

## 14 Day Cape York Overland/Sea Camping Safari (TOUR CODE: OZ-C14OS)

Combine the excitement of a cargo ship voyage between Cape York and Cairns with the adventure of a Cape York Safari. Visit Australia's largest tropical lowland rainforest, home to rare flora and fauna, and remnants of rich mining and wartime history. 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.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Cape Tribulation
- Bloomfield Track
- Historic Cooktown
- Lakefield National Park
- Iron Range National Park
- Chillli Beach
- Portland Roads
- Batavia Gold Fields
- Weipa
- Old Telegraph Track
- Twin Falls, Bamaga
- Thursday Island
- Cape York "The Tip"
- Historic Somerset
- MV Trinity Bay
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 THURSDAY (LD) CAIRNS, CAPE TRIBULATION, COOKTOWN AREA.

Early morning pick up from your Cairns accommodation. Through the pristine Daintree Rainforests and over the soaring verdant heights of the Bloomfield Track to Cooktown. A step back in time as we explore this historic port.

#### DAY 2 FRIDAY (BD) LAKEFIELD NATIONAL PARK.

A morning of sightseeing and viewing significant landmarks and sites so important to all Australians. Via the rugged Battlecamp Range, pioneer cattle stations and the old coach road to arrive at the massive wildlife haven, Lakefield National Park.

#### DAY 3 SATURDAY (BLD) MUSGRAVE, COEN, ARCHER RIVER.

Historic interludes as we visit Musgrave, the last remaining Telegraph Station on Cape York and the once vibrant gold rush town of Coen, before reaching our overnight stop at the Archer River.

#### DAY 4 SUNDAY (BLD) IRON RANGE NATIONAL PARK.

Cross the Wenlock and Pascoe Rivers before entering Iron Range National Park via Tozers Gap. The park features the largest area of tropical lowland rainforest remaining in Australia. Rare fauna and flora include cuscus, palm cockatoos, eclectus parrots, green pythons, palms and orchids. There is also impressive coastal and mountain range scenery.

Overnight camp in Iron Range next 2 nights.

#### DAY 5 MONDAY (BLD) PORTLAND ROADS, CHILLI BEACH, WW2 SITES.

An exiting day visiting significant historical sites and breathtaking coastal scenery. Portland Roads, once a vital sea port for miners and the wartime airfields, now affords the locals a relaxed lifestyle in an idyllic tropical setting. War time gun emplacements are silent sentinels around the headland, some are homes to the locals at the 'Roads. Chillli Beach is wide and long and fringed with palms. A truly magical spot overlooking Restoration Island, Bligh's first landing site in 1792. We explore and learn about the gold workings of the 1930's and the area around the airfield at Iron Range where there were major military installations. Anti-aircraft batteries, air raid shelters, the bakery complex and hospital site are a few to visit.

#### DAY 6 TUESDAY (BLD) BATAVIA GOLDFIELDS, WEIPA.

Travel West to visit the old Batavia (Wenlock) Gold Fields, an abandoned mining town. Then travel North by West across Piccaninny Plains and boundless savannah to Weipa, on the Gulf of Carpentaria. A veritable "Oasis in the wilderness" and providing further contrast to your experience of this last frontier.

#### DAY 7 WEDNESDAY (BD) WENLOCK RIVER, MORETON STATION.

In the cool of the early morning, an optional Weipa Mine Tour (own cost, as is lunch). With the Gulf of Carpentaria behind us, we pass through huge cattle runs to arrive at the fast flowing Wenlock Rive for our overnight camp at Moreton Telegraph Station.

#### DAY 8 THURSDAY (BLD) TELEGRAPH TRACK, TWIN FALLS.

A really challenging route today as we ford fast flowing streams and traverse rugged 4WD tracks to overnight at the ideallic Twin Falls. Basic facilities.

#### DAY 9 FRIDAY (BLD) JARDINE RIVER, PUNSAND BAY.

Across the free flowing Jardine River by cable ferry, a brief refuelling stop at Bamaga and via Lockerbie to our base camp at Punsand Bay Safari Fishing Lodge and Campground.

#### DAY 10 SATURDAY (BD) THURSDAY ISLAND.

Today's highlight is a cruise through the island dotted Straights to explore historic Thursday Island. A conducted bus tour is available (own cost, as is lunch) and is most enjoyable and informative. Afternoon return to Punsand.

**DAY 11 SUNDAY (BLD)**  
**CAPE YORK, SOMERSET.** An unforgettable day of achievement and interest. Stand at the very 'Tip' of our continent, where oceans meet and where very few travellers visit. Somerset, the ruins of the grandiose failed 'Singapore of the Pacific' (road conditions permitting). Pristine beaches, rocky headlands, cool shaded forest walks, and twilight strolls to watch a spectacular Torres Strait sunset.

**DAY 12 MONDAY (BLD)**  
**SEISIA, COMMENCE SEA-LEG.** "Barge Day".  
The focus of all attention today is Seisia wharf, as the cargo ships from Cairns disgorge their cargo of fuel, building materials, indeed everything needed by the island and local communities. At 80 meters and over 3000 tonnes the Trinity Bay is the largest cargo vessel servicing the Torres Strait communities.

**DAY 13 TUESDAY (BLD)**  
**GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK.**  
Total relaxation as you enjoy the company of the crew and new ship board companions.

**DAY 14 WEDNESDAY (B)**  
**DISEMBARK CAIRNS.** On arrival at Trinity Wharf your tour concludes when we return you to your pre-arranged accommodation.

#### 2009 DEPARTURE DATES

Tour Code: C14OS

May 21 Jun 4, 18 Jul 2,16,30 Aug 13, 27

Sept 10, 24 Oct 8,22

#### 2009 FARES

##### May, Sept, Oct,

Private Cabin \$2795.00 per person

(SHARE FACILITIES)

Share Cabin (3-4 passengers) \$2695.00 per person

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##### June, July, August

Private Cabin \$3195.00 per person

(SHARE FACILITIES)

Share Cabin (3-4 passengers) \$3095.00 per person

(SHARE FACILITIES)

**Single Tent Supplement - \$77.00**