



# Top End Insights

**Wednesday 28th August to Saturday 7th September  
2024**

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This 11 day tour features the unique aerial perspective by flying in a chartered aircraft. Top End Insights spans Arnhem Land, Gulf of Carpentaria, Cape York and Torres Strait. You will see and experience the remote and spectacular coastlines, islands, inlets and reefs. Flying with a small group of maximum 7 with each guest guaranteed their own window seat. The tour includes comprehensive guided sightseeing, special experiences

of the diversity of cultures and the unparalleled aerial viewing of majestic landscapes. Warm hospitality and camaraderie are features of our tours.

## Day 1

Wednesday 28th August – arrive Cairns

The tour commences in Cairns where check-in will be available from 2pm at our hotel. Meet your fellow travelling companions, Tour Escort and Pilot for a complimentary welcome drink before dinner.

Overnight at Crystalbrook Flynn Hotel, Cairns

## Day 2

Thursday 29th August – Cairns to Cobbold Gorge

Our adventure starts this morning. We take-off from Cairns enjoying the stunning view of the Great Barrier Reef before crossing the rainforest-clad coastal mountains and landing in the Gulf savannah at Undara Volcanic National Park. Our guide meets us at the airstrip to join a tour of the 190,000 year old lava tubes; a fascinating experience to walk inside some of these enormous natural tubes and hear about their formation. After lunch at Undara we reboard our aircraft for the flight to the tiny village of Forsayth which is our transfer point for Cobbold Gorge.

Overnight at Cobbold Gorge Village



## Day 3

Friday 30th August – Cobbold Gorge to Karumba

This morning our guide leads us on our tour of Cobbold Gorge which involves about 2kms of walking in this dramatic landscape. Spectacular glass-floor bridges and a boat ride complete our tour. We transfer from the lodge to our plane at Forsayth airport for the flight to the shore of the Gulf of Carpentaria at Karumba.



Overnight at End of the Road Motel, Karumba

## Day 4

Saturday 31st August – Karumba to Mt Borradaile

Take off from Karumba and overfly the spectacular coastline of the Gulf of Carpentaria towards Borroloola where we land for a refuelling and comfort stop. We fly onwards over the Lost City with its stunning rock formations in the Carranbinni Conservation Park before landing at Mt Borradaile.

Mt Borradaile is a 700 square kilometre exclusively leased Safari Lodge nestled against the Arnhemland escarpment. The landscape of rugged ranges is fringed by idyllic billabongs, a stunningly beautiful wilderness and cultural landscape to the Aboriginal people.

Two nights at Davidson's Arnhem Land Eco Lodge in deluxe ensuite cabins

## Day 5

Sunday 1st September – Mt Borradaile



Davidson's Arnhemland Safaris began operating in 1986 when the traditional owners of the area approached Max Davidson in regards to the possibility of a tourism venture at Mt Borradaile. The lodge has evolved over the years to become the premium destination in Arnhem Land and provides tours and accommodation that complement this unique wilderness experience.

Our touring experiences will include a short walk to see the famous Rainbow Serpent, visits to the world famous Arnhemland rock art galleries and a billabong cruise to see some of the wildlife. We will also learn about the local rock art, the geology of the area and some of the local bush tucker and medicine.

## Day 6

Monday 2nd September – Mt Borradaile to Groote Eylandt

This morning we take off for a flight over the Arafura coastline and Arnhem Land. Our destination is Groote Eylandt - named by Dutch navigator Abel Tasman in 1644 and holding the spelling to this day. Our guide will meet us at the airport for a tour of the island including a picnic lunch, swimming and the history and cultural aspects which are unique to Groote Eylandt.

Overnight at Groote Eylandt

## Day 7

Tuesday 3rd September – Groote Eylandt to Weipa

This morning we take off from Groote Eylandt following the remote and spectacular coastline of the Gulf of Carpentaria to Burketown; near to where the infamous Burke and Wills expedition made its most northerly point before returning south. We land at Burketown for a comfort and refuelling stop before continuing to Weipa. Flying northwards we will see the myriad braided watercourses and the mangrove marshes of the western side of Cape York and the savannah grasslands home to Aboriginal people such as the Wik clan before landing at the bauxite mining centre of Weipa. We join a sunset cruise for a relaxing end to the day.

