

# Cape York Reef & Rainforest

## Homeland and Explore - 8 Days



### Day 2-4: Homeland

Experience life on Country alongside Traditional Owners as you create traditional artefacts, learn bush skills, cook over an underground oven, share stories by the campfire, swim in creek waters, explore Hope Vale and its Arts Centre, and collaborate with the community through hands-on projects and daily reflections under open skies.



Homeland

### Day 4: 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 5: 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.



### Day 6: 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

### Day 7: 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

## 7 Days of Culture, Conservation & Reef



### DAY 1 The Journey Begins

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- ☉ 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 the inspiring lives of the locals be the backdrop for your memorable stay.

### DAYS 2-4 Travel to Homeland

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- ☉ Traditional Owners love to have students visit their family and share the myriad activities at this beautiful homeland, set right alongside a cooling creek.
- ☉ Spend the days making traditional artefacts like spears, along with Leatherwork, painting and weaving as some of the other possibilities.
- ☉ 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.





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- ☉ Take a refreshing dip at Isabella Falls - set in a peaceful location in the forests.
- ☉ Experience the local hike, learning about native bush tucker and medicinal plants with the Traditional Owner's handmade worksheet.
- ☉ Learn the traditional cooking methods and make your own damper.
- ☉ Prepare an underground oven and experience this delicious traditional feast.
- ☉ Collaborate with the community on a local project.
- ☉ Enjoy stories around the campfire under vast open skies.
- ☉ Refreshing daily swims in the nearby creek.
- ☉ Nightly reflections on the immersion.



## DAY 4 Travelling South via Cooktown and Mossman Gorge

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- ☉ 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 5 Rainforest or Mangrove Conservation Day

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## DAYS 6 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 7 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

