

10 Day Cape York Overland/Air Camping Safari (TOUR CODE: OZ-C100A)

Journey to the northernmost tip of mainland Australia, overlooking the Torres Straits. Then a fascinating stopover exploring the "Top End", before an incredible contrasting overview of the deserted east coast wilderness, and the adjoining reefs and islands, as you fly to Cairns by air.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cape Tribulation
- Cooktown
- Lakefield National Park
- Weipa
- Cape York "The Tip"
- Punsand Bay
- Thursday Island
- Flight Bamaga-Cairns

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DAY 1 SATURDAY (LD)
CAIRNS, CAPE TRIBULATION, COOKTOWN AREA. 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 SUNDAY (BD)
LAKEFIELD NATIONAL PARK. 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 MONDAY (BLD)
MUSGRAVE, COEN, ARCHER RIVER. Historic interludes as we visit the last Telegraph Station, Musgrave, and the once vibrant gold rush town of Coen, before reaching our overnight stop at the Archer River.

DAY 4 TUESDAY (BD)
WEIPA. North by West today, through Mungkan Kaanju National Park and across Piccaninny Plains and boundless savannah to Weipa, on the Gulf of Carpentaria. A vertiable "Oasis in the wilderness" and providing further contrast to your experience of this last frontier.

DAY 5 WEDNESDAY (BLD)
WENLOCK RIVER, MORETON STATION. In the cool of the early morning, an optional Weipa Mine Tour (own cost). With the Gulf of Carpentaria behind us, we pass through huge cattle runs to arrive at the fast flowing Wenlock River. Set up for our overnight camp at Moreton Telegraph Station.

DAY 6 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 7 FRIDAY (BLD)
JARDINE RIVER, PUNSAND BAY. Across the free flowing Jardine, a brief refuelling stop at Bamaga and we drive via Lockerbie to our base camp at Punsand Bay Camping Lodge.

DAY 8 SATURDAY (BD)
THURSDAY ISLAND. Today's highlight is a cruise through the island dotted Straights to explore legendary Thursday Island. A conducted bus tour is available (own cost, as is lunch) and is most enjoyable and informative. Afternoon return to Punsand.

DAY 9 SUNDAY (BLD)
CAPE YORK. Our adventurous overland trek is completed as we drive through the shady rainforest to "The Tip" of our continent. Road access permitting, a visit to Somerset and then return to Punsand Bay.

DAY 10 MONDAY (BL)
PUNSAND BAY, CAIRNS. A more leisurely morning, with perhaps a stroll along the deserted beach before a 4WD transfer to Bamaga, a short absorbing tour of this Aboriginal and Islander Community, before boarding the flight to return to Cairns. Hotel transfers on arrival in Cairns completes your holiday.

2009 DEPARTURE DATES

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May 2,9

2009 FARES

Twin Share \$2095.00 pp
Single Tent supplement \$77.00 pp