

# 16 | CAPE YORK ALL OVERLAND CAMPING SAFARI

## DAY | FEATURING "QUINKAN ROCK ART" & "IRON RANGE NATIONAL PARK"



TERMITE MOUND

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Mareeba Wetlands Wildlife Cruise
- Quinkan Aboriginal Paintings
- Musgrave Telegraph Station
- Moreton Telegraph Station
- Cape York - the very Top
- Historic Somerset (road conditions permitting)
- Horn Island - overnight
- Thursday Island
- Twin Falls & Bramwell Junction
- Weipa
- Batavia Gold Fields
- Chuulangun Homelands
- Iron Range National Park
- Portland Roads - Chillil Beach
- Lakefield National Park
- Historic Cooktown
- Bloomfield Track
- World Heritage Daintree National Park

### 2012 DEPARTURE DATES

Tour Code: C160

May 26. June 23. July 21. Aug 18. Sep 15.

### 2012 FARES

#### May, September

Twin Share \$3050.00 pp  
Single Tent/Accom Supplement \$120.00

#### June, July, August

Twin Share \$3350.00 pp  
Single Tent/Accom Supplement \$120.00

LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE IS 10KG PER PERSON

### ITINERARY

**DAY 1 SATURDAY (LD) Cairns, Mareeba Wetlands.** Early departure from your Cairns Accommodation. We climb the rainforest-shrouded Kuranda Range, through Mareeba to join a wildlife spotting cruise at Mareeba Wetlands. We traverse the watershed of the many Gulf Rivers, the open forest and Savannah of huge cattle stations to reach the inhospitable ranges of the Palmer River Gold Fields. Overnight Laura Campground.

**DAY 2 SUNDAY (BLD) Musgrave Telegraph Station.** This morning we take a guided tour of Mushroom Rock, and a visit to the Quinkan & Regional Cultural Centre. Aboriginal occupation dates back over 30,000 years, where the images of Quinkan spirits, totem animals and people adorn many of the rock shelters. This area ranks alongside the Kimberley and the Arnhemland escapement as Australia's most important rock art regions. After lunch we rejoin the development road heading north to our overnight stay at Musgrave, the only original pioneer telegraph station remaining in Cape York.

**DAY 3 MONDAY (BLD) Coen, Archer River, Moreton Station.** Today we travel through typical frontier cattle country to a welcome fuel and provision stop at the mining town of Coen. With time to take in the history of the area at Heritage House. We cross the wide sandy Archer and Wenlock Rivers to arrive at Moreton Telegraph Station. Time to wet a line for the elusive barramundi and spotlight for the rare Cuscus possum. Camp with facilities.

**DAY 4 TUESDAY (BLD) Telegraph Road, Twin Falls.** Civilisation is far behind and we are really in four-wheel drive country as we traverse the ever-changing wilderness landscape of zamias and eucalyptus forests to reach today's destination, the picturesque Twin Falls, where the crystal clear waters of Elliot River and Canal Creek meet. Plenty of time to swim and explore or photograph the many enchanting rock pools, and waterfalls of this unique spot. Camp at Jardine River National Park with very basic facilities.

**DAY 5 WEDNESDAY (BLD) Jardine River, Cape York.** We continue negotiating bush tracks and the northern bypass road to reach the swift flowing Jardine River. A short stop at Bamaga Aboriginal and Islander settlement, before proceeding to our northern base camp overlooking the scattered islands of Torres Strait.

**DAY 6 THURSDAY (BLD) Cape York, Somerset, Horn Island.** An unforgettable day of achievement and interest. We stand at the very tip of our continent. We visit the ruins of Somerset, (road conditions permitting). An afternoon Ferry transfer to Thursday Island where you will connect to another ferry for transfer to Horn Island. Overnight at Gateway Torres Strait Resort.

**DAY 7 FRIDAY (BLD) Horn Island, Thursday Island, Cape York.** Discover Horn Island with a guided tour of the WW2 sites and a visit to the Torres Strait Heritage Museum. This is the largest collection of WW2, cultural and artistic items in the Torres Strait.

# CAIRNS TO CAPE YORK - OVERLAND - 4WD SAFARI

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THE TIP

Ferry transfer to Thursday Island for lunch followed by a guided tour to explore Thursday Island's fascinating past from the pearling era to the present Capital of Torres Strait. Afternoon cruise back to mainland Cape York. Overnight camp.

**DAY 8 SATURDAY (BLD) Fruitbat Falls, Bramwell Junction.** Our overland adventure south begins today. Recross the mighty Jardine River, through the wilderness of forests and heath to Fruitbat Falls on the Elliot River and a cooling dip in the rapids and waterfalls before lunch. Via the Kennedy Expedition monument at Heathlands Reserve, we arrive at Bramwell Junction Campground for our overnight stay.

**DAY 9 SUNDAY (BLD) Wenlock River, Weipa.** We farewell our station hosts and travel south to cross the Wenlock River and via Batavia Downs detour west to the Gulf of Carpentaria through huge cattle runs and Aboriginal lands to the bauxite-mining town of Weipa. Overnight at Weipa Campground.

