

CAPE YORK & THE GULF

Cape York • Gulf Country • Daintree Rainforest •

Carnarvon Gorge • Torres Strait Islands

14 days



2025



All inclusive small group adventures by private aircraft

YOUR OUTBACK EXPERIENCE ...

Explore the best of Australia with ease



See and Do More



Experienced Commercial Pilots



Professional Tour Leaders and Local Experts



Small Group Travel

Seamlessly Link the Best Locations Across the Outback

Spend less time on the road and more time exploring on an adventure curated by experts. By flying private, you don't need to worry about airport chaos or cancelled flights. You'll sidestep long check-in queues and waiting at gate lounges as you walk straight onto your waiting aircraft.

You're in Safe and Experienced Hands

Rest easy knowing you're in safe hands as you fly with a highly experienced Commercial Captain throughout your adventure. We've been flying the outback skies since 1977. Each of our pilots have thousands of hours in the air and their sole focus is piloting the aircraft, not running the tour as well.

Professional Tour Leaders and Local Experts

You'll be guided by professional tour leaders and local experts the whole way around. People make a difference and our team are not only the very best in the business they are dedicated to enriching the way you experience remote Australia. Over the past 48 years' we've built great relationships and friendships at every destination ensuring you have knowledgeable guides and local experts all the way around.

Travel as Part of a Genuinely Small Group

Travelling with just eight passengers, accompanied by an experienced tour leader and pilot, gives you access to remote places of unimaginable beauty. Enjoy diverse unique experiences away from the well trodden tourist path where large groups can't go and big planes simply can't land. Making your experience in the outback truly unforgettable.

TIME TO GET EXCITED...

Welcome to your adventure

Stand on the 'Tip'

Be one of the rare few to stand on the very 'tip' of Mainland Australia. After an aerial orbit of the 'tip' of Cape York, our local guide will help put a very satisfying tick on your travel wish list as you soak in the view from the the northernmost point of mainland Australia.

Remote Rainforest Stay

Imagine waking to the sounds of the tranquil rainforest from your very own luxury "treehouse." Enjoy 2 nights at the beautiful Daintree Eco Lodge nestled in in the World-Heritage listed Daintree Rainforest.

Authentic Cattle Station

Fly into Mt Mulligan Cattle Station and explore an authentic cattle station steeped in history. The early settler style of the station offers a feeling of heritage, however, your stay here at this stylish country retreat is also supremely comfortable.

