

Cape York & Torres Strait Explorer



Welcome to your next adventure.
Here are a few details to help you get prepared...

Getting to and from your Trip

You will need to book flights to and from Cairns.

You will explore The Cape York area in a comfortable 4wd truck. Our vehicles are modern, comfortable and regularly serviced to ensure their safety and reliability. They are also fitted with recovery gear in case of emergency.

In the case of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances affecting the vehicle or guide, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles and guides other than those specified, to ensure the operation of a tour.

Seat Allocation: Seats on tour vehicle are not pre allocated. To ensure all participants get to enjoy window seats we encourage a daily seat rotation system.

Accommodation

Before and After the Tour:

We recommend staying the night in Cairns at the end of the tour, as flight arrival times from Bamaga can vary and may not be known until much closer to time.

We recommend following hotels:

- Bay Village Tropical Retreat
- Cairns Plaza Hotel

While on Tour:

This is a camping trip where you will be expected to pitch your tent at each location (tents are provided). Please bring your own sleeping bag and pillow. Alternatively you can hire a sleeping bag at an additional cost. Please ask your booking agent to request a sleeping bag for you if you like to take advantage of this option. Please note that facilities are basic and are shared with other campers that are not part of our group. The facilities at the campsite in the Iron Ranges are very basic, with bush toilets and no showers.

Washing Facilities

There are paid laundry facilities at all our campsite in Laura and Seisia.

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Phone Coverage and Charging

Out in the parks there is very limited phone reception. Most roadhouses along the way provide Free Wifi. The Quality of the Wifi however is at times quite patchy and slow. Charging facilities will be very limited, best is to bring a power bank or two depending on how many electrical devices you have.

Climate

June, July and August is the best time in Far North Queensland. River crossings and some trails all depend on the wet season and how much rain the area received. Usually by mid June, most roads and tracks should be open again. The chance of getting rain in this period is very small, but still always come prepared. The days will generally be around 30-32C, humidity is generally quite low, but there is always a chance it can be humid. Drinking enough water is paramount to feeling well and you will need to ensure you bring enough water bottles with at least 4l capacity. Drinking 3-5l of water a day is absolutely normal in this climate. At this time of the year the nights generally cool down and can be anywhere between 18-22C.

Food

Most meals are included and are a combination of camp cooked meals, healthy packed lunches and continental camp breakfasts. Most days you will be provided with three meals each day (unless otherwise specified - see tour itinerary for details). If you have any special dietary requirements please let us know when you book, we are happy to adapt our tasty, nutritious meals to suit a variety of dietary needs.

Drinks

There are many dry communities around the Cape region and hence there will be limited opportunities to buy alcohol at a liquor store, and must also only be consumed in specified areas. You will be able to buy and drink alcohol at the campground in Laura, Archer River, Weipa, Moreton Telegraph Station and Seisia.

Medical Restrictions

As we operate in remote areas, guests will need to bring all of their own personal medications on tour. Whilst our guides are qualified in remote area or wilderness first aid and carry satellite phones, we do not carry EpiPens, Ventolin or other emergency medications. If a person requires urgent medical attention whilst on tour, it may take several hours or more for emergency services to attend the scene and take you to a medical facility. Under certain circumstances your tour consultant may request a medical certificate of fitness before you are cleared to participate on the tour. If pre-existing medical issues that will affect your ability to complete the tour or have an impact on other guests experiences, are not disclosed prior to the departure, we reserve the right to remove you from the tour. You will not be able to bring a cpap machine whilst on this tour.

Dietary Requirements

Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements. We will do our best to cater for these whilst you are tour.

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Access to Shops

There will be shops along the way, however most towns/roadhouses are very small and remote, and may have quite a limited selection and limited opening hours. In Weipa we have access to bigger shops with more selection if needed.

Optional Activities

There is the option to do the self guided Quinkan Rock Art site walk on Day 3 (approx. 45min return, with fairly steep and uneven steps to get to the rock art sites) (approx. 30 AUD).

What to Pack

Please Note: there is limited luggage space in our vehicle, so you will need to pack light (maximum 15kg) and take soft sided bags.

ESSENTIALS

- Sleeping bag (either bring your own or request to hire one through us for an additional cost)
- Pillow
- Long shirts and pants are important to protect against the harsh Australian sun and wind. Clothes should be easy to wash and dry.
- Comfortable, closed-in shoes to protect your feet from cuts, scratches, bites and stings when walking through bush or grasslands.
- A pair of sandals or thongs/flip flops for around camp or on the bus
- Sun protection, including a wide-brimmed hat, sunscreen and sunglasses.
- Wind & waterproof jacket.
- Light weight, quick dry towel.
- Headlamp or torch for around camp at night.
- Sleep sheet (for warmer months) or extra sleeping layers (for colder months)
- Battery pack/power bank for recharging your phone or camera
- Refillable water bottle minimum 2-3 litres
- Swimwear
- Insect repellent
- Clothing suitable for hot days and cool nights
- Personal toiletries & medication

RECOMMENDED

- Earplugs to get a good night's sleep at our campsite.
- Binoculars for spotting wildlife.

To reduce waste we ask that you bring:

- A keep cup or thermos cup for takeaway drinks whilst travelling

Emergency Contact on Tour

In the case of an emergency and family and friends are trying to get in contact with you and unable to reach you on your personal phone, please ask them to call the office on 1300 544 882. After hours or on the weekend there is an option on the voicemail which will direct them through to the duty managers personal mobile. On tour in an emergency situation our guides will be carrying satellite phones. Â

Final Payment Due Date

Final payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks. We will send out a reminder email.

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Cancellation Policy

All our tours are guaranteed departures.

We hope that you do not need to cancel your booking. However, if you do, our cancellation fee, based on the notice given prior to the departure date, is:

- 85 days or more, you will be refunded all monies paid, less a \$50 administration fee
- 42 to 84 days prior to departure, you will lose your deposit
- 28 to 41 days: 25% of full tour cost
- 14 to 27 days: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 14 days: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency. This policy will be adhered to despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.

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