

8 DAY | CAPE YORK AIR/OVERLAND ACCOMMODATED TOUR HOTEL, RESORT, STATION, CABIN TENT ACCOMMODATION

Cairns to Horn Island - By Air, Cape York to Cairns - Overland 4WD Accommodated Wilderness Tour (Tour Code A8AO)



WENLOCK RIVER

HIGHLIGHTS

- Flight Cairns to Horn Island
- Horn Island (overnight)
- Thursday Island
- Torres Strait
- Punsand Bay (2 nights)
- Cape York "The Tip"
- Moreton Station (overnight)
- Weipa (overnight)
- Musgrave (overnight)
- Lakefield National Park
- Cooktown (overnight)
- The Bloomfield Track
- World Heritage Daintree NP

This tour is also available in an overland/air configuration with a reverse itinerary. (TOUR CODE A80A)

2012 DEPARTURE DATES

Tour Code: A8AO
May 20. June 3, 17. July 1, 15, 29. Aug 12. 26. Sep 9, 23. Oct 7, 21.

Tour Code: A80A ** reversed
May 14, 28. June 11, 25. July 9, 23. Aug 6, 20. Sep 3, 17. Oct 1, 15.

2012 FARES

May, September, October
Twin Share \$2995.00 pp
Single Land Supplement \$510.00

June, July, August
Twin Share \$3195.00 pp
Single Land Supplement \$530.00

LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE IS 12KG PER PERSON

ITINERARY

DAY 1 SUNDAY (LD) Cairns, Horn Island. Early morning pick up from your overnight accommodation for your transfer to Cairns Airport, and your flight to Horn Island. Met at Horn Island airport by your Gateway Torres Strait Resort hosts for transfer to resort. A two hour Horn Island bus tour, entry to Torres Strait Heritage Museum and hot buffet lunch is included. Join the locals fishing off Horn Island wharf - equipment supplied. Accommodation with ensuite facilities.

DAY 2 MONDAY (BD) Thursday Island, Punsand Bay. Morning Transfer by ferry to Thursday Island. Ample time for sightseeing, souvenir shopping and a conducted bus tour of historic "T.I." is included. Lunch is own cost today. Mid afternoon ferry transfer to the mainland. Accommodation at the Punsand Bay Private Reserve Beachfront Cabin Tent (ensuite facilities).

DAY 3 TUESDAY (BLD) Cape York, Somerset. An unforgettable day of achievement and interest. We stand at the very tip of our continent. Visit the ruins of Somerset (road conditions permitting).

DAY 4 WEDNESDAY (BLD) Jardine River, Fruitbat Falls, Moreton Station. Anticipation and excitement as we commence our overland trek. Retracing the paths of our earliest overlanders, we cross the swift flowing Jardine River to Fruitbat Falls, a Mecca for "off road" travellers. Enjoy a refreshing swim and lunch before we

continue negotiating river crossings and bush tracks to arrive at Moreton Telegraph Station, on the banks of the Wenlock River. Overnight accommodation: Cabin Tent shared facilities (twin share fully screened tents with beds, linen and lights). Gas powered hot showers, flushing toilets and outdoor covered dining area.

DAY 5 THURSDAY (BLD) Weipa. Time for a guided nature walk along this lightly forested waterway before we cross the sandy Wenlock River. Travel south to Batavia Downs Station then detour west to the Gulf of Carpentaria through huge cattle runs and Aboriginal tribal lands to the bauxite mining town of Weipa. A veritable "Oasis in the wilderness" providing further contrast to your experience of this last frontier. This afternoon an optional Weipa Mine Tour (own cost) is available. Overnight accommodation: Albatross Bay Resort - ensuite facilities.

DAY 6 FRIDAY (BLD) Archer River, Coen, Musgrave. Across rolling Piccaninny Plains, a refreshment stop at the Archer River and then via Coen to reach historic Musgrave Telegraph Station. Overnight Musgrave - share facilities.

DAY 7 SATURDAY (BLD) Lakefield National Park, Cooktown. We head east towards Princess Charlotte Bay and enter the massive bird and animal sanctuary of Lakefield National Park. The waterfowl teem in lily fringed billabongs and huge crocodiles bask in broad river lakes and lagoons. Travel over the legendary

Battle Camp Range to historical Cooktown. An eventful afternoon sightseeing and viewing significant landmarks and sites so important to all Australians. Overnight accommodation: Seaview Motel - ensuite facilities.

