



East Coast Safari

26 September to 3 October 2019

Day 1 | 26 September

This morning 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 | 27 September

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. Tea and coffee will be served at the 'On the Wallaby Lodge' before we return to Cairns for dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3 | 28 September

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.

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

We return to our accommodation in the early evening.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner



Day 4 | 29 September

Today we depart from the marina to experience the natural beauty of the Outer Barrier Reef marine park and UNESCO World Heritage site. 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 return to Cairns on the mainland in the late afternoon.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 5 | 30 September

It's farewell to Cairns as we head south past Townsville and through Ayr and Bowen to the Whitsunday Passage. In the distance you will see the tropical blue waters of the Whitsunday Islands. We arrive at our accommodation in the early evening.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 6 | 1 October

This morning we join Ocean Rafting to explore the idyllic islands of the Whitsunday passage. The raft's eco guides explain the impact of the modern world on this beautiful environment. There will be an opportunity to relax on the world famous Whitehaven Beach, snorkel away from the crowds and enjoy the stunning views from Hill Inlet. We'll take a high speed run around the Southern tip of Whitsunday Island past Hamilton, South Molle and Daydream

Islands before returning to Airlie Beach. There's time to explore the town and eat dinner out (at your own expense). We return to camp in the late evening.

Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 7 | 2 October

We farewell Airlie Beach to continue travelling south through Mackay, Marlborough and Rockhampton, arriving in Raglan in the late afternoon. Tonight, we stay at "The Old Station" a historic homestead and working farm where you'll be served a roast beef dinner. Afterwards, you can walk around the homestead to see if you can spot any kangaroos before putting on your dancing shoes and warming up your vocal chords for an evening of Karaoke!

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 8 | 3 October

It's time to say goodbye as our new friends leave us at various locations near Gladstone, Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and Gold Coast.

Meals included: Breakfast

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

Price for 2019

\$1,990 pp + flights (inc. GST)

Applications close 12 September 2019

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