



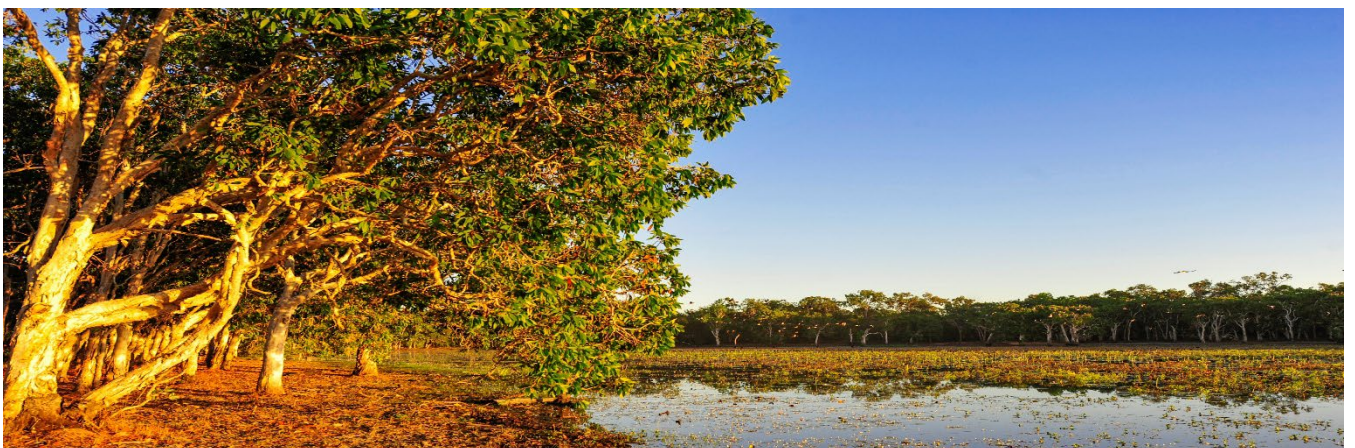
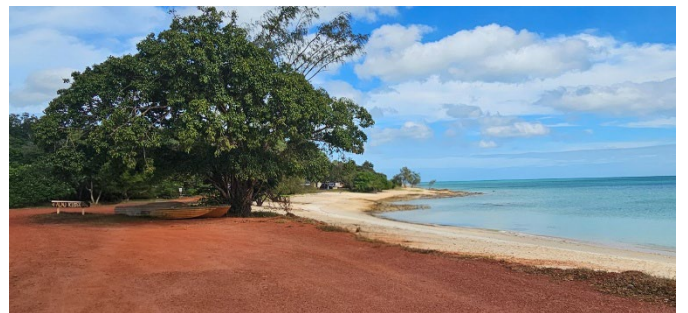
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Cape York Experience

8 - 21 June 2027

Personally Escorted by Linda Sharpe



Cape York, the northernmost point of the Australian mainland, offers pristine beaches, lush rainforests, rugged mountains, and vast wetlands creating a unique blend of natural beauty, rich Aboriginal culture, and rugged adventure.

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Tuesday 8 June	Melbourne – Cairns	(D)
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Today we will be transferred from Warragul to Melbourne Airport for our pre tour accommodation at the airport.

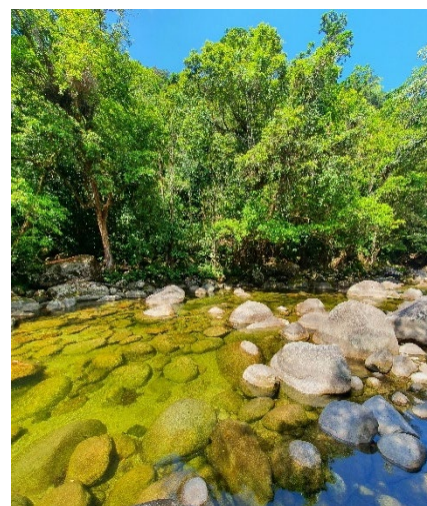
Wednesday 9 June	Cairns – Port Douglas	(B D)
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Early this morning we will board our flight to Cairns. On arrival into Cairns, we will begin our journey north with a scenic drive along the Captain Cook Highway to Port Douglas. Enjoy a brief tour of this famous relaxed tropical village before checking into the Sheraton Grand Mirage resort for a one-night stay

