

# Cairns to Cape York Far North QLD Adventure

*With Trade Travel*

9 Days / 8 Nights

**3 TOUR DATES AVAILABLE:**

**08 - 16 September/18 - 26 September/22 - 30 September 2022**



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## Day 1. Homeport - Cairns

### Flight Details - TBA

Travel from your Homeport to Cairns. Upon arrival at Cairns airport, we will be transferred to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Enjoy dinner tonight of your own choice in a local restaurant along the Cairns Esplanade or in the hotel.

**Overnight Cairns: Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort**

## Day 2. Cairns - Cooktown

### Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning after breakfast and check out we depart Cairns for Cooktown! Our adventure has begun as we travel north along the scenic Captain Cook Highway and through the **World Heritage listed Daintree Rainforest and Cape Tribulation** where the rainforest meets the reef. We make our way along the jungle shrouded **Bloomfield Track** (road conditions permitted) and stop at the **iconic Lion's Den Hotel** for lunch. This historic pub is one of Queensland's oldest, having been established in 1878. We continue onto Cooktown, stopping enroute at the mysterious **Black Mountain** known as Kalkajaka (meaning 'place of spear'). On arrival in **Cooktown** we visit **Captain Cooks Landing**, before heading to our accommodation for check in and a freshen up before dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**Overnight Cooktown: Sovereign Resort Hotel**

## Day 3. Cooktown - Lakefield National Park - Musgrave

### Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we depart Cooktown and head west into the outback on our journey to Musgrave. Along the way we stop in the Laura region for a look at **Split Rock - Aboriginal Rock Art Site**, before continuing travelling to **Lakefield National Park** (road conditions permitted). Lakefield is the second largest National Park in Queensland and is a haven for many birds and animals native to this area. Its lagoons, billabongs, and wide river lakes are also home to both fresh and saltwater crocodiles. Late afternoon has us arriving at the Musgrave Roadhouse, '**Old Musgrave Overland Telegraph Station**' built in 1887. Musgrave is about half way between Cairns and "The Tip" so has been the resting place for many travellers. Wagon teamsters and Packhorse Mailmen would spell their weary teams here and in later years many aircraft have sheltered here from bad weather. Once settled into our accommodation take time to soak in and read the story of the station and Shepard family before dinner.

**Overnight Musgrave: Musgrave Roadhouse**

## Day 4. Musgrave - Coen - Archer River - Weipa

### Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today, depart Musgrave after breakfast and continue our drive north stopping at the historic frontier gold town of **Coen** and the picturesque **Archer River**.



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#### Day 4. Continued

The **Coen Heritage House** has displays about local history, including information on the Gold Rush, local families and the building of the Telegraph Line. A collection of mining equipment, previously part of the Cape York Mining Museum in Weipa, is also on display. From Coen we continue making our way to the bauxite-mining town of **Weipa**. After check in and before dinner enjoy the spectacular sunset over the Gulf of Carpentaria.

#### Overnight Weipa: Albatross Bay Resort

#### Day 5. Weipa - Wenlock River - Bramwell Station

#### Breakfast & Dinner

This morning after breakfast we have optional tours to enjoy a **Weipa Wildlife and Eco Cruise OR Weipa Mine Tour**.

**The Weipa Wildlife & Eco Cruise** is a unique experience in and around the beautiful eco systems and local culture of Weipa. Cruise the harbour, the Embley River to Hay Point and learn about the local culture, history and view the abundance of wildlife this area has to offer including the croc's. Cost \$65.00 per person

**On the Weipa Mine Tour** we find out the history behind Weipa and visit points of interest on this fascinating tour. Get up close and personal to the 190 tonne Belly Dumper Haul Trucks while touring the working mine site and follow the rail and conveyor dock. 'Covered footwear is required for this tour' Cost \$45.00 per person

After our tour there will be time to purchase lunch in town before leaving Weipa behind and continuing our journey to **Bramwell Station** for our overnight stay at a 'true blue' Aussie cattle station. After check in, the ringing of the station's bell signals happy hour at the licensed Bar and the start of many an entertaining evening. As well, the evenings at the Tourist Park usually kick off with a station chat during happy hour to introduce the property to visitors.

#### Overnight Bramwell: Bramwell Station

#### Day 6. Bramwell - Fruit Bat Falls - Cape York

#### Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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. Continuing northwards across the Jardine River, we arrive at the '**very tip**' of Australia - **Cape York**. Full of history, culture and scenery our next few days here will be amazing. We make our way to our accommodation for check in at the Seisia Holiday Park which is ideally located in walking distance from the Seisia Wharf, the departure point for the ferry to Thursday Island and a famous fishing spot.