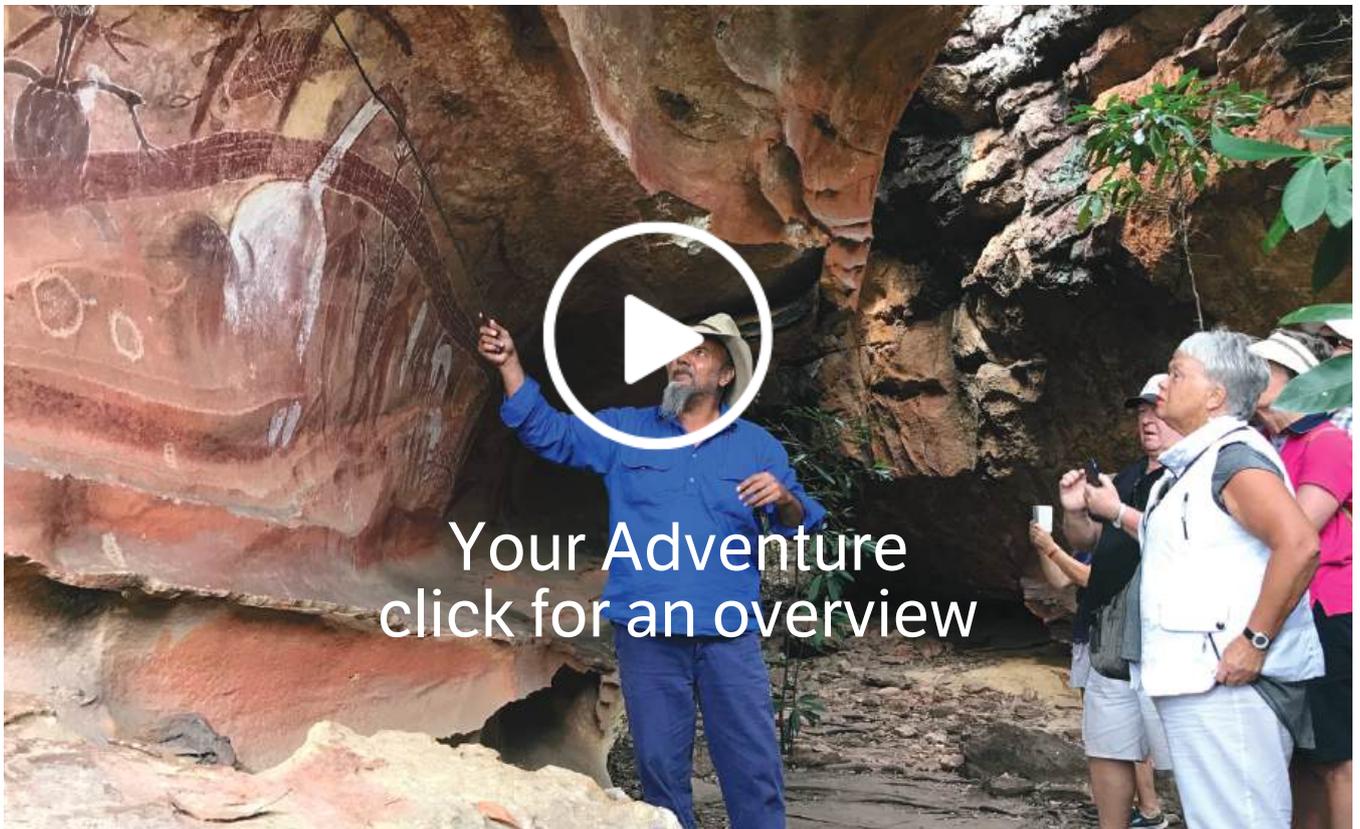
Explore Pristine Wilderness

Carnarvon Gorge is a National Park set in remote wilderness. The stunning scenery unfold before your eyes as you walk deeper into the gorge.

Visit Ancient Rock Art Sites

The lost art of Quinkan Country is voted as one of the Top 10 Rock Art sites in the world. Be one of the few to have the privilege to get an appreciation for their significance with your aboriginal guide.

Spend less time on the road and more time exploring outback Australia.



TOUR DATES ...

Departure 1
24 May - 6 June, 2025

Departure 2
29 May - 11 June, 2025

Departure 3
14 - 27 June, 2025

YOUR ADVENTURE FLYS YOU HERE ...

A true escape to faraway places



**GENUINE
SMALL GROUP**

8



**FULLY ESCORTED
TEAM OF 2**

PROFESSIONAL TOUR LEADER
+ EXPERIENCED PILOT



**TRULY
ALL INCLUSIVE**



DESTINATIONS

12



KM'S FLOWN

6585



AVG FLIGHT

1.5hrs

CAPE YORK & THE GULF ...

Your adventure day by day

Day 1: Melbourne, Essendon – Birdsville

Depart Melbourne flying north to Broken Hill for morning tea, then on to Birdsville. Explore this unique, iconic outback town and the hallowed ground of the Birdsville racetrack. Venture out into the Simpson Desert and your guide will expertly drive you to the top of 'Big Red', the largest dune in the Simpson Desert - a great vantage point to watch the sun go down on day one. Return to the Birdsville Hotel for dinner.

Birdsville Hotel (1 night)

Flight time 3hrs 40mins total (2 flights)

Day 2: Birdsville – Burketown

One of the great things about Birdsville is that the Hotel is just across the road from the airport, literally! Farewell this iconic town as your pilot flies you over cattle station country before touching down in Burketown. Following lunch, you'll explore one of Australia's most vibrant cultural landscapes on a 4WD Cultural Tour. Following your guide, you will experience the historical, cultural and natural wonders of Mungibi (Burketown), with exclusive access to Australia's largest salt pans culminating in Indigenous Storytelling under the stars including some Stargazing.

Savannah Lodge, Burketown (1 night)

Flight time 2hrs 15mins direct

Day 3: Burketown - *Mornington Island – Karumba

Direct flight from Burketown to Mornington Island, out in the Gulf of Carpentaria. This restricted indigenous area has a thriving and well known art centre which you will visit and see the community as they prepare their trade.

It was here that Mirdidingkingathi Juwarnda Sally Gabori set the art world alight with her unique and distinctive style. Enjoy a private tour hosted by some local artists. This afternoon, take off and hop across to nearby Karumba. Board a cruise boat for a trip up the Norman River, spotting wildlife and continue out into the Gulf to pull up on a sand cay to dine on the freshest mud crab and banana prawns imaginable.

