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18 DAY GULF SAVANNAH- AND CAPE YORK ACCOMMODATED TOUR

HIGHLIGHTS:

Legend; B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

- Cape York - Most Northern Tip of Australia
- Thursday Island
- Fruit Bat falls
- Bramwell Station
- Weipa
- Musgrave Telegraph Station
- Lakefield National Park
- Cooktown
- Bloomfield Track
- Cape Tribulation
- World Heritage Daintree National Park
- Herberton Historic Village
- Malanda
- “Savannahlander” Train
- Karumba Cruise
- Burke & Wills Camp # 119
- “Gulflander” Train
- Normanton, Georgetown, Forsayth, Ravenshoe
- Cobbold Gorge Cruise
- Undara Lava Tube tour

DAY 1 CAIRNS – THURSDAY ISLAND – CAPE YORK (D)

Transfer from selected accommodation to Cairns airport for your flight to Horn Island. Transfer by ferry to Thursday Island and on arrival, you will be taken on an informative guided bus tour of the island and its picturesque Harbour, once home to the romantic pearl lugger fleet. This afternoon board your ferry to the mainland, where you will be met by your guide, who will take you to Seisia. Seisia is ideally located for our next few days, being in walking distance from the Seisia Wharf, a famous fishing spot. Our accommodation at Seisia Holiday Park are cottages with ensuite facilities.

DAY 2 CAPE YORK (BLD)

An unforgettable day! Stand at the very top of mainland Australia. We then visit Somerset (road conditions permitted), once the home of the legendary Jardine family and government outpost established in 1864. We have lunch on the palm fringed Anchorage Beach, which overlooks the Albany Passage. A walk on the beach will complete your day before returning to Seisia. Our accommodation at Seisia Holiday Park are cottages with ensuite facilities.



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DAY 3 CAPE YORK – FRUIT BAT FALLS– BRAMWELL STATION (BLD)

Southward bound, we cross the mighty Jardine River, stopping at Fruit Bat Falls for lunch. Relax, swim and enjoy this unique area with its enchanting waterfall. Travelling along part of the Old Telegraph Track, before we make our way to a ‘true blue’ Aussie cattle station, Bramwell Station – ensuite facilities.

DAY 4 BRAMWELL - WEIPA (BD)

A southerly run through the wilderness with all its varied landscapes to cross the Wenlock River. We head for the shores of the Gulf of Carpentaria and Weipa. This afternoon there will be the opportunity of a Wildlife Eco River Cruise (own expense). Your accommodation tonight has ensuite facilities.

DAY 5 WEIPA - MUSGRAVE (BLD)

We continue south, stopping off at the picturesque Archer River, then on to the historic frontier gold town of Coen. The afternoon finds us arriving at our overnight accommodation at the Old Musgrave Telegraph Station – ensuite facilities.

DAY 6 MUSGRAVE - LAKEFIELD NATIONAL PARK - COOKTOWN (BLD)

After an early start, we head east towards Princess Charlotte Bay where we explore Lakefield National Park (road conditions permitted), a haven for the many birds and animals native to this area. Lagoons, billabongs, and wide river lakes are home to both fresh and saltwater crocodiles. Travelling on to the old gold port of Cooktown, where we visit Captain Cooks Landing, before settling in to our accommodation in Cooktown - ensuite facilities.

DAY 7 COOKTOWN - CAPE TRIBULATION - CAIRNS (BL)

Before returning to Cairns, we make our way south passing the mysterious Black Mountain and the historic Lions Den Hotel. Traversing the jungle shrouded Bloomfield Track (road conditions permitted) we see where the 'rainforest meets the reef' at Cape Tribulation. We travel through the splendour of a World Heritage listed rainforest. A scenic drive along the Marlin Coast back to Cairns is a perfect way to complete your Cape York tour.

DAY 8 CAIRNS (B)

Accommodation at the Queens Court Hotel.
Free day.

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DAY 10 CAIRNS – HERBERTON HISTORIC VILLAGE - MALANDA (LD)

After an early morning departure from the Queens Court hotel, your holiday begins, travelling up the Kuranda Range to the Atherton Tableland and 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.



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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 11 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 12 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, where we enjoy a spectacular Gulf sunset. We stay at the Karumba Lodge for the next 2 nights. *Ensuite Bathroom Facilities.*

DAY 13 KARUMBA (BLD)

After a leisurely breakfast we enjoy a cruise on the Gulf of Carpentaria. This afternoon we spend time at the Barramundi Centre with a guided Feed-A-Barra tour and hand-feeding will take you into the brand-new hatchery of for an educational, entertaining and engaging experience! This afternoon we head out to sunset point for happy hour. Dinner at Karumba Lodge. *Ensuite bathroom facilities.*

DAY 14 KARUMBA – NORMANTON (BLD)

After breakfast we visit Burke & Wills Camp #119, the most northerly campsite of the ill-fated expedition of 1860 on our way back to Normanton for lunch. This afternoon we visit the Mutton hole Wetlands for croc- and bird watching. We overnight in Normanton. *Ensuite bathroom facilities.*

DAY 15 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 Forsayth on our way to Cobbold Gorge, a Savannah Guides Station. Overnight at Cobbold Gorge or Finnigins Rest at Forsayth. *Ensuite bathroom facilities.*

DAY 16 COBBOLD GORGE (BLD)

This morning we cruise on Cobbold Gorge's beautiful and secluded waterway surrounded by spectacular carved Hampstead sandstone, 135 million years old. We have ample time to enjoy this beautiful area. Overnight at Cobbold Gorge. *Ensuite bathroom facilities.*



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DAY 17 COBBOLD GORGE – UNDARA (BLD)

This morning we travel via Einasleigh and Mount Surprise 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 or Pioneer cabins. *Ensuite Bathroom Facilities.*

DAY 18 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 dropped off 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.