Thursday 10 June	Port Douglas – Mossman Gorge – Daintree National Park	(B L D)
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This morning, meandering north, we'll visit the award-winning Mossman Gorge Centre in the Daintree National Park. We will embark on the Dreamtime Gorge Walk, beginning with a traditional smoking ceremony. Guided by knowledgeable Indigenous custodians, you'll discover the rich stories, culture, and connection to Country that make this experience truly unforgettable. At the end of the walk, enjoy traditional bush tea and damper.

We will then venture further into the Daintree, with an informative cruise on the Daintree River, before an exclusive guided tour at Cooper Creek Wilderness to learn more about the world's oldest rainforest. Tonight, you'll be staying at the Heritage Lodge and Spa in a cabin set in the quiet serenity of the Daintree forest.



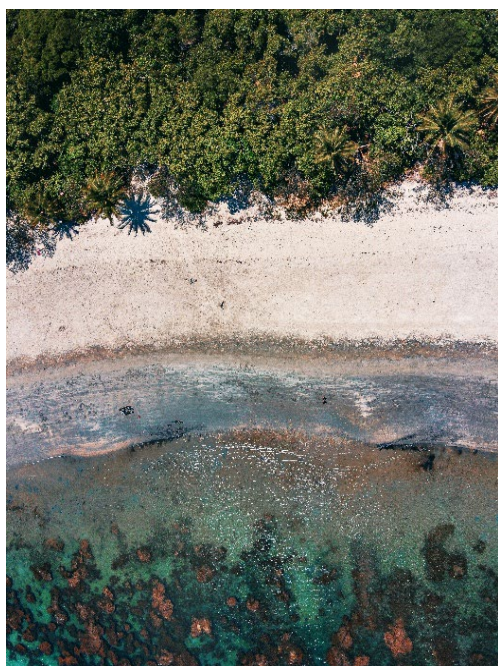
Friday 11 June	Daintree – Cape tribulation – Bloomfield Track – Cooktown	(B L D)
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Today we will journey deeper into the Daintree as we venture to Cape Tribulation, the only place on Earth where two UNESCO World Heritage wonders meet: the ancient Daintree rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef.

After a serene beach stroll, get ready for an exhilarating drive along the legendary Bloomfield Track, a true outback adventure. There are numerous steep climbs through the rainforest and several creek crossings to navigate, so sit back and enjoy the scenery as your experienced tour driver does the hard work.

Once we're across the Bloomfield River, a visit to Bloomfield Falls will build your appetite for lunch at the Lion's Den Hotel, one of Queensland's oldest bush pubs.

We will arrive at Cooktown with time for an orientation town tour which includes the James Cook Museum, Cooktown Botanic Gardens and Grassy Hill lookout. Tonight we will be staying at the Sovereign Resort Hotel for one night.





Saturday 12 June	Cooktown – Laura – Lotusbird Lodge (Lakefield)	(B L D)
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Setting out today, we will travel the historic Battle Camp Road (subject to road conditions), stopping at the Old Laura Homestead before reaching the cultural heart of Laura. Here, an Indigenous guide will lead us through ancient rock art sites, sharing cultural stories passed down through generations.

We then continue into Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park, pausing at Kalpowar for afternoon tea before arriving at the wildlife-rich Red Lily Lagoon. As the journey unfolds, watch the landscape transform into the vast savannah of Nifold Plain.

We will be staying 2 nights at the Lotusbird Lodge in unique pole style cabins, complete with private verandah and ensuite.

Sunday 13 June	Rinyirru (Lakefield) from the Air	(B L D)
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Today we will take to the skies for a breathtaking helicopter flight over Rinyirru (Lakefield National Park), soaring above shimmering wetlands and sprawling floodplains. Afterwards, follow the Kennedy River to scenic Princess Charlotte Bay, part of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and habitat for the dugong.

The afternoon is yours - relax at the lodge or join a guided walk through the billabong, where you might spot rare birdlife.

