



Cape York, Torres Strait & Port Douglas

8 Days / 7 Nights

Saturday 26th June to Saturday 3rd July 2027

\$5295.00 ppts + \$1160 single supplement

Includes: *Return Air-Fares Sydney / Cairns & Horn Island / Cairns *7 Nights Accommodation
*3 Meals on most days as per itinerary *Entrance Fees to all Tourist Attractions & Tours as per Itinerary.

Highlights: 2 nights at the Oaks Resort Port Douglas, 2 nights Cape York Peninsula Lodge Bamaga, 2 nights Dugongs Rest, Horn Island, 1 night Double Tree Hilton Hotel Cairns, visit Cairns Botanical Gardens, see Cape York the “Tip of Australia” via 4WD vehicles, tour Historical Somerset, visit the DC3 crash site, Daintree River Crocodile Cruise & Mossman Gorge Rainforest, Wildlife Habitat in Port Douglas, Horn Island Historical WW2 Tour, Garrison Town Tour of Thursday Island & Torres Strait Heritage Museum & free shopping time in Port Douglas.

Escorted by Adam & Tania Taylor

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

DAY 1

SYDNEY / CAIRNS

Depart from Sydney Airport for our direct flight to Cairns arriving around 12.50pm. After a tour of the city, we are then transferred to our overnight accommodation at the **Double Tree Hilton Hotel Cairns**.

There will be free time to stroll down the coastal esplanade, visit the nearby Cairns Art Gallery or simply relax by the Hotel's new refurbished pool before dinner. **D**



DAY 2

CAIRNS / HORN ISLAND



After a leisurely breakfast & perhaps a stroll along the Cairns waterfront for any last minute shopping, we depart for a visit to Cairns Botanical Gardens that showcase Australia's best collections of native and exotic rainforest plants

Also within the gardens are the old WW2 Fuel Storage Tanks.

The Royal Australian Navy strategically built five massive fuel storage tanks in 1943 about 5km north of the city, camouflaged right into the dense

rainforest foothills of the Mt Whitfield Range. This kept them safe from potential enemy airstrikes and far enough from the main wharves to prevent a catastrophic explosion if targeted.

Today they have been creatively repurposed as a fascinating piece of wartime history known as The Tanks Arts Centre.

It's then a short transfer to Cairns Airport for our direct flight to Horn Island arriving mid afternoon.



Lunch is at your own expense while in transit at the airport.

Our accommodation will be at **The Dugongs Rest, Horn Island**. There will be time to stretch the legs to the nearby port or enjoy a swim or relax around the pool before dinner at a nearby restaurant. **B,D**

DAY 3

HORN ISLAND TOUR / SEISIA / BAMAGA

After breakfast we are treated to a morning guided tour of Horn Island retracing the steps of those who served on the island during WWII, both American & Australian. The information imparted to you is a mix of actual veterans stories, combined with official records.

You'll be genuinely surprised by the sheer scale of Horn Island's involvement in WWII, particularly its strategic importance during the Battle of the Coral Sea. This island holds a significant, yet often untold chapter of Australians at war, in the Pacific.

Post tour, we will visit the Torres Strait Heritage Museum, which is dedicated to those WWII Veterans.

We will grab a bite to eat for lunch at the Wongai Beach Hotel, Horn Island, before our ferry transports us through the Endeavour Strait down to the port of Seisia on the mainland for our transfer to our 4 star and award winning **Cape York Peninsula Lodge**.



It's the perfect base for our next 2 nights and tour of the Cape York Peninsula, the "northern tip" of Australia.

There is an opportunity to stretch the legs and visit the nearby township of Bamaga, the administrative HQ of the Cape.

The air conditioned accommodation is adjacent to an excellent dining experience in the resort's tropical restaurant, that offers a fusion of cuisines. **B,L,D**

DAY 4

CAPE YORK PENINSULA TOUR



An enjoyable and exciting day lies ahead. As today is the day that we finally reach the very tip of Australia. A great day full of informative commentary from local guides rich in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander culture. Their expert guidance will give you a chance to stand on the very tip of Cape York.

