



Adventure North Australia

2 Day Cooktown Explorer - Moderate - 2018/19 Itinerary

TOUR CODE:	CKEM		
DEPARTS:	Mondays, Thursdays Cairns 6:30am, Northern Beaches 7am, Port Douglas 8am		
RETURNS:	Port Douglas 8:00pm, Northern Beaches 8:30pm, Cairns 9:00pm		
WHAT TO BRING:	Hat, sunscreen & bottle of water, small overnight bag (no suitcases please).		
NUMBER OF PASSENGERS:	Minimum 4, maximum 16		

Includes:

Scenic coastal drive • Courtesy return hotel transfers • Daintree River Ferry Crossing • World Heritage Daintree National Park • Morning tea and lunch (day one) • Visit the iconic Lions Den Pub • 4WD Bloomfield Track • Black Mountain, Grassy Hill lookout • Free time in Cooktown • Overnight accommodation in Cooktown - moderate • Return journey via the Outback

Itinerary:

An epic 4WD journey through World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest to historical Cooktown. Experience our natural and cultural heritage...

Day 1 (MT, L) Travel in air-conditioned comfort in our purpose-built 4WD vehicle, experiencing some of the most amazing scenery and natural beauty in Australia. Our journey takes us along The Great Barrier Reef Drive from Cairns. The road hugs two World Heritage-listed areas, the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics Rainforest. Cross the Daintree River by cable ferry for a leisurely drive through this ancient land. Enjoy the magic of the rainforest en route as you indulge in tasty homemade scones with jam and cream and sip on fresh local Daintree Tea or coffee.

Your experienced guide will enlighten your journey with fascinating stories and history as we continue along the famous 4WD- only Bloomfield Track, the site of one of Australia's biggest environmental protests. Next stop is the Bana Yirriji Art and Cultural Centre, Wujal Wujal, which is located on the banks of the Bloomfield River. Here, you will have the opportunity to visit and talk with local Indigenous artists before lunch.

Our journey continues north to the infamous Lions Den Hotel, one of Queensland's landmark pubs, built in 1875, made of timber and iron. Then it's a short distance to see the unique geological oddity, "Black Mountain"; one of Australia's most restricted habitats for endemic fauna, shrouded in mystery and spoken of in Aboriginal legend. You will arrive in historic Cooktown in the early afternoon where we visit Grassy Hill for panoramic views of Cooktown, the Coral Sea and Endeavour River. Be sure to have your camera ready!

Optional Extra: 2 hour Sunset Cruise with Riverbend Tours

Departs 5pm from Cooktown Boat Ramp

Experience the Endeavour River at the most beautiful time of day with Riverbend Tours. Explore the harbour in the long afternoon light before heading upstream to watch the sunset over the distant ranges. While navigating the maze of smaller creeks, enjoy a complimentary gourmet cheese platter.

Optional Extra (continued)...

After dark, spotlights add a whole new perspective to the impenetrable walls of mangrove trees that line the river. Hear stories about the glory days of the gold rush when Cooktown was the gateway to the frontier. This sunset cruise is a wonderful way to end your day of exploring.

Bookings: \$49 (adult), \$25 (child)

Overnight: Cooktown Seaview Motel

Day 2 Have the day to explore Cooktown at your leisure and experience the unspoilt beauty of the area, which remains much the same as when Captain Cook arrived in 1770. Enjoy the stunning scenery and experience the present day appeal and intriguing heritage of this iconic town.

Visit the world class James Cook Museum or stroll the self-guided heritage walk along the main street and shores of the Endeavour River. Discover Nature's Powerhouse in the Botanic Gardens, a fantastic environmental centre that is home to the Vera Scarth-Johnson Gallery as well as a cafe, ideal for morning tea or lunch (own expense).

At 3:30pm you will be met by your Adventure North Australia guide, your return journey is along the Mulligan Highway which offers diverse landscapes through cattle stations and the Palmer River goldfields region, rich in history of the gold rush era. You will make a stop at the Byerstown Range Lookout with panoramic views over the range. Then enjoy a meal break before your journey of exploration comes to a close and you are returned to your accommodation.

Note: Tours subject to weather conditions. Alternative to Bloomfield Track route may be taken with no refund. Entry to James Cook Museum and dinner on return are at own expense. MT = Morning Tea, L = Lunch.