Monday 14 June	Lotusbird Lodge – Coen – Weipa	(B L D)
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We will depart Lotusbird Lodge and make our way north along the Peninsula Development Road, passing through Coen before arriving at a bucket list stop Archer River Roadhouse for lunch. This is one of Australia's northern most roadhouses.

We will continue to Weipa, the economic hub of the Cape. Weipa is often referred to as the 'Barramundi capital of Queensland' due to the abundance of marine life. We will rest our head tonight at the Albatross Bay Resort.

Tuesday 15 June	Weipa – Batavia Downs – Morton Telegraph Station	(B L D)
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Today we will start with a tranquil cruise along the Embley River, spotting diverse wildlife and will learn about the region's unique history.

Back on land, we will visit the Western Cape Cultural Centre before heading deeper into the remote north, passing Batavia Downs and following the historic Telegraph Track to our stay at Moreton Telegraph Station the perfect place to bed down and absorb the wilderness of the Cape.

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Wednesday 16 June	Moreton Telegraph Station	(B L D)
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This morning we will wake up to the sounds of beautiful birdsong and explore the remote landscapes surrounding Moreton Telegraph Station. We will enjoy a guided walk along the Wenlock River, home to an extraordinary variety of freshwater fish, including the elusive spear-tooth shark.

This afternoon, we will have free time to unwind and enjoy the peace of this secluded haven.

Thursday 17 June	Telegraph Track – Heathlands – Fruitbat Falls – Bamaga	(B L D)
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Our adventure continues this morning along the rugged Telegraph Track, cutting through remote and wild terrain. Some sections of the track are impassable, so we take the northern and southern bypass roads.

A highlight of the day is a swim in the crystal-clear waters of Fruit Bat Falls, a true oasis in the outback.

After a picnic lunch, we cross the Jardine River by ferry, formally known as Deception River the largest river of the Cape. We will arrive in the indigenous town of Bamaga late afternoon and check in to the award-winning Cape York Peninsula Lodge our home the next two nights.

Friday 18 June	Bamaga – The Tip of Cape York	(B L D)
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Today, we will venture to the northernmost point on the Australian Mainland, a Cape traveller's ultimate destination. The walking track commences at Pajinka and requires a good level of fitness but is well worth the effort. Have your picture taken next to the iconic signpost and soak up the views of the Torres Strait as your guide fills you in on the history of the area.

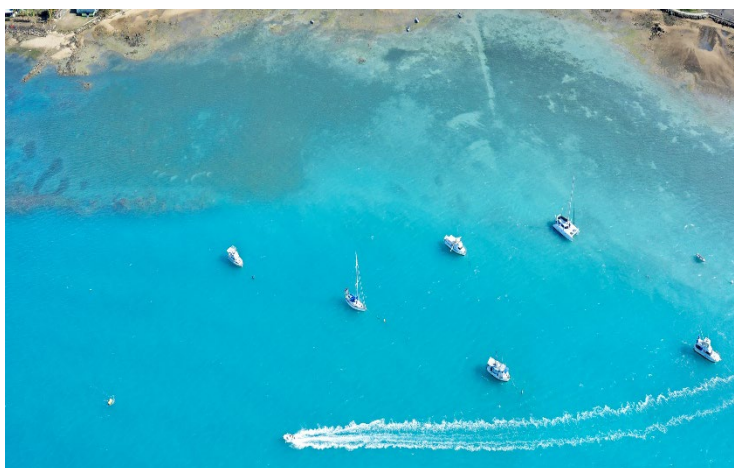
This afternoon, we visit Somerset, once a significant trading post and with rich Indigenous culture and history. After a BBQ lunch, we will return to the hotel where the rest of the day is spent at your leisure. Tonight, we will experience an engaging performance by a local dance group at the resort.

Saturday 19 June	Bamaga – Endeavour Strait – Thursday Island – Kazu Pearls Friday Island	(B L D)
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We will enjoy a relaxing cruise across Endeavour Strait today with informative commentary about the Torres Strait Islands, as we make our way to Thursday Island, affectionately known as TI.

Home to around 3,000 residents, the island serves as the main administrative centre of the Torres Strait. Upon arrival, we will enjoy a guided tour with a local expert.

