

Cape York Reef & Rainforest

Homeland and Explore - 8 Days



Day 2-4: Homeland 1

Join Uncle Bernie to explore bush tucker, create sand paintings, contribute to a community project, visit Hopevale, learn Guugu Yimithirr language, enjoy traditional cooking, and cool off in a nearby creek.



Homeland

Day 5: Travelling South via Cooktown and Mossman Gorge

Travel south via historic Cooktown to Mossman Gorge for rainforest walks and crystal-clear waters, before returning to Cairns to camp in the rainforest for the next three nights.



Day 6: Rainforest or Mangrove Conservation Day

Spend the day on Kuku Yalanji Country, hands in the earth, restoring rainforest or mangrove habitats.



Day 7: Sea Country

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



Day 1: Welcome to Country

Begin with a sunrise flight to Cairns, journey with Red Earth Leaders through ever-changing landscapes to Homeland, be warmly Welcomed to Country, and camp on Country embraced by nature and local stories.



Mossman Gorge

Great Barrier Reef

Cairns

Fitzroy Island

Day 8: 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

8 Days of Culture, Coast & Reef



DAY 1 The Journey Begins

- ☉ Catch an early flight to Cairns, where your adventure kicks off with a sunrise in the sky.
- ☉ After being met at the airport by our Red Earth Leaders, you will travel on a scenic bus trip to Homeland via Mount Malloy - a journey through ever-changing landscapes.
- ☉ Experience a warm Welcome to Country ceremony, hosted by locals excited to share their land with you.
- ☉ Set up camp on Country, letting nature's beauty and inspiring lives of the locals be the backdrop for your memorable stay.

DAYS 2-4 Travel to Homeland

- ☉ Be greeted by your host, Traditional Owner, who is always keen to share the love of his land and the layers and layers of history that surround this region.
- ☉ Utilise native flora to create your own sand paintings themed from local stories.
- ☉ Wander Traditional Owner's vast bush tucker orchard, learning about traditional uses and tasting as you go, with differing results!
- ☉ Contribute to an impactful community project.
- ☉ Try your hand at catching your dinner in the local water hole using handlines.



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- ☉ Visit the community of Hope Vale where there is the opportunity to visit the local church, local shop and Indigenous Knowledge Centre before dropping into the Hope Vale Arts Centre, where you will have the chance to purchase something for friends and family and contribute to this community-run enterprise.
- ☉ Learn some Guugu Yimithirr language with the Elders, along with history and sharing stories.
- ☉ Prepare an underground oven and experience this delicious traditional feast.
- ☉ Take a refreshing dip in a nearby creek.



DAY 5 Travelling South via Cooktown and Mossman Gorge

- ☉ Pack up camp early and say a final goodbye to your hosts and the wonders of Cape York.
- ☉ We will stop in historic Cooktown on our journey, taking in the views that give you a further sense of the region's richness and past.
- ☉ You are then on your way south heading towards the significant site of Mossman Gorge.
- ☉ On arrival at the gorge, take time to explore the amazing scenery and rainforest of the area.
- ☉ Cool off your feet in the crystal-clear waters of the gorge, and if time, explore one of the short forest walking loops.
- ☉ Return to Cairns and set up camp in the rainforest with access to comfortable facilities and amenities for the next three nights.

DAY 6 Rainforest or Mangrove Conservation Day

- ☉ Spend the day on Kuku Yalanji Country, hands in the earth, restoring rainforest or mangrove habitats. Learn how this living system threads water, soil, culture and wildlife together, and see how small actions can help a whole landscape breathe again.



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DAYS 7 Great Barrier Reef

- 🎯 Travel south after your time on Country for another adventure that awaits. We can 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 8 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

