

## 8 Day Cape York Air/Overland Accommodated Tour (TOUR CODE: OZ-A8AO)

*A relaxed and exciting holiday combination. An overland wilderness expedition, with the additional perspective of a spectacular flight, and the comfort and amenity of overnight accommodation. Your flight from Cairns to Horn Island (Thursday Islands airport) will provide a unique aerial overview of this vast wilderness, its huge rivers, remote communities and deserted coastline. Appreciate and experience the rich geology and the unique flora and fauna as you travel overland from Cape York to Cairns.*

*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

- **Flight Cairns to Horn Island**
- **Horn Island (overnight)**
- **Thursday Island**
- **Torres Straits**
- **Punsand Bay (2 nights)**
- **Cape York "The Tip"**
- **One night cabin tent – Moreton Station**
- **Weipa (overnight)**
- **Musgrave (overnight)**
- **Lakefield National Park**
- **Cooktown (overnight)**
- **The Bloomfield Track**
- **World Heritage Daintree National Park**

### ITINERARY

**DAY 1 SUNDAY (LD)**  
**Cairns, Horn Island.** Pre-arranged pick-up from your overnight accommodation for transfer to Cairns airport for early morning flight to Horn Island. Met at Horn Island airport by your Gateway Torres Strait Resort hosts for transfer to resort. A two-hour Horn Island bus tour, entry to Torres Strait Heritage Museum and hot buffet lunch is included. Join the locals fishing off Horn Island wharf – equipment supplied. Accommodation with (ensuite facilities.)

**DAY 2 MONDAY (BD)**  
**Thursday Island, Red Island Point, Punsand Bay.** Morning Transfer by ferry to Thursday Island. Ample time for sightseeing, souvenir shopping and a conducted bus tour of historic "T.I." is included.

Lunch is own cost today. Mid-afternoon cruise to Punsand Bay by inter-island ferry via Prince of Wales and Possession Islands. Accommodation at Punsand Bay Private Reserve. Permanent Tent (ensuite facilities) for the next 2 nights.

**DAY 3 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".

**DAY 4 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 Old 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 5 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" 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 6 FRIDAY (BLD)**  
**Archer River, Coen, Musgrave.** Across rolling Piccaninny Plains, a lunch stop at the Archer River and then via historic Coen to reach Musgrave pioneer telegraph station, which is over 100 years old. Overnight accommodation: Musgrave – (share facilities)

**DAY 7            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 8            SUNDAY                                            (BL)**

**Bloomfield, Cape Tribulation.** Crossing 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 via the scenic sea road to Cairns and journeys end.

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**2009 DEPARTURE DATES**

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May 10,24      Jun 7,21      Jul 5,19      Aug 2,16,30  
Sep 13,27      Oct 11,25

**2009 FARES**

**May, September, October,**

**Twin share per person                    \$3050.00**  
**Single supplement                         \$470.00**

**June, July, August**

**Twin share per person                    \$3350.00**  
**Single supplement                         \$485.00**