

## Australian Tropical Safari – Cairns to Cape York Adventures.



2 weeks of unbridled adventure. Journey to the top of Australia and experience the culture, the history, the people, and the amazing landscape that is the vast Cape York Peninsula. A spiritual journey into the beliefs and customs of the world's oldest peoples. And a hands on experience of life in the remote Australian outback. A new destination, a new experience and a new view every day.

### Itinerary

#### Day one/ 242km

Early on the first morning of your Safari we depart our rainforest hideaway and make our way North and take in the views along one of Australia's most scenic coastal roads. Winding our way along the Captain Cook Highway with endless postcard images of the Pacific Ocean and miles of tropical beaches. We stop for breakfast on an uninhabited bay beneath the coconut palms as the sun rises. We head inland into the Mossman George for a swim in the soothing clear waters and then continue to the sleepy rainforest village of Daintree for a sumptuous lunch. By mid day we strap ourselves in and attack one of North Queensland's most notorious 4WD treks. The Creb Track with all her wild creek crossings and steep terrain will leave us hanging onto the edge of our seats.

After an afternoon of high adventure and 4 wheel driving it's time to Make our way to the traditional aboriginal lands North of Cooktown. A mystical and spiritual place that has remained untouched for an eternity. You pitch camp on a secluded tropical beach and enjoy a hearty bush dinner with all of the trimmings, kick back by the open fire and then retire to the tents.

#### Day two/ 269km

We wake early and marvel at the sun rising over the Pacific Ocean. The smell of breakfast fills the still morning air, and after a bite to eat we are greeted by Aboriginal Elders from the local community.

The cultural beliefs and customs of a race that has existed for over 40,000 years is explained. The elders share their stories of colourful mystical creatures that created the land, the sea and all that lived. By day's end the way you saw the world seems to have shifted somewhat and we contemplate the days teachings over a glass of red and a warm meal on the beach. Sadly, in the morning we leave this place and an experience that few will ever experience and we will never forget.

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## Day three/ 233km

Day 3 we pack camp and hit the dusty Battle Camp Road. Driving through vast savannah grass lands dotted with tropical wetlands and giant termite mounds the day ends as we pull up at a Working Cattle property North of Laura. An 8 wheel drive amphibious vehicle is the best way to get around and we climb aboard to take in the sites' and sounds of this large working property. By sundown we are back at the station house. This is our first night in the inland country. The clear dry inland air let's you see the night sky like you have never seen it before. We sit around the camp fire and enjoy freshly cooked Australian Bush tucker and a cold beer.

## Day four

Day four we pick up where we left off and spend the morning exploring more of the cattle property, and getting hands on experience and an appreciation of how harsh and demanding life in the Australian Bush can be. After lunch we take off in the amphibious vehicle to go croc spotting. Giant Salt water crocodiles are seen lurking in the marshy lagoons and swamps that flow as wild rivers in the wet season, and then dry to become isolated and inconspicuous hide outs for these large prehistoric animals. The whole time our professional Safari guides explain in detail the flora and fauna around us.

## Day five/109km

Day five we follow the road into Lockhart River to inspect the remains of the Batavia goldfields and her hidden secrets before crossing the Pascoe River. The Frenchman's road will bring us back to the development road and onto Moreton Telegraph Station for a look around. The rest of the afternoon is a 4WD trek into Bramwell Station for the night.

We leave Bramwell Station to ride the very scenic Telegraph Track with her many sand stone creek crossings and sandy trails of fun!! Along the way we will get chance to enjoy a swim followed by lunch.

The day will see us traverse more treks and amazing terrain. We will cross the Jardine River and by mid afternoon be setting camp in the coastal township of Seisia. Here you will get a chance to catch your dinner off the local wharf. That's if the sharks or the crocs don't get it first.

## Day six/102 km

We leave our sandy camp at a sensible hour and ride the last leg to the top of Australia through a tropical rainforest that twists and turns till the very end. The last 200 meters is covered by foot, over the rocky escarpment to the most northern tip of our great continent.

Its time to crack the champagne with a big cheer "we've made it!!" something to celebrate.

The day also sees us checking out Summerset, an old abandoned outpost of the Jardine family once a representative of the QLD government in the 1800's. We return to Seisia just in time for some good fishing and a cold beer. We finish of the night with a great restaurant meal.

## Day seven/ 0km

We all wake and enjoy breakfast at sunrise. Then we aboard the shuttle boat across the Endeavour Strait to Thursday Island for a half day guided tour. The tour has explains the rich history mixed in with the sightseeing such as the Japanese pearl diving cemetery, and the Fort Green gun battery with it's incredible views. On return we sit back at the camp site underneath the shade of a cool palm tree to taking in the views. Our friendly Safari crew cook up a delicious seafood meal and the conversations continue by fire light until the early hours of the morning.

## Day eight/ 109km

We leave the top of Australia and head South along the infamous telegraph track. The local guides stopping at points of historical and cultural significance along the way. Imparting the stories of and legends of the pioneers and the indigenous peoples. Numerous stops to enjoy a swim and top up on some fresh tucker and cold drinks fill the day as we pull into Bramwell Station for a good night's sleep.

