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Cape York Women's Cultural Immersion 2026

SATURDAY, 15TH – FRIDAY, 21ST AUGUST 2026



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**Places
are
Limited!**

Cape York Immersion Program Overview



Five nights camping
on Guugu Yimithirr
homelands (Gambiir
and Melsonby)



Visit to the Hope
Vale community



Welcome to
Country at Wujal
Wujal Falls on Kuku
Yalanji Country



Cabin accommodation and
catered dinner in Cape
Tribulation



Small Group
14-20 Women



Ocean Safari Great
Barrier Reef tour



Experience, connect, and grow with Traditional Owners



- 🌀 Join us in August 2026 to experience life with female Traditional Owners on Country
- 🌀 Stay in privately held, remote Homelands which are inaccessible outside of this setting
- 🌀 Make meaningful, authentic connections with First Nations' Australians living on their own land
- 🌀 Learn about language, land, history and culture from welcoming hosts so willing to share
- 🌀 Meet other women to connect about sacred women's business
- 🌀 Be supported in a sacred space of sharing with an open heart





Cape York Reef & Rainforest



'Women on Country' 7-Day Itinerary

Day 3:
Hope Vale and
Melsonby Homeland

Day 2: Time at Gambiir Homeland
with Dora and family, enjoying
storytelling, bush tucker walks,
and painting and weaving
workshops.

Day 4: Time at Melsonby
Homeland with Rangers Julie and
Ginger for land-lease talks, damper
making, rock art exploration, and
weaving.

Day 5: Enjoy traditional
ground-oven cooking, explore
ancient rock art, and spend
time fishing and swimming.

Day 6: Travel to the
Daintree Rainforest and
Kuku Yalanji Country

Day 1: Travel north to Cape York
and Guugu Yimithirr Country

Cairns

Great Barrier Reef

Day 7: Start with a half-day Great Barrier Reef
tour, then travel through the Daintree
Rainforest to Cairns with an ice creamery stop,
finishing with a 5:00 PM drop-off at the
airport and Rydges Hotel.

Cape York

'Women on Country' Itinerary



DAY 1 Travel north to Cape York and Guugu Yimithirr Country

- 📍 Cairns – Pick up group at Rydges Hotel (9:00 AM) and Cairns Airport (10:00 AM)
- 📍 Travel five (5) hours to Gambiir for a Welcome to Country, then set up camp

DAY 2 Time at Gambiir Homeland

- 📍 With Dora and Family, enjoy author-led storytelling, bush tucker rainforest walks, and hands-on painting and weaving workshops



DAY 3 Hope Vale and Melsonby Homeland

- 📍 Pack up camp and travel to Hope Vale, which is a 15-minute drive
- 📍 Visit the Art Centre, the church, the Tree of Knowledge, and the community store
- 📍 Stop at Isabella Falls and enjoy a refreshing swim
- 📍 Drive one hour to Melsonby. Welcome to Country. Set up camp.



DAY 4 Time at Melsonby Homeland

- Join Rangers Julie and Ginger for talks on land leases with the national park and take part in weaving, learn to make damper, and explore ancient rock art.



DAY 5 Time at Melsonby Homeland

- Enjoy traditional ground-oven cooking, explore ancient rock art, and spend time fishing and swimming

DAY 6 Travel to the Daintree Rainforest and Kuku Yalanji Country

- Pack up camp early in the morning.
- Travel three hours to the Wujal Wujal Community for a Welcome to Country led by the Walker sisters on Kuku Yalanji land
- Drive the Bloomfield Track by 4WD for two hours to reach Cape Tribulation
- Stay overnight in the booked cabin accommodation at Cape Tribulation





DAY 7 **Return home**

- 📍 Wake up for a morning half-day Great Barrier Reef Tour with Ocean Safari.
- 📍 Drive three hours through the Daintree Rainforest to Cairns, stopping at the ice creamery along the way
- 📍 Return to Cairns for a 5:00 PM drop-off at the airport and Rydges Hotel



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How do Elders and Traditional Owners feel about people coming onto their land? Will we be intruding?

