

7 Day Cape York Air / Overland Camping Safari (TOUR CODE: OZ-C7A0)

The ideal wilderness/Torres Strait holiday for the discerning traveller with limited time. A spectacular aerial overview as you take a scenic flight from Cairns to Horn Island (The airport for Thursday Island). A cruise through the beautiful Torres Strait to the mainland. The excitement of reaching and exploring Australia's most northerly point. The challenge and adventure of an overland 4WD expedition the entire length of Cape York Peninsula.

HIGHLIGHTS

- *Flight Cairns to Thursday Island*
- *Thursday Island –Torres Strait*
- *Cape York – The Tip!*
- *Loyalty Beach*
- *Twin Falls*
- *Old Telegraph Track*
- *Moreton Station*
- *Weipa-Gulf of Carpentaria*
- *Lakefield National Park*
- *GuurrbiRock-art Tour with Nugal Elder - Hopevale*
- *Cooktown*
- *Aboriginal Guided Walk at Bloomfield Falls.*
- *Bloomfield Ranges*
- *Daintree/Cape Tribulation Rainforest*

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DAY 1 (D) CAIRNS, THURSDAY ISLAND, SEISIA.

Pre-arranged pick-up from your overnight accommodation for transfer to Cairns airport for early morning flight to Thursday Island. A conducted bus tour of historic Thursday Island is included. Ample time for sightseeing and souvenir shopping (lunch is own cost today). Mid afternoon by inter-island ferry for a cruise via Prince of Wales and Possession Islands to Seisia. Camp overnight at Loyalty Beach Campground.

DAY 2 (BLD) CAPE YORK, TWIN FALLS.

An unforgettable day of achievement and interest. Stand at the very 'Tip' of our continent, where oceans meet and where very few travellers visit. Explore some of the five Aboriginal and Islander Communities before we cross the mighty Jardine River. Through a wilderness of forests and heath we arrive at Twin Falls on the Elliot River and have a cooling dip in the rapids and waterfalls. Overnight National Park campground. Basic Facilities.

DAY 3 (BLD) TELEGRAPH TRACK, WENLOCK RIVER.

An exciting day negotiating river crossings and bush tracks while absorbing the unfamiliar landscape of eucalyptus scrub, heathlands, plains and exotic zamia forests. Camp on the Wenlock River at Moreton Telegraph Station. Campground facilities.

DAY 4 (BLD)

WEIPA, ARCHER RIVER.

Travel south to Batavia Downs Station then west to the Gulf of Carpentaria through huge cattle runs and Aboriginal tribal lands to the bauxite-mining town of Weipa. Time for an optional Weipa Mine Tour (own cost). A veritable "Oasis in the Wilderness" and providing further contrast to your experience of this last frontier. Across rolling Piccaninny Plains and on to our overnight stop at the Archer River.

DAY 5 (BLD)

COEN, MUSGRAVE, LAKEFIELD NATIONAL PARK.

Historic interludes as we visit the once vibrant gold rush town of Coen, and Musgrave, the last remaining Telegraph Station in Cape York. East towards the Coral Sea to arrive at the massive wildlife haven, Lakefield National Park

DAY 6 (BLD)

COOKTOWN.

Past pioneer homesteads with a pause for photos at Old Laura Homestead then via Battle Camp Range to Hopevale where we meet with a Nugal-Warra Elder for a guided tour of the rainforest and rock art site. Learn about their art, culture, history and bush tucker. On to historic Cooktown as we visit Cook's landing place and Grassy Hill Lookout. Overnight campground.

DAY 7 (BL)

CAPE TRIBULATION, CAIRNS.

A visit to mysterious Black Mountains before arriving at Bloomfield Falls. We join a guided cultural walk of this special place with a local Kuku Yalangi Aboriginal Guide. Jungle green heights descend to the very edge of the Great Barrier Reef with views of deserted beaches and fringing coral. Partake in a guided rainforest boardwalk in Daintree National Park. Across the Daintree River and via the scenic coastal road to arrive at your Cairns accommodation.

2009 DEPARTURES

May 23	Jun 20	Jul 18	Aug 15
Sept 12	Oct 10, 27		

2009 FARES

Jun, Jul, Aug	\$1949.00 per person Twin Share
May, Sept, Oct	\$1849.00 per person Twin Share

Single Tent supplement - \$77.00