



PLATINUM JOURNEYS

12 DAYS OF CAPE YORK

12 days - Monday 2nd August to Friday 13th August 2021

Cape York Peninsula is one of the last remaining unspoilt regions in Australia. Travelling to Cape York is an adventure in itself with open roads, diverse scenery and unique wildlife at close range. Reaching The Tip of Australia is truly a once in a lifetime experience.



Day 1:

HOME TO CAIRNS

Mon 02 Aug 21 (-)

Welcome to our Cape York Adventure. Depart your home port for your flight to Cairns. Pick-ups from Bega Valley are transferred to Canberra for their flight (*flights not included*).

On arrival we meet our friendly Platinum Journeys team and enjoy a brief orientation tour of the city. Enjoy some time to purchase dinner at leisure with plenty of options available such as the Cairns Night Markets and Esplanade Precinct (lunch & dinner at own expense).

Overnight: Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort (PH: 07 4080 1888)

Day 2: CAIRNS - COOKTOWN

Tues 03 Aug 21 (BD)

We board the Kuranda Scenic Rail for an amazing train journey with stunning views. Pass massive Barron Falls, Stoney Creek and cross steep ravines to the unique rainforest village of Kuranda. We have time to explore the pretty village before continuing our travels via the Tablelands.

We stop at mysterious Black Mountain which is an eerie sight that stands in stark contrast to the brush and eucalyptus trees around it. From a distance, the mountain looks like a solid monolith of black but on closer inspection it is a jumble of enormous granite boulders. We arrive in the charming historical township of Cooktown to relax and unpack before dinner (breakfast & dinner in hotel / lunch at own expense).

Overnight: The Sovereign Resort Hotel, Cooktown (PH: 07 4043 0500)

Day 3: COOKTOWN Wed 04 Aug 21 (BD)

Cooktown is one of Australia's hidden gems. The beautiful, unspoilt coastal town is one of Australia's most historically significant townships. This is where Captain Cook settled in 1770 when his ship, the Endeavour, was beached. It's also where the first place of reconciliation between the Europeans and the Guugu Yimithirr people, was a significant town during the gold rush era and became a base during WWII. With a local expert, we step back in time to enjoy the heritage buildings and monuments around town paying homage to an era of great hardship and triumph. During our town tour we'll also stop at Grassy Lookout for stunning views of the town.

We visit the James Cook Museum, located in a stunning nineteenth-century building. Many of its interesting artefacts include a fascinating insight into the 7 weeks Captain Cook and his crew spent in Cooktown, the local indigenous culture and displays dedicated to the rich Chinese heritage of this region. We enjoy morning tea in the local Botanic Gardens before free time in town. After lunch we travel to the famous Lions Den Hotel for an afternoon beverage (breakfast & dinner in hotel / lunch at own expense).

Overnight: The Sovereign Resort Hotel, Cooktown (PH: 07 4043 0500)

Day 4: COOKTOWN - MUSGRAVE Thurs 05 Aug 21 (BLD)

Today we head into the outback as we travel the legendary Battle Camp Road to beautiful Isabella Falls and Old Laura Homestead for a chance to stretch our legs. Mid-morning, we travel through Lakefield National Park. The park has a rich and diverse landscape, from woodlands to wetlands. One of the highlights is Red Lily Lagoon, where dazzling vibrant pink petals and thick yellow stamens will take your breath away. Our overnight accommodation is at Musgrave Roadhouse, where we are in for a treat with good old-fashioned country hospitality from one of the only overland telegraph stations in the peninsula that remain (breakfast & dinner in hotel / packed lunch included).

Overnight: Musgrave Roadhouse (PH: 07 4060 3229)

Day 5: MUSGRAVE - WEIPA Fri 06 Aug 21 (BD)

We continue north, stopping off at the historic mining town of Coen. Wander the Coen Heritage House with local information and displays or enjoy a drink at the Exchange Hotel. We make our way to Archer River before arriving in the bauxite-mining town of Weipa. Enjoy a spectacular sunset over the Gulf of Carpentaria from our accommodation (breakfast & dinner at hotel / bush lunch supplied by Platinum Journeys).

Overnight: Albatross Bay Resort & Weipa Motel Resort (PH: 07 4090 6666)

Day 6: WEIPA - BRAMWELL Sat 07 Aug 21 (BLD)

Sit back and relax as we enjoy the tranquil surroundings of Embley River onboard Western Cape Eco Tours cruise. Discover the unique waterways, diverse wildlife and maybe a crocodile or two. Mid-morning, we continue to Moreton Telegraph Station before arriving at Bramwell Station for our overnight accommodation. Enjoy a home cooked buffet dinner and singalongs with a musician and fellow travellers. (breakfast & dinner at hotel / bush lunch supplied by Platinum Journeys).

