

# 11 DAY GULF & SAVANNAHLANDER



### **INCLUSIONS**

Mackay to Cairns return
Pre & Post accommodation in Cairns
9 Day Savannah & Gulflander Tour
Some meals
Air-Con 4WD Vehicle
Sightseeing

8 nights accommodation (ensuited)





## **HIGHLIGHTS**

Herberton Historic Village
Karumba Sunset Cruise
Lawn Hill National Park
Riversleigh Fossil Fields
Normanton
Croydon Cobbold Gorge Cruise
Undara Lava Tubes

#### Day 1 Mackay to Cairns B

It's a very early start as you board the Spirit of Queensland for your journey to Cairns. Sit back and relax and take in the vast landscapes of Queensland. Arriving at 4:30pm you have the option to explore the city centre of Cairns and dine out for dinner.

#### Day 2 Cairns - Herberton Historic Village to Malanda L, D

After an early morning departure from selected accommodation, your holiday begins, travelling up the Kuranda Range to the Atherton Tableland and on to Herberton.

Today we explore the Historic Village of Herberton, where you can live the folklore and romance of yesterday's Australia in every piece of this eye-opening collection. Sit in the schoolhouse. Stand at the bar of the pub. Enjoy a latte in the Bakerville Tearooms. The award-winning attraction is more than a vintage precinct – it's a tangible buzz of things past with over 50 original buildings with intact interior displays, original machinery and vehicles, plus thousands of antique items and period memorabilia.

Late afternoon we settle in the Malanda Lodge, situated on 11 acres of manicured tropical gardens. All rooms have ground level balconies and views to enjoy the tranquillity, or maybe spot their resident platypus family in the large pond. Ensuite Bathroom Facilities.

#### Day 3 Malanda - Savannahlander - Mt. Surprise to Georgetown BLD

An early start sees us travelling west on the Kennedy Highway towards Mount Surprise, where we enjoy lunch with a snake show. After lunch, you travel aboard the "Savannahlander" train as it tracks towards Einasleigh. There is enough time to have a beer in the pub or head down and check out Copperfield Gorge, before the train departs for Forsayth. From here we travel on to Georgetown where we stay overnight. Ensuite Bathroom Facilities.

#### Day 4 Georgetown to Karumba BLD

Morning "smoko" on the shore of Croydon's Lake Belmore before Normanton for lunch. Here you can absorb its famous landmarks, the "Purple Pub", historic Burns Philp General Store and a replica of Krys, the 8.63m crocodile.

Continue on to Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria, where we enjoy a spectacular Gulf sunset. We stay at the Karumba Lodge for the next 2 nights. Ensuite Bathroom Facilities.

#### Day 5 Karumba BLD

After a leisurely breakfast we enjoy a cruise on the Gulf of Carpentaria. This afternoon we spend time at the Barramundi Centre with a guided Feed-A-Barra tour and hand-feeding will take you into the brand-new hatchery for an educational, entertaining and engaging experience! This afternoon we head out to sunset point for happy hour. Dinner at Karumba Lodge. Ensuite bathroom facilities.

#### Day 6 Karumba to Normanton BLD

After breakfast we visit Burke & Wills Camp #119, the most northerly campsite of the ill-fated expedition of 1860 on our way back to Normanton for lunch. This afternoon we visit the Mutton hole Wetlands for croc- and bird watching. We overnight in Normanton. Ensuite bathroom facilities.

#### Day 7 Normanton to Cobbold Gorge BLD

This morning we depart from Normanton's famous Victorian architecture Railway Station. All aboard the historic "Gulflander RM93" train, a Savannah Guides Site, for a ride through the savannah landscape across the Norman River to Critters Camp. On to Black Bull Siding then the old gold mining town of Croydon and its Historic Precinct. This afternoon we visit Georgetown and Forsayth on our way to Cobbold Gorge, a Savannah Guides Station. Overnight at Cobbold Gorge or Finnigins Rest at Forsayth. Ensuite bathroom facilities.

#### **Day 8 Cobbold Gorge BLD**

This morning we cruise on Cobbold Gorge's beautiful and secluded waterway surrounded by spectacular carved Hampstead sandstone, 135 million years old. We have ample time to enjoy this beautiful area. Overnight at Cobbold Gorge. Ensuite bathroom facilities.

#### Day 9 Cobbold Gorge to Undara BLD

After a leisurely morning we travel to Forsayth for lunch. Travel on to the famous Undara Lava Tubes, a Savannah Guides Station.

There's campfire entertainment after dinner before retiring to your accommodation in faithfully restored antique railway carriages. Ensuite facilities.

#### Day 10 Undara to Cairns BL

After breakfast in the Australian bush, an experienced Savannah Guide will meet you for an informative tour of the world's largest, longest and most accessible lava tube system. We continue on our scenic and leisurely drive over the Tropical Tablelands past the Wind Turbines at Ravenshoe, stopping off at the magnificent Curtain Fig Tree, before making our way back to Cairns, where you will be taken back to selected accommodation.

#### Day 11 Cairns to Mackay B

This morning we have an early breakfast before heading to the train station to board the Spirit of Queensland for your journey back to Mackay.

B= Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner

#### LAST MINUTE AVAILABILITY

04 August 2021 - 6 SEATS LEFT! 11 August 2021 - 3 SEATS LEFT! 18 August 2021 - 3 SEATS LEFT! 25 August 2021 - 7 SEATS LEFT! FROM \$4265 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE FROM

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