# Cape York and Daintree

Commence the following tour in Cairns and ending in Cairns

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## Day 1 Cairns - Thursday Island - Cape York

Transfer from selected Cairns accommodation to Cairns airport for your flight to Horn Island (approx. 1.45 hours). Transfer by ferry to Thursday Island and on arrival, enjoy an informative guided bus tour of the island and its picturesque harbour - once home to the pearl lugger fleet. This afternoon, board your ferry back to the mainland, where you will be met by your guide, who will take you to Seisia. Seisia is ideally located for our next few days, being in walking distance from the Seisia Wharf, a famous fishing spot.

Find hotel pick up locations below (timings subject to change)

- 6:10AM BIG 4, Cairns Coconut Caravan Park
- 6:20AM First City Caravilla Caravan park
- 6:35AM Novotel Oasis Resort
- 6:40AM Queens Court Hotel

Please note: This itinerary is flexible to take advantage of changing weather and road conditions. This itinerary showcases a selection of the key destinations we aim to visit and alternative locations may be visited depending on the departure date.

Overnight: Seisia Holiday Park, Seisia

Meals included: Dinner

Day 2 Cape York - Somerset

An unforgettable day! Stand at the very top of mainland Australia and then visit Somerset (road conditions permitted), once the home of the legendary Jardine family and government outpost established in 1864. Enjoy lunch on the palm-fringed Anchorage Beach, which overlooks the Albany Passage. A walk on the beach will complete your day before returning to Seisia.

Overnight: Seisia Holiday Park, Seisia Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

#### Day 3 Cape York - Fruit Bat Falls - Bramwell Station

Southward bound, we cross the mighty Jardine River, stopping at Fruit Bat Falls for lunch. Relax, swim and enjoy this unique area with its enchanting waterfall. Travelling along part of the Old Telegraph Track, before we make our way to a 'true blue' Aussie cattle station and the most northern cattle station in Australia, Bramwell Station.

Overnight: Bramwell Station Tourist Park, Bramwell Station

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

# Day 4 Bramwell Station - Wenlock River - Weipa

Enjoy a southerly run through the wilderness with all its varied landscapes to cross the Wenlock River. We head for the shores of the Gulf of Carpentaria and Weipa. This afternoon there will be the opportunity of a Wildlife Eco River Cruise or Bauxite Mine Tour (not included).

Weipa has the largest Bauxite deposit in the world. Fishing enthusiasts flock to Weipa because of its terrific coastal location and abundant marine life.

Overnight: The Heritage Motel or Albatross Bay Resort, Weipa

Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

### Day 5 Weipa - Archer River - Coen - Musgrave

Today travel south, stopping off at the picturesque Archer River, and then continue on to the historic frontier gold town of Coen. This afternoon arrive at our overnight accommodation for the

night - Old Musgrave Telegraph Station, a heritage-listed former telegraph station and now roadhouse.

Musgrave was first built as an overland telegraph station in 1887, along with Palmerville, Fairview, Coen, Mein, Moreton, McDonnell and Paterson. It was named after Sir Anthony Musgrave (1828 – 1888) who was Governor of Queensland from 1883 to 1888. Called a repeater station, it had great banks of batteries and a generator to boost the power in the telegraph line.

Musgrave is the only overland telegraph station in the peninsula that remains, as the old wire has been replaced with modern microwave radio systems and optic fibre.

**Overnight: Musgrave Roadhouse, Musgrave Telegraph Station** 

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 6 Musgrave - Lakefield National Park - Cooktown

After an early start, head east towards Princess Charlotte Bay where we explore Lakefield National Park (road conditions permitted), a haven for the many birds and animals native to this area. Lagoons, billabongs, and wide river lakes are home to both fresh and saltwater crocodiles. Travelling on, we visit Split Rock aboriginal rock art galleries before arriving in the old gold port of Cooktown. Here we visit Captain Cooks Landing, before settling in to our accommodation in Cooktown.

Overnight: Sovereign Resort Hotel, Cooktown Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner Day 7 Cooktown - Cape Tribulation - Cairns

The final exciting day has arrived. But, before returning to Cairns, we make our way south passing the mysterious Black Mountain and the historic Lions Den Hotel. Traversing the jungle shrouded Bloomfield Track (road conditions permitted) we see where the 'rainforest meets the reef' at Cape Tribulation. Continue to travel through the splendour of the World Heritage-listed through the World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest. A scenic drive along the Marlin Coast back to Cairns is a perfect way to complete your tour.

Cost per person \$3699.00 and includes the following:

8 day tour including touring as per itinerary and 17 meals