

14 DAY CAPE YORK LAND / SEA SAFARI

CAMPING	\$ 3,280.00
EASY CAMPING	\$ 3,495.00

2009 DEPARTURE DATES:

June 11, July 9, Aug 6, Sept 3, Oct 1

Legend; B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, T = Toilets, S = Showers, L = Laundry,
Bc = Bush Camp

DAY 1 CAIRNS – COOKTOWN (LD)

After an early morning pick up from your accommodation your adventure begins. Travelling north via the scenic Captain Cook Highway, past Port Douglas to the World Heritage listed Daintree Rainforest and Cape Tribulation, where the rainforest meets the reef. Then travelling along the jungle shrouded Bloomfield Track stopping off at the unique Lion's Den Hotel and the mysterious Black Mountain. Accommodation in Cooktown (share facilities). (STL)

DAY 2 COOKTOWN - LAKEFIELD (BLD)

This morning we explore the old gold port of Cooktown. Visit the Cooktown Museum (optional extra), Captain Cooks Landing, and Grassy Hill Lookout. Heading west into the outback, we stop at the Old Laura Homestead before making our way over the Battle Camp Range to our overnight camp in Lakefield National Park (road conditions permitted). (ST)

(Easy Camping Tours: Your tent will be set up on arrival)

DAY 3 LAKEFIELD NATIONAL PARK – ARCHER RIVER (BLD)

Lakefield National Park, an amalgamation of 3 huge cattle stations now a haven for the many birds and animals of this area. Lagoons, billabongs and wide river lakes are home to both fresh and saltwater crocodiles. Stopping off at the historic Musgrave Telegraph Station and the frontier gold town of Coen. Camp tonight at the picturesque Archer River. (STL) **(Easy Camping Tours: Your tent will be set up on arrival)**

DAY 4 ARCHER RIVER – IRON RANGE NATIONAL PARK (BLD)

This morning we visit the old Wenlock Gold Fields, an abandoned mining town, showing relics of Cape York's history. After morning tea we make our way to the East Coast and the Iron Range National Park (The largest remaining area of lowland rainforest in Australia) to find the Eclectus Parrot and the rare Palm Cockatoo. Our campsite is located on Chili Beach where you can often enjoy the splendid sunrise over the Pacific Ocean.

(Bc+T)

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DAY 5 IRON RANGE – CHILI BEACH (BLD)

Today we will explore at our leisure, Iron Range National Park, Chili Beach, and Portland Roads community, which once serviced the Gold Fields and WW II airfield. (Bc+T) (weather and road conditions permitted)

DAY 6 IRON RANGE - WEIPA (BLD)

After an early morning start we make our way back to the main road. We cross the picturesque Pascoe River, before making our way to the bauxite-mining town of Weipa. Our modern, well-equipped campsite is located close to the beach, enjoying splendid sunsets over the sea. (STL) **(Easy Camping Tours: Your tent will be set up on arrival)**

DAY 7 WEIPA - BRAMWELL STATION (BD)

This morning you may wish to take an informative tour of the Weipa mining operation (own expense) or just relax by the pool. After lunch we head for our overnight camp at a true blue Aussie cattle station, Bramwell Station. (ST)

(Easy Camping Tours: Your tent will be set up on arrival)

DAY 8 BRAMWELL STATION - TWIN FALLS (BLD)

This morning we travel north stopping off at Fruitbat Falls, before arriving at “Twin Falls”, our camp for the night. Relax, swim and enjoy this unique area with its enchanting water falls and rock pools. (Bc+T)

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DAY 9 TWIN FALLS - CAPE YORK –SEISIA (BLD)

After exploring this spectacular region it is time for lunch, One last swim then northwards across the Jardine River ferry, through Bamaga and finally on to Seisia, Cape York, our permanent pre-erected base camp for the next 3 nights overlooking the Torres Straits. (STL)

DAY 10 CAPE YORK (BD)

A free day! After breakfast, you have the following options (own expense):

- ◆ Catch the ferry to Thursday Island, join a guided bus tour
- ◆ Spend the day at Seisia, fishing (hand lines available) or stroll along the beach
- ◆ For those who wish to fish further afield, we can suggest suitable boat hire.

DAY 11 CAPE YORK – CARGO VESSEL (BLD)

An unforgettable day! Stand at the very top of mainland Australia. We then visit Somerset (road conditions permitted), once the home of the legendary Jardine family and government outpost established in 1864. We have lunch on the palm fringed Anchorage Beach, which overlooks the Albany Passage. A walk on the beach completes your day before returning to camp, where you'll board the cargo vessel M.V. TRINITY BAY for your sea voyage back to Cairns. Having watched her disgorge her cargo of essential supplies at the Seisia wharf you'll board and cruise your way out to the splendor of the Great Barrier Reef.

DAY 12, 13 GREAT BARRIER REEF - MARINE PARKS (BLD)

Sit back and enjoy the company of your fellow passengers and crew whilst taking in the wonder of the Great Barrier Reef and coastline.

DAY 14 GREAT BARRIER REEF - CAIRNS (B)

Arriving at Mason's Wharf you'll disembark and bid farewell to what we're sure will have been the trip of a lifetime.