** Mornington Island visit subject to cultural events.*

Ash's Holidays Units, Karumba (1 night)

Flight time 55 mins (2 flights)



Birdsville Hotel

Day 4: Karumba – Horn Island

Mornings are gentle and warm here, enjoy breakfast overlooking the river-mouth. Your flight this morning will see you tracing the west coast of Cape York. Continue north leaving the mainland of Australia behind you'll see the changing colours of the Torres Strait. This afternoon venture into the 'Forgotten Island'- Horn Island offers an opportunity to sneak back in time to see remnants of bunkers and hidden revetments during a specialised guided tour, led by local historian and author Vanessa SeeKee. Learn the fascinating history of the local, seafaring Kaurareg people.

Wongai Beach Hotel (2 nights)

Flight time 2hrs

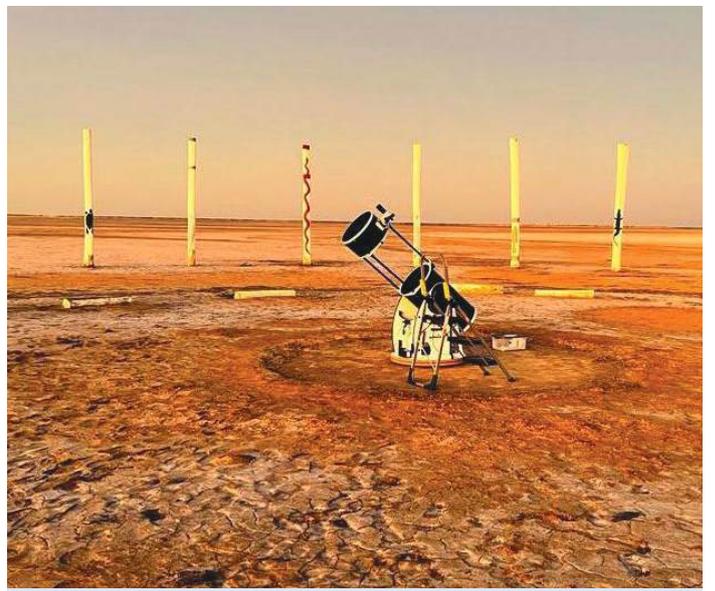
Day 5: Thursday Island

Discover the beauty, history and friendly smiles of the locals on Thursday Island as you enjoy a private tour. Your guide will teach you about the history and paint the picture of life on this far northern island. Pearlising has, and still to this day plays an important role in the Torres Strait economy. Deep dive into the culture of the Torres Strait Islands with a special cultural demonstration which includes dancers and traditional food.

No flight today.



Incredible fare at Mt Mulligan Lodge



Burketown



'Big Red' Simpson Desert

Days 6: Horn Island – Tip of Cape York – Cooktown

Depart the Torres Strait Islands this morning as your aerial armchair takes you over the northern-most point of mainland Australia. Land at Jacky-Jacky airfield for a 4WD over-land adventure that will have you standing on this significant geographical point – congratulations, you have conquered the cape! Continue the scenic flying southwards over the Far North Great Barrier Reef and into the picturesque town of Cooktown.

Cooktown Sovereign Resort (2 nights)
Flight time 1hr 40mins total (2 flights)

Day 7: Cooktown

After a pleasant tropical breakfast it's time to experience the foreshore and visit memorial sites of where Capt. James Cook careened the Endeavour for repairs. This afternoon you are taken on a tour of Cooktown with Justin Coventry as he unravels the stories of the past. Lunch is at the gallery in the fascinating botanical gardens. Visit the Captain James Cook Museum which houses an anchor from the Endeavour, amongst other pieces of historical significance.

No flight today.

Day 8: Cooktown - Laura - Mt Mulligan

From Cooktown it is a brief flight to the tiny settlement of Laura. This is where we will access the forgotten rock art galleries of the Quinkan spirits. A drive through some lovely Cape York savannah country to the galleries, a very rewarding experience, with a picnic lunch out in the woodlands. Another brief flight to Mt Mulligan Stations private runway where you will be warmly welcomed and taken to this remote, picturesque and luxury outback retreat.