DAY 8 SUNDAY (BL) Bloomfield, Cape Tribulation. Crossing the wide Bloomfield River marks the start of our drive over the controversial "Bloomfield Track". Jungle green heights descend to the very edge of the Great Barrier Reef, with tantalising glimpses of deserted beaches and fringing coral. Through the famous World Heritage Rainforest, across the Daintree River, then via the scenic sea road to Cairns and journeys end.

(Fitness level 1)

REVERSE INTINERARY (Tour code A80A)

DAY 1 Cairns-Daintree Rainforest-Cooktown (LD)
DAY 2 Lakefield National Park-Musgrave (BLD)
DAY 3 Coen-Archer River-Weipa (BLD)
DAY 4 Wenlock River-Moreton Station (BLD)
DAY 5 Fruitbat Falls-Jardine River-Punsand Bay (BLD)
DAY 6 Thursday Island-Punsand Bay (BD)
DAY 7 Cape York-Somerset-Punsand Bay (BLD)
DAY 8 Fly Bamaga to Cairns (BL)

** Please note the reverse tour (A80A) does not stay overnight on Horn Island.

CAPE YORK ACCOMMODATED INTRODUCTION

The need to pause from urban pressure and work place tension is no more evident than today. What better contrast to a high-tech, space age environment than the freedom and relaxation and the subtle therapeutic magic of a wilderness holiday.

Each day the shared delight of the unfamiliar landscape, the flora and fauna, the culture and lifestyle of Cape York will enthrall you and each evening the unexpected pleasure of traditional Australian hospitality at hotel, motel, station or lodge accommodation will unwind you. Our overnight stays quite often reflect the unique nature of the sparsely inhabited regions in which we travel.

From forest shrouded resorts, hotels and motels in the townships and communities to the "No-Frill" cattle station cabins and tent cabins along the track where no alternatives exist. You will find they are all clean and comfortable, the hospitality genuine, open and friendly, and the cuisine generous and appetizing. You will experience the old way of life where electricity at remote station accommodation is generally not available between 10pm and 7am.

Your tour guide will enhance your holiday with informative information on the history, fauna, flora and birdlife of Cape York with plenty of opportunities for stops along the way for photographs, morning & afternoon tea, lunch and interpretive explanations. Not to mention swimming in pristine river systems and washing away those city aches & pains.

Your tour will pass through many of the icons of Cape York and of course the vast and varied landscapes from the Oldest Rainforest in the world to sparse grasslands, you will visit the old telegraph stations, see community life on the Cape York and soak up the atmosphere of the overnight remote stations along the route. All this in the comfort of your purpose built air conditioned 4WD drive vehicle and after 25 years of taking passengers to Cape York we have a few special places for you on the itinerary.

Add to that an original Oz Tours concept, combining the excitement of a cargo ship voyage between Cairns and Cape York with the adventure of a Cape York Safari. In a style reminiscent of bygone coastal steamers, experience the color and serenity of a Barrier Reef voyage, the magic of the Daintree, the magnificent isolation of the Peninsula wilderness and the diverse cultures of the Cape and Torres Straits.

Or choose the relaxed and exciting holiday combination. An overland wilderness expedition, with the additional perspective of a spectacular flight, with the comfort and amenity of overnight accommodation in the Torres Strait Islands.

Your flight from Cairns to Horn Island (Thursday Islands airport) will provide a unique aerial overview of this vast wilderness, its huge rivers, remote communities and deserted coastline.

Appreciate and experience the rich geology and unique flora and fauna as you travel overland from Cape York back to Cairns.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHAT YOU MIGHT EXPECT

Our 4WD safaris and tours visit isolated outback and undisturbed areas, normally inaccessible to large multi-seat coaches, and due to the remoteness of these regions, conditions will not be exactly the same as at home.

Your companions will be from every walk of life, of all ages and usually with a spirit of adventure, a sense of humour, and a desire to get off the beaten track to enjoy the wilderness, to discover the real Australia.

