

PALMERVILLE GOLD AND ANCIENT ART

There's More Than Gold In "Them There Hills"

2 Departures - 19th to 23rd August 2022

25th to 29th August 2022



HIGHLIGHTS

- Daintree River Cruise
- Daintree Rainforest Walking Tour
- Cape Tribulation
- Iconic Bloomfield Track
- Wujal Wujal Falls
- Historic Lions Den Hotel
- Cooktown
- Limestone Caves Indigenous Art Site
- Traditional Owners 'Welcome to Country'
- Old Maytown Ruins
- Alexandra Mine and Battery Relics
- Palmerville Gold Fossickers Camp
- Gold Fossicking with Guide
- Barra Fishing option
- Historic Mount Molloy
- James Mulligan's Pioneer Grave
- and much more...



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Luxury tours for ten

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4
DAYS

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twin/double share

Includes:

- Pick Up Port Douglas Accommodation

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

Accommodation

- 1 night Motel
- 1 night Luxury Tents
- 1 nights Ensuite Cabins

Meals

- 3 Breakfasts
- 4 Lunches
- 3 Dinners

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

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE - 10

Cannibal Creek - Palmerville Station

In 1873 prospector James Venture Mulligan came to the Palmer River and unearthed 102 ounces of gold. His discovery led to one of the last great goldrushes in Australia which saw 17,000 hopeful prospectors exploring the Palmer River region searching for their own fortune in gold.

On this tour into the Palmer River region, learn of aboriginal history, discover Maytown Gold town relics and maybe ever uncover your very own fortune in gold.

ITINERARY

PLEASE NOTE

Tour departs and ends in Port Douglas. Travellers joining tour should be prepared to board coach 30 minutes prior to departure time on itinerary.

DAY 1: 19 August 2022 or 25 August 2022

Port Douglas to Cooktown Meals LD

Departs Port Douglas 7:00am

Following motel pick-ups your luxury 10 seat 4X4 tour coach, follow the pristine, palm fringed east coast northward bound. On arrival at the Daintree River, sit back and relax onboard a Daintree River cruise spotting crocodiles, birds and other wildlife such as snakes, frogs, crabs and fish.

While exploring the Daintree, don't miss calling in at Floravilla Ice Creamery for an ice cream or cool drink - we won't!

From Floravilla, continue to Neil and Prue's private slice of Daintree Rainforest paradise to join Neil on a two-hour discovery walking tour of this world heritage wonderland! Lunch will follow at Thorntons Beach before travelling along the iconic Bloomfield Track through some of the world's oldest rainforest.

Stroll into the magnificent Wujal Wujal falls at Bloomfield. then continue to the historic Lions Den hotel on the Annan

River for a quick refreshment. Only a short drive now through to Cooktown, our first nights stay on this tour.

Accommodation Motel

DAY 2: 20 August 2022 or 26 August 2022

Cooktown to Limestone Caves Meals BLD

Cooktown has a wealth of natural beauty, a rich and diverse Aboriginal culture and colourful pioneering history where Captain Cook's arrival on the banks of the Endeavour River in 1770 led to his first recorded meaningful contact and reconciliation with Aboriginal people. Following departure from our motel, take a look around this beautiful village then travel via Lakefield Nat Park and Battle Camp Road to Laura for a lunch break.

From Laura our journey takes a turn to the south towards Palmerville Station. We cross the Great Dividing Range and the Mighty Palmer River then enter Palmerville Station where our campsite awaits at the Limestone caves. On arrival local custodian, Johnny from Jarramali will perform a 'Welcome to Country' ceremony for us all. Johnny will also guide us through the Limestone caves and Aboriginal Rock art and show us some bush tucker and medicine along the way.

Accommodation - Camping in Glamping tents

DAY 3: 21 August 2022 or 27 August 202

Limestone Caves to Palmerville Gold Meals BLD

While breakfast is being prepared by your eXpedition10 crew, you make like to take a dip in the nearby waterhole. It's safe and clean and a great way to start the day.

One of the highlights on Palmerville Station is a visit to explore the old gold mining village of Maytown. Wandering through the old streets, try to imagine what it would have been like living in such a remote location during the golden years with its shady characters and everyone hellbent on finding gold, while trying to survive the unbearable humid wet seasons and harsh dry's.

Our next night on the tour is at Palmerville Gold fossicking camp near Cannibal Creek. On arrival check into our en-suited cabins before then being introduced to our experienced guide who will show us the finer details on how to use the latest in gold detectors before letting you lose to find your own elusive nugget!

Tonight's conversations while sitting around the campfire will no doubt reflect stories from the last couple of days on the road and the yarns of the afternoon's gold prospecting capers!

Accommodation Palmerville Gold Ensuite Cabins



A Handful of Palmerville Gold

DAY 4: 22 August 2022 or 28 August 202

Palmerville Gold to Port Douglas Meals BL

This morning there will be time for more fossicking, exploring or, for any fishing enthusiasts, try their luck barramundi fishing in one of the lily fringed Palmerville lakes. There have been reports of huge fish being caught here. Good Luck. You never know, we may even be able to cook up a fresh fish lunch.

Soon after lunch, travel via the Mulligan Highway to the former mining town of Mount Molloy. A former publican in Mount Molloy, James Mulligan, was instrumental in the gold rush which exploded in the Palmer River region in the 1870's. Even though James Mulligan was a publican he actually didn't drink! James was killed at the pub trying to break up a fight. We will visit his grave in the local cemetery prior to departing town.

Just a short drive now returning to Port Douglas awash with knowledge and (hopefully) wealthier in GOLD!



Ensuite Cabins at Palmerville Gold



Gold Fossickers Camp at Palmerville Gold



The Palmer River



Fossicking with a state-of-the-art metal detector



Alexandra Battery Relics



One of many lagoons at Palmerville Station



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