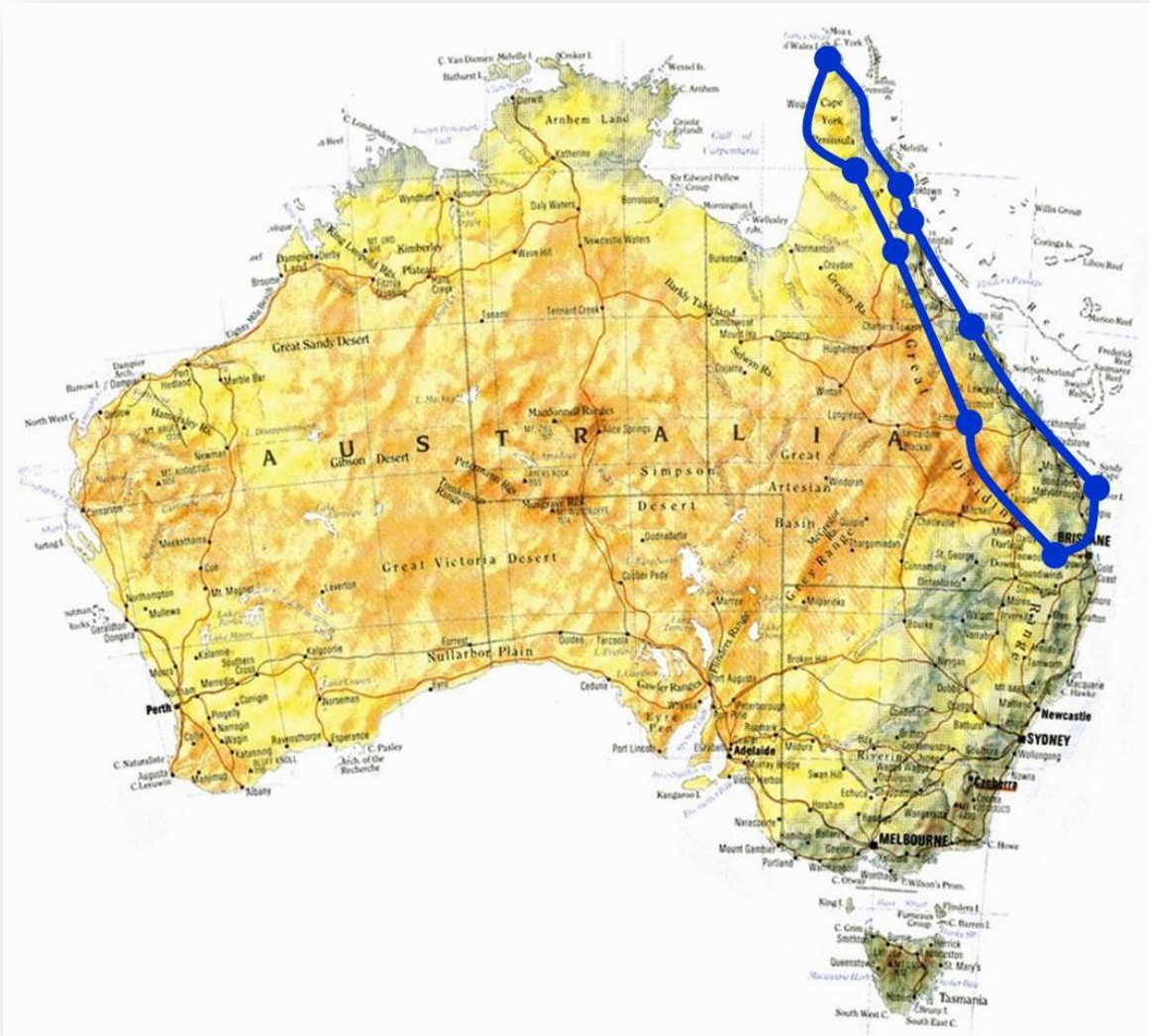



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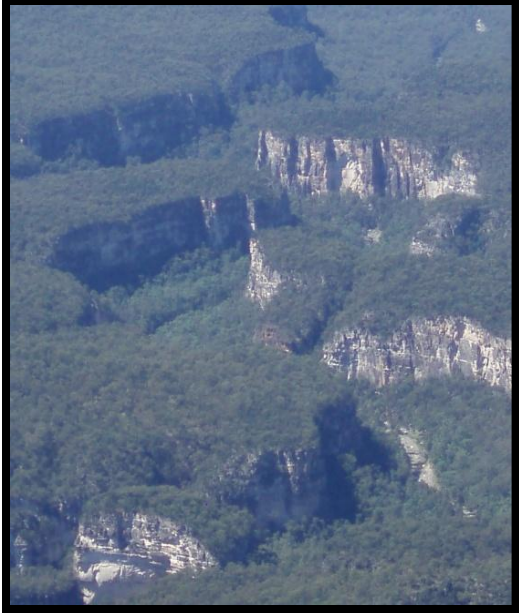
Tour Highlights - 16 days, 32 hrs, 2700 nm

Explore tropical northeast Australia! Outbound we track the rugged and scenic coastal range to Cape York, the tip of the continent. On the southbound leg we follow the endless Pacific coast beaches. Trip highlights include ancient rainforests, Cooktown, Port Douglas, a day snorkeling on Great Barrier Reef, a tour with an aboriginal elder and a 4WD tour of Fraser Island. A rich itinerary, with several World Heritage sites, which brings you the best of the Aussie tropics!


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| 1 | <p>BRISBANE TO TOOWOOMBA</p> <p>Welcome to Australia and the beginning of your adventure!</p> <p>After gathering in Brisbane, we are driven a short distance west to the country town of Toowoomba, home of the Darling Downs Aero Club [DDAC] and our aviation base for the trip. En route we will pass rich agricultural land before a steep climb to the top of the dividing range where the town sits.</p> <p>We will arrive with sufficient time for you to get settled into your room before we have welcome drinks and dinner with our Lead Pilot. At this time you will be given all the charts and documents you will need for the trip.</p> | <p><u>Burke & Wills</u></p> |
| 2 | <p>TOOWOOMBA</p> <p>Today we will be busy with check rides and briefings. Passengers are encouraged to attend but other options are available in town if you prefer. Your Tour Director will be able to provide suggestions.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>While at the aerodrome, you will be able to visit a private vintage aircraft collection and, subject to time and aircraft availability, take an optional joy ride in one or more of these aircraft. Please let us know ahead of time, if possible, if this might be of interest to you.</p> <p>Our evening dinner will be at a select local restaurant.</p> | |



