CAPE YORK & TORRES STRAIT
11 days / 10 nights

DAY 1: TUESDAY - CAIRNS (D)
Arrive into Cairns for your overnight accommodation. Meet fellow travellers at our Welcome Dinner.
Stay: overnight at Shangri-La Hotel, Cairns

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY - DAINTREE (B,L,D)
We travel north along one of Australia's most scenic coastal drives towards the World Heritage-Listed Daintree National Park, crossing the mighty Daintree River by cable ferry. We visit the world-class Daintree Discovery Centre for an excellent introduction into the wonders of the Daintree Rainforest. Check in to the Heritage Lodge with time to experience the resort's private swimming holes and rainforest walks.
Stay: overnight at Heritage Lodge & Spa, Daintree

DAY 3-4: THURSDAY-FRIDAY - COOKTOWN (B,L,D)
Follow the famous Bloomfield Track on an amazing journey hugging the scenic Daintree Coast to Cooktown. Enjoy lunch at the Lions Den Hotel, famous for its quirky decorations and walls adorned with visitors' signatures. Join a magical award-winning tour by Aboriginal Elder and story-keeper Willie Gordon, who will take us to his ancestral rock art sites. Here he will share the stories behind the art, giving you a real insight into Aboriginal society and spirituality.
Stay: 2 nights at Sovereign Resort, Cooktown

DAY 5-6: SATURDAY-SUNDAY - WEIPA (B,L,D)
On a spectacular scenic flight to Lockhardt River and Weipa, see the picturesque Princess Charlotte Bay and pristine sections of the Great Barrier Reef. Spend time at Lockhardt River, home to a thriving Aboriginal community and the pretty Chilli Beach, then take in magnificent aerial views of the Gulf of Carpentaria and Bauxite Mine as we arrive in Weipa. Join a local guided tour of the Weipa Bauxite Mine, the largest of its kind in the world. Cruise the mouth of the Gulf of Carpentaria on a Sunset Eco Tour for a chance to spot wildlife and to hear commentary about the beautiful ecosystems and local culture.
Stay: 2 nights at Albatross Bay Resort, Weipa
DAY 7-8: MONDAY-TUESDAY - BAMAGA (B,L,D)

We travel along the Batavia Downs Station Road to Moreton Telegraph Station on the Wenlock River, passing through the Heathlands Resources Reserve and Bramwell Station. Driving on some of the original sections of the Old Telegraph Track, we follow rugged 4WD roads to the lush Fruit Bat Falls with its crystal clear water (croc free), a perfect swimming spot and one of the most special places on the Cape. Experience the highlights of Cape York Peninsula, one of Australia’s last great wilderness areas. Enjoy relaxed cruising between Seisia, Possession Island and Frangipani Bay (weather permitting). A good level of fitness is required to reach the tip of Cape York via a picturesque walking track. We stand at the very tip of our continent, the most northerly point of Australia and savour a picnic lunch at Somerset Beach with views to Albany Island.

Stay: 2 nights at Cape York Peninsula Lodge, Bamaga

DAY 9: WEDNESDAY - TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS (B,L,D)

Cruise the beautiful turquoise waters of the Endeavour Strait to Thursday Island. Join a special tour experience to Friday Island and the Kazu Pearl Farm. Learn about the cultivation, seeding and harvesting of the oyster followed by a delicious lunch. Discover Thursday Island’s hidden past, including Green Hill Fort, on a guided history tour.

Stay: overnight at Jardine Motel, Thursday Island

DAY 10: THURSDAY - CAIRNS (B,L,D)

Board the ferry for a short crossing to nearby Horn Island. Join local guides on a tour of the World War II sites, including gun emplacements, an underground command post and an aircraft wreck with an unbelievable story. Walk in the steps of traditional owners, the Kaurareg People, and learn their stories. Transfer to the airport for our return QantasLink flight to Cairns.

Stay: overnight at Shangri-La Hotel, Cairns

DAY 11: FRIDAY – DEPART CAIRNS (B)

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred to your homeward bound connections.

Meals: B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D - Dinner