

The Anzac Spirit of Torres Strait

7 Day Tour - 22 to 28 April 2027

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Join eXpedition10 on this fabulous seven-day journey through the Torres Islands, culminating at the Tip of Cape York and attending a moving ANZAC Day commemoration in the Torres Strait. During World War II, nearly all eligible Torres Strait Islander men enlisted to help defend our country, with the Torres Strait becoming the second most bombed location in Australia. Today, ANZAC services across the Torres Strait Islands are deeply moving occasions, blending traditional military protocols with unique regional customs, music and cultural dances.

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Day 1 Thursday, 22 April 2027

Arrive Cairns MEALS LD

Your Torres Strait Islands adventure begins in tropical Cairns. Pre-tour accommodation has been arranged at the Rydges Hotel, where you will meet your eXpedition10 host, Phil. This evening, Phil will welcome you to the tour and provide an overview of the incredible journey ahead. He will also be on hand to answer any questions as you prepare to embark on this unforgettable adventure to the Torres Strait Islands. Welcome to your Torres Islands adventure!

Accommodation - Rydges Hotel Cairns

Start exploring



Day 2 Friday, 23 April 2027

Cairns to Horn Is MEALS BD

Today, flights have been arranged to take you from Cairns to Horn Island, the gateway to the fascinating Torres Strait. On arrival, you will be warmly welcomed by local Horn Islander and historian Vanessa or Liberty, who will accompany you on your first island experience.

Discover the remarkable wartime history of Horn Island on a fascinating tour of its World War II sites, ruins and relics. During the Second World War, Horn Island played a vital strategic role in the defence of northern Australia and remains home to some of the region's most compelling military history.

Accommodation - Gateway Hotel Horn Island





Day 3 Saturday, 24 April 2027
Island Hopping MEALS BL
Badu Island

This morning, set off by boat on an island-hopping adventure north through the spectacular waters surrounding Thursday Island to Badu Island.

On arrival, local Badu Island guide, Nancy, will meet you at the jetty and welcome you to her island. Your visit begins at the local art gallery, where you can discover why Badu Island is renowned for its internationally recognised art. The island's celebrated Art Centre produces exceptional printmaking, carvings and textiles that reflect the unique culture and stories of the Torres Strait.

Continue exploring Badu Island with Nancy before enjoying a beautifully prepared island lunch provided by your host. Later, return by boat to Thursday Island.

Accommodation - Grand Hotel, Thursday Island



Day 4 Sunday, 25 April 2027
Anzac Day on the islands MEALS BL
ANZAC Day - Thursday Island

Anzac Day holds profound significance in the Torres Strait Islands, honouring the legacy of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion - Australia's only all-Indigenous battalion.

Formed in 1943 during the Pacific War, nearly 830 Torres Strait Islander men volunteered to defend their homeland against advancing Japanese forces. In proportion to its population, no other community in Australia made a greater contribution to the nation's military effort during the Second World War.

Today provides a unique opportunity to experience Anzac Day in the Torres Strait. The day begins with a moving Dawn Service at Green Hill Fort, followed by the traditional 'Gunners' Breakfast and the Anzac Parade.

Later, there may even be an opportunity to join a game or two of two-up at the local Bowls Club or watch a game of local football, experiencing the warm community spirit and distinctive traditions of island life.

Accommodation - Grand Hotel, Thursday Island



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Day 5 Monday, 26 April 2027

Island Hopping to the Tip

MEALS BL

Possession Island, Cape York Tip and Roko Island

This morning, board a specially arranged charter boat and cruise the magnificent waters of the Torres Strait.

Enjoy spectacular views as you pass a string of islands, including historic Possession Island, where Captain James Cook landed in 1770. A monument marks this significant location.

Continue to Roko Island, where you will enjoy lunch before cruising north to one of Australia's most iconic destinations - the northernmost point of mainland Australia, the Tip of Cape York.

Come ashore and stroll along the beach and headland to the famous sign at the very Tip. Take your time to savour this special moment, enjoy the breathtaking views and capture plenty of photographs from this extraordinary location.

After everyone has had the opportunity to celebrate reaching the Tip, return to the vessel and cruise back to Roko Island for a memorable overnight stay.

Accommodation - Roko Island





Day 6 Tuesday, 27 April 2027

Island Hopping

MEALS BL

Thursday Island, Prince of Wales Island

Wake to another beautiful tropical morning on Roko Island. This small and unique island is known for its eco-glamping experience, fishing charters and fascinating pearl farming history, creating a delightful island escape.

Spend the morning relaxing and enjoying the sights and facilities of Roko Island before bidding farewell and cruising back across the sparkling waters of the Torres Strait.

Continue to Prince of Wales Island, where you will meet local residents Frances and James. Enjoy a warm island welcome and gain a fascinating insight into what it is really like to live on a remote tropical island in the Torres Strait.

Grand Hotel, Thursday Island

Day 7 Wednesday, 28 April 2027

Back to Cairns

MEALS BD

Thursday Island - Return to Cairns

Although your return flights to Cairns are scheduled for this afternoon, there is still plenty to experience before leaving the Torres Strait.

Phil has arranged for Liberty, a colourful local character, to take you on a tour of Thursday Island. Continue with a visit to the gallery of local artist and designer Rosie Ware, offering a wonderful opportunity to discover more of the region's contemporary creative talent.

Enjoy lunch with Joey, another Thursday Island local, before saying farewell to the Torres Strait and boarding your flight back to Cairns.

Accommodation - Rydges Hotel Cairns



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Tour Cost \$5999

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Includes:

- Flights
Cairns to Horn Island & Return
- Charter boats and transfers
Horn Is., Thursday Is., Badu Is., Cape York Tip, Possession Is., Roko Is., Prince of Wales Is.
- Accommodation
6 nights in motel
1 night Island Glamping
- Meals
6 Breakfasts
5 Lunches
3 Dinners
- Attractions listed except those stated optional

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE - 10