

CAPE YORK

An Adventure Like No Other

Departing Cairns: 3 June 2023

Returning Cairns: 17 June 2023



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TOUR DATE: 3rd to 17th June 2023



Your eXpedition10 Crew, Phil and Rob



15 Day Cape York Tour

\$9495_{pp}

twin/double share

Includes:

- Flight Horn Island to Cairns
- Accommodation
 - 12 nights Motel/Hotel/Cabins
 - 2 nights in eXpedition10 tents
- Meals
 - 14 Breakfasts
 - 11 Lunches
 - 12 Dinners
- Attractions listed except those stated optional

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE - 10

* Some venues/destinations may be effected by adverse weather/road conditions. This may lead to changes in route/itinerary, cancellation or change of venue or accommodation.

Uncover the hidden gems of Cape York with *eXpedition10* on an adventure to one of Australia's last wilderness areas. Discover incredible Aboriginal and early European history, stroll along secluded sandy beaches or maybe wet a line. Take a refreshing swim in cool clear waters at Twin Falls and spot waterbirds in the extensive wetlands in some of The Cape's many National Parks.

Complete your adventure by standing on the most northern tip of our huge continent.

Cape York is somewhere everyone should visit at least once in their lifetime.

PRE TOUR INFORMATION

Travellers should arrange to arrive in Cairns on or before 2 June 2023. Pickups will be made available for guests staying in motels within the Cairns CBD.

DAY 1: Saturday, 3 June 2023

Cairns to Daintree Meals (D)

Your adventure to Cape York begins travelling north following the beautifully scenic coastal route from Cairns to The Daintree region. On arrival, board a Daintree River cruise spotting crocodiles and all types of native creatures. Lunch (own cost) will be at Thornton Beach followed by a guided rainforest walk.

Accommodation Heritage Lodge in the Daintree



DAY 2: Sunday, 4 June 2023

Daintree to Cooktown Meals (BD)

Depart Daintree Rainforest this morning travelling north to Cape Tribulation beside palm lined beaches and through pristine rainforests. From Cape Tribulation, follow the Bloomfield Track*, one of Australia's most scenic and challenging drives. Some of the many highlights today will include Wujal Wujal Falls* and the Lions Den Hotel. On arrival in Cooktown, discover its unique history and colourful past on a town tour.

Accommodation Sovereign Resort



Wujal Wujal Falls - on the Bloomfield Track

DAY 3: Monday, 5 June 2023

Cooktown to Palmerville Station Meals (BLD)

From Cooktown the journey takes a western route to Lakeland where eXpedition10 has arranged an exclusive visit to a local property. Peter will show us around his cattle station* and show a massive dam he created to provide irrigation for some of the districts banana farms. Continue to Palmer River for a lunch break prior to taking a detour into the north Queensland Palmer River gold mining region, home for the next two nights.

Accommodation Palmerville Station Prospectors Cabins

Day 4 Tuesday, 6 June 2023

Palmerville Prospecting 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 Prospectors Cabins

Prospecting at Palmerville



One of many lakes on Palmerville Station

Day 5 Wednesday, 7 June 2023

Palmerville to Coen Meals BLD

Departing Palmerville gold camp, travel to Old Maytown ruins – a former bustling gold mining village beside the Palmer River, then travel through vast cattle stations prior to arriving in Laura on the Peninsula Developmental Road. Just before arriving in Coen for the night, pass through another former mining region which boasted a yield of more than 52,000 ounces of gold. Tonight, take a stroll to the local hotel and maybe enquire how the pub came by its unusual name.

Accommodation Coen Guesthouse

Day 6 Thursday, 8 June 2023

Coen to Lockhart River Meals BLD

Just north of Archer River, take another detour from the PDR today, this time toward Lockhart River. The road conditions can be quite difficult at times but the journey is well worth the effort, crossing the might Wenlock and Pascoe Rivers. On arrival in Lockhart, visit

the Lockhart River Art Centre, home to the famous 'Art Gang'. The Art Gang, a group of local artists, produce stunning works of art across many media including acrylic painting, ceramics, weaving and carving. Artists from the Gang have received international recognition for their works. Many invited to travel throughout Australia and overseas to display them. Take a drive through the community then the beach where many boulders protruding from the sea make a wonderful backdrop for any photographer.

Accommodation - Greenhouse, Lockhart Region



Boulder on the Beach - Lockhart River



Day 7 Friday, 9 June 2023

Lockhart River Meals BL

Today is a day to explore the landscape, connect with nature and discover unique and endemic wildlife. Visit Portland Road, take a wander through ancient rainforest on an exclusive guided tour, stroll along beautiful palm lined Chilli Beach. For those who want to view the region from above, optional helicopter scenic flights will be available (own cost). You will be amazed at what there is to do and see in the Lockhart Region.

