

12 Day Cairns to Gold Coast



Highlights

Crocodile Farm
Magnetic Island
Airlie Beach
Whitsunday Sailing
Carnarvon Gorge
Kroombit Cattle Station
Fraser Island
Rainbow Beach

Day 1 : Cairns to Magnetic Island

Leaving Cairns we stop at the Johnstone River Crocodile Farm to learn more about the most feared animal in Northern Australia; the estuarine or saltwater crocodile. We then drive to Townsville where we take the ferry to Magnetic Island. This afternoon we take you back in time on the historical forts walk, keeping an eye out for the koalas in their natural habitat and taking in the stunning panoramic views of the Coral Sea. Tonight, relax with a cold beer and watch the sunset from the beach bar of the only backpackers resort in Australia located right on the beach.

Days 2-4 : Whitsunday Sailing

We jump aboard the ferry first thing this morning to head back to the mainland. We soon reach Airlie Beach where the next adventure awaits – Whitsunday sailing! You will have the opportunity to sun-bathe, snorkel and swim whilst exploring the idyllic Whitsunday Islands on a million dollar yacht. Visit the many beaches, coves and islands on this two night sailing trip, with the opportunity to hoist the sails and even take the wheel. Note that you will sleep on the boat, moored in quiet coves. We disembark in the afternoon of Day 4 and stay overnight in Airlie Beach. (Day 2: D; Day 3: BLD; Day 4:B)

Day 5 : Airlie Beach to Carnarvon National Park

We start early today for our big drive to Carnarvon National Park – a little known jewel located in the remote Queensland outback and home to Carnarvon Gorge. This remarkable natural attraction features 30kms of walking trails, 200 species of birds, ancient plants and Aboriginal rock-art dating back 3,500 years. Stay tonight in large permanent tents among the wilderness. (D)

Day 6 : Carnarvon Gorge

After breakfast you will spend the full day hiking through the many walking trails scattered throughout this magnificent gorge. Walks are mostly of easy grade and therefore suitable for all ages and fitness levels, however the options are varied. You will see 500 year old cycads, grass trees and eucalypts, native wildlife and learn about the indigenous ancestors that inhabited this region for more than 3,500 years. See the best examples of rock-art in Queensland, made from the ochre taken from the region. After a day's exercise, you will return to your camp for a good night's sleep within this wilderness region. (BLD)

Day 7 : Carnarvon Gorge to Kroombit Cattle Station

Today we travel through cattle country to Kroombit Cattle Station. Here we experience genuine outback living with the chance to ride a mechanical bull and take a walk of the property. Tonight you will taste a traditional camp oven dinner, cooked in the open fire. (BD)

Day 8 : Kroombit Cattle Station

Today is jam-packed with wonderful activities all included in the price of your tour. Learn first-hand about Queensland farming life as you participate in a 'muster' on horseback, try your skill at trap-shooting and join in the fun of a mini-rodeo as animals are herded into the ring. This evening enjoy another hearty camp-oven dinner and re-live your day's experiences around the campfire with a beer from the bush bar. (BLD)

Day 9 : Kroombit to Rainbow Beach

After breakfast we head eastwards to Rainbow Beach where we hit the coast for the first time in four days! Rainbow Beach is a vibrant young coastal town, with glistening coloured sands and a relaxed atmosphere. In the afternoon we can take a walk to view the coloured sands that give Rainbow its name, and learn about the Rainbow Serpent. We may also visit the spectacular Carlo Sand Blow. This evening relax in our accommodation, located just 100 metres from the beach. (BD)

Days 10-11 : 2 Day Fraser Island Tour

Spend the next two days exploring Fraser Island on a ranger guided 4WD safari with Fraser Explorer, staying at Eurong Resort. You will drive along Seventy Five Mile Beach, visit Lake Wabby and Lake McKenzie, Eli Creek, the Maheno Wreck and climb Indian Head. Return to Rainbow Beach for an overnight stay. (Day 10: LD; Day 11: BLD)

Day 12 - Rainbow Beach to Gold Coast

There's an option today to feed wild dolphins at Tin Can Bay. You can take the bus or catch the ferry (ferry is your own expense). After dolphin feeding we travel south and take a short break at the spectacular lookout at Wild Horse Mountain to enjoy panoramic views of the Sunshine Coast overlooking Noosa and Mooloolaba.

Included: Experienced guides, meals as indicated, multi-share accommodation (or upgrade to single/ twin/ double^o), 2 night Whitsunday sailing[†], 2 day 4WD Fraser Island[†] tour and other activities as indicated.

Bring: Sturdy walking shoes, thongs/sandals, hat and sunscreen, towel and toiletries, swimming gear/beach towel, water bottle, torch, insect repellent, camera, money for meals not included, optional activities and listed fees.

Note: The group size, maximum 24 people, relates to our vehicles. Partner companies operate the Whitsunday Sailing and Fraser Island touring and group sizes may vary according to passenger numbers and available equipment. Upgrade accommodation is subject to availability, must be requested at time of booking and is not available whilst sailing. Upgrade accommodation is not available in advance at Carnarvon Gorge (however may be available on a standby basis to upgrade passengers on arrival at no additional cost). Double/ twin/single rooms do not feature ensuite facilities at Kroombit or Carnarvon Gorge. Upgrade accommodation is budget style, may be located on different premises to passengers who book and travel together. For further details on upgrade accommodation, please refer to adventuretours.com.au/upgrades. During periods of wet weather, Carnarvon Gorge may be inaccessible and the itinerary will vary as required.

YOUR TRIP DETAILS

Confirmation Number

Departure Date

Departure Location

Finish Date

Local Payment Amount

THINGS TO REMEMBER

You need to reconfirm your tour on 1800 068 886 at least 48 hours before departure.

Your luggage **MUST** be kept to a maximum of 15kgs, except on tours to Kakadu, where the maximum is 10kgs.

Drink lots of water, wear a hat and sunscreen.

Part of the enjoyment of our tours is participating!

Max People: 24



MOTEL OR HOSTEL AND 

Tour Code: CG12

LUGGAGE: Luggage must be kept to a MAXIMUM OF 15 KGS (except KAKADU tours which are MAXIMUM 10KGS) in a backpack or soft overnight bag with a small day pack for easy access to camera, film, sun block etc. It is recommended to plan ahead and arrange to store bulky items at pre-tour accommodation. It may be necessary to freight excess luggage at passenger's expense.

MEALS: Our emphasis is on fresh food wherever possible and our meals are nutritious and varied. We cater for vegetarian and gluten intolerance – please advise at time of booking.

FITNESS & PARTICIPATION: Our tours are active and most require a reasonable level of fitness. Tours graded '3 boots' are only suitable for very fit and active people who enjoy basic bush camping. They are not suitable for children. If you have any doubts about the suitability of your clients please check with our reservations team as we reserve the right to assess suitability to participate at check-in. With the exception of our 'Safari in Style' tour, passengers are expected to help with the preparation of food, washing of dishes and general assistance to the guide as directed.

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