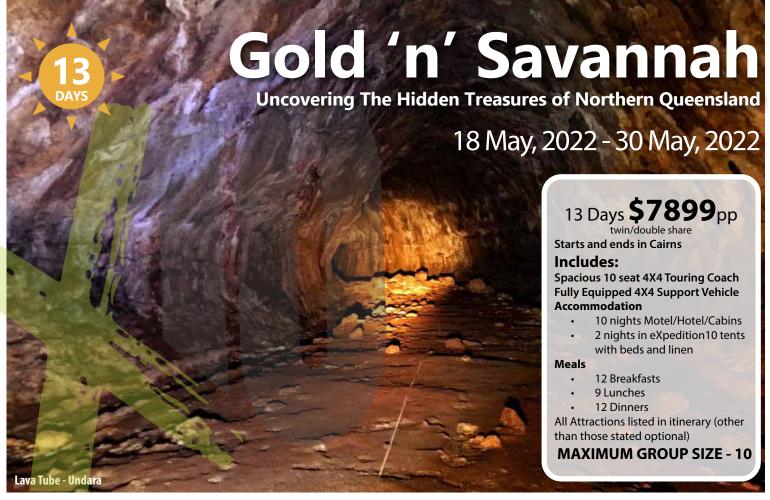


Uncovering The Hidden Treasures of Northern Queensland
Departing: 18 May, 2022 - Returning: 30 May, 2022





Queensland Savannah covers a huge portion in the north of the state. It is a former frontier tackled by cattle farmers and prospectors. A region jam-packed with natural wonders.

On this 13 Day tour with expedition10, travel through the Atherton Tablelands, award winning Paronella Park, visit Undara Lave Tubes, Cobbold Gorge and Chillagoe Caves. Fossick for gold in the Palmer River goldfields, relax on a secluded tropical beach, explore a pristine tropical rainforest and much more.

All of this with a maximum of 10 quests, perfect! Of course it is! This is eXpedition 10.

#### Wednesday, 18 May 2022 Day 1 **Cairns to Paronella Park**

**Meals D** 

Climb the range from Cairns this morning through the rainforest belt and up high onto the Atherton tablelands. This is beautiful country Creek better know for one of Queenslands popular award-winning experience tour this evening.

Accommodation Paronella Park - Mena Creek

#### Day 2 Thursday, 19 May 2022 Paronella Park to Undara Lava Tubes

Perched on the edge of the rainforest is the mamu Skyway which reward those who visit spectacular views into the valley below. and boast some incridible sights. Visit Lake Barrine, the Curtain Following this visit, travel to Ravenshoe, known as being the Fig, Milla Milla Falls and more. Continue your journey to Mena highest town in Queensland. It is also the location of a wind farm with windmills towering 45 metres above the lush green mountain tourist sites, Paronella Park where we have arranged a special night pastures. A little further inland your journey will reach Undara Lava Tubes where a sunset wildlife tour awaits.

Accommodation Undara Experience Rail Carriages





## **Day 3** Friday, 20 May 2022 **Undara Lava Tubes to Forsayth**

To say the lava tubes are stunning is really an understatement as Follow the outback roads across the Savvannah today crossing you will discover during your tour this morning. The Undara lava many creeks, some dry, many with water across the track. Keep tube system, created 190,000 years ago is one of the longest in an eye open for fresh-water crocodiles basking on the sand banks. the world with one tube stretching more than 160klm to the west. Sometime these remote roads can become quite rugged so we Following smoko, depart Undara for Mount Surprise, one of the have allowed plenty of time to reach tonight's destination - Chillagoe, Stations used by the Savannahlander on its journey. Take some time once a thriving mining town. to discover Mount Surprise then travel just out the road to Talaroo Hot Springs. Hope you remembered to pack your swimmers as, following a guided discovery tour, you can take a dip in the soothing warm waters produced by these springs. In Georgtown, call in to the very impressive mineral display at the Visitor Centre prior to arriving in Forsayth for the night.

Accommodation Finnagans Rest and Goldfields Hotel Forsayth

#### Day 4 Forsayth to Cobbold Gorge **Meals BD**

the line' for ots journey from Cairns across the Savannah. Enjoy a galleries and a balancing rock and to visit some of Cillagoe's other walkaround this pretty little town, formerly known as Finnigan's Camp, Forsayth became a thriving township after gold was discovered backdrop for your sunset nibbles and drinks tonight. nearby. From Forsayth, sit back and enjoy the scenery along the track to your destination for the next two nights – Cobbold Gorge.

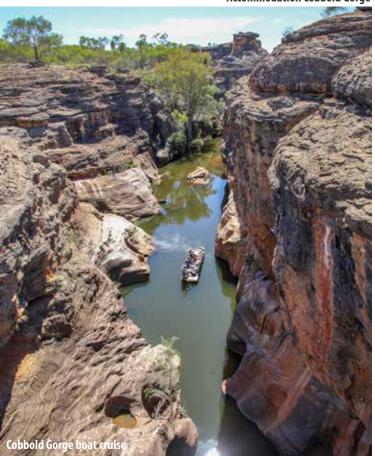
**Accommodation Cobbold Gorge** 

# Day 5 Sunday, 22 May 2022 **Cobbold Gorge**

**Meals BLD** 

This part of Outback Queensland is home to a breathtaking natural wonder. Welcome to Cobbold Gorge, in the heart of the Gulf Savannah region. This visit will be spent exploring, cruising through the narrow gorge, walking atop its walls on a guided tour and exploring ancient geological landforms. The resort also houses a licensed bistro and bar, laundry facilities and an infinity swimming pool. There is also the opportunity to view the gorge and surrounds on a scenic helicopter flight (own cost).

