



30 September to 5 October 2019

Day 1 | 30 September

This afternoon we fly to Cairns and will be taken to our accommodation by coach. In the evening we'll stroll around the Cairns Night Markets where you can try some of the local food stalls and enjoy the buskers and music. We'll head back to our accommodation in the late evening.

Day 2 | 1 October

Today we depart from the marina to experience the natural beauty of the Outer Barrier Reef marine park and UNESCO World Heritage site. First up, we'll receive a safety briefing and instructions on how to snorkel and dive safely to ensure we don't damage the coral and marine life. The marine biologists on the boat can advise you about ways to minimise your environmental impact, and discuss the effects of climate change on the reef. After our initial water activities, including snorkelling, you can have a

free introductory dive or snorkel before enjoying a tropical hot and cold buffet lunch. After a day of sea, fun and sun we head back to Cairns on the mainland in the late afternoon.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3 | 2 October

Our action packed day begins with a guided trip to the spectacular Gillies Range and onto the tropical Atherton Tablelands where we'll explore the Cathedral Curtain Fig Tree and take a rainforest walk at Lake Barrine, Crater Lakes National Park.

Among the highlights of our adventures in this picturesque area is a swim at Lake Eacham and visits to pristine waterfalls, including the famous Millaa Millaa and Josephine Falls, part of Queensland's highest peak, Mount Bartle Frere. There's also a jungle trek to see the Dinner Falls and World Heritage listed Mount Hypipamee National Park.

In the evening we'll take a sunset walk to the river where you might see wild Platypus before dinner at the 'On the Wallaby Lodge'.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 4 | 3 October

Today we explore Lake Tinaroo in 2-person canoes as your guide helps you to spot rare wildlife such as tree kangaroos, birds and water dragons. Later, we'll travel to Granite Gorge for a guided walk where you may see wallabies and can enjoy the majestic views of the Savannah Way.

In the afternoon we return to Cairns to unpack and relax around the hostel's pool before dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Day 5 | 4 October

Prepare for another exciting day, beginning with a trip by Sky Rail to Kuranda Village. Our self-guided tour will take us through Australia's World Heritage protected tropical rainforests where we'll glide over the canopy stopping to learn about its unique flora and fauna before visiting the Rainforest Interpretation Centre. There is free time to explore Kuranda where you can buy lunch (at your expense).

A coach will take us to Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park, Australia's most accessible venue to experience authentic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island culture that dates back over 40,000 years. The Park has seven separate areas to allow visitors to experience every facet of the rainforest people's culture. These include the History and Creation and Dance theatres and the interactive Camp Village where you can learn to play the didgeridoo or practice boomerang throwing. During our visit we'll learn about the Dream Time and its cultural significance to the indigenous population. We'll return to our accommodation in the early evening.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 6 | 5 October

This morning we'll walk to Cairns Aquarium, the only aquarium in the world dedicated to North Queensland species and habitats where you can learn about 15,000 or so creatures from the Great Barrier Reef, Wet Tropics, Gulf Savannah and Cape York.

Afterwards, we head back to our accommodation to collect our bags and catch the shuttle bus to the airport where we'll say goodbye to all our new friends. We should arrive back in Brisbane at 3pm.

Meals included: Breakfast

Price for 2019

\$1,500 pp + flights (inc. GST)

Applications close 16 September 2019

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