



Adventure North Australia

3 Day Cape Tribulation - Cooktown Wanderer - Moderate - 2018/19 Itinerary

TOUR CODE:	CCWM		
DEPARTS:	Sundays, Wednesdays Cairns 7am, Northern Beaches 7:30am, Port Douglas 8:20am		
RETURNS:	Port Douglas 8:00pm, Northern Beaches 8:30pm, Cairns 9:00pm		
WHAT TO BRING:	Hat, sunscreen, insect repellent & bottle of water, swimwear, towel, small overnight bag (no suitcases please).		
NUMBER OF PASSENGERS:	Minimum 4, maximum 16		

Includes:

Scenic coastal drive in 4WD Air-conditioned vehicle • Experienced driver-guides • Courtesy return hotel transfers • Daintree River Cruise • World Heritage Daintree National Park • Morning Tea, BBQ lunch and tropical fruit tasting (day one) • Lunch (day two) • Alexandra Range Lookout • Guided National Park elevated boardwalk tour • Hand-feed wallabies • Freshwater swim at Emmagen Creek • Visit the iconic Lions Den Pub • 4WD-only Bloomfield Track • Black Mountain, Grassy Hill lookout • Free day in Cooktown • Overnight accommodation in Cape Tribulation (1 night) and Cooktown (1 night) - 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, AT) In the morning, you will be collected from your accommodation by our travel partner Billy Tea Safaris. Travel north along the scenic route to Mossman. Lush farmland contrasts with seascape as we approach the majestic Daintree River. After a short morning tea break, it's 'all aboard' for an informative one-hour river cruise. Relax and enjoy the splendour that only the Daintree can offer as you learn about Estuarine Crocodiles, mangrove forests and wildlife.

The tour ascends the Alexandra Range for a panoramic view of World Heritage Tropical Rainforest merging with the azure colours of the Coral Sea. Experience the rainforest intimately on an elevated National Park Boardwalk. Your experienced guide will take you on a wonderful journey through this ancient rainforest whilst giving you interpretation of flora and fauna. You will have ample time for photographs and questions as we search for the elusive, rare and totally unique Southern Cassowary and other wildlife species within this habitat.

The tour continues on towards Cape Tribulation and stops for lunch at a restaurant which is also an animal refuge centre. Here you will have the chance to hand-feed the wallabies, get up close to the Eclectus Parrots, Pythons and other native wildlife. Enjoy a delicious barbecue lunch with freshly prepared salads in a beautiful rainforest setting before continuing on to Emmagen Creek at the start of the Bloomfield Track. You have the opportunity here for a refreshing rainforest swim as well as refreshments of tropical fruit and a cup of traditional Billy Tea. You will be taken to your overnight accommodation in Cape Tribulation for afternoon an evening at your leisure.

Overnight: Cape Tribulation Beach House

Day 2 (L) This morning at 10:30am you will be met at your accommodation by Adventure North Australia guide where your journey will continue to Cooktown - the Last Frontier of North Queensland. Your experienced guide will enlighten your journey with fascinating stories and history 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. 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: Seaview Motel

Day 3 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. Morning Tea (day 1), Lunch (days 1 & 2) and Afternoon Tea (day 1) are included. All other meals at own expense. MT = Morning Tea, L = Lunch, AT = Afternoon Tea.

