

Fly into Cairns and join us for four nights in five-star luxury in the magnificent Shangri-La Hotel. Explore the beauty of tropical plants at Cairns Botanic Gardens. Visit Birdworld in Kuranda and delight in the spectacular birds. Spend a day on Fitzroy Island. Heading south visit Charley's Chocolate Factory at Mission Beach and perhaps catch a glimpse of a wild cassowary on the way. Spend a day on magnificent Magnetic Island. At Airlie Beach, it's all aboard for a fabulous Whitsunday cruise including Whitehaven Beach. Explore Yeppoon and surrounds and enjoy a wonderful night of laughter and entertainment at Footlights Theatre Restaurant. At 1770 it's all aboard the LARC for a tour of the coastal estuaries, steep sandhills, pristine creeks and Bustard Head Lighthouse. You are sure to delight in this fabulous tour full of exciting attractions to enjoy, with some of the most beautiful scenery to be seen.



per flight

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FLY/COACH

Departing: Thursday, 26th August 2021

Fitness Level: M - Moderate

Meals: B = Breakfast, M = Morning Tea, L = Lunch, A = Afternoon Tea, D = Dinner

#### DAY 1 HERVEY BAY - BRISBANE - CAIRNS BD

Thursday, 26th August: Passengers fly into Cairns today. Airport transfers to your motel have been arranged. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner with your fellow passengers. Four night stay Shangri-La Hotel.

#### DAY 2 CAIRNS FREE DAY BD

Friday, 27th August: A free day today to enjoy our beautiful accommodation, explore the city or undertake an optional tour.

#### DAY 3 CAIRNS SIGHTSEEING BMD

Saturday, 28th August: After a refreshing few days, begin our day with a visit to Cairns Botanic Gardens. The Gardens are a tropical paradise, renowned as one of the best exhibitions of tropical plants in Australia. Explore the beauty of tropical plants, relax in stunning surroundings and learn about tropical flora and horticulture. Next, a visit to Birdworld Kuranda. Over 500 birds from around the globe and among these are 75 different species of the most spectacular birds, 56 of which are native, live in the safe enclosure, including vibrantly coloured parrots, inquisitive lorikeets, and the large elusive cassowary. Endangered Amazonian Macaws soar over the treetops of the rainforest canopy, with their dazzling blue, gold and scarlet colours. Get up close and personal with birds of all shapes and sizes. Don't be surprised if a feathered friend or two nestle on your shoulders as you wander through the lush, tropically landscaped sanctuary.

#### DAY 4 FITZROY ISLAND BLD

Sunday, 29th August: All aboard this morning for a 45 minute cruise to Fitzroy Island. Spend five hours exploring its many stunning natural offerings, take part in a range of optional activities on both land and water, choose one of the multiple walks around the National Park including a summit walk and a short 20 minute walk to Nudey Beach or simply relax in the lush tropical surrounds.

#### DAY 5 CAIRNS – MISSION BEACH – TOWNSVILLE BMLD

Monday, 30th August: Leaving Cairns, travel to the multi-award-winning Charley's Chocolate Factory at Mission Beach. Enjoy a guided farm tour and excellent commentary on the story of chocolate. The high point of the tour is the chocolate tasting! After an excellent BBQ lunch, say farewell to our hosts and continue to Tully for a photo stop at the Big Gumboot, before arriving in Townsville. Two night stay Oakes Metropole Hotel.

#### DAY 6 MAGNETIC ISLAND BD

Tuesday, 31st August: All aboard for transfer to Magnetic Island. On arrival sit back and admire the sights as we take a guided tour of the island. At Horseshoe Bay free time is allowed for you to purchase your lunch before the return journey to the mainland. This afternoon, experience the Great Barrier Reef without getting wet at the World's largest living coral reef aquarium, Reef HQ.

#### DAY 7 TOWNSVILLE – AIRLIE BEACH BMLD

Wednesday, 1st September: Our first stop this morning is to Ashworth's Treasures of the Earth to view the interesting display of rocks and gemstones, then make our way to the Bowen Hotel for lunch followed by a visit to the Big Mango & Bowen Visitors Centre. Time to try some delicious mango sorbet and view the public artwork displays around the grounds. Arriving in Airlie Beach take a walk on the Bicentennial Walkway around the lagoon and experience the great views. Two night stay Colonial Palms Motor Inn.

#### DAY 8 WHITSUNDAY CRUISIN' BLAD

Thursday, 2nd September: Our day begins with a short cruise to Daydream Island where you can take a dip in the pool or experience the Living Reef, a free-form coral lagoon that's home to over 100 species of marine life. Continue on to Hamilton Island, a picturesque 30 minute cruise away. Explore famous Front Street, overlooking the luxury vessels in the marina or take a complimentary shuttle up to One Tree Hill Lookout for another stunning vista and a magnificent photo opportunity, then meet your guide for lunch at Marina Tavern. After lunch, depart Hamilton Island and head towards Whitsunday Island, the home of legendary Whitehaven Beach. Take a swim in the crystal-clear waters or take a short bushwalk – the choice is yours. Arrive back at Airlie Beach at 6:15pm.

#### DAY 9 AIRLIE BEACH – YEPPOON BMLD

Friday, 3rd September: Experience the Queensland sugar industry firsthand this morning on a guided tour of Sarina Sugar Mill, Australia's only unique miniature working sugar mill. See how sugar is grown, processed, milled, and distilled and enjoy a tasting of the products produced at the Sugar Shed including liqueurs, schnapps and gourmet sauces. Continue our journey, pausing in Clairview for a delightful picnic lunch then on to Yeppoon. Two night stay Salt Beachfront Yeppoon.

#### DAY 10 YEPPOON & ROCKHAMPTON SIGHTSEEING BMLD

Saturday, 4th September: This morning, be amazed by the spectacular Capricorn Caves. Enjoy a guided tour of this unique system of above ground caves in a limestone ridge. Then, on to Dreamtime Cultural Centre, where you will gain a thorough insight into both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. After lunch at the Parkhurst Tavern, take a wander through the beautiful Rockhampton Botanic Gardens before returning to our accommodation to rest up for our fantastic night of entertainment tonight at the Footlights Theatre Restaurant.

#### DAY 11 YEPPOON – 1770 BMLD

Sunday, 5th September: Farewelling Yeppoon, travel south to Gladstone where your coach captain will take you on a sightseeing tour of the town. Then, board the Curtis Island Ferry for a Port of Gladstone Harbour Cruise before lunch at the Gladstone Hotel. Continue to the historic town of 1770 to settle into our accommodation. Two night stay Lagoons Central Apartment Resort.

#### DAY 12 LARCING ABOUT 1770 BMLD

Monday, 6th September: You will love the full day tour on the fabulous LARC, a cross between a 4WD bus and a boat! The journey takes us across tidal creeks, along Eurimbula National Park to historic Bustard Head Light station for some of the most spectacular panoramic views in Australia.

#### DAY 13 1770 – HOME BM

Tuesday, 7th September: Farewelling the beautiful 1770/Agnes Water, make our way to the sugar town of Bundaberg for morning tea at Alexander Park. Travel to Maryborough where we farewell to our Wide Bay travelling companions. After lunch, continue to Brisbane with arrival late afternoon.

Adult: \$5798 pp

Pensioner: \$5772 pp

Past Passenger: \$5759 pp

Single Supplement: \$1437 pp

Final Payment Due: 21st June 2021