

# Cape York Reef & Rainforest

## Homeland Spirit - 5 Days



### Day 1: Welcome to Country

#### Great Barrier Reef

Fly to Cairns and journey via Mount Molloy to Homeland for a Welcome to Country, then set up camp on Country surrounded by stunning landscapes and community.



Cairns



### Day 2-3: Homeland 1

#### Great Barrier Reef

Be welcomed by Ian at his Homeland and journey through Archer Point, Cooktown, and Homeland to fish, forage bush tucker, create art, spears and dance shakers, cook damper, share stories by the fire, and reflect each night on your immersion.



### Day 3: Travelling south and back to Cairns



Farewell your hosts in Cape York and travel to Cairns to camp by the rainforest for the final two nights of your immersion.

### Day 4: Sea Country



#### Great Barrier Reef

Spend the day exploring two outer reef sites and learn about marine life and Aboriginal sea Country from First Nations guides

### Day 5: Farewell, But Not Goodbye



Say goodbye to friends and First Nations facilitators who shared their wisdom. Return home with a deeper understanding of culture, nature, and yourself.

# Cape York

Experience 5 unforgettable days exploring a Homeland along with rich cultural tourism sites



## DAY 1 The Journey Begins

- 螺旋 Catch an early flight to Cairns, where your adventure begins with a sunrise in the sky.
- 螺旋 Travel on a scenic bus trip to Homeland via Mount Malloy - a journey through ever-changing landscapes.
- 螺旋 Experience a warm Welcome to Country ceremony hosted by locals excited to share their land with you.
- 螺旋 Set up camp on Country, letting nature's beauty and the inspiring lives of the locals be the backdrop for your memorable stay.

## DAY 2-3 Travel to Homeland

- 螺旋 Arrive in the afternoon at the new Homeland to be welcomed by your host, Ian.
- 螺旋 4WD bus to Archer Point with another Welcome to Country and walk up to Historic Lighthouse with stories of the area and the sacred island out at sea.
- 螺旋 Have a go at fishing at a local creek using handlines and traditional techniques.
- 螺旋 Whilst exploring the bushland forage for bush tucker such as Burdekin plums, green ants, and witchetty grubs - tasting some if you would like!
- 螺旋 Head into the historic town of Cooktown with the option of a stunning walk up to Grassy Light and the panoramic views, and a visit to Reconciliation Rocks.



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- ◎ Visit a sacred site and hear the dreaming stories that surround it.
- ◎ Girls have a painting workshop with a local artist or weave with traditional materials, whilst boys will make a traditional spear and practice throwing it.
- ◎ Make a traditional damper over an open fire.
- ◎ Make dance shakers to use in a talent show.
- ◎ In the evening, take a bush walk to the riverbed where Ian spent a lot of his childhood. Cook dinner over the fire set deep in the rainforest and listen out for the sounds as the sun goes down and evening sets in. Learn about the language, history and wildlife of the land and its people.
- ◎ Nightly reflections on the immersion.



## DAY 3 Travelling south and back to Cairns

- ◎ After a peaceful last night in camp, we say farewell to your host, their families and the wonder of Cape York.
- ◎ We will arrive in the afternoon at our peaceful camping area on the edge of the rainforest in Cairns for the final two nights of your immersion.

## DAY 4 Great Barrier Reef

- ◎ After your memorable time on Country... another adventure awaits. Explore this amazing region on a full-day snorkelling tour on the UNESCO World Heritage site, the Great Barrier Reef. This incredible area will be brought further to life by your marine biologist and cultural guides, who will accompany you on board.
- ◎ Final reflection and debrief.

## DAY 5 Return home

- ◎ Pack up camp for the last time and say goodbye to your Red Earth leaders
- ◎ Take a bus to the Cairns Airport ahead of your flight home