ENVIRONMENT POLICY

Oz Tours Safaris is dedicated to the care and preservation of Cape York Peninsula and Gulf Savannah, the surrounding waters, reefs and islands. Our experienced environmentally-conscious staff follow best practices that not only enhance the quality of your experience but protect the environment in which you travel.

HOW TO BOOK

Bookings can be made On Line at www.oztours.com.au, by phoning toll free 1800 079 006, or your preferred travel agent or booking office.

DEPOSIT

A deposit of \$300 per person together with completed booking form is required to ensure confirmation. The payment of deposit by and/or on behalf of any person constitutes the full agreement with and the acceptance of the terms and conditions as set forth in this document.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. Whilst prices could be subject to change without notice, upon final payment, all tour fares are fixed and not subject to change. For tours departing in less than 45 days, full and immediate payment is required. Fares are shown in Australian currency.

YOUR TOUR

What is Included - Meals, except where otherwise stated in itinerary, boat cruise fares where applicable, tented and any other accommodation on share basis and entrance fees as per itinerary.

What is not Included - Accommodation, meals, fares en route from home cities. Meals, unless specifically mentioned on day to day itinerary, sleeping bags, pillows (available for hire) and any personal items such as drinks, newspapers, telephone, laundry, souvenirs and personal holiday insurance. FUEL LEVY MAY APPLY.

Smoking

As per Government Regulations, smoking is not permitted in vehicles. Ample stops provide time for "smoking breaks" en route.

Unused Tour Sectors

If a passenger fails to join a tour/safari or joins in after departure, or leaves it prior to completion, no refunds can be made. No refunds will be made in respect of any part of the tour including food, excursions, accommodation, etc., that are not used or undertaken.

Concession and Child Fares

Children 14 years and under, on all overland camping safaris 15% off adult fare. Children 14 years or under, on all land/sea, land/air camping safaris 10% off adult fares. Child fares accommodated tours on application. Group discounts on application.

Insurance & Travel

Oz Tours and/or its agents are not responsible or liable for loss or damage or theft of luggage or personal belongings whatsoever or for personal injury, accidents, hospitalisation, illness or medical expenses. Most claims arise from personal or close-family illness before holiday departure, resulting in cancellation charges. Clients are strongly advised to take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances. Ring C.G.U. Insurance direct on 131532 for an application form.

Cancellation Fees

Bookings cancelled 45 days or more prior to tour departure date will receive a full refund. Cancellations between: 44-29 days prior to tour 25% of fare forfeited. Between 28-14 days prior to tour 50% of fare forfeited. Less than 14 days prior to tour 100% of fare forfeited.

On Arrival in Cairns

On arrival in Cairns or 24-48 hours prior to departure, please re-confirm your booking and accommodation with our Head Office by phoning 1800 079 006 (or 4055 9535).

GENERAL CONDITIONS

As these tours and safaris operate in remote areas, Oz Tours Safaris (hereinafter called the operator), reserves the right to alter, and/or cancel any section and/or parts of the itinerary which may result from road, weather or any other conditions of an operational nature. Whilst every endeavour will be made to keep the arrival/departure times given in the itinerary, no guarantee will be made that these will be kept. The operator will not be liable for any costs incurred through failure to connect with any other service. Any personal expenses incurred by the passenger as a result of any delay, alteration or curtailment of any tour whether caused by weather conditions, mechanical defects or any other causes are the responsibility of the passenger. We strongly advise against same day flight bookings on conclusion of your tour.

The operator shall not in any circumstance be held liable or accept responsibility for any loss, acts, omissions, defaults, accident, misdescription, delay, failure or expense on the part of the transport companies, hotel/motel contractors and the like who may provide you with services and facilities at the request of the operator.

The operator reserves the right, without payment or compensation, and whether before or after the commencement of travel in the result of break down or other unforeseen circumstances, the operator/supplier has the right to substitute vehicle, vessel or aircraft to alternative transportation and/or accommodation other than those advertised at any time.

The places depicted in the photographs are representative of the country through which tours pass and may not necessarily be visited by these tours. The highlights excursions and itineraries as set out will be adhered to where possible. The operator and the tour guide or his agent in charge of the vehicle/vessel/aircraft, may make alterations to the itineraries and excursions highlights as they deem fit. Information contained here is correct to the best of the operators knowledge, and the operator is not liable for inaccuracies herein, or weather conditions that may influence the limits of your tour and the enjoyment of your tour.