Accommodation - Greenhouse, Lockhart Region

Day 8 Saturday, 10 June 2023

Lockhart River to Merluna Station Meals BLD

Today's journey will travel from the east coast to the heart of the peninsula – from Lockhart River to Merluna Station, a working cattle property. The first half of the journey will cover familiar territory from Lockhart River to the PDR which will then be our route into Merluna Station. Cameron and Michelle MacLean have owned this 416,000 acre cattle station since 2004 and have since created a large shaded campground providing genuine country hospitality in a peaceful, tranquil setting. There's something for everyone whether it's just to listen and watch the birds and native animals in their natural environment, or kick back and relax and enjoy a break from the corrugations.

Accommodation eXpedition10 tents with stretcher beds and linen



Elliot Falls - Cape York



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Day 9 Sunday, 11 June 2023

Merluna Station to Weipa Meals B

This morning travel through the bauxite mines en route to Weipa. Bauxite is loaded on to ships here and sent to Gladstone and China to be smelted into aluminium. Weipa is a well serviced town with a major grocery store, two hotels, motels and even mobile phone service. There will be time to shop and freshen up in our motel accommodation and a swim in the cool pool. Tonight, join a delightful bird and croc spotting sunset cruise on the Embley River.

Accommodation - Albatross Hotel, Weipa

Day Monday, 12 June 2023

Weipa to Bramwell Station Meals BLD

The PDR terminates at Weipa and the road to the north is now named the Telegraph Road. From Weipa, travel east through Batavia Downs to link with the Telegraph Road, then north, crossing the Wenlock River at Moreton Telegraph Station. From here on it is likely you may spot the Palm Cockatoo, also known as the goliath cockatoo or great black cockatoo, which is native to New Guinea, Aru Islands, and Cape York Peninsula. The further north our journey takes us you may notice the termite mounds growing taller – some much higher than the vehicle. Home for tonight will be at Bramwell Station complete with welcoming bar and live entertainment.

Accommodation Moreton or Bramwell Station



Sunset Cruise - Weipa

Day 11 Tuesday, 13 June 2023

Bramwell Station to Eliot Falls Meals BLD

Nowadays, most of the original Telegraph Track has been bypassed but the abandoned sections still remain as a gruelling route for 4x4 enthusiasts enroute to 'The Tip'. Our adventure will take us into Cockatoo Creek, on the old track to watch some of these adventurers try to make it through rugged creek crossings without flooding their vehicles and making it to the other side in one piece. There are not too many safe places to swim on Cape York, however, Fruit Bat Falls, Twin Falls and Eliot Falls are natural barriers to stop the nasties from getting through. Tonight's camp will be close to Eliot and Twin Falls with ample time to enjoy the refreshing waters.

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Travelling along the Old Telegraph Track

Day 12 Wednesday, 14 June 2023

Eliot Falls to Loyalty Beach Meals BLD

North of Eliot Falls is the once formidable barrier of the Jardine River. The old crossing has claimed many vehicles trying to reach the other bank. However, these days there is a cable ferry to take vehicles safely across. From the Jardine River, travel north to Mutee Heads to discover a beautiful sheltered beach, then toward Bamaga to discover some plain wreck remains scattered in the local forest. Its only a fairly short drive now to the top of Australia. Basic shopping is available at Bamaga and Seisia where a brief stop will be made prior to arriving at tonight's accommodation.

Accommodation Loyalty Beach

Thursday, 15 June 2023

Loyalty Beach and the Tip

Meals BLD

No trip to 'The Tip' would be complete without a visit to the famous Croc Tent. There are plenty of Cape York souvenirs available to prove travellers completed the journey. Continuing on, travel to the eastern side of Cape York to Somerset to admire views from Somerset Lookout. If the tide and conditions are right, we may even take a drive on the beach. The time has now come to stand on the most northern point on mainland Australia. From the carpark we will climb over a rocky hill with amazing views of the north, east and west coastlines of Queensland. There probably aren't too many places this can be achieved. There will be plenty of time once at the tip to take pictures or just sit and take in your achievement. Should you choose, the return walk is not so hilly, but it does cross some rugged boulders until the track reaches the beach then returns to the carpark. This evening we will enjoy dinner while watching the sun set on Cape York.

Accommodation Loyalty Beach

Day 14 Friday, 16 June 2023

Loyalty Beach to Thursday Island

Meals BD

Thursday Island, just a small island in Torres Strait – just 3.5 square kilometres, is the administrative centre of all the Australian islands between Cape York and New Guinea. Travel by ferry to Thursday Island today, approximately a one hour trip cruising by some of the many island in the region. On arrival, board a local bus for an informative tour of the island. Some Free time this afternoon will allow time to explore the islands shops and galleries and to get acquainted with the locals.

Accommodation - Grand Hotel, Thursday Island

Day 15 Friday, 17 June 2022

Thursday Island to Horn Island and Cairns

Meals BL

Board another ferry this morning bound for Horn Island to partake in a Heritage tour with a local historian. During the tour, the guide will explain how Horn Island became a significant northern outpost during the Pacific War with an airport and a base which over that time housed over 5000 men and women, including 830 men from the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion. The airfield was the target of eight air raids between 1942-43 suffering heavy damage. Following the tour, return to the village for lunch before being transferred to the airport for flights back to Cairns.



Chilli Beach - Cape York



Phil and 'his' girls - Cape York



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