Mt Mulligan Luxury Lodge in an Outback Room (2 nights)
Flight time 45mins total (2 flights)

Day 9: Mt Mulligan

Located on an entirely private 28,000-hectare heritage site, Mt Mulligan Lodge offers boutique accommodation in the shadow of majestic Mount Mulligan (Ngarribullgan). Guests staying at Mt Mulligan Lodge will be able to experience the spirit of the North Queensland back-country through a captivating landscape with indigenous significance dating back 37,000 years. The expansive property bears the marks of the historic gold and coal rush and in its current operation, as a working cattle station, the pastoral history of Australia.

No flight today.



Rock Art

Day 10: Mt Mulligan - Daintree Eco Lodge, Daintree Rainforest

We are going to spend the morning out and about at Mt Mulligan and then depart after lunch with a quick flight across to Cairns, from there, a private transfer by road up into the heart of the Daintree Rainforest. Check into your very own tree house amidst the canopy of the rainforest, give yourself a pinch to make sure you aren't dreaming!

Daintree Eco Lodge in a Canopy Bayan
(2 nights)
Flight time 20mins



Mt Mulligan Working Cattle Station

Day 11: Daintree Eco Lodge, Daintree Rainforest

In the morning walk amongst the towering tree trunks through a particularly pretty stretch of rainforest with your local guide. In the afternoon enjoy the privacy of this tree house oasis as you explore the region with a gentle boat cruise along the Daintree River. During your stay at Daintree Eco Lodge, we welcome you to take part in your complimentary Air Adventure massage treatment to assist in winding down to the rhythm of the rainforest.

No flight today.



Mt Mulligan Aerial



Mt Mulligan



Mornington Island Art

Day 12: Daintree Rainforest – Carnarvon Gorge

A relaxed start to the day before rejoining your aircraft for the flight down to Wallaroo Stations private runway where you will be welcomed at the airstrip and then transferred to Wallaroo Outback Retreat. You can choose to enjoy a guided wilderness walk in the afternoon.

Wallaroo Outback Retreat (2 nights)
Flight time 2hrs 20mins

Day 13: Carnarvon Gorge

Enjoy informative commentary on the trek through Carnarvon Gorge with specialised guides. Massive sandstone walls towering over from above protect a mysterious and timeless land. Photographers have entered their own special paradise within Carnarvon Gorge. The tour continues to the Moss Gardens and into an amazing natural amphitheatre; combined, these experiences are splendid features of the country's wilderness and beauty.

No flight today.

Day 14: Carnarvon Gorge – Essendon, Melbourne

Today, we will do a walk closer by the lodge before our final lunch together. Then, it's time to shake off the dust as your Cape York & The Gulf outback adventure comes to an end. We'll have you touching down at Essendon around 1730.

Flight time 4hrs 20mins total (3 flights)



Daintree Rainforest



Wallaroo Station

YOUR UNIQUE STAYS...

Accommodation highlights



Birdsville Hotel

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At the end of the Birdsville Track is the frontier town of Birdsville, one of Outback Australia's most recognised towns. Birdsville is home to the iconic Birdsville Pub which has stood since the 1800s and is a must for anyone travelling this region to aid getting the dust out of your throat with a cool drink in the colourful front bar. Deep in the heart of wild and isolated country, Birdsville is situated between the eastern edge of the Simpson Desert, the vast gibber plains of Sturt's Stony Desert to the south and rich Channel Country to the north.



Mt Mulligan Lodge

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Basking in the shadow of Mount Mulligan is Mount Mulligan Lodge - one of our favourite destinations - offering guests a unique stay where the ethos is to tread lightly on the landscape and let nature and history reveal themselves. With its own private runway you'll experience a unique landing and arrive refreshed right at the front door! Mt Mulligan Lodge offers boutique accommodation and you will be able to experience the spirit of the North Queensland back-country through a captivating landscape with indigenous significance.



Daintree Eco Lodge

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The Daintree is a truly unique region and all of Daintree Ecolodge's bayans (treehouses) are nestled amongst the canopy of the world's oldest living rainforest. Each of the eco-luxury bayans embrace the rainforest surrounds with an open plan setting and micro-screened balconies to ensure you feel as close to nature as possible whilst still being able to enjoy the creature comforts of a boutique hotel. No TV or Wi-Fi in the bayans ensures you'll see and hear the sounds of nature, creating an unforgettable rainforest encounter.



