



## Cape York Adventure

### ABOUT NORTH WEST

North West Safaris is a locally owned and operated company with over 20 years' experience in the travel industry. We pride ourselves on taking travellers to some of our favourite parts of Australia, to share an appreciation of the beauty, history, and culture of our unique country. Whilst providing an unrivalled level of customer service with friendly, knowledgeable and experienced guides. Guests leave with lasting memories and a desire to experience more of this great country.

Our guides are chosen for their ability to relish their occupation. They have a good sense of humour, are skilled drivers and great camp cooks. They also have completed a Certificate IV in Tourism including Off Road Training and Senior First Aid certificates. One of our guides won the coveted Kamsler Award 'Promoting Excellence in Tourism' in the Cairns region.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Complimentary hotel pick up and drop off
- All camping equipment including: tent, camp stretcher, sleeping bag, sleep sheet (liner), a small camping pillow & one towel.
- All National Park and Camping Fees
- Most main meals, EXCEPT those listed below. Included meals are indicated in the itinerary as Breakfast (B), Lunch (L) and Dinner (D)
- Thursday & Horn Island Tours, boat transfers and lunch
- Ferry Fees
- Fuel and 4WD Vehicle
- Dinner in World Heritage Daintree Rainforest
- Mosquito Repellent & Sunscreen
- Roko Island Pearl Farm Tour – ONLY available on the 15 Day Tour option
- 1 Night Daintree Safari House Accommodation (not Tents)
- 1 Night Unique Bush Style Accommodation (not Tents) in Cooks Hut
- 2 Nights Historical Queenslander Guesthouse Accommodation (not Tents) in Cooktown - (built 1880's)
- Cooktown surrounds tour, including waterfall, swimming hole and wetlands – Private Tour Guide
- Cape Tribulation Beach Walk – Private Tour Guide
- Private Daintree Rainforest Walk with your own Private Tour Guide
- Single supplement guarantees your own tent

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### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Any costs incurred before departure
- Any personal items such as drinks, newspapers, telephone/credit, laundry, souvenirs & personal travel Insurance (which is HIGHLY recommended)
- 1 x lunch at the Palmer River Roadhouse
- 1 x Dinner at Bramwell Station
- 1 x lunch at the Portland Roads Cafe
- James Cook Museum Cooktown entrance fee; priced at \$12 per person
- 1 x Dinner in Cooktown at the Jackey Jackey Restaurant
- 1 x Dinner in Cooktown at a restaurant of your choice
- Ice Cream at Daintree Ice-cream Company; priced at \$7.50 per person
- Wildlife & Crocodile spotting cruise in the Daintree National Park; priced at \$39 per person

Please note – The Roko Island Pearl Farm Tour is not included or able to be included on the 11 Day Tour option. The Roko Island Pearl Farm Tour is only available on the 15 Day Tour.

\*Prices subject to change without notice

### STRICT LUGGAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Please note that luggage/baggage space is **extremely limited**.
- A soft sided sausage style bag measuring approximately 600mm x 500mm x 300mm (24" x 20" x 12") with a maximum weight of **no more than 10kgs** (17 lbs) per person; which is usually stowed on the roof rack.
- A small, soft airline type piece of cabin baggage (day pack etc.) that will fit under the seat.
- Excess luggage may be stored at your hotel or secured at our depot free of charge.
- **Due to space allowances large pillows will not be allowed on board.**

### WHAT WE SUGGEST YOU TO BRING

- Please bring 4 to 5 changes of casual clothing including:
- Tee shirts, Shorts &/or Cargos &/or ¾ Pants &/or Skirts
- Track suit pants &/or jeans
- A spray jacket/warm evening jacket
- One smart outfit for your special dinner in Cooktown. (Smart casual)
- Toiletries and personal first aid supplies such as band aids, headache tablets, and any medication you may take regularly; make sure you have enough for the entire tour
- Swimmers
- Shady Hat & Sunglasses
- 1 pair rubber soled shoes/joggers
- 1 pair wet shoes; thongs etc. (you may wish to walk through creeks &/or shower in them)
- Torch/Flashlight

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- Water bottle
- Laundry powder
- Remember your camera & all necessary memory cards and plenty of spare batteries
- **Spare power pack** – please be mindful that we can be without power for a couple of days in between our remote bush camping locations, so please feel free to bring along a small external battery or similar to charge your camera/phone
- Please note - A small travel pillow is already supplied. **Due to limited space allowances larger pillows will not be allowed on board.**

### BEDDING

Please feel free to bring your own sleeping bag but do note that we will happily supply a freshly laundered sleeping bag, sheet liner, a small camping pillow and one towel at no extra charge to you. **Larger pillows will not be allowed on board due to limited space requirements.**

### ACCOMMODATION

- 1 Night Unique Bush Style Accommodation (No tent for 1 night) in Cooks Hut
- 2 Nights Historical Queenslander Accommodation (No tents) in Cooktown – (built 1880's)
- 1 Night in Daintree Rainforest Safari open plan house (No tent for 1 night)

1 Nights' House Accommodation in our wonderful Safaris Open House overlooking the Daintree Rainforest and the Coral Sea. The location is on private land deep in the rainforest situated by a wide open flowing creek & amazing walking trails etc.