Overnight at the Albatross Resort Weipa

## Day 8

Wednesday 4th September – Weipa to Horn Island

After flying from Weipa we land at Horn Island in the late morning where we meet our guide for an insight into the history and culture of Thursday Island. This is the





administrative centre for the Torres Strait islands and along with its pearl-diving heritage its also home to Gab Titui cultural centre which we will visit. A specially arranged traditional Torres Strait dancing performance will be followed by a traditional dinner. our chartered water taxi will return us to Horn Island where we stay for 2 nights at the Wongai Beach Motel, Horn Island

## Day 9

### Thursday 5th September – Torres Strait Islands

Our touring today is to two of the Torres Strait islands. Erub home to the acclaimed ghost fishing net artisans and our first of two Torres Strait islands where we will land to meet the local people and learn about their way of life and unique cultural traditions. During our flights we will also see many of the other islands of the Torres Strait including Saibai which is only 8kms from mainland Papua New Guinea and Mer from where Eddie Mabo hailed. Next we visit Masig Island to meet some of the local people and enjoy a picnic lunch before returning to Horn Island later this afternoon. (Please note that visits to both Erub and Masig are subject to final approval of the respective local councils)



## Day 10

### Friday 6th September – Horn Island to Cairns

This morning commences with our specially arranged guided tour of the Torres Strait Heritage museum. Our guide will then lead us on a tour of Horn Island focusing on its vital role in the defence of Australia during WW2 and telling the story of indigenous and non-indigenous soldiers as well as seeing some of the gun emplacements, trenches and tunnels.

Another incredible day of flight-seeing unfolds as we fly south over the northern-most point of mainland Australian and southwards over the lush rain-forested eastern side of

Cape York Peninsula. After overflying places such as Lockhart River we will land at Cooktown to enjoy lunch and meet our local guide for a tour of this historic town. Connected through history to the story of Captain Cook and his narrow escape from shipwreck. This afternoon we will see more of the beauty of the Great Barrier Reef as we fly the final leg of our flight-seeing adventure from Cooktown to Cairns.

Overnight at Crystalbrook Flynn Hotel, Cairns

## **Day 11**

**Saturday 7th September– depart Cairns**

Breakfast is included to enjoy at your leisure. Check out by 10am.

End of tour.



# General Information & Booking Conditions

## Cost

The cost of this tour is AUD \$25,985.

The cost includes:

- ✿ private, chartered aircraft travel as per the itinerary
- ✿ accommodation on a twin-share basis in ensuite rooms as per the itinerary
- ✿ all meals
- ✿ services of Insights Tours' tour-escort throughout the tour
- ✿ all road transport as per the itinerary
- ✿ all sightseeing excursions, guided touring and entrance fees to all places specified in the itinerary
- ✿ all taxes, fees and charges
- ✿ a personal complimentary reusable metal water bottle

## Additional costs

The additional costs are: drinks, travel insurance and items of a personal nature and anything not specified above.

## Single supplement

Single occupancy of a room is available for an additional cost of AUD \$2,076.

## To make a booking

Please complete the enclosed booking form and return it to Insights Tours with your deposit. Places on the tour require a AUD \$1,000 deposit.

The balance will be due by Friday 28th June 2024

## Cancellation Policy

If you need to cancel your booking on or before Friday 28th June 2024, we will refund all monies paid less a cancellation fee of AUD \$200 per person.

If you need to cancel your booking after Friday 28th June 2024, the cancellation fee is 100% of the total tariff, that is, there is no refund of the total tariff.

Insights Tours strongly recommends that you consider travel insurance in case you need to cancel.

## Insurance

We strongly recommend considering travel insurance to cover cancellation fees as well as medical emergencies, lost luggage and unforeseen delays during the tour. Insights Tours can provide information about obtaining insurance. We are an accredited agent of Covermore insurance.

## Viability of Tour

In the event that the economic minimum number of guests is not reached, the tour will be cancelled by Insights Tours no later than Monday 1st July 2024 and we will refund in full any money paid.

## Luggage

Please limit your luggage to 1 suitcase and 1 piece of hand luggage per person. The maximum weight for your luggage is 15kgs.

