

Optional Extras

Cape York Tours

The optional tours listed below are tours we facilitate you booking (these extras are not included in your tour with us). We do not book these directly, nor do we take commission on them. We simply offer them to you, so you know what is available to make the most of your holiday.

The following optional extras are only applicable to the 15-day Best of Cape York Tour.

Day 5 Options

On day 5, we have time exploring Weipa. Normally, our boat tour is in the morning, and we do the rest of our exploring in the morning as well. This leaves the afternoon for free time. You have the option to book a half-day fishing charter here, or a whole day, if you are happy to forego your croc & bird tour on this day.

Fishing Charter:

For those that want to catch a fish in Cape York, the only way to have a good crack at it, is to book a fishing charter. Fishing from the land in Cape York is very difficult and the fish aren't as plentiful as the stories from the 90s suggest. We have limited time that matches with good tides and it is difficult for us to drop people off around town to fish. If you would like to book a fishing charter you can do so in either Weipa (means you would miss the Weipa day out activities and tour) or at Thursday Island (meaning you would miss the Thursday Island day out tour). The cost is approx. \$250/head with 4 people on board.

If you are keen to do a fishing charter, you must book early or you will miss out, as charters are always booked out during the season. We have listed options below.

Weipa (day 5):

- Weipa Sportsfishing: 0431 427 129
- Eclipse FNQ Fishing Charters: 0408 733 271
- Far North Fishing Weipa: 0417 098 732
- Weipa Fishing Adventures: (07) 4069 7952
- DJ's XStream Fishing Charters: 0427 934 857

Seisia (day 9):

- Cape York Adventures: 0491 949 009
- Roko Island Fishing Charters: 0488 074 593
- Cape York Custom Sportsfishing: (07) 4069 3301
- Cape York Peninsula Fishing: (07) 4069 3919

Weipa Mine and Town Tours (day 5)

If you would like to learn about the history of Weipa and get a tour of the town and mine, you can go on a mine tour. We offered these in 2022, however their bus only has 17 seats, which made it difficult logistically and we learnt there were a few people that would've preferred the time to relax. So, we are now offering this as an optional extra. [Weipa Mine & Town Tours](#) operate daily at 2pm with pickup at our campground. The tours last 2.5-3 hrs and cost approximately \$50. Closed in shoes are required. **Bookings are essential so you don't miss out – book well before your Cape York tour.** You would book their 2pm tour for your day 5*. Phone: 0476 840 899.

*Occasionally our standard Eco Boat Tour (included) gets pushed back until the afternoon. Please check with us before you book your Weipa Mine Tour as this may dictate whether you have to take the morning or after mine tour.

Day 8 Options

On day 8 we head to Pajinka, but don't leave camp until 930-10am. This gives everyone a bit of time to wash clothes etc. This morning you can use the time to do a scenic flight. If there are many wanting to fly, some can fly in the afternoon on day 9, after your TI tour. We will take numbers on day 1 of your tour and book you in by day 2.

Scenic Heli Flight to the Tip:

Below are the current options:

- Direct flight to Pajinka (the tip) and back. 20 mins. \$250/head if 3 seats are full.
- Somerset, Albany, Tip & Roko Island. 30 mins. \$360/head.

- Thursday, Horn, Goods, POW Islands + WWII bunkers. 40 mins. \$466/head

All of these are great options and will be memorable flights.

Day 9 Options

On day 9, you will board a ferry to Thursday Island at 745am. After a 45-minute ride over, you will jump on a bus and be given an hour tour of the island. After this, approximately 1030am, you will have free time, until you board the ferry back to the mainland at 215pm. In this time, you can do ONE of the below:

1. Relax
2. Do the Horn Island tour
3. Do the Island Stars Cultural Experience

Horn Island 'In Their Steps' WWII tour

We will ask you amongst yourselves to get numbers at the start of the trip and we will put you in touch with the tour providers.

You would do the Thursday Island (TI) bus tour, but with the same provider that does the Horn Is. tour. We would refund you for the standard bus tour, as long as you notify us you're doing the Horn Is. tour. After your TI bus tour, you catch a transfer ferry to Horn Is, do the 'In Their Steps' tour there and have lunch, before boarding the ferry back to TI to link up with the rest of the tour group and return to the mainland on the Peddell's Ferry.

Thursday Island has lots of history but, Horn Island is more significant in terms of WWII history. The standard Thursday Island day-out is quite relaxing, so this day will be quite busy if you opted to do both islands. The tour includes:

- Return ferry from Thursday-Horn Is.
- Torres Strait Heritage Museum
- Small group 'In Their Steps WWII' tour of Horn Is.
- Souvenir colour historical book
- There are two different choices for lunch reflecting the different tour prices.
 - \$139: Chinese buffet lunch with desserts, tea/coffee. (Eat as much as you like)
 - \$118: Lunch at our local cafe. Choice of sandwiches/wraps, desserts, fruit and a large choice of drinks.

Island Stars Cultural Experience (Thursday Island)

A second option for Thursday Island is to join in the [Island Stars Cultural Experience](#). Here you will experience cultural storytelling, dances and artwork. You will be able to ask questions about the Torres Straits culture. If you are certain you want to do this add-on, please notify us and we will contact the providers (for day 9 of your tour) so you don't miss out.

They have a minimum number to operate, so it is not a certainty. Cost is approximately \$100pp

Kimberley Tours

The optional tours listed below are upgrades from existing experiences on the Kimberley tour. You can add this to your booking when you check out. If you missed this in the checkout, please ask us and we can add it in for you.

The following optional extras are only applicable to the 17-day Kimberley Tour.

Mitchell Falls Flight Upgrade - \$110

On our day out at the Mitchell Plateau, we walk to Mitchell Falls in the morning. Included in your booking is a short helicopter flight that takes you back to camp from the falls. During this flight you will get a short scenic over Mitchell Falls and Mertens Gorge.

The option is to upgrade your flight to an 18-minute 'Mitchell Falls Triple Waterfalls' flight. This flight takes you through surrounding gorges and waterfalls and then back to camp. Those that choose this flight will fly last from Mitchell Falls due to the duration of the flight. This will need to be booked no later than 6 months in advance.

Purnululu (Bungle Bungles) Flight Upgrade - \$170

On our Purnululu day out, we include an 18-minute scenic flight over the Bungle Bungles, Piccaninny Gorge and Cathedral Gorge.

The option is to upgrade your flight to a 30-minute flight. This includes the above as well as the red rock gorges in the NW of the park and Horseshoe Valley.

The availability of the Purnululu upgrade depends on the timing of the day and on a first-come, first-served basis. Please notify us if you want this included as we will need to confirm timing.