A short ferry ride will take us across to Friday Island, one of the more secluded islands and home to Kazu Pearls. Pearl farming started here in the 1860's, where you'll witness a fascinating demonstration before returning to Thursday Island for our overnight stay at the Grand Hotel.



Sunday 20 June	Thursday Island – Horn Island – Cairns	(B L D)
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This morning, we will catch a ferry across to Horn Island and enjoy a tour of this once prominent WWII air base before visiting the Torres Strait Heritage Museum.

We will then board our flight back to Cairns, arriving in time for lunch.

Tonight, enjoy a special farewell dinner to farewell new friends and reflect upon our incredible adventure to the tip of Australia. We will spend our last night at the Shangri-La, The Marina tonight.

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast and soak in the final moments of our stay enjoying the morning at leisure. We'll ensure your smooth transfer to Cairns Airport.

We shall arrive back in Melbourne and will be met and transferred by coach back to Warragul.



YOUR TOUR ESCORT: Linda Sharpe has worked her entire travel career with Jacquey at Gippsland Travel, starting fresh out of travel college in 2003. She has travelled extensively overseas and within Australia during this time but there is still plenty left for her to explore.

Linda has escorted several tours both overseas, assisting Jacquey in Poland, and in Australia taking a group on a Kimberley Cruise and then a cruise along the Murray River on the Proud Mary.

INCLUSIONS

- Melbourne to Cairns return economy airfares and taxes
- All transfers including travel between Warragul and Melbourne Airport
- Fully escorted throughout the entire tour by Linda Sharpe
In the unlikely event that Linda is not available to escort all or part of the tour, she will be replaced with a well-trained tour escort.
- Hotel accommodation in twin-bedded/double rooms with private facilities
- Experienced drivers, and local guides
- Private, air-conditioned coach & Mercedes-Benz 4WD
- Complimentary water is provided throughout the tour
- 37 meals as per itinerary - 13 Breakfasts (B), 11 Lunches (L), 13 Dinners (D)
- Extensive sightseeing and entry fees as per itinerary
- Gippsland Travel hat, or cap; luggage strap, luggage tags; hand gel
- End of tour Journal and USB with photos showcasing your time on the tour
- All local taxes, hotel service charges and portorage of one soft bag per person
- All Tipping of local guides, drivers, hotel and restaurant staff at included meals
- Minimum 16 tour participants, maximum of 18 tour participants

EXCLUSIONS

- Travel insurance
- Expenses of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, medical expenses
- Any meals & beverages not included.

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Tour Cost: \$14,399 per person twin share
 \$ 3,347 single supplement

Payment Schedule:

Full Deposit: Due by Friday 10 July 2026 \$ 3,200 per person
Final payment: Due by Wednesday 18 November 2026

**If ALL payments are made via bank deposit or cash a discount of \$210 per person will apply.*

★ Upgrade to Business Class on some flights – cost on application

★ Should you wish to extend your travel arrangements after the tour, please contact me to discuss further options.

★ Should you select to travel on flights other than the included group flights, or upgrade to business class, payment for the air fares will be required at the time of booking the flights.

★ Please note itinerary is subject to change at any time.

★ The tour will only operate subject to a minimum of 16 participants. In the unlikely event that minimum numbers are not reached, a full refund of the deposit is applicable.



CANCELLATION FEES:

Cancellation is required in writing to Gippsland Travel Centre.

Deposit non-refundable

Cancellation from 18 November 2026

CANCELLATION FEES

\$ 3,200 per person

100% of tour cost

GIPPSLAND TRAVEL ESCORTED TOURS - TERMS & CONDITIONS

INTRODUCTION:

This contract is governed by Gippsland Travel Centre Pty Ltd and all members of the travelling parties as listed on your itinerary. Gippsland Travel Centre acts as the agent selling and coordinating products on behalf of a third-party travel supplier/s. A separate contract with the supplier/s will apply and will be governed by the supplier's Terms and Conditions. Gippsland Travel cannot guarantee the performance of any third-party supplier/s. Gippsland Travel may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third party supplier/s under this contract.

