

Spinifex, Sand & Savannah

Birdsville to Cairns - The Long Way Around

25 April to 8 May 2022

14
DAYS

Highlights:

- An Outback 'Big Red' Sunset
 - Boulia Min Min Encounter
 - Mt Isa Hard Times Mine Tour
 - Riversleigh Fossils
 - Explore Lawn Hill Gorge
- Yagurli Sunset Cruise Burketown
 - Leichardt Falls
 - Burke & Wills Camp 119
- Barramundi Centre Karumba
 - Palmerville Station
 - Goldfields Fossicking
 - Cooktown Sights
 - Wujal Wujal Falls
 - Bloomfield Track
 - Daintree River Cruise
- Daintree Wilderness Walk
.....and much more



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14 Days **\$8995**pp
twin/double share

Includes:

Flights

- Brisbane to Birdsville

Spacious 10 seat 4X4 Touring Coach
Fully Equipped 4X4 Support Vehicle

Accommodation

- 10 nights Motel/Hotel/Cabins
- 3 nights in eXpedition10 tents with beds and linen

Meals

- 13 Breakfasts
- 7 Lunches
- 12 Dinners

All Attractions listed in itinerary (other than those stated optional)

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE - 10

Big Red sand dune on the edge of the Simpson Desert

Travelling to Cairns has never been quite the adventure as our eXperienced eXpedition10 crew has planned for this 14 day tour adventure to Tropical North Queensland. An adventure which begins with flights into Birdsville to join eXpedition10's ten seat 4X4 small group tour vehicle and support truck travelling to Boulia, Mount Isa, Lawn Hill Gorge, Burketown and Karumba in the Gulf.

Visit Big Red sand dune, Walk through an underground mine, explore Lawn Hill Gorge, watch the sun set from a cruise in Burketown and fossick for gold in the Palmerville Goldfields. Then, travel from Cooktown following the coast via the Bloomfield Track into the Daintree Rainforest.

A true eXpedition that promises sand, spinifex and Savannah - and much more.

Day 1 Monday, 25 April 2022

Home to Birdsville Meals D

Board your flights today in Brisbane or Toowoomba bound for Birdsville. On arrival, meet you eXpedition10 crew for an onboard orientation tour of Birdsville and a trip to the edge of the Simpson Desert. Watch the sun set from a beautiful outback ridge before returning to town. Tonight you will have a chance to catch up with the locals and fellow travellers at the iconic Birdsville Hotel.

Accommodation The Lodge Birdsville



Iconic Birdsville Hotel



Boiling water spilling from the Birdsville town bore



The breath-taking colours of sunset at Birdsville

Day 2 Tuesday, 26 April 2022

Birdsville to Betoota/Boulia Meals BLD

Travel north today from Birdsville, passing through some massive cattle properties enroute to Boulia. About half-way through today's journey take a break in one of just three towns in the Diamantina Shire - Bedourie (The other two towns are Birdsville and Betoota). Bedourie sits right beside Eyre Creek, in fact during big wets, Bedourie can be surrounded by water and be cut off for weeks at a time. Continuing north, arrive in Boulia and a visit to the Min Min Encounter Centre to learn all about the eerie min min lights, unexplained balls of glowing light which have appeared to travellers in this area for decades.