If for any reason the itinerary is altered and/or different itinerary offered, no refund is payable by the operator.

The operator reserves the right, without payment or compensation, and whether before or to continue the tour to exclude any passenger while their mental or physical condition is in the opinion of any representative of the company such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers or become a danger to themselves or other passengers, or in the event a passengers were to commit any illegal act.

LIABILITY

The operator and/or its employees accepts no responsibilities, or is liable for any act of omission whatsoever (whether inside or outside their control or by neglect or otherwise) for any booking, contract, travel, accommodation or tours/safaris which may result in any loss, damage, accident, detention, diversion or theft in regard to luggage or personal belongings, and will be exempt from liability in respect of direct or indirect or consequential loss or damage, death, injury, sickness, irregularity, delay, liability and additional expenses, or inconvenience or any other event beyond its control including accident or failure to machinery or equipment, accommodations, transportation or other services, or any acts of God, dangers incident to the sea, fire, acts of government or other authorities, delays, strikes or cancellation of changes in itinerary or schedules whatsoever, howsoever or by whosoever caused.

On tours that include activities such as trekking, hiking, walking, swimming gathering wood, passengers accept that degrees of risk are involved.

YOUR VEHICLE

Our modern, air conditioned Toyota, Mitsubishi Canter, Man Larc or Isuzu safari vehicles are all equipped with standard features, such as forward facing seats, P.A. system and Sat phones, comprehensive first aid kit and all the necessary off road equipment you can think of (and then some).

Single vehicle or combinations of vehicles from Oz Tours Safaris fleet provide tour group sizes ranging from a minimum of 4 passengers up to a possible maximum of 22 passengers. On all tours, passengers rotate seats and vehicles each day to give everyone a chance to enjoy forward and window seating, the different vehicles and Oz Tours Safari Team Members during the tour.

YOUR SHIP

The MV "Trinity Bay" built in 1996 and converted in 1998 is an eighty metre passenger carrying cargo vessel that has accommodation for up to 56 passengers and cruises at the speed of 14 knots. The vessel travels from Cairns through the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park on a non-stop voyage to and from the ports of Thursday Island and Sesia All meals are provided as buffet style and coffee & tea facilities are provided all day and there is also a licensed bar on board.

The MV Trinity Bay reserves the right to deny boarding of any persons with a medical condition or disability which could limit their mobility or which could be exacerbated in rough weather.

YOUR AIRCRAFT

Qantaslink. Air-leg is Cairns to Horn Island. Your aircraft is a 50 seater Dash 8 with in flight facilities. Cruise speed is approximately 520 km/hr and cruising at 21,000 feet. A light refreshment is provided. Please be aware of the volume and weight restrictions, as Qantas have a ONE piece per person check in luggage policy. Please check with our office if unsure. A8A0/C10A0/C7A0/C70A.

Skytrans. Air leg is from Bamaga to Cairns. Aircraft is a 36 seater De Havilland Canada Dash 8 -100 series. Cruise speed is 435km/h, altitude 25,000 feet. Pressurised cabin.

Light refreshments served on board. C120A/A6SF/A80A

ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS - HOW WILL IT AFFECT YOU?

Alcohol restrictions are currently in place in some of the Indigenous communities we visit. These restrictions may only affect part of your tour, depending which tour you are doing with Oz Tours Safaris.

In 2004 Queensland Parliament passed a Bill which improves enforcement of liquor laws in restricted areas but also minimises its potential impact on the tourism industry. Strict conditions apply for any permits granted to tour operators by the Liquor Licensing Division. Such permits specify the dates, type and amount of alcohol allowed in a tour vehicle while in a restricted area.

We ask that you contact Oz Tours Safaris reservations on 1800 079 006 prior to commencing your tour for information about alcohol restrictions that may be applicable to part of your tour.

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION LINE

If you have a question about alcohol restrictions in Indigenous communities, call the Alcohol Management Program information line on 1300 789 000.



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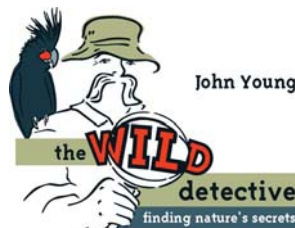
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