

Day 1 Palm Cove

Welcome to Palm Cove. On arrival into Palm Cove, make your own way to your accommodation. After check-in, enjoy your tropical surroundings.

Day 2 Palm Cove

Enjoy a full day at leisure in tropical Palm Cove.

Optional Tour - Kuranda Army Duck Experience

Join Tropic Wings, the longest established coach operator in Cairns for a full day adventure to Kuranda, located in the middle of World Heritage Rainforest. Start your day with a trip on the Kuranda Scenic Railway, winding your way up the mountain through rainforest, past waterfalls and including a stop at the breathtaking Barron Gorge. Enjoy a tour across land and water on the historic World War II Army Ducks at the award-winning Rainforestation Nature Park, spotting flora and fauna in their natural habitat, and then finish your day with a peaceful return to Cairns on Skyrail Rainforest Cableway.

Day 3 Palm Cove

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Optional Tour Breakfast with the Koalas

A great way to start your day is breakfast at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures. Enjoy your breakfast relaxing on the deck overlooking Hartley's Lagoon. Breakfast is a delicious cooked breakfast, including scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, sausages & toast with fruit juice, tea or coffee. One of our Wildlife Keepers will be on the deck between 9:00am & 9:30am with a Koala. This is a great time to ask questions & pat the Koala. After breakfast, enjoy all the wildlife presentations at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures including a boat cruise on Hartley's Lagoon.

Day 4 Palm Cove - Cairns

After Breakfast, you will be transferred by seat in coach from your accommodation in Palm Cove to Cairns. Spend the day at your own leisure.

Day 5 Cairns - Horn Island

Catch a morning flight up to Horn Island in the Torres Strait for your amazing cruise. Spend a few hours at your own leisure on Horn Island before boarding the Coral Discoverer at 4pm for 5pm departure. Enjoy afternoon tea onboard and a chance to meet your fellow travellers as we set sail southwards. This evening join guests and the friendly crew as we enjoy the Captain's welcome drinks and sit down to the first of many delicious dinners.

Day 6 Thursday Island (Waiben)

Join an informative tour of Thursday Island to learn about its interesting pearling history and multicultural influences. At Thursday Island we also have free time to explore all the island has to offer, including Gab Titui Cultural Centre and local shopping.

Day 7 Moa Island

Visit the art centre and join in print, weaving and jewellery making workshops with local artists. Watch a traditional dance performance and listen to the gorgeous harmonies of the local singers.

Day 8 Badu Island

In the morning, we visit the indigenous art centre to watch printmakers at work, with the opportunity to purchase prints that catch your eye.

Enjoy traditional kai kai (Traditional Lunch) prepared by the local community – a feast of locally caught fresh fish, curried fish and crayfish. Spend the afternoon swimming at a local beach, hosted by traditional owners.

Day 9 The Tip of Cape York

This morning explore historical sites at Possession Island, Albany Island and Somerset.

Surrounded by glistening sea and bathed in the glow of twilight, we enjoy sundowner drinks and the company of like-minded explorers as we relax and watch the sun gently sink below the horizon at the Tip of Cape York – the northernmost point of the Australian mainland continent.

Day 10 Forbes Island & Restoration Island

Enjoy a day exploring Forbes Island, an excellent spot for swimming, scuba, snorkelling or glass-bottom boat tours from the pristine sandy beaches. Hear the story of beche-de-mer fisherman Frederick Lancaster who inhabited this island and visit his gravesite. We also have an opportunity to go beachcombing at a nearby remote island, possibly Magra, Saunders, or Sir Charles Hardy.

Visit Restoration Island or Resto, as the locals call it. Here Captain Bligh, of the infamous Mutiny on the Bounty, made his first landfall after a long ocean crossing from Tonga, in May 1789. He named it Restoration Island because the food they found (oysters and native fruits) greatly restored their spirits and because that date was Oak Apple Day, the anniversary of the restoration of King Charles II.

Today Restoration Island is not just a National Park; one-third of the island is leased to David Glasheen, a former mining tycoon, who, after losing his fortune in the Black Friday market crash, decided to live a solitary existence on the island, and has done so for over 2 decades. It is an idyllic coastal island with a granite and volcanic peak 116 metres in height and a beautiful shark tooth-shaped beach spit where guest will enjoy water activities and time to explore the island.

Day 11 Stanley Island & Davie Reef

Visit Stanley Island in the Flinders Island Group and take a walk to view the isolated Endaen Aboriginal rock art guided by a traditional owner who will offer an interpretation. The art here depicts the first sailing ships to visit Queensland shores. At Davie Reef enjoy swimming, scuba, snorkelling or glass-bottom boat tours and see Brown Boobie bird colonies at Davie Cay.

Day 12 Osprey Reef

Osprey Reef is the summit of an undersea 2,000m mountain located beyond the continental shelf with no landmass visible. Enjoy amazing underwater visibility here, and observe magnificent corals, plummeting drop-offs and many fish in the crystalline waters. Osprey Reef is a highly prized tropical dive location amongst scuba divers, called an 'oasis for living creatures of all kinds' by Sir David Attenborough.

Osprey Reef is a true expedition-style destination and our visit is subject to appropriate weather conditions.

Day 13 Lizard Island

Enjoy the breathtaking natural beauty of Lizard Island. Join an optional hike to Cook's Look and be rewarded with exceptional views over the Great Barrier Reef. Learn about the tragic fate of Mary Watson on a walk to her cottage. Snorkel from the beach over giant clam gardens and colourful coral and visit the Lizard Island Research Station.

Day 14 Cooktown

Discover historic Cooktown, with buildings dating back to the 1870's. Here you will have the choice of a guided indigenous cultural tour, or a guided Cooktown historic tour. You will also have the opportunity for time at leisure to explore Cooktown's attractions which include art galleries, the botanic gardens, James Cook Museum (with original artefacts from the HMB Endeavour), lookouts, and a walk to the top of Grassy Hill.

Day 15 Cairns

Depart the cruise after breakfast in Cairns at 8am.

Make your own way to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your own leisure

Day 16 Cairns

Today marks the end of your journey, check out of your hotel and continue your onward journey.