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2024

CAPE YORK

Cairns to the Tip & Back
15-Day Camping Tour
\$4,590

Highlights

- BBQ at the Tip of Australia
- Welcome to Country & Cultural Night in Coen
- Thursday Island Tour
- Weipa Croc & Bird Cruise
- Cooktown
- Fruit Bat Falls
- Kutini-Payamu (Iron Range) NP
- Cape Tribulation & Daintree
- Bloomfield Track
- Idyllic Cape York camps & incredible food!

Inclusions

Guides

- 1 Guide & 1 Cook

Transportation

- 19-seat, Airconditioned 4WD Coach
- 2 x Water Cruises

Accommodation

- 4-Man Tents (sleeps 1 or 2), 6 ft high
- Mattress, pillow, sheets & blanket

Meals Included!

+3 Dinners Out

+4 Outsourced Tours Included!

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Cape York Overview

This Cape York camping tour is a 15-day camping safari starting from Cairns, taking you to the northern-most tip of Australia! Enjoy two weeks of camping, relaxing, exploring the outback, observing rare wildlife and learning the unique culture and history of Cape York.

You will visit the most iconic, well-known places of Cape York including a full-day experience of Thursday Island with Peddells (includes Ferry ride over plus Bus Tour), a night in Coen to have a Traditional Welcome to Country & cultural activities, jump on a boat tour to spot crocs and birds with Western Cape Eco Tours in Weipa, swim in the most refreshing waters at the beautiful Fruit Bat Falls and of course, to top off your adventure, celebrate reaching the tip with our unforgettable true blue sunset sausage sizzle at the Tip of Australia!

We have a full day out exploring Kutini-Payamu (Iron Range) National Park: an isolated rainforest ecosystem full of wildlife and endemic species! We visit historic Cooktown and wind our way home through the stunning Bloomfield Track and the Wet Tropics of the Daintree & Cape Tribulation! Described by Sir David Attenborough as “the most extraordinary place on Earth”, the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area is the world's oldest continually surviving tropical rainforest.



Key
B: Breakfast, **L:** Lunch, **D:** Dinner, **BYO:** Buy Your Own
H: Hike Shoes Needed, **T:** Togs Needed, **E:** Washing Facilities
S: Shops

Itinerary

Day 1 (LD, HS) Mount Carbine

Pickups starting at 730am. We start with an exclusive tour of a marine toxic animal research facility before passing through Mareeba & Mt Molloy. We make camp early on a stunning Cape York river.

Day 2 (BLD, H) Musgrave

We leave camp and pull in at historical Palmer River Roadhouse for a coffee and to see their small museum. Our second stop is Split Rock in Laura, an Aboriginal rock art site. You can read plenty of local history at one of the best cultural centres in the Cape in Laura while we prep lunch. Heading north we hit our first dirt, pull in at Hann River to meet some animals and make camp at a private location with extremely rare birds.

Day 3 (BLD, S) Coen

A short drive day today, we head north along a rough road to Coen. Here, we visit the Coen Heritage House, a former Telegraph House and get time to walk around town. A close friend of ours gives us a 'Welcome to Country' (below). We stay the night in Coen and partake in some cultural activities!

Day 4 (BLD, HSF) Weipa

This morning, we head up a small hill for a great view of the valley. We pass Archer River, pull in at a vista point and make Weipa by mid afternoon. Weipa is one of the main towns in Cape York and has a Woolworths and other shops! Tonight we head out for dinner, our shout!

Day 5 (BLD, SF) Weipa

Today you venture out on a boat cruise to spot crocs & birds & learn about the local mine. A relaxed day, we get time to shop and explore! We'll pop into the cultural centre here, have lunch at Lake Patricia and visit a brilliant local pottery house. We'll have a sunset dinner on the beach tonight.

Day 6 (BLD, H) Bramwell Station

Heading East, we shortcut across Batavia Downs, and take a break at a stunning vista and later, some huge termite mounds. We'll take a break and go for a short walk at Moreton Telegraph Station. We then make our way north to camp at Bramwell Station Tonight where there is live music & entertainment!

Day 7 (BLD, TSF) Loyalty Beach

We drive a couple hours up the road, pull in at the Kennedy Monument for some history and a view & then spend the morning swimming at the incredible Fruit Bat Falls. Depending on time, on the way into Bamaga, we'll check out two WWII plane wrecks & the Old Mapoon Memorial Centre.

Day 8 (BLD, HSF) Loyalty Beach

Finally, today we make our way to the Tip of Australia (Pajinka)! With an easy morning at camp we'll have free time to relax, do washing and bird watch. We then head north, stopping in at the 'Croc Tent', the best souvenir shop around. We pull in at historical Somerset for lunch and a stroll on the beach. Finally, we head to the tip, celebrate with our new friends and return to the nearby beach for a sunset BBQ. What a day! Bring a headlamp today!

Day 9 (BD, BYO-L, SF) Loyalty Beach

Today you jump on a ferry and head over to Thursday Island for an amazing day out, including a bus tour on the island. This evening we shout everyone a meal down at the gorgeous Loyalty Beach Sunset Bar.

Day 10 (BLD) Kutini-Payamu NP

With a big drive ahead to get to new roads, we head south, aiming for lunch at Bramwell Junction. We push further south and then turn East towards Kutini-Payamu NP & Lockhart River. On our way in, we'll have a stroll at Tozer's Gap. We will make camp tonight in rainforest teeming with life!

Day 11 (BLD, HS) Kutini-Payamu NP

Today is our explore day! Our morning and afternoon will be focused on wildlife spotting. Our camp is one of the best places to spot endemic birds, mammals and reptiles! During the middle of the day we'll visit Lockhart River to the south and the cute seaside village of Portland Roads to the north. Picturesque Chillil Beach is also worthy of a walk! Tonight we might head out for some spotlighting!

Day 12 (BLD, THS) Musgrave/Hann River

This morning, you'll have a last opportunity to birdwatch near camp. With another big drive to get to new country, we head back to the main road and then further south. We'll break for lunch in Coen briefly. Tonight we'll stay at either Musgrave or Hann River, both great options to break the drive up!

Day 13 (BLD, HTS) Cooktown

With a normal start today, our first stop is the historical Old Laura Homestead, a relic of the harsh old cattle days. We then head east out of Rinyirru, across Battle Camp Rd. Swimmers can be donned for Isabella Falls & we stop for lunch here. Tonight we camp just out of Cooktown on a stunning property. Time permitting, we head into Cooktown for a magical sunset at Grassy Hill, an important place culturally and historically.

Day 14 (BLD, S) Lions Den Hotel

Today is an easy day, with plenty of time to explore Cooktown. We'll check out the old train turntables, visit an incredible museum and have time to roam around town. We'll have lunch at the Botanic Gardens with time for a stroll, before heading out of town to Kalkajaka (Black Mountain). Heading back into the Wet Tropics, we make camp at the famous Lions Den Hotel. Tonight we have dinner out together at the Lions Den.

Day 15 (BL) Home

Hold on to your knickers because today we tackle the steep Bloomfield Track (dependent on weather & road conditions), winding it's way through the world's oldest rainforest! We stretch our legs at Wujal Wujal Falls...but don't swim here, try spot a croc instead! We'll have lunch on a beach at the end of the Bloomfield Track. And of course, grab an ice-cream made from local & exotic fruits before crossing the Daintree River by ferry. Cairns dropoffs are approximately 5-6pm.

