



Cairns Safari

6 days - 29 June to 4 July, 2020

Day 1 - 29 June

This morning we fly to Cairns arriving at 1.45pm. On arrival our coach transports us to our accommodation to check in. First visit is to the **Cairns Aquarium**, the only aquarium in the world dedicated to the habitats and species of North QLD. See the Great Barrier Reef, Wet Tropics, Gulf Savannah and Cape York animals with over 15,000 animals and creatures to explore. With daily talks and demonstrations there is plenty to see and do. This evening we explore the **Cairns Night Markets**, wander the many stalls, perhaps try some of the local food stalls and enjoy the buskers and music. Late evening we head back to our accommodation.

Meals: No meals

Day 2 - 30 June

Today we depart the Marina for a trip to the UNESCO World Heritage site and marine park **Outer Barrier Reef**. Get ready to view the beauty of this natural wonder. First we receive a safety briefing on how to snorkel and dive safely and ensure no impact to the coral and marine life. Marine biologists on the boat can give you advice on how to minimise your environmental impact and discuss the effect of climate change with bleaching of the coral. After the initial water activities including snorkelling you enjoy a **free introductory dive or snorkel**. Then we enjoy a tropical hot and cold buffet lunch. After a day of sea, fun and sun we head back to the mainland and return back to Cairns late afternoon.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 3 - 1 July

This morning we explore **Granite Gorge** and enjoy a guided walk, if you're lucky you will see Rock Wallabies as we enjoy the majestic views of Savannah Land. We then head to Gallos cheese and chocolate factory for a tasting of the local produce and enjoy visiting the **Curtain Fig Tree**.

We stop for lunch before we explore **Lake Tinaroo** in 2 person **canoes** and your guide will help you spot rare wildlife such as tree kangaroos, birds and water dragons.

This evening at sunset we walk to the river and you may see wild Playtpus. We return to On the Wallaby Lodge for dinner.

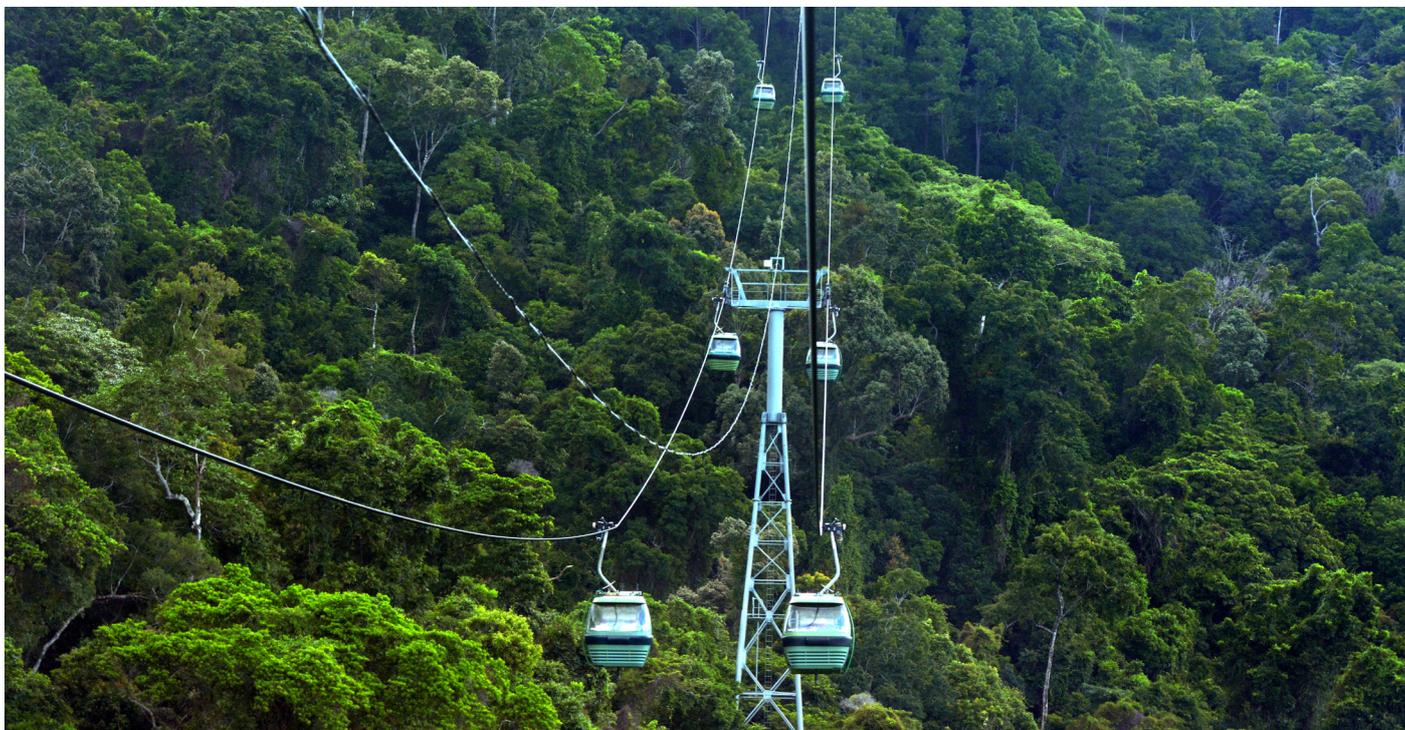
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

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Day 4 - 2 July

We travel through picturesque countryside for the day's highlights, **swimming at Lake Eacham** and visiting several pristine **waterfalls**, such as the famous **Millaa Millaa** and **Josephine Falls** part of Queensland's tallest mountain Mt Bartle Frere, plus a **jungle trek** to view the raging **Dinner Falls** and World Heritage listed Mount Hypipamee National Park.

This evening you return to Cairns and unpack at the hostel. You can relax around the pool before enjoying dinner this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 5 - 3 July

This morning we travel by **Sky Rail to Kuranda Village**. We enjoy the self guided tour through Australia's World Heritage protected Rainforests. First we glide over the rainforest canopy and see the varied flora of a tropical rainforest, stopping at various points to learn about the rainforest and unique flora and fauna. You also visit the Rainforest Interpretation Centre. There is free time to explore Kuranda with lunch at own expense

Our coach now transports us to **Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park** – Australia's most accessible venue to experience authentic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island culture dating back over 40,000 years. There are seven separate areas to allow visitors to experience every facet of the rainforest people's culture. Visit the History Theatre, Creation and Dance Theatre and the interactive Camp Village where you can learn to play the didgeridoo or practice boomerang throwing. We learn about the Dream Time and the cultural significance of this to the indigenous population. Return to our accommodation early evening.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Day 6 - 4 July

This morning we take the shuttle bus to the airport and say goodbye to all our new friends, arriving into Brisbane at 1pm.

Meals: Breakfast

Price for 2020

\$1,530 + flights (inc. GST)

Applications close 19 June, 2020