**Accommodation Cobbold Gorge** 



# Day 6 Monday, 23 May 2022 Meals BLD Cobbold To Chillagoe

Meals BLD

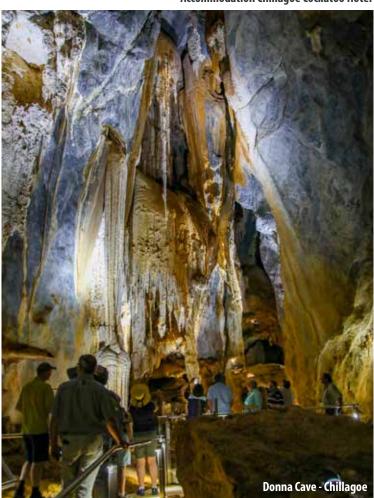
**Accommodation Chillagoe Cockatoo Hotel** 

## **Day 7** Tuesday, 24 May 2022 **Chillagoe Sightseeing**

**Meals BLD** 

Looking around town it's not difficult to notice that Chillagoe was once a thriving mining town and is noted as producing many tonnes of copper, lead, silver and gold. Today, one of Chillagoe's main attractions is to take tourists underground, the magnificent Saturday, 21 May 2022 limestone caves. There are more than 500 caves in this region and you will visit one adorned with beautiful limestone features. There Forsayth is another Savannah Railway stop. In fact it is the 'end of will also be time to take walks - above ground to aboriginal art 'secret' attractions. The old smelters lookout will provide a wonderful

**Accommodation Chillagoe Cockatoo Hotel** 



### Wednesday, 25 May 2022 **Chillagoe to Palmerville Station Meals BLD**

From Chillagoe, travel north along the Burke Developmental Road through some vast open cattle stations, some covering many thousands of acres, to the Palmerville turnoff. Two major river systems in this region, the Mitchell and Palmer Rivers, take rainwaters from the eastern side of The Cape spilling into the Gulf of Carpentaria. You will cross both these rivers today while heading into the Palmer Goldfields Region. Call in to stay with our mates at Palmerville Station tonight and listen to some of their stories of life in the remote region.

Accommodation Palmerville Station eXpedition10 Roomy Tents





## Day 9 **Palmerville Gold Prospecting Meals BLD**

Hundreds of visitors come here armed with metal detectors and access to his place. Peter has recently completed a massive dam gold pans hopeful of unearthing a fortune in gold - and many project which will provide irrigation for some of the banana and fruit do! Today is your turn to 'hit the jackpot', or at least have the best growers in the Lakeland region. From Peter's, head north to Old possible chance of doing so. We have arranged for a professional Laura and travel along the fringe of Lakefield National Park, through prospector to take you into the goldfields and show you how to use Battlecamp and into Elim Beach where we will set up camp right gold detectors and point you in the best direction to find gold. Good beside the beach. You may like to go for a wander along the beach Luck!

**Accommodation Palmerville Goldfields Prospectors Cabins** 



## Day 10 Friday, 27 May 2022 Palmerville to Elim Beach (Eddies Place) Meals BLD

Thursday, 26 May 2022 With all of your gold securely packed away, wave goodbye to our new found gold-mining buddies and depart, bound for Lakeland There is a modern day gold-rush happening right now in Palmerville. where local property owner Peter, has given eXpedition10 exclusive and view the coloured sands.

Accommodation Eddies Place, Elim Beach - eXpedition10 Roomy Tents



## **Day 11 Saturday, 28 May 2022 Eddies Place to Cooktown**

There's no real rush to get away this morning so enjoy a relaxed The drive to Wujal Wujal on the Bloomfield River and beyond is an start to the day. We will drive you along the beach to the coloured unforgettable experience, full of spectacular views, creek crossings sands this morning (tides permitting) before heading into Cooktown. and this will be your route to Daintree today. First stop from Cooktown Captain James Cook visited Cooktown in 1770 when he beached will be at the lookout at Black Mountain, an imposing mountain his ship, the Endeavour for repairs. The local river bears the name of range of massive granite boulders. Pause once again at the Lions his ship. Hear today the story of how Captain Cooks visit led to his Den Hotel, a refreshment stop for travellers since 1875. At Wujal first recorded meaningful contact and reconciliation with Aboriginal Wujal, a local guide will lead you into the majestic falls before we people. During this visit call in to Reconciliation Rocks, the James set off through the often steep and windy track to Cape Tribulation. Cook Museum then admire Cooktown's surrounding views from Just prior to arriving at you accommodation, enjoy a relaxing wander Grassy Hill Lookout.

**Accommodation River of Gold Motel Cooktown** are often spotted in this region.

## Day 12 Sunday, 29 May 2022 **Cooktown To Daintree**

Meals BLD

along the Kulki Boardwalk, keeping an eye out for Cassowary which

**Accommodation Heritage Lodge Daintree Rainforest** 

# Day 13 Monday, 30 May 2022 **Daintree to Cairns**

Meals B

Your accommodation is right in the heart of pristine rainforest and it would be disappointing not to spend time exploring here. Well, we have arranged a special guide this morning to take you an a walking tour through the forest. Following the tour, visit Thornton Beach for a bite to eat and some beach time, then board a rainforest wildlife cruise. Sit back and relax now on the drive to Cairns along a road with wonderful coastal views. A very relaxing way to finish your incredible expedition.









