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**DAY 1 Port Douglas**

Arrive Cairns airport and transfer to **Port Douglas**.

*Enjoy the spectacular Great Barrier Reef drive from Cairns to Port Douglas and breathe the salty air from the Coral Sea on one side and the aromas of the rainforest from the other as you observe the tropical vistas from either side of the vehicle.*

*The laidback tropical town of Port Douglas is the gateway to two UNESCO World Heritage-listed natural wonders, the Great Barrier Reef, and the expanses of the Daintree Rainforest.* *It’s also a popular resort destination in its own right, with the tree-fringed sands of Four Mile Beach stretching down the bay and a leafy, compact town centre lined with hip cafés and bars.*

Check into your accommodation.

Enjoy an afternoon to relax and explore **Macrossan Street**, the main vein of the town filled with cafes, boutiques and bars.

At 4.30pm meet at the [**Sailaway Port Douglas**](http://www.sailawayportdouglas.com/) office at Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina and check in for your [Coral Sea Sunset Sail](https://app.respax.com/public/sail/tourinformation/SAS?site=SUN&categoryId=12).

There is nothing better than enjoying a sparkling wine on a stunning catamaran whilst soaking up the tranquility of a tropical sunset over the Coral Sea. The sail includes a welcome drink and delicious canapes. Returns to Port Douglas at 6.30pm.

This evening, dine at [**Nautilus Restaurant**](http://www.nautilus-restaurant.com.au/)**,** nestled amongst a lush tropical garden setting this restaurant offers a truly elegant outdoor dining experience.

**Overnight: Peppers Beach Club**

**DAY 2**

Meet in the lobby for your full day [**Ngana Kulkinga Dungay: We All Going Cape Tribulation tour**](https://www.walkaboutadventures.com.au/sightseeing-tour.html) with[**Walkabout Cultural Adventures**](http://www.walkaboutadventures.com.au/)**.**

This tour travels north of the Daintree River and explores the Daintree rainforest and environment around Cape Tribulation, where the rainforest meets the reef. Learn about how these unique environments come together and how the local Kuku Yalanji utilised and managed the natural resources. Sample some seasonal bush tucker, learn bush medicines, take a guided rainforest walk, while appreciating the history, culture, and traditions of our Australian Aboriginal people.

*Walkabout Cultural Adventures is a member of* [***Discover Aboriginal Experiences***](http://www.discoveraboriginalexperiences.com/)*.*

Enjoy dinner at [**Zinc**](http://www.zincportdouglas.com/), located on vibrant Macrossan Street.

**Overnight: Peppers Beach Club**

**DAY 3**

Rise early and enjoy a half day Port Douglas offshore fishing trip with [**East Coast Angling**](http://www.eastcoastangling.com.au/).

Join the team at East Coast Angling in some of the most stunning and remote sports-fishing locations on the globe and fish from some of the best boats with excellent gear and expert crew.

Fish the reef systems in the northern reaches of the Barrier Reef, as well as the continental shelf with fishing locations varying according to weather, time of year and species you wish to catch. Using techniques from popping, jigging and trolling to fly and reef fishing, the list of species targeted includes giant trevally (or GTs as they’re more commonly known), Spanish mackerel, wahoo, tuna, red emperor and more.

*East Coast Angling is a member of* [***Great Fishing Adventures of Australia***](http://www.australia.com/fishing).

Return to accommodation and refresh for dinner.

You will be collected from your hotel and whisked into the rainforest on a[**Flames of the Forest Dining Experience**](http://www.flamesoftheforest.com.au/).

The Flames of the Forest Aboriginal Cultural Experience involves heading into the World Heritage listed Wet Tropics rainforest for a seven-dish banquet dinner served under a silk canopy illuminated by hand-made crystal chandeliers. Cultural experiences are interwoven with the dinner, as your Kuku Yalanji hosts share music, ceremony and storytelling, as well as inviting guests to spend some time sitting quietly, listening to the sounds of the rainforest at night. Dinner concludes at approx. 10.30pm

*Flames of the Forest is a member of* [***Discover Aboriginal Experiences***](http://www.discoveraboriginalexperiences.com/)*.*

**Overnight: Peppers Beach Club**

**DAY 4**

Check out of your hotel and transfer to the township of **Mossman**.

*Mossman is a picturesque little township nestled at the foot of the mountains among bright green fields of sugar cane. A friendly town, Mossman invites you to enjoy its genuine Tropical North Queensland hospitality, as you explore the country stores and historic pubs along the wide tree-lined main street.*

Arrive at [**Janbal Gallery**](http://www.janbalgallery.com.au/).

Enjoy a one-hour workshop with Brian “Binna” Swindley, an applauded artist who has been painting for more than 20 years. Learn about Binna’s creative style, which blends contemporary elements with traditional Aboriginal techniques. You’ll find out how to mix and use ochre paints and decode the stories Aboriginal artists tell through their work. You’ll then be handed your own brush and paints to create an original artwork inspired by your visit. Choose your medium, whether it’s a boomerang or canvas, and then use traditional patterns and forms to create your Mossman masterpiece to take home.

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Transfer to [**Silky Oaks Lodge**](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/silkyoakslodge/) and check in to your oasis for the next few days.

*Silky Oaks Lodge is one of Australia’s premier luxury lodges of Australia, offering a unique experience from which to explore Tropical North Queensland, situated within easy access from Cairns and 15-minute drive from Port Douglas. Spectacularly situated on the Mossman Gorge River, the eco luxury lodge is the ideal location to appreciate the natural tropical environment with a choice tree house accommodation, all with individualised and personalised touches.*

*Silky Oaks Lodge is a member of* [***Luxury Lodges of Australia***](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/)***.***

This afternoon, enjoy a spa experience at the incredible [**Healing Waters Spa**](https://silkyoakslodge.com.au/spa/)**, Silky Oaks Lodge** which has a signature menu of rejuvenation treatments crafted to nurture the mind and body.