Wallaroo Outback Retreat

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Nestled amongst the magnificent sandstone cliffs of the Carnarvon Ranges, Wallaroo is a 72, 000 acre cattle station, approximately 160km north of Roma, towards the iconic Carnarvon Gorge. Scattered behind the Retreat are ten fabulous glamping tents. Wake up amongst the towering Eucalypts listening to the magical sounds of the bush in crisp white linen on real posturepedic beds. This is camping at its best! Enjoy a yarn, a glass of wine and some camp oven cooking around the rustic fire pit while spotting for rock wallabies against the cliffs.

YOUR ADVENTURE TEAM ...

A dynamic duo right by your side the whole way around



Dedicated team so you don't have to worry about a thing

Professional Tour Leaders

Each tour leader has been carefully selected and trained by the Dyer family, they know the destinations and their friendly yet professional approach means that you will be looked after with personal attention and care on your holiday is at heart of all that we do.



You're in safe hands with highly experienced pilots

Commercial Pilots

You're in Safe Hands: Rest easy knowing you're in safe hands as you fly with a highly experienced Commercial Captain throughout your adventure. All pilots carry a Commercial Pilots License.



Meaningful experiences with expert local guides

Expert Guides and Local Knowledge

Having flown the outback for over 48 years, we have built great relationships and friendships at each destination which is why we are able to offer you the very best on ground tour operators at each location.

OUR STORY ...

In the early 1960s the north of Western Australia was still considered by many to be the end of the world.

Then along came Rod Dyer (1925-2008)- Pioneering Pastoralist and Bush Pilot - with a vision.

Air Adventure Australia was founded by Rod having clocked up over 10,000 hours as a bush pilot he pioneered 'Ellenbrae' cattle station in the Kimberley back in the 60s.

It was the combination of Rod's knowledge, love of the outback and flying that led him to launch Air Adventure. Since 1977, thousands of travellers have chosen to fly with Air Adventure to the Australia less-travelled.

Today, the company is guided by Rod's son, John Dyer who is also a pilot and very passionate about creating high quality travel experiences spanning the entirety of the Australian continent.

His team at Air Adventure, including his wife Alyson, share his enthusiasm and dedication to create unforgettable travel for their guests.



Clockwise from left: John & Alyson Dyer, a young John & Catherine Dyer with dad Rod plus pilot, evening gatherings on tour.

"Our tour leader Diana was outstanding - she was great company and an unobtrusive carer of us. The whole trip was truly wonderful. "

- Elizabeth, VIC

NO DEVIL IN THIS DETAIL ...

Your Aircraft

Travel is in the privately chartered Air Adventure Outback Jet, Pilatus PC-12. This prop-jet aircraft is a fast, reliable outback machine capable of landing on gravel and remote airfields where others in larger aircraft can't.

The Outback Jet is operated by Armada Aviation, which holds an Air Operators Certificate issued by CASA.. All pilots are highly experienced and carry a Commercial Pilots License.

It's equipped with state-of-the-art avionics and is all weather rated with impressive safety features. The interior is spacious with custom leather seating, climate control and clear windows (every seat is the window seat) making in flight viewing a joy.