Afterwards, we'll drive to Somerset Beach for a tour of the old ruins left by the Jardine family & then have a picnic lunch near the beach.

We will then drive back to the east coast side of the Cape & Fly Point, an area that served as an emergency landing ground and WWII airstrip.

A possible chance to experience a 4WD back to the Resort through rainforest & across creek crossings. We will also stop and visit the DC-3 crash site near Bamaga. Bound for New Guinea, the plane encountered severe weather, became disoriented, and tragically crashed into the dense bush May 5, 1945, just short of the nearby Higgins Field airfield.

A stop at the "Croc Tent" for more souvenir shopping and then back to the **Lodge**.

There is a possible opportunity for helicopter flights (own expense). Bookings can be arranged by you at the Resort reception before a well earned rest before dinner. **B,L,D**



DAY 5

SEISA / THURSDAY ISLAND / HORN ISLAND

A leisurely breakfast before we depart for Seisia wharf to connect with our vessel for our cruise back to Thursday Island known as TI.

Upon arrival at TI, we will transfer for a guided commentary tour of the island revealing interesting historical facts and monuments. During the tour we will visit the Japanese graves of the early pearling days, pass the Quetta Memorial church – a memorial after the sinking of the SS Quetta in February 1890, claiming 132 lives.

A key feature of TI is Green Hill Fort – built in 1892 at Battery Point. The fort was constructed in response to the "Russian scare" of 1885, when the British colonies feared a potential Russian naval invasion or an attack on the vital shipping and coaling station at Port Kennedy (Thursday Island).



Ample time will be given for leisure sightseeing (The Cultural Centre) & shopping.



We will have lunch at the Grand Hotel that offers a great view directly overlooking the Endeavour Strait, which is part of the broader Torres Strait.

After lunch we transfer to our ferry for our 15 minute ferry to Horn Island for our overnight accommodation back at **The Dugongs Rest** where we will enjoy pre-dinner drinks and dinner. **B,L,D**



DAY 6

HORN ISLAND / CAIRNS / PORT DOUGLAS

After breakfast we will depart for the Airport for our late morning flight to Cairns arriving early afternoon. Lunch is at your own expense while in transit at the airport.

We are then transferred by air conditioned coach driving north along the Captain Cook Highway. It's here you can get a taste of the beautiful North Queensland beaches, cane fields and possibly stop to spot crocodiles on the muddy banks of the Mowbray River, before our early afternoon arrival at the **Oaks Resort in Port Douglas** for the next 2 nights .

After settling into our accommodation, the afternoon is free for exploring & shopping in Port Douglas or just relaxing around the pool before dinner in the resort's restaurant. **B,D**



DAY 7

PORT DOUGLAS / DAINTREE RIVER / MOSSMAN GORGE

We leave our Resort & travel to Mossman Gorge for a tranquil walk through the tropical forest. A swim in the Gorge can be enjoyed whilst here. We leave Mossman Gorge & head further north to the Daintree River. We will board our vessel and enjoy a scenic guided river cruise on the beautiful Daintree River where we will be able to see everything from butterflies to crocodiles.

Lunch is in the Daintree Village Hotel, before heading back to Port Douglas for either more shopping or a well earned rest by the pool before dinner in the resort's restaurant. **B,L,D**



DAY 8

HOMeward BOUND

A full breakfast this morning, before we depart our Resort and head to Port Douglas, number one attraction, The Wildlife Habitat. This is a unique experience which has attracted many tourists since opening.

The park is a leader in ecotourism, with 5 distinct habitats - Woodlands, Wetlands, Rainforest, Savannah and Nocturnal - set over 8 acres of land, providing a unique immersion experience.

We are then transferred back to Cairns Airport for our direct early afternoon flight back to Sydney. We will arrive in Sydney at approximately 4.30 pm. **B, L**



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