Overnight: Bramwell Station (PH: 07 4060 3300)

Day 7: BRAMWELL - BAMAGA Sun 08 Aug 21 (BLD)

We farewell our wonderful hosts at Bramwell and arrive at Fruit Bat Falls. Relax, swim, and enjoy the remarkable waterfall and pristine wetlands of the Jardine River. After lunch we continue north and cross the Jardine River by ferry. We travel to the DC3 Aircraft Crash site memorial, which commemorates those who lost their lives in the 1945 crash. We then settle into our accommodation in Bamaga. (breakfast & dinner at hotel / bush lunch supplied by Platinum Journeys).

Overnight: Cape York Peninsula Lodge (PH: 07 4069 3050)

Day 8: THE TIP Mon 09 Aug 21 (BLD)

We have an early departure as we travel to northernmost point of mainland Australia, also known as 'The Tip'. We have a scenic drive through rainforest to Pajinka where we then complete the rest of the journey by foot. Stroll along beautiful Frangipani Beach and over rocky headland before celebrating your arrival at The Tip with your fellow adventurers. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure (breakfast, lunch & dinner in hotel).

Overnight: Cape York Peninsula Lodge (PH: 07 4069 3050)

Day 9: THURSDAY ISLAND Tues 10 Aug 21 (BD)

We uncover the colourful paradise of Thursday Island as we travel by ferry into the Torres Strait. It is one of 274 islands which lie between Queensland and Papua New Guinea making up the Torres Strait. The island has a unique indigenous culture and World War II history which we will discover on our coach tour with a local guide. After time for lunch in town, we board the ferry to Horn Island where we are transferred to the airport for our picturesque flight to Cairns. Our coach will be waiting on arrival as we head to Port Douglas for the next three nights (breakfast & dinner at hotel / lunch at own expense).

Overnight: Oaks Resort Port Douglas (PH: 07 4099 8900)

Day 10: PORT DOUGLAS Wed 11 Aug 21 (B)

Today we discover Port Douglas at leisure with a free day. You might like to book an optional tour to the Great Barrier Reef, visit Four Mile Beach or spend the day in town. Of course, some may like to lay around the pool and relax – the choice is yours. This afternoon we meet up to share stories from our day with a sunset cruise (breakfast in hotel / lunch and dinner at own expense).

Overnight: Oaks Resort Port Douglas (PH: 07 4099 8900)

Day 11: CAPE TRIBULATION Thurs 12 Aug 21 (BD)

Step from one UNESCO site to another as Cape Tribulation is where the ancient Daintree Rainforest and stunning Great Barrier Reef meet. Stop at the historical Daintree Village on the banks of the Daintree River before arriving in Cape Tribulation. Walk along the spectacular coastline and stroll the scenic boardwalk surrounded by lush tropical rainforest (breakfast & dinner at hotel / lunch at own expense).

Overnight: Oaks Resort Port Douglas (PH: 07 4099 8900)

Day 12: PORT DOUGLAS - HOME Fri 13 Aug 21 (B)

Following breakfast, we are transferred to Cairns Airport for our flight home, completing a truly fantastic holiday to the Tip of Australia (breakfast in hotel / lunch at own expense).

Tour cost Twin Share/Double per person \$6496 Solo Traveller \$7895

Tour cost based on a minimum of 14 passengers.



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(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. Alterations to the itinerary may occur – a final confirmed itinerary will be provided with your travel documentation approximately 3 weeks prior to departure.

Some lunches on this tour are “picnic style” with meats, salads and rolls.

TOUR COST INCLUDES:

Air conditioned, restroom equipped vehicle travel with experienced crew
Flight from Horn Island to Cairns
Twin share accommodation with ensuite facilities
Meals as per the itinerary
All entry fees to sightseeing activities as listed in the itinerary

TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Airfares to and from Cairns at the start and end of the tour
Travel insurance – please enquire for a quote or to purchase a policy
Items of a personal nature eg laundry/phone and any optional extras/trips
Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages plus meals not listed in the itinerary

CONDITIONS OF BOOKING

All bookings must be accompanied by a deposit of \$600.00 per person
The balance and final payment must be received 90 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATION POLICY

More than 90 days notice : full refund less \$600.00 deposit
90 - 60 days before tour : 50% refund
Less than 60 days: no refund

ALTERNATIVE CREDIT OPTION

For cancellations with more than 30 days notice
75% credit towards a future tour

**Platinum Journeys strongly recommend all passengers
take out travel insurance in case of unexpected illness or accident**