

GULF SAVANNAH EXPLORER



KURANDA • NORMANTON • UNDARA LAVA TUBES • KARUMBA • HERBERTON

THE OFFER

You don't need to travel to Africa to experience the untamed, golden savannah. It's right here in northwestern Queensland! Wild and untouched natural landscapes, exotic animals bathing in cool waterholes, and golden grasslands that rustle in the warm breeze... Queensland's Gulf Savannah region is one of incredible beauty and diversity, and it's more accessible than you might think.

This nine day discovery tour ex Cairns will showcase the people, places and stories that make the Gulf an essential destination. Along the way, travel on the Kuranda Scenic Railway through the Atherton Tablelands, stop to explore the historic village of Herberton, enjoy a boat cruise along Cobbold Gorge, and climb aboard the historic Gulflander RM93 train for a trip from Normanton to Critters Camp. Step back in time at Camp 119 from Burke & Wills' ill-fated expedition, visit the Barramundi Discovery Centre, enjoy a sunset cruise on the Gulf of Carpentaria, go behind the scenery to experience the unique Undara Lava Tubes and more!

Departing on selected dates in 2022, this once-in-a-lifetime outback odyssey also includes eight nights accommodation and 23 meals, an experienced driver guide and an arrival transfer.

9 DAY OUTBACK ODYSSEY

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Day 1 Arrive Cairns

Welcome to North Queensland. Transfers are available from the airport or train station if required, and will be organised after booking.

Take some time to explore this world class destination. Stroll along the gorgeous Esplanade, browse for local produce at Rusty's Market, stop for sunset drinks at Salt House, or maybe eat your fill at the sensational Yaya's Hellenic Kitchen and Bar. There's so much to see and do. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner with your fellow travellers.

Overnight: Central Cairns

Meals included: Dinner

Day 2 Cairns - Kuranda Scenic Railway - Herberton - Atherton Tablelands

You're waking up in North Queensland - let's not miss a minute of this! Following breakfast we are off to catch a train on the Kuranda Scenic Railway. Winding its way on a two-hour journey from Cairns to the mountain village of Kuranda, it takes in heritage-listed rainforest, waterfalls, gorges and more, and is considered one of the most beautiful rail journeys in Australia. The journey includes commentary and a map of Kuranda.

Upon reaching the village of Kuranda, with its rich assortment of interesting attractions and unique shopping experiences, take some time to stroll around and soak up the vibe.

Your coach will meet you where we will all board for the town of Herberton. Prepare to be wowed as you step back in time to a long-forgotten era. Set on a ridge of the rolling hills of the Atherton Tablelands, Herberton came into existence in 1880 when a party of prospectors led by Willie Jack and John Newell discovered tin in the area. They named the settlement

Herberton because it was at the headwaters of the Herbert River.

Here we will visit the Herberton Historic Village, which is home to a remarkable collection of over 60 buildings including an old school, a coach and livery stable, a miner's hut, a slab hut dating from 1870, a bank, a presbytery, a telephone exchange, a pub (which is a composite of a number of buildings) and many more.

In the late afternoon, take a stroll along the creek and you might be lucky to spot a platypus.

Overnight: Yungaburra

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 3 Atherton Tablelands - Cobbold Gorge

Today we rise nice and early to head further inland. Passing through the picturesque country, we will marvel in the surrounds of Copperfield Gorge, which is the remnants of an ancient lava flow, after lunch. We continue west towards Cobbold Gorge, an oasis like no other.

Overnight: Cobbold Gorge or Finnigan's Rest

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 4 Cobbold Gorge - Normanton

Enjoy an early start with a boat cruise along Cobbold Gorge. Tucked away within the rugged sandstone formations, Cobbold Gorge is an ancient landscape which invites you to breathe in the serenity of the bush and breathe out your worries. Located in North Queensland's Gulf Savannah, this ancient geological landform is unique in its narrow sandstone formations and spectacular 30-foot cliffs. Cobbold is the youngest of Queensland's gorges to visit, with just a mere 10,000 years against its name. This gives some indication of



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the deep history of Queensland's Outback.

Tour the gorge on a custom-made, electric powered boat – quietly motored as not to disturb the gentle serenity of the natural ecosystems it passes. It glides across the surface mirroring the eerie silence of the Cobbold Gorge itself. Keep an eye out for the large population of resident freshwater crocodiles.

From here we travel further west, passing through Georgetown and Croydon en route to Normanton. On arrival, take the afternoon to explore, perhaps have a beer at the Purple pub and a photo with the 8.63m replica of 'Krys the Croc' - Australia's largest known crocodile.

Overnight: Normanton

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 5 Normanton - Burke and Wills Camp - The Gulf of Carpentaria

Today we travel to the Gulf of Carpentaria, stopping to take in Burke and Wills Camp 119 on the way. This is a truly historic site, being the final camp of Burke and Wills' ill-fated Melbourne to Gulf expedition. A visit to this remote site evokes the sense of isolation the explorers would have felt in 1861 as they crossed Australia from south to north, and almost back again. This was the northernmost camp, number 119, established on 11 February 1861 near Bynoe Creek.

From here we travel to Mutton Hole Wetlands Conservation Park - the largest continuous estuarine wetland aggregation of its type in Northern Queensland. While enjoying a picnic lunch, take in the amazing birdlife and maybe spot a crocodile.

This afternoon we will find ourselves in Karumba, a tropical fishing port on the Gulf of Carpentaria. The fishing destination and industrial port is located on the banks of the Norman

River. Each winter, anglers from all over Australia arrive to try their luck in the rich waters of the Gulf.

