



Adventure North Australia

2 Day Daintree Dreaming & Cape Tribulation Overnight Aboriginal Cultural Experience - 2018/19 Itinerary

TOUR CODE:	DREAM-CPT		
DEPARTS:	Wednesdays Cairns 7:30am, Northern Beaches 8am, Port Douglas 9am		
RETURNS:	Port Douglas 5:00pm, Northern Beaches 6:00pm, Cairns 6:15pm		
WHAT TO BRING & WEAR:	Shorts, T-shirt, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, towel, swimwear & bottle of water, (poncho provided when required), overnight bag (no suitcases please).		
NUMBER OF PASSENGERS:	Minimum 4, maximum 16		

Includes:

Experienced guiding and commentary • Welcome to Country smoking ceremony • Interpretive Rainforest walk at Mossman Gorge • Swim at Mossman Gorge • Lunch x 2 • 2 hour coast and cultural walk with a Kubirri Warra clan member • Damper and catch of the day • 1 night accommodation in Cape Tribulation at Cape Tribulation Beach House • Light breakfast on day two • Visit Cape Tribulation Beach and lookout • 1 hour Daintree River Cruise • 1 hour Aboriginal Art Class with a local artist • Return hotel transfers from Cairns, Northern Beaches and Port Douglas

Itinerary:

An exclusive and spectacular cultural journey from coast to Rainforest to experience natural beauty and ancient culture. Walk in the steps of the ancestors...

Day 1 (L) Today, you will be collected from your accommodation to travel north of Port Douglas to beautiful Cooya Beach (Kuyu Kuyu), the traditional fishing grounds of the Kuku Yalanji people. You will be welcomed by a member of the Kubirri Warra clan who will introduce you to their traditional fishing and gathering techniques with the aim of finding your own tucker (food). Join them on a walk along the beach and mudflats into the shallows and mangroves. Learn about the three diverse ecosystems - beach, mangrove and coastal reef - that are interconnected by the ever-changing mudflats and tidal lagoons. After the walk, any catch of crabs, mussels and fish is cooked up to share with homemade damper on the balcony of the family home.

Our next stop is Mossman Gorge where you are greeted with a traditional smoking ceremony of spiritual cleansing. Learn about the history of the smoking ceremony before experiencing it for yourself. The ceremony was traditionally conducted to ward off evil spirits and ensures that, while you are on the land of the Kuku Yalanji, you are accepted and honoured.

After a delicious lunch infused with local flavours, there's time to visit the Mossman Gorge gallery which is filled with artworks from prominent and emerging local artists, before continuing on to the rainforest walk.

Experience the world's oldest and most beautiful rainforests with your Adventure North guide. The easy walk crosses boardwalks, tracks and bridges that protect the delicate ecosystem of Mossman Gorge. Your guide will explain the rich flora, fauna and diverse ecosystem of the Daintree and lead you to the river where you have the option to swim (weather dependent and time permitting). Enjoy the clear cool waters, surrounded by pristine rainforest before we continue on our journey.

Travelling north through the rainforest, we cross the Daintree River by cable ferry as we journey deep into the World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park and Cape Tribulation.

Overnight: Cape Tribulation Beach House

Day 2 (B,L) After a light breakfast, rejoin the group for an early morning walk along Cape Tribulation Beach. Nowhere else in the world do two World Heritage-listed sites meet. Experience the amazement of both as you walk over the beach to the lookout to view where the rainforest meets the Great Barrier Reef.

Next, the tour continues on to the Daintree River and it's all aboard for a one-hour cruise. You will be travelling along one of the most densely populated mangrove estuaries in the world, so keep a look out for wildlife including crocodiles, birds, snakes, butterflies, goannas and insects as you cruise through spectacular scenery.

After the cruise, we travel on to lunch at a cafe in the sugar township of Mossman before visiting Janbal Gallery on our return journey. Meet local Aboriginal artist, "Binna", and learn how to understand stories told through Aboriginal paintings. Share in Aboriginal culture through storytelling experiences and create your own souvenir of Australian art to take home.

Your journey of discovery comes to a close as you are returned to your chosen accommodation in Port Douglas or Cairns.

Note: Itinerary on day one can operate in reverse due to tides at Cooya Beach. Swimming at Mossman Gorge is weather dependent and /or time permitting with guides discretion on the day. B = Breakfast, L = Lunch.