We are an organisation driven by our Indigenous partners in the homelands of remote Australia. Our mission is to give Indigenous people the help they need if they wish to open the hearts and minds of visitors to their country, culture, and way of life. We only make our resources available if we're asked to help. Traditional Owners are the ones who decide if and when people should come onto their land, not us.

What is the pre-departure program like?

Red Earth takes its responsibility to ensure that each person attending an immersion is culturally and practically prepared very seriously. We have designed an online portal for this professional development trip tailored for your specific itinerary. You will be able to read up on the history of the area and the specific communities you will visit, read profiles of the Elders and Traditional Owners who will be hosting you, and look up useful information like packing lists and weather charts.

What amenities are available? Will there be showers and bathrooms?

We will have access to showers or river swims and flushing or drop toilets every day. It won't be like your bathroom at home, but will be enough to make the experience comfortable.

What food will be available?

While there will be opportunities for you to forage for bush foods, we bring all the catering equipment and meals with us. We will have fresh fruit and vegetables and healthy meals throughout the trip. We cater for every kind of dietary requirement and encourage participants to lend a hand in the kitchen. You can bring some food of your own too, but please note this is a 100% nut-free immersion.



Inclusions, payment process and cancellation policy

Inclusions

Red Earth organises everything from start to finish. The immersion fee includes:

- All ground travel on the program will be included, however, you will be expected to make your way to Cairns Airport. Flight costs are not included. Please ensure all flights arrive before program starts and leaves 2 hours after program end. For those arriving earlier or departing later, there will also be a pickup/drop-off point in Cairns centre
- Red Earth leader(s) to look after the campsite, liaise with the community, uphold safety standards and help lead building and cultural activities
- Use of private, exclusive lands
- All cultural activities led by Traditional Owners, including equipment needed for the activities
- All ground transport with experienced drivers for the duration of the immersion
- Camping and cooking equipment inc small sized stretcher beds, and camp chairs
- Tent share (2 people per tent)
- Three nutritious meals a day plus snacks
- Information session delivered by your leaders prior to the Immersion
- An online portal for participants with learning resources and information about your immersion
- Red Earth merchandise including a hoodie
- A comprehensive risk mitigation strategy
- Permits and entry fees
- Insurance for leaders, volunteers and third parties (not participants)

The following are not included:

- Airfares and travel insurance for participants
- Souvenirs and purchases (including food) made at airports and on flights
- Sleeping bag, pillow and personal sleeping mattress

Terms of Payment (total will range between \$3,905 and \$4,895 depending on numbers)

1. Deposit: \$1,000 due upon registration
2. Second Payment: \$1,000 due on Friday 9th May
3. Balance: TBC due Friday 13th June 2025

Red Earth Cancellation Policy – Ground Costs

For individuals who choose to cancel for any reason, the following Red Earth cancellation policy applies. This includes (but is not limited to) an individual not attending due to injury or illness.

- **Cancelling between due dates for the Deposit and Second Payment** will result in the forfeiture of the deposit amount.
- **Cancelling between due dates for the Second Payment and Balance** will result in the forfeiture of the deposit plus 50% of the second payment.
- **Cancellation between Balance Due Date and 4 Weeks Prior to Departure:** Forfeiture of the deposit, the second payment, plus an additional 50% of the final balance.
- **Cancellation within 4 Weeks Prior to Departure:** Forfeiture of the deposit, second payment, and 75% of the final balance.
- **Cancelling on or after the Date of Departure**, or failing to join the group without notice, will result in the forfeit of 100% of the fee paid.

Please note changes such as participant substitutions, adding new participants etc. can not be made later than 4 weeks prior to departure. Until the initial deposit payment is received, costs are subject to change at the discretion of Red Earth.



Interested?

Event: Cape York Women's Cultural Immersion 2026

Price: Max. of \$4,895 + flights per person for a minimum of 14 women (*price will decrease as more participants join*).

Dates: Saturday, 15th – Friday, 21st August 2026 (7 days)



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