

Cape York 4-Wheel Drive Wilderness Expedition

- Enjoy the scenic flight from Horn Island, over the Great Barrier Reef to Cairns
- Cruise the wild Daintree River

Accommodation	Exclusive and Luxurious - Accommodation at its best
Tour Code	CY13
Tour Duration	13
Style	Small Group 4WD / Walks / Regional Experiences
Finest Dining	Includes 25 Meals
Outstanding Places to Stay	Two nights at Resort Bamaga, Cape York Peninsula

Itinerary

Day 1. Cairns.

Arrive in Cairns and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy free time to explore or relax. Do some shopping, visit the casino for a flutter or wander around the vibrant local markets. Perhaps take a dip in the hotel pool or enjoy the bay views with a relaxing drink.

Three Night Stay: Cairns, Rydges Tradewinds Hotel, in the heart of the city and overlooking the waterfront.

Day 2. At Leisure in Cairns.

Today is yours to further discover the delights of this tropical city. Perhaps wander through Cairns' picturesque parks and gardens, stroll the Esplanade or visit the Pier Market Place and Marlin Marina and Jetty for some shopping.

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Day 3. Freedom of Choice Touring.

Enjoy the options of our Freedom of Choice Touring today. Choose to join a day tour to the fascinating Undara Volcanic National Park. Undara, an Aboriginal word for 'long', includes a 160 kilometre lava tunnel, the longest on earth. Your guide will tell of the animals and plants that live here. We then travel via the Atherton Tablelands, home to the remarkable Curtain Fig Tree and volcanic lakes. We also stop at Heales Lookout to take in the spectacular views and visit Ravenshoe, the highest town in Queensland. Alternatively, choose to visit Rainforestation and see the Pamagirri Dancers depicting the Dreamtime. Following this, take in the scenery with a ride through lush tropical rainforest on the Kuranda Scenic Railway (book at time of tour reservation). Returning to Cairns.

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Day 4. Daintree River, Cape Tribulation.

This morning and we travel to Daintree National Park and cruise along the Daintree River, spotting saltwater crocodiles and other fascinating wildlife. We continue through the national park to Cape Tribulation, where age old rainforest meets spectacular coastline. This is the only place in Australia where you can experience the splendour of tropical rainforests while being just a stone's throw from the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef.

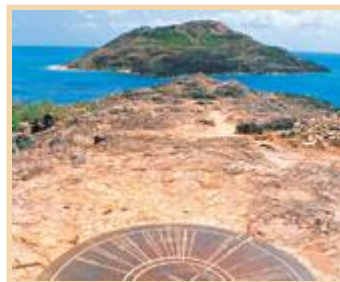
Stay: Cape Tribulation, Ferntree Rainforest Lodge.

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Day 5. Bloomfield Track, Cooktown.

Travel the remote and rugged Bloomfield track to the port and fishing town of Cooktown. It was here that James Cook beached the 'Endeavour' for repairs in 1770 and Cooktown is the first European settlement on Australian soil. Visit the James Cook Museum and stroll through the historic cemetery with its Chinese shrine. Visit Nature's Powerhouse in the Botanic Gardens and view its collection of botanical illustrations and an exhibition of Cape York wildlife. Explore this gateway to the Cape York Peninsula.

Stay: Cooktown, The Sovereign Hotel.



What's Included

APT Guaranteed Inclusions

- Enjoy the scenic flight from Horn Island, over the Great Barrier Reef to Cairns
- Travel the Bloomfield Track
- Enjoy Cooktown Botanical Gardens
- Explore the Cape York Peninsula
- Visit isolated Thursday Island and experience the Torres Strait culture
- Travel the remote Peninsula Track in a small group by custom built 4 wheel drive vehicle
- Tour the wilderness of the Daintree National Park
- Visit the gulf port of Weipa and tour the largest bauxite mine in the world
- Cruise the clear northern waters of Endeavour Strait
- Visit the isolated working cattle station of Bramwell
- Explore the wonders of Lakefield National Park
- Travel through the traditional lands of the Injinoo Aboriginals
- Visit the Telegraph repeater stations of Moreton and Musgrave
- Southbound tours include a guided tour of Horn Island

Finest Dining

- 11 hot breakfasts (B), 1 tropical continental breakfast in Cape Tribulation at Ferntree Rainforest Lodge (B), 5 lunches (L) and 8 dinners (D)

Outstanding Places to Stay

- Stay four nights in tropical Cairns
- Stay in true wilderness at Ferntree Lodge,

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Day 6. Lakefield National Park.

