

# 12 Day Gold Coast to Cairns



## Highlights

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

### Day 1 : Gold Coast to Rainbow Beach

We head north to Rainbow Beach via Surfers Paradise. Further north we take a short break at the spectacular lookout at Wild Horse Mountain. Enjoy panoramic views of the Sunshine Coast overlooking Noosa and Mooloolaba, before arriving at Rainbow Beach; a vibrant young coastal town, with glistening coloured sands and a relaxed atmosphere. This evening relax in our accommodation, located just 100 metres from the beach. (D)

### Days 2-3 : 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 4: LD; Day 5: BLD)

### Day 4 : Rainbow Beach to Kroombit Cattle Station

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 head inland 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. (D)

### Day 5 : 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 6 : Kroombit to Carnarvon Gorge

After breakfast we head further inland through Central Queensland's remote outback to the little known jewel of Carnarvon National Park. Carnarvon Gorge, central to this park is a remarkable natural attraction with 30kms of walking trails, 200 species of birds, ancient plants and Aboriginal rock-art dating back 3,500 years. This afternoon we will get a taste of the gorge with a short walk amongst the numerous kangaroos and wallabies that inhabit the area. Stay tonight in large permanent tents amongst the wilderness. (BD)

### Day 7 : Carnarvon Gorge

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 our tented cabins for a good night's sleep within this wilderness region. (BLD)

### Day 8 : Carnarvon Gorge to Airlie Beach

We start early today for our big drive from Carnarvon Gorge to the Mackay region. This is the first time we've hit the coast in four days and we now follow the coast to arrive at the Airlie Beach. Tomorrow you'll be sailing in some of the finest sailing waters in the world – the Whitsunday Islands. (B)

### Days 9-11 : Whitsunday Sailing

This morning your 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. Cabins are share only; no twin and doubles for these two nights. Back on land, we leave Airlie Beach and head to Townsville. From here we take the ferry to Magnetic Island, so named by Captain Cook because his compass went crazy when he sailed past in 1770. This evening, 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. (Day 11: D; Day 12: BLD; Day 13: B)

### Day 12 : Magnetic Island to Cairns

After the short ferry trip back to the mainland, we drive to the Johnstone River Crocodile Farm to learn more about the most feared animal in Northern Australia: the estuarine or saltwater crocodile. As we arrive into Cairns, you will be able to cherish the many great experiences of Australia's East Coast.

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

**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 multi-share accommodation and is only available to passengers who book and travel together. For further details on upgrade accommodation, please refer to [adventuretours.com.au/upgrades](http://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



Tour Code: GC12

**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.

**INSURANCE:** Travel insurance is NOT included. We strongly recommend that passengers have their own travel insurance against illness, injury, loss/damage to personal belongings and not being able to travel on the confirmed departure date.

**PRICING, FEES AND LEVIES:** Rates are quoted in AUD and are correct at time of publication. Prices can be subject to alteration due to extreme external economic pressure. No responsibility is accepted by the Adventure Tours Australia Group for unforeseen omissions or misrepresentation of our code-share partners. Fees and levies are charged in AUD per person and subject to change. Refer to our website for fees and levies on your specific tour.

**Fuel Levy:** Should the price of diesel increase by more than we regard as a reasonable increase a fuel surcharge levy may be introduced. This will be at a maximum of \$20 per person per tour.

**Sleeping Bags:** Tours in the Northern Territory and between Darwin and Adelaide require sleeping bags, which can be hired for \$20 per person. Safaris between Exmouth (WA) and Darwin require sleeping bags, which can be hired at \$30 per person. Sleeping bags can be purchased for \$50 each.

**CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:** Adventure Tours reserves the right to alter the route or itinerary of any of its tours and arrange alternative carriers to those advertised if necessary. No refunds will be given in these circumstances or in the event of any delay, curtailment or alteration of a trip resulting from any cause including severe weather conditions or mechanical failure. Adventure Tours can't guarantee pick up or drop off times and are not liable for passenger failure to connect with other services or any costs associated in such delays. We accept no responsibility for loss or damage to personal belongings or baggage. The Aboriginal components of our Top End tours are subject to cultural conditions. Participants may be absent due to cultural commitments with little prior notification and Adventure Tours reserves the right to amend the itinerary in these circumstances and no refunds will be given. Components of our trip are weather dependant and we cannot be held liable if they are not available on the day of travel.

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