#### Overnight Cape York: Seisia Holiday Park

#### Day 7. Cape York - Somerset

#### Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

We have an unforgettable day ahead of us today. After breakfast we stand at the very top of mainland Australia to enjoy the views and take some photos. Then visit **Somerset** (road conditions permitted), once the home of the legendary Jardine family. One of the greatest historical places in Australia, it was the earliest permanent white settlement on the Cape York peninsula and first administrative centre for the Cape York and Torres Strait area, in one of the most isolated and violent places in Australia. Explore and learn about this interesting place before heading to the palm fringed **Anchorage Beach** which overlooks the **Albany Passage** (*Adolphus Channel*). After lunch enjoy a walk along the beach before returning to our accommodation.

#### Overnight Cape York: Seisia Holiday Park

#### Day 8. Cape York - Thursday Island - Horn Island - Cairns

#### Breakfast & Lunch

We have an early start today as we head to the **Seisia Wharf** for our 8.00am ferry departure. Cruise through island studded straits to explore our northern community, **Thursday Island**. Once here we will be taken on an **informative guided tour** of the island and its picturesque Harbour, once home to the romantic pearl lugger fleet. On tour visit **Green Hill Fort Lookout** where the views are just stunning and the now silent 6" breach loading guns jut out menacingly over the islands' main approaches and from here we look south to the mainland, west to the pearl farm and north to the main shipping lane. Also disembark at the **Japanese Pearl Divers Memorial** located at T.I. Cemetery on the northern side of the island to learn of the extraordinary and far reaching impact the pearling industry had in Torres Strait. Another important part of this stop is the monument commemorating Bernard Namok Senior who designed the Torres Strait Island Flag. The monument was unveiled on the flag's 22nd anniversary. After a short ferry ride we arrive on Horn Island and enjoy a very informative '**In Their Steps**' **WWII Tour**. Walk in the steps of those who served on Horn Island during WWII, visiting underground rooms, gun emplacements, magazines, the airstrip, aircraft, slit trenches and more. Horn Island is the second most attacked location in Australia and was the base for approximately 5000 Australian, American soldiers and airmen, with the Navy stationed on Thursday Island. **The Torres Strait Heritage Museum** houses the largest collection of its kind in the region, incorporating WW2 history, pearling, Torres Strait culture, myths and legends plus local art. On the completion of our tour we are transferred to the Horn Island Airport for our flight back to Cairns. Arriving late afternoon or early evening in Cairns we are transferred to our accommodation for a good nights rest.

#### Flight options

**QF2497 Horn Island 1500 - Cairns 1640 (subject to change)**

#### Overnight Cairns: Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort

**Optional Extra Day** - For those interested in WWII history, you have the option to do an extra day on Horn Island - cost \$399 Twin Share /\$555 Single - contact our office for further information.

#### Day 9. Cairns - Homeport

#### Breakfast

As the final day of our adventure greets us, take in one last breakfast and enjoy some free time to wander the shops, cafés or perhaps take a dip in the **Cairns Esplanade Lagoon** before transferring to the Cairns Airport to check in for our homeward flight to our homeport after a wonderful time away in tropical Cairns and the Cape York **with Trade Travel**.



### Tour Highlights:

Cape Tribulation; World Heritage Daintree National Park; The Bloomfield Track; Lunch Lion's Den Hotel "established 1878"; Cooktown - Captain Cooks Landing; Lakefield National Park; Split Rock, Aboriginal Rock Art; Musgrave Telegraph Station; Weipa Optional Tours - Wildlife & Eco Cruise OR Weipa Mine Tour; Bramwell Station; Fruit Bat Falls; Cape York - Stand at the Most Northern Tip of Australia; Thursday Island Guided Tour; Horn Island 'In Their Steps' WWII Tour; Horn Island Museum & much more!

### Tour Price Includes:

- Return domestic flights from Homeport as per below pricing
- Luxury coach travel
- 8 nights quality accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (20 meals)
- All entry fees, cruise & guides as per itinerary

**Ex Brisbane \$5098.00 per person Twin Share**  
**Ex Sydney \$5148.00 per person Twin Share**  
**Ex Melbourne \$5248.00 per person Twin Share**

Tour cost based on Twin Share only - limited space on all dates (Tour is not escorted by Trade Travel)

*The tour prices valid for travel in 2022. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.*

**Deposit:** A deposit of \$1000.00 per person is due on booking along with your completed & signed booking form to confirm your place on the tour.

**Final Payment:** Due no later than **Friday 03 June, 2022.**

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