

### Uncover the hidden gems of Torres Strait Islands and Cape York on this exclusive adventure with expedition 10

The Torres Strait Islands are a group of 274 islands located to the north of Cape York. Among these, only a few are inhabited, with Thursday and Horn Islands being the most popular. Badu and Friday Island are more secluded islands, offering a wonderfully isolated escape. The Torres Strait Islands are well worth a visit for their friendly welcoming inhabitants, beautiful blue waters and peace and quiet.

### **HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

- Horn Is. WWII Tour with Vanessa
- Thursday Is. Tour with Liberty
- Badu Is. Tour, Art Gallery and Seafood Lunch with Nancy
- Prince of Wales Is. and Seafood Lunch with James and Frances
- Friday Is. and Kazu Pearls
   PLUS
- Fruit Bat Falls Day Trip and Swim
- Mutee Heads visit
- WWII Plane Wrecks
- The Croc Tent Souvenirs
- Somerset Beach
- Fly Point
- Cape York Stand on the 'Tip'

#### **PRE TOUR INFORMATION**

Flights from Cairns to Horn Island are scheduled for 1:20pm, 18 June 2025.

Travellers should arrange to arrive in Cairns on or before 18 June 2025. We recommend being in Cairns on 17 June to alleviate any unforseen hold-ups.

Airport transfers can be arranged for guests staying in motels within the Cairns CBD.



# Tropical Islands of Torres Strait

**eXploring Torres and the Tip** 

#### Day 1 Wednesday, 18 June 2025 **Cairns to Horn Island** Meals D

Flights have been arranged to take you from Cairns to Cape York today. Upon arrival at Horn Island an eXpedition10 crew member will meet you at the airport to escort you to your accommodation and a delicious Asian Dinner.

Welcome to your Cape York adventure! **Accommodation Gateway Hotel - Horn Island** 

#### Day 2 Thursday, 19 June 2025 Horn Is. to Badu Is. to Thursday Is. MEALS BL

Following breakfast at your accommodation, return to the Horn Island Airport for your private charter flight arranged to Badu Island. Badu Island is one of the many beautiful islands located in the Torres Strait Island region of Queensland, Australia. Renowned for its rich Indigenous culture and stunning natural beauty, Badu Island offers visitors a unique and immersive experience. The island features pristine beaches and crystal-clear waters ideal for snorkeling and diving, as well as lush tropical vegetation.

On arrival, local artist Nancy will accompany you to a Badu art gallery then continue to her place for a delicious seafood lunch followed by a swim or time to relax on the tropical beach.

Return to Horn Island on your chartered flight later this afternoon then transfer to Thursday Island for the night.

**Accommodation Grand Hotel - Thursday Island** 



# Forbes names Alup as one of the 'best places in the world' in 2023

#### From Forbes website

The Torres Strait Islands are a group of islands located in the Torres Strait, between the northern tip of Australia and Papua New Guinea. These islands are known for their rich cultural heritage and stunning Nancy Nona natural beauty, but are seldom visited.

One of the most interesting islands to visit in the Torres Strait is Badu Island. There you can visit Alup Badu Island, a beautifully curated beach shack on one of the most stunning beaches in the world. Visitors should take time to learn about the unique history and culture



of the Torres Strait Islands by exploring the cultural sites and museums and by participating in traditional cultural activities such as fishing, dancing and learning the local ways of life. Entry permits may need to be arranged to visit some of the islands, but Strait Experience is a great resource for anyone looking to plan a trip to this unique region.

#### **Day 3 Friday, 20 June 2025**

#### Thursday Is. Prince of Wales Is. Friday Is. MEALS BL

Although Thursday Island is smaller than Horn Island it is the administrative centre of the Torres Strait group of islands. There will be some time this morning to visit the Thursday Island Cultural Centre or Rosie's Gallery before boarding the boat for a trip to Prince of Wales Island. James and Frances call this island their home and have invited us to their piece of paradise to treat us to a delightful seafood lunch.

After lunch, board another vessel for a trip to Friday Island.