Enjoy dinner in the [**Treehouse Restaurant**](https://silkyoakslodge.com.au/dine/) at Silky Oaks Lodge.

**Overnight Silky Oaks Lodge**

**DAY 5**

Today rest, relax and immerse yourself in the Silky Oaks Lodge experience**.** Activities at Silky Oaks Lodge include:

* + - * + Self-guided walks
        + Yoga
        + Kayaking, canoeing
        + Snorkelling in the billabong in search of turtles and platypus
        + Mountain bikes
        + Scenic helicopter flights

Head to dinner at the [**Treehouse Restaurant**](https://silkyoakslodge.com.au/dine/), Silky Oaks Lodge.

**Overnight Silky Oaks Lodge**

**DAY 6**

Check out of Silky Oaks Lodge.

After breakfast, take a short drive to [**Mossman Gorge Cultural Centre**](https://www.mossmangorge.com.au/). Check in at the concierge desk for your [**Ngadiku Dreamtime Walk**](http://www.mossmangorge.com.au/).

The Ngadiku Dreamtime Walk begins with a traditional smoking ceremony

to welcome you to the land and ward off bad spirits. Afterwards, wandering along

gentle tracks under a canopy of ancient trees, you’ll visit Aboriginal bark shelters and other culturally significant sites with plenty of stories about why they are considered important. You’ll learn which plants you can eat, which you should avoid, and which can be used as medicine, and will also pick up new skills, such as how to make bush soap and create ochre paints for body and face decoration.

Enjoy lunch at the [**Mayi Café**](https://www.mossmangorge.com.au/centre/facilities) at Mossman Gorge Cultural Centre then continue onto Cairns.

*Mossman Gorge Cultural Centre is a member of* [***Discover Aboriginal Experiences***](https://www.tourism.australia.com/en/about/our-programs/signature-experiences-of-australia/discover-aboriginal-experiences.html)*.*

Arrive Cairns and check into your accommodation.

This evening, wander down to Cairns waterfront and dine at [**Dundee’s at the Waterfront**](https://dundees.com.au/waterfront/).

**Overnight: Crystalbrook Riley**

**DAY 7**

Make your way to Reef Fleet Terminal Cairns where you will join [**Dreamtime Dive and Snorkel**](http://www.dreamtimedive.com.au/)for a full day Great Barrier Reef trip.

**Dreamtime Dive & Snorkel** combines a full-day Great Barrier Reef cruise with Indigenous cultural storytelling from Traditional Owners with historical connections to the sea country visited. The cruise offers a rare educational opportunity to explore the reef with Traditional Owners whose north Queensland sea country stretches from the Frankland Islands to Port Douglas. Rangers from four Traditional Owner groups, the Gimuy Walubara Yidinji, Gunggandji, Mandingalbay and Yirrganydji people, as well as Torres Strait Islanders, help guests gain a deeper understanding of their traditional and cultural values in a relaxed, fun atmosphere.

*Dreamtime Dive & Snorkel is a member of* [***Discover Aboriginal Experiences***](http://www.discoveraboriginalexperiences.com/)

Return to your hotel and refresh before dinner at [**Salt House**](http://www.salthouse.com.au/), serving fresh local and seasonal produce.

**Overnight: Crystalbrook Riley**

**DAY 8**

Meet your [**Far North Queensland Nature Tours**](https://australianwildlifejourneys.com/wildlife-operator/fnq-nature-tours) guide in the hotel lobby and depart for a [**Tablelands &**](https://australianwildlifejourneys.com/wildlife-operator/fnq-nature-tours/tour/tablelands-and-crater-lakes) **Crater Lakes Tour** to the Atherton Tablelands.

On this epic day adventure, you will experience a spectacular mix of habitats across the Atherton Tablelands; from lush rainforest, volcanic lakes, wetlands through to savanna country. Located in the highland region southwest of Cairns, this tour covers landmarks such as the Cathedral Fig Tree, Lake Barrine and Milla Milla Falls, and opportunity to spot the platypus and tree kangaroo.

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Dine out at [**Tamarind**](https://www.reefcasino.com.au/dine/tamarind-restaurant) offering a South-East Asian-inspired menu.

**Overnight: Crystalbrook Riley**

**DAY 9**

Make your way to Cairns airport and fly to Cooktown for your [**Fly Normanby Station Rock Art and Rangers Day Tour**](https://cultureconnect.com.au/fly-rock-art-ranger-tour/)with[**Culture Connect**](http://www.cultureconnect.com.au/).

Arrive Cooktown Airport and meet your guide from Culture Connect.

Travel 70 kilometres from Cooktown to Normanby station.

Rich in cultural heritage and historic sites Normanby station boasts a diverse natural and cultural landscape. Take a guided interpretive walk to discover rarely seen rock art and learn about traditional bush food and medicine. Explore Balnggarrawarra homelands as you cross the Normanby River and travel remote bush tracks. Visit the old Laura Railway line to get an insight into pioneer life then discover the contemporary life of the Traditional Owners through the current ranger programs. Gain an insight into the importance of the projects which includes cultural mapping, erosion control, feral weed and animal eradication and environment protection. This authentic cultural experience is guided by Aboriginal Traditional Owners on their homelands.

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Board your return flight from Cooktown to Cairns.

Transfer back to your accommodation.

This evening, head to dinner at [**Ochre**](http://www.ochrerestaurant.com.au/), who specialize in crafting native foraged ingredients into modern cuisine.

**Overnight: Crystalbrook Riley**