### CASH ON HAND

It is usually recommended for each person to take some CASH spending money. Obviously this depends on the amount of souvenirs you intend to purchase (a tee shirt will cost on average \$25-\$40, artefacts up to \$500). Also keep in mind that alcohol can be double the usual price in some places. Whilst modern 'conveniences' are on the increase in remote areas, including EFTPOS, do not rely heavily on there being cash out, however Credit Card facilities are generally available at most stops.

NB. You will not always be able to get to Bank outlets during working hours. In short, don't rely on banks of any kind and use what Credit Card/EFTPOS facilities there are available.

Optional excursions and approximate prices are as follows:

- James Cook Museum Cooktown entrance fee \$12 per person
- Croc cruise \$39 per person
- Any other meals already listed

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### CHANGES TO THE TOUR

Due to the nature of this area we would like all travellers to be aware that sometimes due to road and weather conditions, breakdowns & delays changes in the itinerary may occur. Although all highlights are highly likely to be experienced, they are never guaranteed.

### DISTANCE

Our tours are designed to show the very best of the Cape York Peninsula without driving too many kilometres each day. During the normal course of the day we stop for morning tea and lunch. We also stop at places of interest, towns, communities and any notable flora or fauna features. We aim to reach camp by mid-afternoon.

### ELECTRICAL

Telephones, cameras and other electrical devices can be charged in the vehicle with our inverter. Mains power is available in Cooktown, Cooks Hut Accommodation, Weipa, Bramwell and Cape York Seisia Beach.

### FITNESS

While we make every effort to make everyone comfortable and cater to different requirements, the tours that North West Safaris operate travel through remote areas that unfortunately do not provide wheelchair-friendly trails or facilities. A reasonable level of fitness is required on our tours; to be able to walk easily and comfortably on rough and uneven ground, and to be able to sleep on camp stretchers in comfortable head height safari tents. Please contact us if you would like to discuss this further.

### FLIGHTS

We fly with Rex Airlines on the 11 day tour. They use mostly medium sized aeroplanes. Strict luggage restrictions apply.

### HOTEL PICK UP

Pick up before the tour and drop off after are free of charge. The day prior to departure we will be in contact with you to advise details of your hotel pickup.

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### MEALS

Our Guides work extremely hard to provide passengers with excellent, wholesome meals. Cooking is often done over a campfire. Breakfast consists of a choice of at least 3 cereals, toast and spreads, and occasionally a fully cooked breakfast is made. Lunch has a variety of cold meats and a selection of salad vegetables. With more time available in the evenings, our staff can concentrate on their culinary talents and present a complete 2 course meal. We begin with nibbles and 'happy hour'; main course could be a grill, roast or casserole. An appropriate selection of vegetables is generally served with the main course, followed by a tasty dessert.

### MEDICAL

Please make North West Australian Safaris aware of any existing medical conditions and any vital medication you need to take at the time of your booking.

### NUMBERS

The maximum number of passengers in the first 4WD vehicle is 6 people & in the second 4WD vehicle is 7 people + 1 tour guide per 4WD vehicle; sometimes the 4WD vehicles may travel together in convoy. A total maximum number of 13 passengers with 2 tour guides.

### OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Alcohol and Drinks; we run an Honesty Tin for drinks (beer & wine only). Any surplus money above the cost to purchase is donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The Government has imposed very strict alcohol regulations throughout the Cape York Peninsula and our company has a permit to carry certain quantities of alcohol and complies with all regulations and laws. We are strictly prohibited from carrying any spirits. On the occasions we are dining in towns clients are able to purchase and consume any alcoholic drinks of their liking.

### PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY ALCOHOL ON TOUR.

**We reserve the right to remove anyone intoxicated and or behaving in an unruly manner.**

We are blessed with many different nationalities on tour; we ask that all guests are respectful to each other, their beliefs and cultural differences.

As we travel through the lands of great importance to the aboriginal community, we ask you are also respectful to the wishes, beliefs and cultural differences to the present and past custodial owners.

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### **PARTICIPATION**

All tours are conducted on partial participation basis; it generates friendship and conversation. Assistance with vegetable peeling, firewood collection and filling water buckets is greatly appreciated. Passengers assist with washing and wiping dishes and erecting their own tents after a demonstration; those less agile will of course be given assistance by the tour guides.