Accommodation Desert Sands Motel Boulia

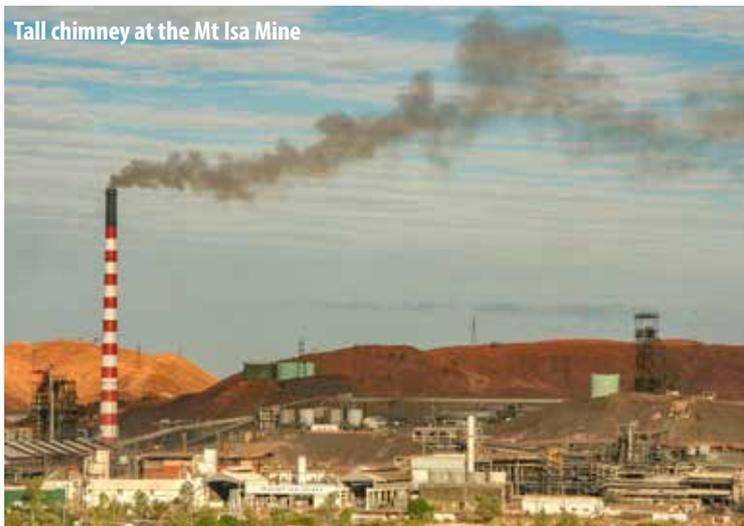
Day 3 Wednesday, 27 April 2022

Boulia to Mount Isa Meals BD

North of Boulia, take a break in the tiny town of Dajarra. Dajarra was once a thriving transport hub with drovers bringing cattle from as far away as Western Australia to load them on the train. The railway line has long been abandoned but there is still many reminders Dajarra was a railway town. From Dajarra we will continue to Mount Isa to take part in the Hard Times Mine Tour lead by an authentic miner. Descend into the mine in the Alimak Cage and hear stories of good times and hard times. You may even experience using some of the machinery. Remember, you must wear enclosed footwear for this tour. Tomorrow, your journey will travel through the Riversleigh Fossil site. A visit to the Fossil Centre here in Mt Isa will give you plenty of information in readiness for tomorrow's visit.

Accommodation Red Earth Hotel Mount Isa

Tall chimney at the Mt Isa Mine



Day 4 Thursday, 28 April 2022

Mount Isa to Lawn Hill Meals BLD

Take a morning tour of Mount Isa this morning with a local guide before departing toward Camooweal. Turning from the Barkly Highway we will head north now toward the Riversleigh World Heritage Site, known for fossil deposits among the richest and most extensive in the world, with some fossils dating back 25 million years. Take a one kilometre walk through the park, keeping an eye open for fossils embedded in the rocky outcrop. Not too far from Riversleigh is one of Queensland's 'hidden gems', Lawn Hill Gorge, home for the next two nights.

Accommodation Lawn Hill – eXpedition10 tents

Day 5 Friday, 29 April 2022

Lawn Hill Meals BLD

With magnificent views, a deep gorge with waterfalls, an array of flora and fauna, walking trails, canoeing, swimming and much more, Boodjamulla National Park has so much to offer. We know you will enjoy your stay in Lawn Hill Gorge.

Accommodation Lawn Hill – eXpedition10 tents



Kayaking through Lawn Hill Gorge



Sheer red cliffs in Lawn Hill Gorge

Day 6 Saturday, 30 April 2022

Lawn Hill to Burketown Meals BLD

After a relaxing start to the day, we bid farewell to Lawn Hill and travel further north into the Gulf Country depending on road conditions our route to Burketown will be via Gregory Downs or Doomadgee. Upon arrival in Burketown, check into your accommodation then take a drive around this town known for its interesting roll cloud formations. Tonight, eXpedition10 have arranged an exclusive sunset cruise on the Albert River complete with gourmet food platter, beer, wine and soft drinks. Your guide will share dreamtime stories and traditional knowledge of the local Ganggalidda people along with unique insights into the local river system with its diverse range of animals and birdlife.

Accommodation Savannah Lodge Burketown

Day 7 Sunday, 1 May 2022

Burketown to Karumba Meals BLD

Many explorers have ventured into this region in the Gulf of Carpentaria and Savannah with several features bearing their names. Today we will see several such features. We will depart Burketown named after Robert O'Hara Burke, then pause at picturesque Leichhardt Falls, cross the Flinders River before visiting the site of Burke and Wills Camp B/CXIX. Arrive in Normanton, home of the Gulflander – a railmotor affectionately known as "the old Tin Hare". Visit the Normanton railway station and statue to a former, very large local named Krys then, after a fairly short drive, arrive in Karumba for another two night stay.

