GTC GREENHILLS TRAVEL CENTRE

QUEENSLAND RAIL & RAINFOREST SMALL GROUP TOUR

11-day Tour Fully Escorted from East Maitland

Visits Cairns • Kuranda • Cooktown • Daintree • Mossman • Port Douglas • Cape Tribulation • Brisbane

Includes Flights • Accommodation • Kuranda Rail • *Spirit of Queensland* Train • 3-day Rainforest Tour • Day Trip to the Reef • 16 Meals • Only 23 Seats

TRAVELLER CHOICE

Departs 20 March 2022

\$4,400^{*}pp twin share

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Day 1 Newcastle – Cairns

Transfer from Greenhills Travel Centre to Newcastle (Williamtown Airport) and board you flight to Cairns. On arrival in Cairns transfer to your hotel and check in. Afternoon free. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2 Cairns

After breakfast commence a Kuranda Rainforest Station Experience day tour. (B, L)

Day 3 Cairns - Mossman

8.00am After Breakfast depart Cairns for Hartley Crocodile Adventures. Includes access to the wildlife displays and natural areas, all wildlife presentations, various self-guided walks and free wildlife information sheets. Crocodile Farm Tour, Snake Show, Crocodile Show. 12.00pm depart for Port Douglas for lunch (own expense)

Free time until 3.00pm. Depart Port Douglas for Mossman for our 2-night stay. (B)

Day 4 Commence 3-day Cape Tribulation & Cooktown Tour

After breakfast begin the day with a drive to Mossman Gorge. Enjoy morning tea at Mossman Gorge Centre before a driver-guided walk in the rainforest of the Gorge. Next is a one hour Daintree River Cruise; this unique environment is abundant with wildlife including Saltwater Crocodiles. A tropical BBQ lunch is included at a private rainforest location before visiting the renowned Cape Tribulation Beach, named by Captain Cook. Visit Daintree Ice Cream Company and Mt Alexandria Lookout. Overnight accommodation in Mossman. (B, L)

Day 5 Mossman – Cooktown

Our driver will share the fascinating history of the World Heritage Rainforest and areas you will travel through before arriving at the iconic Lion's Den Hotel for lunch. This iconic pub is one of Queensland's oldest, having been established in 1878. Once arrived in Cooktown, first stop is Grassy Hill Lookout which boasts 360 degree views from where James Cook surveyed his route in 1770. Learn more of Cooktown's history on a guided walk along the foreshore and its monuments. Arrive at your Cooktown accommodation for the night. (B, L)

Day 6 Cooktown – Cairns

After breakfast commence Cooktown city sights tour including a guided tour of the James Cook Museum, followed by a guided tour of the Cooktown Botanic Gardens. Enjoy lunch at Nature's Powerhouse. Depart Cooktown after lunch with a brief stop at Black Mountain viewing point and Byerstown Range Lookout. Comfort stop at Palmer River Roadhouse (30min). Continue on to Cairns and arrive at our accommodation at approximately 6.00pm. (B, L)

Day 7 Cairns

Day trip to the reef on an old Pearling Lugger. (B)

Day 8 Cairns - Brisbane

After breakfast transfer to Cairn's railway station to board the famous Spirit of Queensland train for our overnight journey to Brisbane. RailBed customers can enjoy all-inclusive meals served directly to your seat. The menu brings a paddock to plate experience with meals prepared using the freshest Queensland produce. A selection of Queensland wines and beverages is also available. The Spirit of Queensland combines modern seating and entertainment options with the charm of long distance rail travel. Contemporary, comfortable and designed for relaxation. Travelling between Brisbane and Cairns five times a week, the Spirit of Queensland redefines the modern rail travel experience with a comfortable and convenient way to access spectacular holiday destinations such as the Great Barrier Reef, the Whitsundays, Townsville and Cairns and everywhere in between. Wherever you are heading along the coast, the Spirit of Queensland will have you relaxed from the moment you step aboard to the time you arrive at your destination.

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Onboard facilities:

- Licensed Galley Car open 24 hours. Alcohol not available between midnight and 10.00am.
- Drinking fountains
- Showers and toilets located in the end of each carriage (B.L.D)

Day 9 Brisbane

Arrive in Brisbane at 9.00am, after a quick city highlights we will drop our luggage at the hotel (as check in is not available until after 2.00pm) then spend the day exploring Brisbane's Southbank. (B)

Day 10 Brisbane – Day Tour

Cobb & Co History Route Day Tour. Once taking almost two days each way, our tour today follows some of the old Cobb & Co Stage Coach route from Ipswich to Toowoomba. We take in sights of the lovely Lockyer Valley stopping for morning tea at one of the staging posts along the route, passing through the townships of Walloon, Rosewood, Laidley, just to name a few, finishing at the historic "Spring Bluff Railway Station". Don't forget your camera for the station's beautiful gardens. Gaining knowledge from your driver as they provide informative commentary about the history and the stories of the areas you are travelling through. We stop for lunch (own expense) in Toowoomba before entering to the Cobb & Co Museum in the afternoon for our guided tour. Reaching the end of our time at the Museum we board the coach for home via the newly constructed 2nd range passing, once thought impassable. (B)

Day 11 Brisbane – Newcastle

After breakfast transfer to the airport for our flight back to Newcastle. Transfer back to Greenhills Travel Centre East Maitland.



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