PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

NORTH QUEENSLAND’S WORLD HERITAGE REEF & RAINFOREST

Journey into the heart of Australia’s tropical world heritage to experience the only place in the world where two world heritage sites meet on this 4 day/3 night tour. Snorkel the Great Barrier Reef and explore the World Heritage Listed Daintree Rainforest.

Day One – Sunday 10 September 2023

Please make your own travel arrangements to arrive at Cairns Airport.

On arrival at Cairns Airport, you will be met at the airport and escorted to your waiting vehicle for the one hour journey to Port Douglas, travelling along the scenic Cook Highway.

Enjoy your day and evening at leisure

Accommodation: Mantra Portsea x 3 nights (4 star)
76 Davidson St, Port Douglas
Phone: +61 (0)7 4087 2000

Day Two – Monday 11 September 2023 (B, L)

0700 – 0800hrs Continental Breakfast at Mantra Portsea.

0905hrs Please be waiting in the hotel foyer for the transfer to the Marina

1000hrs Depart Marina for a full day Outer Barrier Reef cruise including snorkelling and reef activities.

Cruise to Agincourt Reef, at the very outer edge of the Barrier Reef and at the very edge of Australia’s Continental Shelf. Agincourt Reef is a magnificent ribbon reef where you can experience the magic that is the Great Barrier Reef. Adjacent to the Coral Sea
trench, these ribbon reefs are recognised as the most pristine eco-systems in the reef’s environment. Experience the wonder of the world’s largest living entity, realising its breathtaking colour and majesty.

The day includes a reef presentation by a marine biologist, and the opportunity to snorkel, dive (additional expense) or stay dry and explore the stunning reef from the comfort of a semi-submersible vessel, just one meter underwater. Watch the fish feeding from an underwater viewing platform and underwater observatory or fly in a helicopter over the reef (additional expense).

1630hrs Return to the Marina and transfer back to the hotel.

Enjoy the evening at leisure

Day Three – Tuesday 12 September 2023 (B, L)

0700 – Continental Breakfast at Mantra Portsea.

0800hrs Please be waiting in the hotel foyer

0900hrs Depart the hotel for a full day full day Ngana Kulkinga Dunday tour.

Travel through Kuku Yalanji country, led by your local Aboriginal guide and learn about the culturally significant sights and local attractions between Port Douglas and Cape Tribulation including the World Heritage Daintree rainforest. Hear about the unique relationships the Kuku Yalanji people have with their land and the respect they have for these diverse environments. Walk through the world’s oldest living rainforest, see the majestic Daintree River, and reach Cape Tribulation: where the rainforest meets the reef, explore coastal habitats learning about the different bush foods and medicines, swim at one of the pristine freshwater streams in the area before returning to Port Douglas.

1700hrs Return to your Port Douglas accommodation

Enjoy the evening at leisure

Day Four – Wednesday 13 September 2023 (B)

0700 – Continental Breakfast at Mantra Portsea.

0800hrs Please settle any incidentals on your room account and check out of your hotel.

No suggested flight – this should be booked to allow sufficient time to connect with any ongoing flights you may have arranged & the choice of departure flight is at your discretion. You will be transferred to Cairns Airport, with the timing of your transfer pending your flight departure time.
Tour Cost:
$1,535.00 per person based on double occupancy
$2,335.00 per person based on single occupancy

Tour Inclusions:
• Accommodation as specified (where possible)
• Sightseeing as per the itinerary
• English speaking commentary
• Breakfast daily and other meals as specified (Continental Breakfast = B, Lunch = L, Dinner = D)
• The Great Barrier Reef trip includes lunch and afternoon tea only. This trip includes all snorkelling equipment but excludes scuba diving.
• Ngana Kulkinga Dunday tour including lunch

Not Included
• Airfares to/from destination.
• Meals other than specified.
• Personal expenses.
• Beverages & anything not specifically mentioned.

Airfares
Domestic airfares to pre and post tour destinations are not included in the ground cost of the tour. Please advise the ICOMOS GA2023 Managers of your flight details so that they are aware of your arrival and departure time. You may still register on the pre and post tours if you have not finalised your travel arrangements. On completion of the registration form, you will be issued with an access key, which you need to record as this key allows you to access and update your booking and registration details at a later date.

Restrictions/Accessibility: Ngana Kulkinga Dunday tour will involve short, easy walking in bush settings. Participants will need appropriate mobility to access these aspects of the tour.

Fitness level: Moderate

Minimum number of participants: 2

Maximum number of participants: 7 rooms. Total maximum of 14 participants.

Is French speaking commentary available: No