (B) CAIRNS- NEWCASTLE****MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

After breakfast, we will be transferred to the airport for our connecting flight back to Newcastle, where we will sit back and relax on the coach for the last leg of our holiday back home.

**Tour price Includes:****Return Airfares to Cairns**

NINE (9) Nights' accommodation

NINE (9) breakfast

FIVE (5) Lunches

EIGHT (8) Dinners

Entry fees to attractions & sightseeing as per itinerary

**Tour payment:**

**Non Refundable Deposit** of \$100.00 per person at time of booking to secure your place.

**Non refundable payment** of \$600.00 per person due **1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023** (this is paid direct to Heritage tours)

**2<sup>nd</sup> installment** of \$4000 twin per person or \$5500 single due **28<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Final payment due:** 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**\*\*\* Failure to pay by the due date may see your booking cancelled and deposits forfeited \*\*\***

**Cancellation Charges: (If you cancel)****All deposits are non refundable**

90-60 days prior to departure- 50% cancellation fee of tour cost

0-59 days prior to departure 100% cancellation of tour cost

**Note: Cancellation of this trip less than 60 days prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the trip there is no refund.**

**Please read full Terms and Conditions before booking. We highly recommend travel insurance.**

**Travel Insurance is highly recommended** by Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, we advise passengers to consider taking out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise.

*All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions and opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. Accommodation, churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any date or time changes due to pandemics, closures, inclement weather etc. Withdrawing from trips due to the above may see passengers liable to cancellation charges*

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