## Health and fitness to travel

This tour involves numerous walking sectors, excursions and boarding and alighting the aircraft. Guests must be able to walk un-aided for up to 2kms over various surfaces eg paved and unpaved surfaces, tracks and forest paths. If you or a travelling companion have a condition which may or does require any assistance, please contact us prior to booking as a medical questionnaire will be required to be completed and assessed before your booking can be accepted. All guests must accept responsibility for manoeuvring their luggage.

It is a condition of booking that guests agree to comply with all health and safety related practices, procedures and requirements which may be either recommended or mandatory during the tour.

## Fitness

You must be able to climb 4 stairs to enter the aircraft and be comfortable walking up to a total of 2kms each day.

## Guides

Insights Tours has engaged our own proficient guides wherever we have advertised a guided tour in the itinerary.

### Drinking water

Insights Tours will provide a complimentary water bottle which can be refilled as you require.

### Meals

All meals are included and are usually a set menu. We take care to ensure that the menu is varied throughout the tour and features regional specialities where possible. Please ensure that you carefully note any dietary or any other requests on your booking form so that we can oblige your requirements.

### Aircraft

We fly in a turbine powered Cessna Caravan aircraft (similar to the plane pictured) which is regarded as one of the safest single engine aeroplanes.

Guest numbers will be limited to a maximum of 7 to ensure your safety and comfort. The aircraft has been chartered by Insights Tours from There by Air Pty Ltd. The Cessna Caravan offers a spacious interior, combined with first class safety and performance. It is powered by a Pratt and Whitney PT-6 Turboprop engine - one of the most reliable engines in the world.

Each guest has a window seat and we fly at altitudes which afford the best views commensurate with safety and operational requirements. The aircraft has a high wing, each passenger is afforded uninterrupted viewing. There are air-stairs which provide easy access to the cabin.

### Changes to the itinerary

There is always the chance that our itinerary could be delayed or curtailed in some way beyond our control. Except for prolonged or unexpected events, the tour will be conducted as closely as possible to the itinerary stated above. Every reasonable endeavour will be made to conduct the advertised itinerary however we reserve the right to alter the itinerary in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

### Force Majeure

Insights Tours will not be liable for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under this Agreement that is due to any of the

following causes, to the extent beyond its reasonable control: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, natural catastrophes, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, fire, explosion, generalized lack of availability of raw materials or energy.

### Limitation of liability

Subject to Australian Consumer Law, Insights Tours does not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused by suppliers or third party providers over whom Insights Tours has no direct control.

Agents not liable for force majeure or any other event which is beyond agent's control or which is not preventable by agent.

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## About Insights Tours



Insights Tours is a tour company operated by Paul, Brigitte and John Tuckerman. We arrange tours which utilise chartered trains, coaches and aeroplanes and provide our guests with spacious and comfortable accommodation. Our philosophy is to provide a tour with a spectrum of interesting visits, inspections and conveyances. Each tour is uniquely arranged to encompass the most interesting sights of the regions visited. Insights Tours engages our own guides to ensure that our passengers have the best insight into the location being visited.

We limit guest numbers to ensure a commodious travelling experience and to ensure that visits and guided tours are of maximum benefit. This tour will be for a maximum of 7 guests. Each of our tours is personally escorted ensuring you can relax in the confidence that all of the pesky administrative details and arrangements are taken care of.

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# Booking Form

## Top End Insights

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	Guest 1	Guest 2
Name		
Address		
Telephone		
Email		
Emergency Contact Person & Telephone		
Any special requirements or requests (especially dietary)		
Room type (please indicate)	<input type="checkbox"/> Twin (2 beds) <input type="checkbox"/> Double (1 large bed) <input type="checkbox"/> Single supplement (Single occupancy of a double room. Additional AUD \$2,076)	
Deposit by: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic transfer/direct deposit Account Name: Insights Tours Client Travel Account BSB: 062607 Account Number: 10131313 <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque enclosed - Please make cheques payable to "Insights Tours" <input type="checkbox"/> I / we wish to pay by credit card. A secure link will be sent via email. Please note that a 1.5% transaction fee applies to credit card payments.		

I/we acknowledge the terms and conditions of booking.

Signature/s

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Guest 1

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Guest 2

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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