Friday Island is known for its working pearl farm, Kazu Pearls, owned by Kazuyoshi Takami. Visitors can purchase freshly harvested pearls from his aift shop.

Back on Thursday Island there will be time to enjoy sunset drinks and views overlooking the Endeavor Strait at the Grand Hotel.

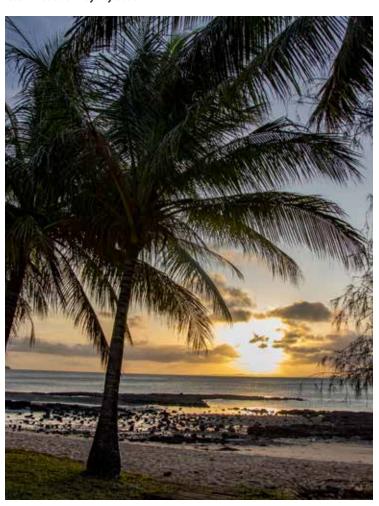
#### Day 4 Saturday, 21 June 2025 Thursday Is. to Fruit Bat Falls **MEALS BLD**

The ferry departs Thursday Island early for our trip to the mainland. On arrival enjoy breakfast at a local cafe then board the eXpedition 10 4x4 bus for a drive south, crossing the Jardine River by ferry to arrive at Fruitbat Falls.

Fruitbat Falls is a popular place for travellers to take safe a dip in the cool refreshing water. The return journey back north will detour into Mutee Heads - another popular and picturesque beach.

Loyalty Beach lays on the western shore of Cape York and is known for its excellent sunset views. It is also our venue for a sunset dinner tonight.

**Accommodation Loyalty Beach** 



#### Day 5 Sunday, 22 June 2025 Cape York - The Tip MEALS BLD

Many northern areas of Australia were subject to bombing raids during WWII and there are still several relics lying in the area. Today's adventure will visit some plane wrecks before heading closer to the most northern point on mainland Australia. Call in to the Croc Tent a famous souvenir shop which 'appeared' in 1984. With souvenirs in hand, travel to 'windy' Fly Point, often turtles can be spotted from the lookout here, then onto historic Somerset.

Finally, the moment you have been waiting for, it's time to visit the The Tip. It's hard to describe the feeling of standing on the very northern most point of Australia's mainland.

Travelling back to Loyalty Beach, take a detour into Punsand Bay for a pizza dinner.

**Accommodation Loyalty Beach** 



Return to Thursday Island this morning where Liberty will guide you around Thursday Islands sights sharing his experiences as a born and bred local before transfers back to Horn Island.

Join Vanessa on her very interesting and informative tour that retrace Horn's wartime history. Her highly researched tours include visits to bunkers, trenches, gun pits, and the heritage museum, which houses hundreds of wartime artifacts.

Relax over lunch at the local Horn Island Pub before boarding your flight back to Cairns. We have arranged your transfers and accommodation for the night.

**Accommodation Rydges, Cairns** 







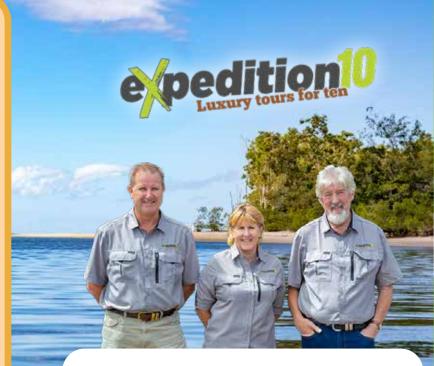
## It's super eXciting to reach the Tip of Cape York However, You do need to meet a certain fitness level .....



# PLEASE NOTE: Fitness Level required for this walk is Moderate to High.

The walk from the vehicle parking area to the tip of Cape York is approx 700 metres one way over rocky uneven ground with some steep inclines and descents. Anyone who participates must have the physical ability to do such activity unaided.

The walk back (also 700 metres), tide permitting, is initially over rocky uneven ground followed by walking across tidal sand flats which can be slippery in places. If the tide is covering the sand flats the return will take the same route as the walk in. Hiking poles, should you have them, are an advantage for all walks on this tour.



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