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| 3 | <p>TOOWOOMBA TO EMERALD</p> <p>On our first day of flying we fly north-west, passing over scenic Carnarvon Gorge National Park.</p> <p>We will stop at Emerald, the centre for this region where sapphires and emeralds are still actively mined.</p> <p>Our accommodation is in caravan camp cabins, with private en suite bathrooms, on Lake Maraboon.</p> <p>Enjoy the rich bird life from your balcony and take a walk through the site to take in the friendly atmosphere of this popular caravan park, an Aussie tradition.</p> <p>Dinner will be in the holiday park restaurant.</p> |  <p><u>Lake Maraboon Holiday Park</u></p> |
| 4 | <p>EMERALD TO MAREEBA</p> <p>Continuing north west, with the Outback on our left and the coastal range on our right, we land at Mareeba. From the airport we take a short ride to our overnight lodge in the Wetland Reserve. Our tented, safari-style cabins provide us with luxury in a natural bush setting. This stopover will give you an excellent opportunity to see kangaroos, wallabies, emus and abundant birdlife. You can take a bush walk of just take in the scenery from the comfort of your cabin.</p> <p>Dinner will be at the lodge.</p> | <p><u>Jabiru Safari Lodge</u></p> |
| 5 | <p>MAREEBA TO MUSGRAVE</p> <p>We return to the airport, but before departing Mareeba you have the option of seeing the warbird collection at the airfield, and taking an optional joy ride, or stopping in town to visit Coffee Works, a fascinating shop which combines a coffee museum, gift shop and a restaurant. While there we will enjoy a rich sampling of different coffees and chocolates.</p> <p>After takeoff, it's a short flight and drive to our next oasis in the bush, the Lotusbird Lodge. Enjoy your private pole-style cabins, set amongst shady eucalypts along the inner bank of a large horseshoe shaped billabong. Each cabin has its own private veranda overlooking the billabong.</p> <p>Dinner will be at the lodge.</p> | <p><u>Lotusbird Lodge</u></p> |


