



Heritage 4WD Tours – Wilderness Challenge
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9 DAY GULF SAVANNAH ACCOMMODATED TOUR

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Lake Barrine, Curtain Fig Tree
- Herberton Historic Village
- Malanda
- “Savannahlander” Train
- Karumba Sunset Cruise
- Burke & Wills Camp # 119
- Lawn Hill National Park
- Riversleigh Fossil Fields
- “Gulflander” Train
- Burketown, Normanton, Georgetown, Forsayth, Ravenshoe
- Cobbold Gorge Cruise
- Undara Lava Tube tour

DAY 1 CAIRNS – HERBERTON HISTORIC VILLAGE - MALANDA (LD)

After an early morning departure from selected accommodation, your holiday begins, travelling up the Gillies Range to the Atherton Tableland. We stop off at Lake Barrine for a short walk to the Twin Kauri Pines, before travelling on to Herberton. Today we explore the Historic Village of Herberton, where you can live the folklore and romance of yesterday’s Australia in every piece of this eye-opening collection. Sit in the schoolhouse. Stand at the bar of the pub. Enjoy a latte in the Bakerville Tearooms. The award-winning attraction is more than a vintage precinct – it’s a tangible buzz of things past with over 50 original buildings with intact interior displays, original machinery and vehicles, plus thousands of antique items and period memorabilia.

Late afternoon we settle in the Malanda Lodge, situated on 11 acres of manicured tropical gardens. All rooms have ground level balconies and views to enjoy the tranquillity, or maybe spot their resident platypus family in the large pond. *Ensuite Bathroom Facilities.*

DAY 2 MALANDA – SAVANNAHLANDER - GEORGETOWN (BLD)

An early start sees us travelling west on the Kennedy Highway towards Mount Surprise, where we enjoy lunch with a snake show. After lunch, you travel aboard the “Savannahlander” train as it tracks towards Einasleigh. There is enough time to have a beer in the pub or head down and check out Copperfield Gorge, before the train departs for Forsayth. From here we travel on to Georgetown where we stay overnight. *Ensuite Bathroom Facilities.*

DAY 3 GEORGETOWN - KARUMBA (BLD)

Morning "smoko" on the shore of Croydon’s Lake Belmore before Normanton for lunch. Here you can absorb its famous landmarks, the "Purple Pub", historic Burns Philp General Store and a replica of Krys, the 8.63m crocodile. Continue on to Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria for a cruise to enjoy a spectacular Gulf sunset. We overnight in Karumba. *Ensuite Bathroom Facilities.*



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DAY 4 KARUMBA – LAWN HILL (BLD)

Back through Normanton this morning and a poignant visit to Burke & Wills Camp #119, the most northerly campsite of the ill-fated expedition of 1860. Across the vast “Plains of Promise” to Leichhardt Falls and Burketown. On to Adel’s Grove, a Savannah Guides Site, where we spend two glorious outback nights. *Ensuite Bathroom Facilities.*

DAY 5 LAWN HILL (BLD)

A relaxed day enjoying Lawn Hill National Park, a spectacular oasis set amid the spinifex clad Constance Range. Enjoy a cruise that offers an up close look at the Lawn Hill gorge and a stunning view of the Indarri Falls. The gorge is a haven for an abundance of wildlife and a birdwatcher's paradise. Swimming or paddling a canoe (*optional*) up the gorge is highly recommended. Return to Adel’s Grove this afternoon. *Ensuite Bathroom Facilities.*

DAY 6 LAWN HILL - NORMANTON (BLD)

A visit to the World Heritage listed Riversleigh Fossil Fields, a rare treasure house of paleontology recording the history of Australia’s mega-fauna of 20 million years ago. Lunch at Gregory and a short break at remote Burke & Wills Roadhouse before travelling on to Normanton. We stay in Normanton tonight. *Ensuite Bathroom Facilities.*

DAY 7 NORMANTON – COBBOLD GORGE (BLD)

This morning we depart from Normanton’s famous Victorian architecture Railway Station. All aboard the historic “*Gulflander RM93*” train, a Savannah Guides Site, for a ride through the savannah landscape across the Norman River to Critters Camp. On to Black Bull Siding then the old gold mining town of Croydon and its Historic Precinct. This afternoon we visit Georgetown and Forsyth on our way to Cobbold Gorge, a Savannah Guides Station, where we stay tonight. *Ensuite Bathroom Facilities.*

DAY 8 COBBOLD GORGE – UNDARA (BLD)

This morning we cruise on Cobbold Gorge’s beautiful and secluded waterway surrounded by spectacular carved Hampstead sandstone, 135 million years old. Travel on to the famous Undara Lava Tubes, a Savannah Guides Station. There’s campfire entertainment after dinner before retiring to your accommodation in faithfully restored antique railway carriages. *Ensuite Bathroom Facilities.*

DAY 9 UNDARA - CAIRNS (BL)

After breakfast in the Australian bush, an experienced Savannah Guide will meet you for an informative tour of the world’s largest, longest and most accessible lava tube system. We continue on our scenic and leisurely drive over the Tropical Tablelands past the Wind Turbines at Ravenshoe, stopping off at the magnificent Curtain Fig Tree, before making our way back to Cairns, where you will be taken back to selected accommodation.

This itinerary may be subject to change due to circumstances outside our control.

The operator reserves the right to alter itinerary and accommodation if necessitated.