**DAY 10 MONDAY (BD) Batavia Goldfields, Chuula.** In the cool of the early morning, a fascinating Weipa Mine Tour (own cost, as is lunch today). A veritable 'Oasis in the Wilderness' and providing further contrast to your experience of this last frontier. Venturing east through pioneer cattle country to Old Batavia Goldfields. We explore this goldfield where approx 40,500 oz of gold was recovered. Overnight camp at Chuula.

**DAY 11 TUESDAY (BLD) Iron Range National Park.** Cross the Pascoe River before entering Iron Range National Park via Tozers Gap. The park features the largest area of tropical lowland rainforest

remaining in Australia. Rare fauna and flora include cuscus, palm cockatoos, ecleetus parrots, green pythons, palms and orchids. There is also impressive coastal and mountain range scenery. Overnight camp in Iron Range area for 2 nights.

**DAY 12 WEDNESDAY (BLD) Portland Roads, Chilli Beach, WW2 Sites.** An exciting day visiting significant historical sites and breathtaking coastal scenery. Portland Roads, once a vital seaport for miners and the wartime airfields, now affords the locals a relaxed lifestyle in an idyllic tropical setting. Wartime gun emplacements are silent sentinels around the headland, some are homes to the locals at the 'Roads'. Chilli Beach is wide and long and fringed with palms. A truly magical spot overlooking Restoration Island, Blighs landing site in 1792. We explore and learn about the gold workings of the 1930's and the area around the airfield at Iron Range where there were major military installations.

**DAY 13 THURSDAY (BLD) Archer River.** Travel west through lands of the Lockhart River Aboriginal People to rejoin the Peninsula Development Road, then south to overnight at the Archer River. Camp with facilities.

**DAY 14 FRIDAY (BLD) Musgrave, Lakefield National Park.** Via Musgrave we head East towards the Coral Sea where we traverse almost the entire length of the huge bird and wildlife sanctuary of Lakefield National Park. An amalgamation of huge cattle stations, the waterfowl team in lily-fringed billabongs and huge crocodiles bask in broad river-lakes and lagoons.

**DAY 15 SATURDAY (BD) Old Laura, Cooktown.** Continuing through Lakefield, past Old Laura Station, over the legendary Battlecamp Range to historic Cooktown. An eventful day of sightseeing and viewing significant landmarks and sites so important to all Australians.

**DAY 16 SUNDAY (BL) Cape Tribulation National Park, Cairns.** Across the rocky Bloomfield River and over the jungle clad heights of the coastal range to the secluded splendour of Cape Tribulation National Park. An informative drive and boardwalk beneath the majestic forest canopy of the World Heritage Rainforest.

(Fitness level 3)



OZ TOURS VEHICLES



PORTLAND ROADS



FRUITBAT FALLS - JARDINE RIVER NATIONAL PARK

# CAPE YORK CAMPING INTRODUCTION

**OZ TOURS SAFARIS** have various tours that take our passengers through the remote region known as Cape York, however for those that choose the camping tour can be assured of a real down to earth Australian bush experience.

The camping tour is a comprehensive wilderness safari that allows our passengers to share first hand the breathtaking scenery, marvel at the abundant bird and animal life, absorb the timeless atmosphere of Aboriginal art galleries, traverse the fast flowing rivers and creeks, swim the crystal clear streams, photograph rapids and waterfalls.

Visit some of Australia's richest heritage sites such as Moreton Telegraph Station established in 1887 which has had 124 years of unbroken settlement.

You will visit the oldest rainforest in the world, some of Queensland's largest and most diverse National Parks, you will also visit the rich mining area where the red bauxite mineral has painted the earth a rich & deep red.

Included is a visit to Australia's largest tropical lowland rainforest, home to rare flora, fauna and remnants of rich cultural, mining and wartime history. Traverse rugged telegraph tracks, swim in pristine rivers & streams, and wash away the stress of city living in clear cool waterfalls.

Relax every evening around an open campfire, enjoying good wholesome food and new companions; sleep under the stars each night all the while receiving informative interpretation by our dedicated professional tour guides.

Revel in the achievement of reaching Australia's most northerly point, Cape York. Included in your camping tour is a visit to Thursday & Horn Islands, The Torres Strait another unique, picturesque, remarkable place to visit and soak up the culture and see first hand the Island way of life and learn about the diverse war time history of these magnificent islands.

This is truly living the spirit of adventure in a reasonable degree of comfort in our purpose built 4WD drive air conditioned vehicles we pick you up and drop you back to your accommodation and all in between is an

unforgettable Australian Experience one that will live long in your memory!

An important element is group participation. Whether striking camp, a fireside chat or an early morning bush walk. We favor traditional open fire and camp oven cooking and careful planning ensures fresh sourced food along the way delivers hearty healthy meals throughout the tour.

Your Holiday home is a roomy, twin share, high profile Dome Tents, with sewn in floor and High density foam mattresses.

The friendly rivalry begins after a day or two as the trials begin for poll position in the "Sport of Campers" tent erecting.

Shower and toilet facilities are available at National Park camping areas, or camp ground locations.

Some passengers prefer to substitute a shower for a swim in the fresh water creeks or rivers, (as directed by your guide) when available.



TWIN FALLS - JARDINE RIVER NATIONAL PARK



ALONG THE WAY



THE TIP - CAPE YORK

# 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](http://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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