



Cape York – 18 Day Tag-Along Adventure Tour

PLEASE NOTE: This itinerary is just a guide. It is subject to change due to weather, road conditions, break downs, and other conditions out of our control. Please allow flexibility in the tour.

Day 1. Monday 11th May

Meet and greet in Cairns 8am, ready to depart at 9am. Head inland to the CREB track, stopping at the small rural town Daintree. Here you will have a short amount of time to look around and get your vehicle ready and engaged in 4WD ready to hit the CREB Track ** subject to weather**.

Just over 60km long, the CREB Track is one of the best and most challenging 4WD trips in north Queensland. Parts of the CREB are relatively easy, with winding gravel road through the rainforest, great views and waterfalls along the way. As you get into the heart of the **McDowall Range**, the track shows its true colours. If weather is not in our favour we will travel through the Daintree forest along the main road to Thornton Beach and Cape Tribulation.

Just on the other side of the track we will pull up for the night at Bloomfield Beach Camp. This is a beautiful and relaxing place to spend the late afternoon and evening exploring or throw in a line and take it all in.

Day 2.

Pack up camp and leave Bloomfield Beach camp, continuing along the track leading into the historical Cook Town, there will be a short stop at The Lion's Den Hotel for refreshments and photos, before continuing on to Cooktown. Cooktown is at the mouth of the Endeavour River. This is where Captain James Cook beached his ship, the Endeavour, for repairs in 1770.

We spend the afternoon in Cook Town where you have your own time to explore the town. While in Cooktown you can have a tour of the Cooktown Museum (included in tour costs) Head up to the Look out, explore monuments and see the actual spot where James Ship landed. If history is not your thing there are small cafes where you can have a nice afternoon tea and enjoy the few or try your luck at fishing from the town jetty.

Day 3

Early start for Day 3 leaving at 8:00am and head to the little town of Laura. Here we will get the chance to go explore the Quinkan and Regional Cultural Centre ** to inspect some of the most remarkable Aboriginal art in Australia at Split Rock. Then head further north via the Hahn river Road house before setting up for the evening on the Coen River for a nights free camping. (No facilities)This spot again provides an opportunity to swim and fish. +Alcohol restrictions apply in and around the Coen community.

Day 4.

Pack up camp and get on the road by 8.30am at the latest, travelling to Chilli Beach via Portland Rd (Portland Rd weather permitting), stopping to check out the WW2 air strip, Lockhart River area and then onto camping

at the amazing Chilli Beach camping area. Bitumen, dirt, possible bulldust and 4WD tracks to travel. (No facilities)

Day 5.

Pack up camp at Chilli beach, travel on the Frenchman's Track across the Pascoe and Wenlock River (these crossings can be quite difficult depending on the weather and water levels), and back to the PDR. Travelling north toward the Old Tele Track, stopping at Bramwell Roadhouse to top up fuel and food if needed. (This is a possible camp location depending on time of day for arrival from Chilli Beach. If time permits enter the old Tele track to Palm Creek and onwards to free camp along the track. Bitumen, dirt, possible bulldust and 4WD tracks to travel.

Day 6.

This day will be spent travelling The Old Tele track, 4WDing, crossing rivers and creeks such as Gunshot/Cockatoo/Dalhunty/Ducie. Depending on how the group travels and timeframes we will either free camp at Cockatoo Creek or if possible we will push on to Elliot Fall camp ground.

Day 7.

If still at Cockatoo Creek up early and away to spend the day at Elliot/Twin/Saucepan Falls and Fruit Bat Falls, camping at Elliot Falls camp ground. (If already at Elliot Falls, a day of leisure swimming in the various falls.

Day 8.

A quick swim to wake up before leaving Elliot Falls, travelling the North section of the Old tele Track, covering Nolan Creek, the old log bridge and other creek crossing before returning to the PDR to cross the Jardine River at the Jardine River Ferry through to Bamaga and onto Punsand Caravan Park. Croc tent (if time allows, if not there will be plenty of time in the next few days)

Day 9.

Tip and 5 Beaches

Options – Thursday Island Tour, fishing charter, helicopter flights

Day 10.

Free day and dinner

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Free day and old crashed aircraft trip

Day 12.

Leave Punsand Caravan Park, back through Bamaga, fuel top up and supplies if needed. Head south on PDR (quick swim at Fruit Bat Falls if time permits). Turn off to Captain Billy landing via short 4WD track to the camp for Fishing and Free Camping. (No facilities)

Day 13.

Late exit Captain Billy landing heading back to the PDR then south to Bramwell Station. Showers and toilets available.

Famous Bramwell dinner and concert

Day 14.

Up early and leave Bramwell Station heading south on the PDR to Port Stewart, travelling to Coen then turning off to the east to Port Stewart, checking out the local attractions on the way. Free camping and fishing (no facilities)

Day 15.

Pack up camp and leave Port Stewart by 8-8.30am taking the back tracks to Running Creek. Then past Lilyvale Station and down to Musgrave. Here we will take the PDR down almost to Laura before heading onto the Old Coach Rd and into the Palmer River Goldfields, this will be a free camp again, with some time to explore the gold fields. (if required we can duck into Laura for fuel)

Day 16.

Leave camp at the Palmer River Goldfields and make our way via dirt and bitumen roads to The Lion's Den Hotel. Camping at the hotel, showers and toilets available. Possible fishing in the river behind the hotel.

Dinner at the pub supplied (final/farewell dinner)

Day 17 and 18 will be added into the trip in various positions depending on how the group is travelling and what they would like to gain from the trip.

Leaving The Lion's Den Hotel and travelling back to Cairns via The Creb track or Daintree (We will endeavour to do the opposite track to way up if weather allows)

If we strike bad weather some of the remote locations will be changed to a Weipa trip with options on activities once there.

Meals rolling options (not available every day) – GF option available

Breakfast menu –

Bacon & Eggs

French Toast

Pancakes

Toast/Toasties (Jaffles)

Baked Beans/Spaghetti

Croissants (Ham & Cheese or Nutella)

Cereal (limited selections)

Fruit (when available)

Lunch menu –

Fresh Cooked Damper/Scones/Cheese & Bacon Bread
Various sandwich options (wraps, rolls or salada options)
Hot dogs
Chicken Schnitzel rolls
Roast meat rolls
Pies/pasties/sausage rolls/mini pizzas
Nachos

Dinner menu –

BBQ meat and salads (snags/chops/chicken skewers/steak/ribs, options to pick)
Souvlaki/kebabs
Roast in camp oven
Stew in camp oven
Spaghetti or savoury mince
Butter Chicken and rice (or similar)
4 dinners provided at pub/restaurants TBA (\$35 limit)
Homemade Hamburgers
Baked Potatoes
Tacos/Burritos
Stir fry meat and vegetables

Back up plans for the kids –

Sausages
Nuggets
2 minute noodles
Quick pastas/cheesy mac
Potato Gems
Toasties
Basic salad