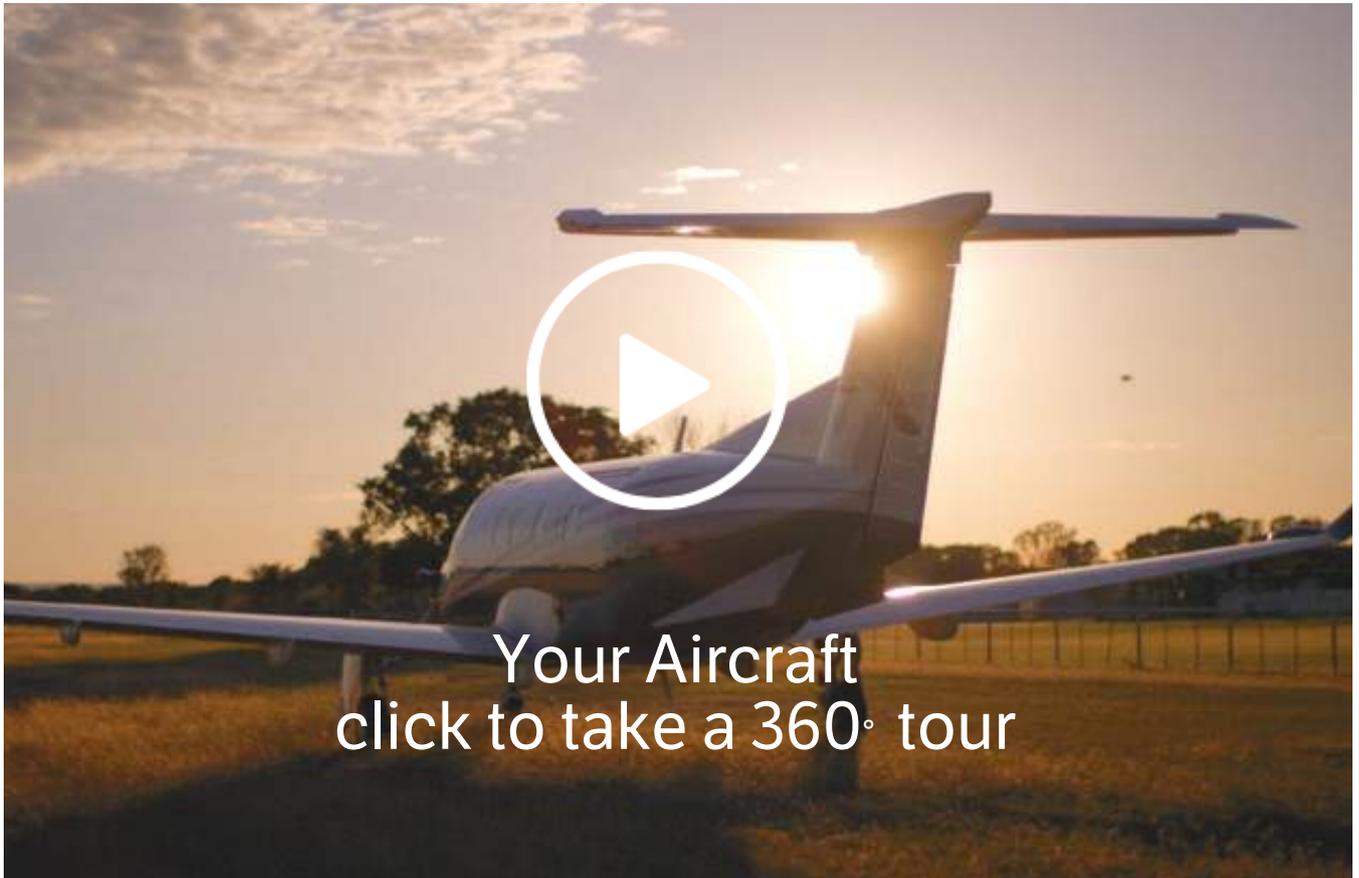
Price

AUD \$25,240 per person, twin share, truly all inclusive Single accommodation please add AUD 3,644 (single accommodation is limited).

20% deposit is required to confirm your reservation. Balance is due 60 days prior to departure date. Places are limited.

Tour Departs

Essendon Airport, Melbourne on:
24 MAY - 6 JUNE, 2025
29 MAY - 11 JUNE, 2025
14 - 27 JUNE, 2025



OUTBACK JET FACTS ...

Fly Fast
Do More

Short
Landings

Commercial
Captain

Luxury
Leather Seats

Guaranteed
Window Seat

Toilet
Onboard

WE PROMISE...

Price Inclusive of

- All private charter flights crewed by our highly experienced Commercial Captain.
- Hosted by an experienced Air Adventure Tour Leader.
- All accommodation, double or twin share
- All meals (except breakfast on day one & dinner on final day). Morning tea on most occasions.
- All drinks (bottled water through to alcohol with dinner).
- All entries, permits, admissions, gratuities/tipping.
- All trips, tours, transfers and excursions as outlined in itinerary.
- Qualified local and indigenous guides along the way.
- Australian GST.

Not Included

Items of a personal nature eg. phone calls, internet, travel insurance.

Note

There are no fixed departure times for flights conducted on any day of this tour. Departure times will be determined on a day by day basis by discussion between the pilot, tour guide and participants.



ALL ABOARD!

Get In Touch

We're a friendly bunch here at Air Adventure and we know how important it is to be able to have your questions answered by a 'real' person.

You can contact John Dyer direct by email john@airadventure.com.au and he will be happy to give you a call.

Ready To Pack Your Bags?

If you're ready to GO booking is simple follow this link: [Reserve Seat | Cape York & The Gulf](#)

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