



7 days - 24 September to 1 October 2020

Day 1 - 24 September

This afternoon we fly to Cairns. On arrival our coach transports us to our accommodation to unpack. This evening we explore the **Cairns Night Markets**, wander the many stalls, buy and try some of the local food stalls at your own expense and enjoy the buskers and music. Late evening we head back to our accommodation.

Meals: No meals today

Day 2 - 25 September

This action packed day tour begins when your guide takes you up the spectacular Gillies Range and onto the tropical **Atherton Tablelands**. Explore the **Cathedral Curtain Fig Tree** and take a rainforest walk at Lake Barrine National park.

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.

Last stop, On the Wallaby Lodge for tea & coffee to round off your day before we head back to Cairns to enjoy dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

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Day 3 - 26 September

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.

We now head to **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.

We return to our accommodation early evening.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Day 4 - 27 September

Today we depart the Marina for a trip to the **Outer Barrier Reef**. Get ready to view the beauty of this natural wonder. After the initial water activities including snorkelling and one FREE introductory dive 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 5 - 28 September

We farewell Cairns and head South, passing by Townsville and through Ayr and Bowen to the Whitsunday Passage. In the distance you can see the tropical blue waters of the Whitsunday Islands, we arrive early evening at our accommodation.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner



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Day 6 - 29 September

Join **Ocean Rafting** today as we explore on powered boats. Spend the day visiting the idyllic Whitsunday passage with Ocean Rafting. The raft visits islands within the Whitsundays. Eco guides explain the impact of the modern world on this beautiful wilderness and water surrounds. Relax on the world famous **Whitehaven Beach**, snorkel away from the crowds and enjoy the stunning view from Hill Inlet. We enjoy a high speed run round the Southern tip of Whitsunday Island past Hamilton, South Molle and Daydream Islands before return to Airlie Beach. Time now to explore the town and enjoy dinner out (at own expense). Return to camp late evening.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Day 7 - 30 September

We farewell Airlie Beach continuing South through Mackay, Malborough and Rockhampton, arriving late afternoon into Raglan. Tonight we stay at **"The Old Station"** a historic homestead and working farm. We enjoy a roast beef dinner and then you can walk around the homestead and see if you can spot any kangaroos, then its time to put on your dancing shoes, warm up your vocal chords – its Karaoke time!

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Day 8 - 1 October

Time to say goodbye to all our new friends, students are dropped at various locations near to, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and Gold Coast.

NOTE if your homestay family is in Yeppoon or Rockhampton they will have to collect you from the Old Station by 8am.

Meals: Breakfast

Price for 2020

\$2,040 + flights (inc. GST)

Applications close 17 September, 2020