### **PHONES**

Telstra Next G network currently offers the best coverage in regional areas but do not work in remote areas. All vehicles are equipped with Satellite phones but these phones are for emergency use only. In case of an emergency, family & or friends can contact you via our head office number 07 4059 0091 & or +61 419 759 986 a message can be sent to the tour guide on your behalf.

### **SMOKING**

As per government regulations, smoking is not permitted in vehicles. Ample stops provide time for "smoking breaks". Smokers are asked to dispose of their cigarette butts in a responsible manner and not on the ground.

### **SPECIAL DIETS**

We do not provide special meals for passengers or fashionable diets. The meals we provide are wholesome and nourishing, appropriate to the lifestyle and availability of provisions from the remote areas we travel. If however, a passenger is on a medically prescribed diet, we will do our absolute utmost to cater suitable meals for that person. Before booking your tour it is suggested that you contact our office to discuss such diets to assess suitability.

### **TOILETS AND SHOWERS**

Toilets and showers are available each night and morning of the tour. Toilets are either flushing or composting type.

### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

It is strongly recommended that personal travel insurance be acquired at the time of your booking. Insurance should cover the loss of costs through any cancellation, loss of personal belongings, baggage, money, breakdowns and medical expenses. Most claims arise from personal or close family illness before holiday departure resulting in cancellation fees being incurred. As a valued customer we are pleased to offer you the opportunity to purchase discounted travel insurance. Options include single trip or annual frequent traveller plans on domestic or international travel.

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### UNUSED TOUR SECTIONS

If a passenger fails to join a tour/safari or joins in after departure, or leaves prior to completion, absolutely no refunds can be made.

### VEHICLE SEATING

Vehicle seats are individual: Which are all facing frontwards NOT side seating. Vehicle suspensions are modified to ride as comfortable as possible but the roads to Cape York can be extremely corrugated and rough in places. All seats are facing frontwards for good viewing for each passenger. Clients are moved around each day in the vehicle so everyone can experience all the different views.

### VEHICLE STORAGE

We are unable to store your vehicles or vans whilst you are on tour but we will happy put you in contact with a suitable company to assist, both the caravan parks listed below come highly recommended; be sure to mention NORTHWEST SAFARIS when making your booking.

**BIG4 Cairns Crystal Cascades Holiday Park**, (07) 4039 1036, <https://crystalcascades.com.au/>

**NRMA Cairns Holiday Park**, (07) 4051 1467, <https://www.nrmaparksandresorts.com.au/cairns/>

### WEATHER

Our tours operate during the 'dry' season. Occasionally we strike some wet weather and generally, a light spray jacket is sufficient which may also be used as a sweater on rare, cooler evenings.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

We STRONGLY RECOMMEND buying personal Travel Insurance to avoid paying any cancellation fees!

- 60 or more Days – Loss of initial deposit payment made
- 59-51 Days – 50% of tour price plus the loss of initial deposit payment made
- 50 Days – 100% of tour price

**If you need to cancel your tour for any circumstances relating to COVID-19 the non-refundable deposit may be transferred to an available Cape York departure in 2022.**

Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure. For tours departing in less than 65 days full immediate payment is required. As this tour is accessing remote areas, the tour itinerary may change due to weather and road conditions and this is the decision of the operator. We STRONGLY RECOMMEND all attending passengers have their own TRAVEL insurance.

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### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

These tours involve travel in very remote areas and the operator reserves the right to alter itineraries, carriers or camp sites as necessitated by the current conditions, including weather prevailing at the time, road conditions/closures or mechanical failure. Any personal expenses incurred by any passenger as a result of any action or omission of the operator, its staff or agents are the responsibility of the passenger. The operator is unable to guarantee exact timings of the tour and is not liable for the failure to make any connections. The operator and employees of the operator accept no responsibility which may result in any loss, damage, accident or theft in relation to luggage or personal belongings.

The operator reserves the right to ask any passengers to leave the tour; at any time should that passenger commit an illegal act or impair the safety or enjoyment of others. The cost of leaving the tour will be the sole responsibility of the traveller(s) involved; no refund for unused portions of the tour will be offered by the operator. Passengers are required to comply with requests of the operator and employees of the operator. The operator recommends that passengers take TRAVEL insurance; most claims arise from either personnel or close-family illness before departure resulting in cancellation charges. If these conditions are not met the operator may terminate the booking.

### **LIABILITY**

The operator and / or its employees accept no responsibilities, or is liable for any act of omission whatsoever (whether inside or outside their control) for any booking, contract, travel, accommodation or tour / safaris which may result in any loss damage, accident, detention, diversion or theft in regard to luggage or personal belongings, and will be exempt, from liability in respect of direct or liability and additional expenses, or inconvenience or any other event beyond its control including accident or failure to machinery or equipment, accommodation, transport or other services, or any acts of God, dangers incident to the sea fire, acts of Government or other authorities, delays, strikes or cancellation of changes in itinerary or schedules whatsoever, howsoever by whosoever caused.

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