Overnight: Karumba

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 6 Karumba - River Cruise - Barramundi Discovery

Today experience Karumba's number one river and gulf cruise - The Ferryman. Explore the mangrove-lined waterway of the Norman River. The adventures includes bird watching, crocodile spotting and an unforgettable sunsets over the Gulf of Carpentaria.

You'll also visit the Barramundi Discovery Centre & Hatchery. This interactive and state-of-the-art Interpretive Centre provides insights into the history, stories, lifecycle and habits of these sought-after fish. Discover the wetlands and mangroves and learn about the incredible birdlife and stunning southern Gulf flora.

Enjoy an evening of sunset drinks and nibbles as the sunsets over the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Overnight: Karumba

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 7 The Savannah Way - Undara Lava Caves

Today we take a short break from the tour bus and continue the exploration by rail. We travel an hour SE to Normanton to meet up with the Gulflander, a heritage-listed railway line between Normanton and Critters Camp.

Hear the history of the 16-mile turning angle, built in 1891, and the true tales of how this little Gulf Savannah landscape got its unusual name. This is the only train to operate on the line operated by a Gardner diesel propelled rail motor and



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carriages TP1809 and TP1811.

After the historic rail journey, rejoin the comforts of the air-conditioned coach and let your mind wander back to a time 190,000 years ago at the Undara Lava Caves. Considered some of the largest and longest lava tubes on the planet, Undara lava tubes is thought to have been formed by immense volcanic activity, with twenty-three billion cubic litres of lava estimated to have spewed forth from the Undara Volcano onto the surrounding Atherton Tablelands.

Undara offers guests a unique outback experience. Staying here is not like checking into any other hotel, motel or resort. The accommodation puts you in the heart of the Aussie Outback and offers an authentic bush escape. There are a few things you can be assured of, like friendly hospitality and an array of native Australian plants and animals - including but not limited to kangaroos, wallabies and kookaburras - right on your doorstep.

Overnight: Undara or Mount Surprise

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 8 Undara Lava Caves - Cairns

The outback wakes early, and so shall we. After breakfast we make our way to the Undara Lava Tubes for a tour by an experienced Savannah guide. Enjoy an excellent concentrated visit to the lava tubes, plus other interesting environmental, geological and historical features pointed out and explained by your Savannah Guide throughout the trip to and from the tubes. Visit up to 3-sections of lava tubes. Easy fitness level with boardwalks and steps.

From here we will travel through the Atherton Tablelands, with its rainforest, spectacular water falls and peaceful lakes, as well as a heritage listed 500-year-old Curtain Fig before

arriving back into Cairns.

Overnight: Central Cairns

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 9 Depart Cairns

All great adventures must come to an end - but the memories will last forever. After breakfast explore Cairns some more before making your way to the airport or train station.

Meals included: Breakfast



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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the sights and sounds of Queensland's Gulf Savannah region

Experience Kuranda Scenic Railway, one of the most spectacular rail journeys in Australia

Visit Kuranda, a mountain village renowned for its vibrant arts and craft scene

Explore the Savannah Way on the Gulflander, a heritage-listed railway line

Keep an eye out for crocodiles on a Ferryman River sunset cruise

Visit the remote fishing port of Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria

Stop at the Barramundi Discovery Centre and Hatchery

Visit the historic Burke and Wills Camp 119

Enjoy a scenic boat cruise in Cobbold Gorge

Explore the Undara Lava Caves, one of longest lava tubes on the planet

Visit the historic village of Herberton

Witness Millaa Millaa Falls in the lush Atherton Tablelands

Feel dwarfed by a 500-year-old curtain fig tree

See a 8.6m replica of Krys the Croc, Australia's largest known crocodile

Enjoy a refreshing beverage at the Purple Pub

ACCOMMODATION

8 nights quality accommodation

DINING

Enjoy 23 meals including daily breakfast

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Experienced driver guide

TRANSPORT

Private A/C coach

TRANSFERS

Day 1: Airport or train station transfer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: this tour requires a minimum of 10 passengers to operate and departures are not guaranteed until this minimum number is met. Please refrain from booking travel arrangements such as flights prior to receiving a confirmation email that your departure date has hit minimum numbers and is now guaranteed. This confirmation email will be sent at least 60 days prior to the departure date, and if minimum numbers are not met a date change or refund will be offered.

*Book With Confidence

Covid-19 Booking Policy

- TripADeal Tour packages are non-refundable. If your Tour package is affected by Covid-19 related travel restrictions and you are unable to travel, you will receive either a free date change (credit that is specific to your original package and purchase value) or an open credit less any non-recoverable supplier fees to the value of your original purchase for use on any other package available via the TripADeal website.

Please note: Date change credits are subject to availability and not guaranteed until confirmed

by TripADeal, not the tour operator.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 5th of October 2022

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$750 applies.

Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Departure City

Cairns

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

- Cairns: Queens Court, Ramada or similar
- Yungaburra: Curtain Fig Motel, Kookaburra Lodge, Yungaburra Parl Motel or similar
- Cobbold Gorge/Finnigans Rest: Cobbold Gorge Village or similar
- Normanton: Gulfland Motel, Purple Pub or similar
- Karumba: Karumba Lodge, Savannah Shores, Ash's Holiday Units or similar
- Undara: Undara Lodge, Bedrock Village or similar

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

Not available at check-out.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights accommodation pre or post tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end

of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

- Valid for Children 8 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

Not available

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 28 per vehicle.

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EXCLUSIONS

- Domestic flights / transfers
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COACH TOUR

Meals

23 meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however, cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so, unfortunately, our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Gratuities / Tipping

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Tipping is optional and at the customer's discretion.

Sightseeing

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those

changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/ or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.