

POTTER TRAVEL

CAIRNS, COOKTOWN AND PORT DOUGLAS

10 DAY TOUR

DEPARTING: WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2019

RETURNING: FRIDAY 02 AUGUST 2019



TOUR COST:

\$3,750.00 per person twin/double share

\$4,675.00 sole occupancy

Please call the office for Direct Deposit details

Day 1: (D): CANBERRA TO CAIRNS: Wednesday 24 July 2019

Welcome aboard Potter Travel's 10 day tour to Queensland, taking in Cairns, Cooktown and Port Douglas. Today we make our way to the Canberra airport for our flight through to Cairns. Upon arrival we are met by our local coach operator who will transfer us to our accommodation. We'll get settled into our rooms and unpack for the next few nights.

Novotel Oasis Hotel, Cairns | 07 4080 1888

Day 2: (BD): TROPICAL RAINFOREST AND KURANDA VILLAGE: Thursday 25 July 2019

Today is all about being a part of the spectacular scenery that tropical North Queensland has to offer. This morning we make our way north on the Captain Cook Highway to the Skyrail Cableway terminal. Here we join a gondola that will take us across the rooftop of the tropical rainforest. Stretching 7.5kms along the rainforest canopy, the views are spectacular. Upon reaching the top of the range, the village of Kuranda is surrounded by world heritage listed rainforest and is a town full of arts and craft shops. We have time to enjoy a wander through the village and purchase some lunch. We then board the Kuranda Scenic Railway for our descent back to Cairns. Constructed between 1882 and 1891, the railway is considered an engineering feat of tremendous magnitude. Hundreds of men were employed to build the 15 handmade tunnels and 37 bridges that stand as a monument to the pioneers of tropical North Queensland. The train journey will also take us through the magnificent Barron Falls National Park and close to the Barron Falls. We are met on disembarkation and transferred back to our accommodation.

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Day 3: (BLD): ATHERTON TABLELANDS: Friday 26 July 2019

We head to the Atherton Tablelands today, a rather unique area in North Queensland. The combination of its geographic location in the tropics, its pleasant climate and the volcanic activities have all shaped large parts of the landscape. Our first stop is to the Curtain Fig Tree with its curtain of aerial roots that drop 15 metres to the ground. Large basalt boulders cover the forest floor which is probably why the forest here wasn't cleared for farming - and why the curtain fig tree remains standing. We then head to Lake Barrine - a beautiful volcanic crater lake. We enjoy morning tea in the Tea House followed by a cruise on Lake Barrine. Next we make our way through to our lunch stop at Malanda's Gallo Dairyland. Here we enjoy a talk on the cheese making, some cheese tasting and a lovely lunch overlooking the dairy farm. This afternoon we drive through the township of Atherton to Tolga to visit the Woodworks Gallery. This prestigious woodworking centre showcases a superb collection of Australian woodwork and craft. Timber furniture, collectable art pieces and functional wood ware are handcrafted in the adjoining studio. We will also see pieces in glass, steel, ceramics, leather and silk from Queensland's finest artisans. From here we make our way back to Cairns and our hotel.

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Day 4: (BD): FREE DAY: Saturday 27 July 2019

We have a totally free day today to relax, explore the town shops or do some personal sightseeing. Both half day and full day tours to Green Island and the outer Barrier Reef are available and the reception desk will be able to assist with this. We will meet up tonight for dinner and share our stories of the day.

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Day 5: (BLD): CAIRNS TO COOKTOWN: Sunday 28 July 2019

We farewell our hosts this morning and begin the next leg of our journey. From Cairns we join the Kennedy Highway that will wind us through the Kuranda Range. Once we are beyond Kuranda, the scenery changes to a dry eucalypt forest - a stark contrast to that of the tropical rainforest we just passed through. Onto Mareeba where we have time to visit Jaques Australian Coffee, as Mareeba is well known for its coffee plantations. Following a delightful morning tea we discover the world of coffee and how it is grown by taking a short self-guided tour. Joining the Mulligan Highway we drive north to Mount Molloy, home of the Great Bowerbird. Mount Molloy originated as a copper mine in the 1890s and we will stop here today to have our picnic lunches. Our afternoon's drive sees us travel via Lakeland then Black Mountain National Park, which we will stop at on our departure from Cooktown. Arriving into the old gold port of Cooktown, we check into our accommodation for the next 2 nights.