LATE BOOKINGS

Higher deposit payments are required for late bookings. A guarantee of full payment is required at the time of booking for all bookings received within 12 weeks of departure.

PASSPORT and VISA

A valid passport is required for all international travel.

If you do not hold an Australian passport, you may require a resident return visa. Some countries require a visa to be issued before you depart Australia. Gippsland Travel will advise you of all passport and visa requirements for this tour.

The Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade regularly updates travel advice on various destinations. We recommend that you refer to www.smartraveller.gov.au for the latest updates before choosing to travel and prior to departure.

HEALTH & FITNESS

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Gippsland Travel Tour, you are required to be able to:

- Walk at least 1 hour on uneven surfaces without the use of any walking aid (walking stick for stability is acceptable)
- Walk up flights of stairs and short, steep hills
- Stand for 20 minutes without needing to sit down, often in hot/humid climates
- Carry your own hand luggage / handle your own suitcase when portage is not supplied eg. at airports.
- Get on and off various modes of transport without assistance, including small boats. Assistance will be offered where possible.

Passengers must inform us of any medical conditions which may affect their ability to participate in the tour.

At our discretion we can exclude you from a tour or any activity if we consider that you are unable to safely participate in that tour or activity or we consider your participation may place the safety of other guests at risk.

You will be requested to supply a letter from your doctor indicating your prescription medication and your reason for taking it, which shall be carried in the event of an emergency. This information will remain confidential and can be supplied in a sealed envelope.

BOOKINGS SOLD ON A SHARE BASIS

At their request, solo travellers may be matched to share a twin room with another traveller of the same gender. While every effort is made, we cannot guarantee a share will be possible. In the event that a share is not available at the time of final payment the single supplement will apply. If a share is not available and you choose to cancel, cancellation fees will apply.

UNUSED COMPONENTS OF THIS TOUR

We regret refunds will not be given for any unused component of this tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation or transfers.

GOVERNING LAW

These booking conditions are governed by the law in force in Victoria, Australia.

ITINERARY CHANGES and ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to amend the hotels, itinerary and excursions if deemed advisable or necessary due to adverse weather conditions, road conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Any necessary alternative arrangements will be made to a similar standard. Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of Gippsland Travel make it necessary to change airlines, hotels or amendments to daily activities. We will inform you of any changes as soon as they occur.

FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Voluntary date changes will incur fees. Gippsland Travel is not liable for delays or disruption of air travel.

FORCE MAJEURE:

Force Majeure means the occurrence of an event that is beyond Gippsland Travel's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by Gippsland Travel. Force majeure includes, but is not limited to: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, natural catastrophes and natural disasters (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; government directed travel restrictions or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, explosion, generalised lack of availability of raw materials or energy, nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or administration of any law in Australia or any jurisdiction or territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-law, declaration, licence and the common law as applicable from time to time. For the avoidance of doubt, Force Majeure shall not include (a) financial distress nor inability of either party to make a profit or avoid a financial loss, (b) changes in market prices or conditions, or (c) a party's financial inability to perform its obligations hereunder. In the event that a Force Majeure is declared, the customer will be bound by the third-party supplier/s Terms and Conditions, if applicable.

TERMINATION OF BOOKING CONTRACT OR CHANGE OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE

If Gippsland Travel, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any Force Majeure event prevents Gippsland Travel (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services subject of the booking contract with you, Gippsland Travel may immediately by written notice; (a) terminate the booking contract (in whole or part of); or (b) change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice for any additional costs.

If you are eligible for a refund once a booking has been cancelled, the balance less any non-refundable amounts will be forwarded to you once received by Gippsland Travel from the third-party supplier/s.

Gippsland Travel is not responsible for any delays of refunds from the third-party supplier/s. Refunds from third party supplier/s can take in excess of 6 weeks. Refunds will be processed as per original form of payment.

Travel insurance policies may provide cover for cancellation fees subject to their terms and conditions.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

Subject to Australian Consumer Law, Gippsland Travel does not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused by a third-party supplier/s over who we have no direct control. Gippsland Travel is not liable for Force Majeure or any other event which is beyond our control or which is not preventable by us.