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12 DAY CAPE YORK DRIVE / SEA ADVENTURE

Day 1 - Cairns to Cooktown (L)

Departure Cairns early for Cooktown, over the Bloomfield range (track conditions permitting) passing Cape Tribulation and Bloomfield falls. Stop by the Lions Den. Camping over night in Cooktown and dinner in town (own expense)

Day 2 - Cooktown to Lakefield National Park (B/L/D)

Today we travel west via Battlecamp Road through escarpment country noted for gold rush pioneering hardships entwined with tales of infamy. We stop at Old Laura Homestead for a cool drink before continuing on our way through Lakefield National Park with its prolific wildlife including Ibis, Bustards, Jabirus, Brolgas, Pigs and Crocodiles. This evening we camp in the National Park

Day 3 - Lakefield National Park to Musgrave (B/L/D)

Leave the wonders of Lakefield behind passing the parks plentiful billabongs, waterholes and creeks as you travel to Musgrave Station take the time out to look at the stations collection of old photos of the area. Tonight we camp at the station.

Day 4 - Musgrave to Weipa (B/D)

Travel through the remote township of Coen and cross Archer River on your way the Gulf town of Weipa. Camping over night at Weipa

Day 5 - Weipa to Bramwell Station (B/L/D)

A town and lifestyle tour including the Bauxite mine area is recommended this morning. After lunch we drive across productive cattle country and spend the night at the hospitable Bramwell Cattle Station. (Toilet & Swim)

Day 6 - Bramwell Station to Twin Falls (B/L/D)

Four wheel drive begins in earnest as we cross creeks, washouts and ditches. We travel through spectacular Heathland Reserve with its low scrub country and monster termite mounds to arrive at Twin Falls, the absolute jewel in our Cape York crown. Here we explore, swim, relax and enjoy the exquisitely beautiful series of waterfalls on the Elliot river including Twin and Indian Head Falls. (Toilet & Swim)

Day 7 - Twin Falls to Loyalty Beach Base Camp (B/L/D)

Today we traverse more rough roads and tracks, cross the Jardine River by old world cable ferry then travel on through the township of Bamaga to our picturesque base camp overlooking Torres Strait. (Toilets & Showers)

Day 8 - Thursday Island Options (B/L/D)

There is an option today of a day tour to Thursday Island and also Horn Island - own expense, an excellent bus tour is available on the islands. For passengers who have **pre-booked before the tour departure date** the other option is a fishing trip (own cost), or alternatively, just relax on the beach near base camp. (Toilets and Showers)

Day 9 - Cape York (B/L/D)

After a short sleep in, we drive to the top of Australia and enjoy the walk out to the very end of the peninsula. After celebrations and photographs we meander through other historical areas before returning to our camp overlooking the Torres Strait at Loyalty Beach.

Day 10 to Day 12 - M.V. TRINITY BAY voyage to Cairns (All Maritime Meals)

Today it's "all aboard" the working coastal freighter M.V. TRINITY BAY. Watch the final loading of vehicles and returning containers bound for Cairns. Relax and enjoy the voyage as the ship cruises away from Seisia Jetty and heads south through the azure tropical waters of the Coral Sea meandering through the Great Barrier Reef. transfers from the ship back to your Cairns accommodation are arranged to finish your holiday of a lifetime.

2009 Departures for tour code AWE12DS:

May 30

June 20

July 11

August 1,22

2009 Fare:

\$3250 per person