Journey into Lakefield National Park, Queensland's second largest national park at 537 000 hectares. Typifying Far North Queensland, the near wilderness of the park is covered with sun bleached grasses, paperbark woodland, swamp, mangroves and fringing rainforest. Stretching from Princess Charlotte Bay down to Laura, there is a diverse population of birdlife including jabirus, brolgas and many duck species to discover. Colonies of fruit bats take to the skies in the evenings and numerous wallabies can be seen out on the open plains. The monsoonal waterways are home to the timid and harmless freshwater crocodile and the more feared and dangerous saltwater crocodile.

Stay: Musgrave Telegraph Station, in the true Queensland wilderness. Due to the remoteness, accommodation and shared facilities are more basic.

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Day 7. Coen, Weipa, Gulf Country.

Explore the old goldmining town of Coen before driving through the pristine Mungkan Kandju National Park with its riverine rainforest and swamps. We travel to Weipa, situated on the shores of the Gulf of Carpentaria. Weipa is the site of the world's largest bauxite deposit and is also home to fantastic barramundi and blue salmon fishing. The first European landing of Australia was near Weipa.

Stay: Weipa, Albatross Hotel Resort.

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Day 8. Weipa, Bramwell Cattle Station.

This morning we tour the Weipa Bauxite Mine, the largest of its kind in the world. This afternoon we journey on through remote areas of Cape York via Moreton Telegraph Station to Bramwell Cattle Station, famed for its remote setting and outback hospitality. Get a unique insight into how such a remote Australian cattle station operates.

Stay: Bramwell Station. Due to the remoteness, accommodation and shared facilities more basic.

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Day 9. Cape York Peninsula.

Skirting the Jardine River National Park, we continue through the traditional lands of the Injinoo Aboriginal people. Native title handed much of this area back to the traditional owners, enabling the survival of the distinctive East and West Cape Aboriginal cultures and their language. We journey to Resort Bamaga.

Two Night Stay: Resort Bamaga, luxury in the heart of the wilderness.

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Day 10. Explore Cape York.

This morning we journey to the tip of Cape York Peninsula and experience being at the Australian mainland's most northerly point. Take your time to make the most of the view out over the Torres Strait. We return to the resort this afternoon to swim or just relax in the peaceful surroundings of this truly magnificent wilderness region.

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Day 11. Thursday Island.

Cross the clear blue waters of Endeavour Strait to Australia's most northerly settlement, Thursday Island. One of around 100 islands that make up the Torres Strait Islands, Thursday Island is home to 3000 people. Known as Torres Strait Islanders, they're of Melanesian descent. The late Eddie Mabo, famous for his successful 1992 land claim in Australia's High Court, was a Torres Strait Islander. Today a multicultural outpost, the island was once a base for pearling luggers. With our guide, discover its history and get a feel for island life.

Stay: Thursday Island, Jardine Motel.

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Day 12. Cape York, Cairns.

This morning, transfer to Horn Island Airport for our scenic flight over some of the most spectacular areas of the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef. We land in Cairns and transfer to our hotel.

Stay: Cairns, Rydges Tradewinds Hotel.

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Cape Tribulation Rainforest

- Accommodation - Travelling along the remote Peninsula Track, basic cabin accommodation without private facilities will be utilised.
- These establishments will always be clean, comfortable and well maintained, and contribute to the adventurous experience. Hotels or motels are used in main centres.

The APT Difference

- Cultural and Indigenous experiences
- Fully trained Driver/Guide
- \$5 Million Consumer Protection Guarantee
- All inclusive touring – no optional meals, coach tours or nights out sold on tour
- Free travel kit including stylish travel bag
- *Operates in reverse direction, Tour YC13.

AirSaver Airfares

- At the time of making your booking, let APT's experts secure you the best airfares available.

Special Note

- Every effort will be made to adhere to the published itinerary. However, due to the nature of the terrain and remoteness of the area, weather and road conditions may necessitate itinerary changes.
- Single Room Option subject to availability.
- *In some remote locations, single travellers may be required to share accommodation.
- Land Content, twin share per person.
- Fully inclusive of all sightseeing, entrance fees, cruises, meals as specified,

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accommodation and
airfare from Thursday
Island to Cairns.

Cape York, what to expect

- Your Vehicle and Driver/Guide - This all terrain vehicle has been designed to tackle the rugged landscape. It is air conditioned and features quality cloth seats (no toilet facilities on board).
- Your intensively trained Driver/Guide will make your holiday memorable.

7 Day Coral Princess Cruise

- This tour can be combined with a 7 day Coral Princess Cruise, along the beautiful coast of Cape York and to various Great Barrier Reef locations. Please enquire for further details.

Downloads

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