Accommodation Ash's Karumba

Day 8 Monday, 2 May 2022

Karumba Meals B

Two options are available this morning in Karumba, a relaxing morning to sleep in or, as Karumba has a reputation as a fisherpersons paradise, join an optional fishing charter (minimum numbers may apply) . Following lunch visit the Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre & Hatchery for a guided tour. This interactive and state of the art Interpretive Centre provides the history, stories, lifecycle and habits of these sought-after fish. Tonight, wander across to the Sunset Tavern, as the name suggests it is set up in the perfect location to enjoy magnificent sunsets over the Gulf.

Accommodation Karumba



Another gorgeous Karumba sunset at Sunset Tavern



Enjoying sunset at Sunset Tavern - Karumba



A couple of Jabiru wandering the waters edge - Karumba

Day 9 Tuesday, 3 May 2022

Karumba to Palmerville Meals BLD

Leaving the ocean behind us today, travel inland in a north easterly direction to Dunbar Station to join the Burke Developmental Road which follows closely beside the Mitchell River. This region of Cape York boasts massive cattle stations, one on which we will be staying on for the next two nights. The Palmer River flows through Palmerville Station giving the station its name. Palmerville Station is also home to the Palmer goldfields with the ruins of Maytown and several mines still accessible.

Accommodation Palmerville Station

Day 10 Wednesday, 4 May 2022

Palmerville Meals BLD

There is a modern day gold-rush happening right now in Palmerville. Hundreds of visitors come here armed with metal detectors and gold pans hopeful of unearthing a fortune in gold – and many do! Today is your turn to 'hit the jackpot', or at least have the best possible chance of doing so. We have arranged for professional prospectors to take you into the goldfields and show you how to use gold detectors and point you in the best direction to find gold. Good Luck!

Accommodation Palmerville Station



Queen of the North mine ruins - Palmerville Station



One of many beautiful lily covered lakes - Palmerville



Gold Fossicking at Palmerville - detector lessons

Day 11 Thursday, 5 May 2022

Palmerville to Cooktown Meals BD

With all of your gold securely packed away, wave goodbye to your new found gold-mining buddies and depart, bound for Lakeland where local property owner Peter, has given eXpedition10 exclusive access to look around his place. Peter has recently completed a massive dam project which will provide irrigation for some of the banana and fruit growers in the Lakeland region. From Peter's, travel to Lions Den Hotel, a refreshment stop for travellers since 1875. Arrive in Cooktown for yet another two night stay.

Accommodation River Of Gold Motel Cooktown

Day 12 Friday, 6 May 2022

Cooktown Meals BD

Captain James Cook visited Cooktown in 1770 when he beached his ship, the Endeavour for repairs. The local river bears the name of his ship. Hear today the story of how Captain Cook's visit led to his first recorded meaningful contact and reconciliation with Aboriginal people. During this visit enjoy a town tour with local guide, visit the James Cook Museum and admire Cooktown's surrounding views from Grassy Hill Lookout.

Accommodation River Of Gold Motel Cooktown

Day 13 Saturday, 7 May 2022

Cooktown to Daintree Meals BLD

The drive from Cooktown to Wujal Wujal on the Bloomfield River and beyond is an unforgettable experience, full of spectacular views, creek crossings and this will be your route to Daintree today. First stop from Cooktown will be at the lookout at Black Mountain, an imposing mountain range of massive granite boulders. Pause once again at the Lions Den Hotel, a refreshment stop for travellers since 1875. At Wujal Wujal, a local guide will lead you into the majestic falls before we set off through the often steep and windy track to Cape Tribulation. Just prior to arriving at your accommodation, enjoy a relaxing wander along the boardwalk, keeping an eye out for Cassowary which are often spotted in this region. This afternoon we will board a wildlife cruise on Cooper Creek.

Accommodation Heritage Lodge Daintree Rainforest Forest



Wujal Wujal Falls on the Bloomfield Track

Day 14 Sunday, 8 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 on a walking tour through the forest. Following the tour, sit back and relax on the drive via Port Douglas to Cairns along a road with wonderful coastal views. Tonight during dinner, take time to reflect on all the fascinating things we've seen and done during your incredible eXpedition with eXpedition10.



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