## Day nine/ 253km

From Bramwell Station we drive to Weipa cutting across on Batavia Downs road. On our arrival we are taken on an extensive tour of the Weipa Bauxite mine. The richness of the area is reinforced as we catch fresh Barramundi in the local waters before returning to camp where our spoils are cooked on the Barbeque.

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## Day ten/ 426km

From Weipa we make our longest single leg of the Safari. This is broken up into a few legs for rest and food stops. We arrive in Hann River after tackling some of the country's most demanding roads. On our arrival we will relax for the night with a couple of beers. Kicking back and catching up with other dusty travellers from around the country and the world we swap stories with strangers and enjoy a few cold beers with dinner.

## Day eleven/ 258km

The second last day we continue our trek across the Great Diving Range to Cape Tribulation. This is the only place in the world where the rainforest meets the reef. And one of the most idyllic locations in Australia. With its warm humid atmosphere and the world's oldest continually surviving rainforests it is home to one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world. We all freshen up and enjoy hot showers and a sumptuous meal that includes an outdoor theatre. Then we take off for a short jaunt down the road to our bungalow accommodation at PK's resort. The resort is situated right on Cape Tribulation where we will have our farewell dinner in PK's along with a few drinks of course.

## Day twelve/ 123km

Day 12 is the final run back down the beautiful Pacific Highway where we will stop at Ellis beach for lunch before returning to the Rainforest lodge.

Tour price per person - **AUD\$3850 per person**

Minimum reqd. Bookings per tour is 5 [pax]

Maximum allowable Bookings per tour is 10 [pax]

**Pub, restaurant or cafe meals are not included in price.**

### Menu planning

**Breakfast:** Solid breakfast to keep everyone satisfied until lunch time.

**Lunch:** Assorted sandwiches, Hot mixed grills, Australian Bush tucker.

**Dinner:** Various Aussie dinners cooked each night.

### Prior to departure

We require indemnity forms to be signed before departure.

We require full payment 6 weeks prior from tour departure.

### What you need to bring

1. Warm jumper for nights, woollen head warmer (beanie).
2. Casual clothing, foot wear (Joggers).
3. Sun glasses, hat, sun screen, toiletries.
4. Spending money e.g.: alcohol, souvenir, pub meals, optional tours.
5. Camera, and a sense of adventure

Tour includes airport transfers in Cairns, and 2 night's accommodation at the Safari Rainforest lodge.

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## CONDITIONS OF BOOKING PAYMENT PARTICIPATION AND CANCELLATION

**DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT** A deposit of \$400 AUD per person is required upon reservation. Your booking is confirmed from the date confirmation is sent to you of receipt of your booking and deposit. The balance of the cost must be paid at least 8 weeks before the scheduled tour start date. If booking 8 weeks or less from the scheduled start, payment must be made in full. If after paying your initial deposit you do not pay the balance of the cost of the holiday 8 weeks before departure, Australian Cape to Coast Safari reserves the right to cancel your booking.

**ELIGIBILITY & HEALTH/FITNESS** You must be fit and well to take part in our tours. They involve a significant amount of walking, climbing, traversing and/or trekking over rough terrain in varied environments and conditions. Your fitness must be of a level that will not spoil other guests' enjoyment of the trip by slowing them down or inconveniencing them. It is the responsibility of the individual tour members to decide whether they are medically fit and able to undertake the tours. You can contact us for further advice.

**INSURANCE** It is a requirement of the booking that you have sufficient holiday insurance. Comprehensive cover for medical treatment, repatriation, cancellation charges, and property loss must be part of the policy.

**CANCELLATION BY YOU** If you wish to cancel your booking you must do so in writing. You will then be subject to the following cancellation charges:

More than 56 days before departure: Deposit only  
56-37 days prior to departure: 50% of the total cost  
36-22 days prior to departure: 75% of the total cost  
21 days or less prior to departure: 100% of the total cost

**CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS BY US** Australian Cape to Coast Safari's will make every effort to operate the specially arranged tours according to the descriptions and itineraries described, but reserves the right to alter any arrangement of the tour should it become necessary or advisable, without penalty. Most changes are minor but occasionally we have to make a significant change, in which case we will notify you as soon as possible and try to arrange a satisfactory alternative. If the change represents a significant loss to the tour we will offer compensation. If the alternative we offer is not acceptable and you decide to cancel your booking we will offer a full refund. If there are insufficient bookings to make a tour viable with not less than 8 weeks to go before departure, Australian Cape to Coast Safari's reserves the right to cancel a tour and any booking with a full refund. Australian Cape to Coast Safari's does not accept responsibility for cancellation or changes in the tour for reasons beyond its control - 'force majeure', such as (but not limited to) terrorist activities, civil unrest, closure of airports, technical problems with transport, adverse weather conditions, strikes, and all similar events whether these events are threatened or actual.



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