The Sovereign Resort, Cooktown | 07 4043 0500

Day 6: (BD): COOKTOWN: Monday 29 July 2019

Cooktown is the northernmost town on the east coast of Australia and is situated at the mouth of the Endeavour River, on Cape York Peninsula. Settled by Captain Cook in 1770 when the Endeavour was beached, Cooktown became the second largest town in Queensland after the Palmer River goldrush. Cooktown played an important role during WWII when its airfield became a base for the war effort. During the Battle of the Coral Sea in 1942, some 20,000 Australian and American troops were stationed in and around the town. We are taken on a guided tour of town including a stop at Cook's Landing located on the foreshore of the Endeavour River. This afternoon we visit the magnificent Botanical Gardens of 62 hectares established near the town in 1878. Over 200 biological specimens of this rich and diverse natural resource were identified and catalogued by Joseph Banks and Daniel Solander (part of the scientific team aboard the Endeavour). The final stop today is the James Cook Museum. It was originally a Roman Catholic Convent that fell into disrepair, erected as the Convent of St Mary during 1889, it was the first high school in North Queensland. The convent staff

and teachers were evacuated during WWII and never returned. Undergoing major restoration in 1969, it was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II when she visited in 1970 for its bicentenary celebrations. Many of its interesting artefacts includes the remains of the tree claimed to have been where Cook secured the damaged Endeavour to begin her repair. The vessel became ship worthy by the British officers and crew over a period of 7 weeks before resuming their voyage of discovery. One of the cannon's recovered from the site of Cook's collision with the Great Barrier Reef is also on display. Our very interesting day complete, we return to our accommodation for dinner.

The Sovereign Resort, Cooktown | 07 4043 0500

Day 7: (BD): COOKTOWN TO PORT DOUGLAS: Tuesday 30 July 2019

We farewell our hosts this morning and re-board our coach for the drive to Port Douglas. We'll stop at the mysterious Black Mountain lookout which, from a distance, looks like a solid monolith of black but on closer inspection are a jumble of enormous granite boulders, many of which measure up to 20 feet long. From here we continue through to Mount Molloy. This afternoon's drive takes us on a scenic descent from Julatten to our destination of Port Douglas. This former fishing village became a tourist mecca when Christopher Skase invested in the area and built the Sheraton Mirage. Its close proximity to the world heritage listed Great Barrier Reef and the wet tropics forests of the Daintree has transformed this small village into one of Australia's most popular destinations. Checking into our accommodation, we can settle into our rooms and relax prior to dinner.

Ramada Resort, Port Douglas | 07 4030 4333

Day 8: (BLD): PORT DOUGLAS: Wednesday 31 July 2019

This morning we are treated to one of Queensland's best tropical breakfast buffets while delighting in the cacophony of sounds and colours of birds at the Wildlife Habitat. The birds wander freely amongst us as we eat our breakfast! Following our meal we take a tour through the lush tranquil environment of the rainforest and the wetlands where an array of wading birds can be viewed foraging for fish in waterways that wind between the boardwalks and beside pathways. Next we join the historic Bally Hooley Rail that began life being operated by the Mossman Sugar Mill. It is a fun, short ride that takes us from the Marina Station to St Crispin's Station. We disembark and enjoy a light lunch on the lagoon. Returning to the marina, we take the opportunity to wander along Macrossan Street to see the many lovely shops before our coach collects us for the transfer back to the hotel.

Ramada Resort, Port Douglas | 07 4030 4333

Day 9: (BLD): THE DAINTREE AND MOSSMAN GORGE: Thursday 01 August 2019

This morning we head north to the Daintree Rainforest, a region mostly untouched and in pristine condition. Arriving at the departure point of our Daintree River Cruise, we stroll through gardens to board the vessel for an informative one hour wildlife cruise. We'll be on the lookout for birds, tree snakes and, of course, crocodiles. After our cruise we have time to look through the souvenir collection or meander through the lush tropical garden, then retrace our steps to the tiny village of Mossman. Here we visit breathtaking Mossman Gorge. The gorge forms the southern sector of the world heritage listed Daintree Rainforest, the last remnant of the oldest surviving rainforest in the world. The area has one of the most ancient ecosystems on earth where more than 18,000 known plant species exist, some trees being more than 2,500 years old. We'll have lunch at the Mossman Gorge Centre then take a look at the gorge. Our day complete we return to Port Douglas and our resort.

Ramada Resort, Port Douglas | 07 4030 4333

Day 10: (B): PORT DOUGLAS TO CANBERRA: Friday 02 August 2019

Making our way back to Cairns this morning, we prepare for our return flights to Canberra. We farewell our new friend and coach captain at the airport and begin our trip home. We arrive back later this afternoon with fond memories of a wonderful tour to tropical North Queensland.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DEPOSIT is required within 14 days of booking confirming your reservation. If no deposit is received, Potter Travel reserves the right to cancel the booking. Deposit is **\$350.00 per person**; this includes an airline deposit of \$55.00 which is **non refundable after Wed 22 May 2019**.

FINAL PAYMENT: WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2019

Tour reference for Direct
Deposits: Surname +
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You must be able to embark and disembark the coach unaided to travel on a Potter Travel tour. Your deposit and final payment on our tour is acknowledgement that you have read and understood the booking terms and conditions as mentioned above.

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