

10 Day Cape York Sea/Overland Accommodated Tour

(TOUR CODE: OZ-A10SO)

Combine the excitement of a cargo ship voyage between Cairns and Cape York with the adventure of a Cape York Safari. In a style reminiscent of bygone coastal steamers, experience the colour and serenity of a Barrier Reef voyage, the magic of the Daintree, the magnificent isolation of the Peninsula wilderness and the diverse cultures of the Cape and Torres Straits.

Our overnight stays quite often reflect the unique nature of the sparsely inhabited regions in which we travel: Forest shrouded resorts and lodges; hotels and motels to "No Frill" cattle station cabins and cabin tent accommodation along the track where no alternatives exist. All are clean and comfortable, the hospitality genuine, open and friendly, and the cuisine generous and appetising. 240V Electricity at station accommodation is generally not available between 10pm & 7am.

LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE IS 12KG PER PERSON

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cargo ship voyage
- Great Barrier Reef
- Torres Straits
- Thursday Island
- Punsand Bay (2 nights)
- Cape York "The Tip"
- * Moreton Station
- Weipa (overnight)
- Musgrave (overnight)
- Lakefield National Park
- Cooktown (overnight)
- Cape Tribulation

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DAY 1 FRIDAY (D)
Depart Cairns, M.V "Trinity Bay". Early afternoon pick from your Cairns accommodation. At 80 metres and over 3000 tonnes the Trinity Bay is the largest cargo vessel ship servicing the Torres Strait communities.

DAY 2 SATURDAY (BLD)
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Total relaxation as you enjoy the company of the crew and new shipboard companions.

DAY 3 SUNDAY (BLD)
Thursday Island, Horn Island. "Barge Day". The focus of all attention today are the wharves on Thursday & Horn Islands, as the MV Trinity Bay disgorges its cargo of fuel, building materials, indeed everything needed by these remote island communities. Time to explore legendary Thursday Island.

DAY 4 MONDAY (BLD)
Seisia, Bamaga, Punsand Bay. Another "barge day" but at Seisia wharf, the sea port for Cape York's five aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. A short stop at Seisia Islander settlement. 2 nights accommodation: Punsand Bay Private Reserve – Beachfront Cabin Tent (ensuite facilities)

DAY 5 TUESDAY (BLD)
Cape York, Somerset. A day of interest and outdoor enjoyment. An early morning walk to "The Tip", the most northerly point of our continent. A tour to Albany Passage with a visit to historic Somerset, the once mooted "Singapore of the Pacific" (road conditions permitting).

DAY 6 WEDNESDAY (BLD)
Jardine River, Fruitbat Falls, Moreton Station. Anticipation and excitement as we commence our overland trek. Retracing the paths of our earliest overlanders, we cross the Jardine River to Fruitbat Falls, a Mecca for "off road" travellers. Enjoy a refreshing swim and lunch before we continue negotiating river crossings and bush tracks to arrive at Moreton Telegraph Station, on the banks of the Wenlock River. Overnight accommodation: Cabin Tent – shared facilities (twin share fully screened tents with beds, linen and lights. Gas powered hot showers, flushing toilets and outdoor covered dining area).

DAY 7 THURSDAY (BLD)
Weipa. Time for a guided nature walk along this lightly forested waterway before we cross the sandy Wenlock River. Travel south to Batavia Downs Station then detour west to the Gulf of Carpentaria through huge cattle runs and Aboriginal tribal lands to the bauxite-mining town of Weipa. A veritable "Oasis in the wilderness" and providing further contrast to your experience of this last frontier. This afternoon an optional Weipa Mine Tour (own cost) is available. Overnight accommodation: Heritage Resort-ensuite facilities

DAY 8 FRIDAY (BLD)
Archer River, Coen, Musgrave. Across rolling Piccaninny Plains, a lunch stop at the Archer River and then via historic Coen to arrive at Musgrave pioneer Telegraph Station, which is over 100 years old. Overnight accommodation: Musgrave – share facilities

DAY 9 SATURDAY (BLD)
Lakefield National Park, Cooktown. We head East towards Princess Charlotte Bay and enter the massive bird and animal sanctuary of Lakefield National Park. The waterfowl teem in lily fringed billabongs and an opportunity to safely view crocodiles in their natural habitat. Travel over the legendary Battle Camp Range to historical Cooktown. An eventful afternoon sightseeing and viewing significant landmarks and sites so important to all Australians.
 Overnight accommodation: Seaview Motel – ensuite facilities

DAY 10 SUNDAY (BL)
Bloomfield, Cape Tribulation, Cairns. We cross the wide Bloomfield River marks the start of our drive over the controversial “Bloomfield Track”. Jungle green heights descend to the very edge of the Great Barrier Reef, with tantalising glimpses of deserted beaches and fringing coral. Through the famous World Heritage Rainforest across the Daintree River, then travel via the scenic sea road to Cairns and journeys end.

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2009 DEPARTURE DATES
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May 8,22 Jun 5,19 Jul 3,17,31
Aug 14,28 Sep 11,25 Oct 9,23

2009 FARES

May, September, October,

Private Cabin **\$3295.00 per person**
 (SHARE FACILITIES)
 Share Cabin (3-4 passengers) **\$3195.00 per person**
 (SHARE FACILITIES)
 Single Land Supp **\$470.00**

June, July, August,

Private Cabin **\$3595.00 per person**
 (SHARE FACILITIES)
 Share Cabin (3-4 passengers) **\$3495.00 per person**
 (SHARE FACILITIES)
 Single Land Supp **\$485.00**