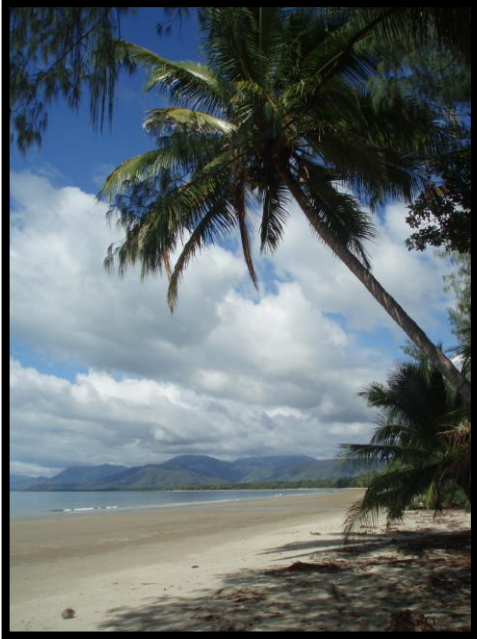
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| 5 | <p>MUSGRAVE</p> <p>Our full day at Lotusbird Lodge will allow us to catch our breath, after a couple of longer flying days, and take advantage of the fact that we are just a short distance from Lakefield National Park, Queensland’s second largest park. It is drained by several large rivers, contains spectacular wetlands and is home to water birds, barramundi and crocodiles. We will take a guided tour of this rich environment before returning to our lodge for dinner.</p> | <p><u>Lotusbird Lodge</u></p> |
| 6 7 | <p>MUSGRAVE TO HORN ISLAND / THURSDAY ISLAND</p> <p>Today we fly to the very tip of Australia and land on picturesque Horn Island. Sometimes called the Forgotten Island because its significance role during WWII has been relatively ignored in history books over the years. In that period it came under attack 8 times and was a key front-line defensive position. The airport was also an important staging point for flights to the north.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>After arrival and check-in you will have time to enjoy our hotel and the beach before dinner, which will be at the hotel.</p> <p>During our full day on the island, we will take tours on both Horn and Thursday Islands and discover for ourselves the important role played by the defenders of these islands during the war.</p> <p>Dinner will be at the hotel.</p> | <p><u>Wongai Beach Hotel</u></p> |



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| 8 | <p>HORN ISLAND TO COOKTOWN</p> <p>Today’s flight will offer some of the most spectacular scenery of the trip, as we track south following the Cape York shoreline. On our right will be the tropical rainforest and the Great Dividing range and on our left the Coral Sea.</p> <p>Be sure to clean the windscreen before departure!</p>  <p>We finish this scenic flight when we arrive at picturesque Cooktown. After checking-in you will have time to relax and enjoy the view of the Daintree River from your hotel balcony or to wander down to the shoreline to take in the sights and the sounds of the harbour.</p> <p>Dinner tonight will be at the Sovereign Resort Hotel.</p> | <p><u>Penninsula Boutique Hotel</u></p> |
| 9 | <p>COOKTOWN TO PORT DOUGLAS</p> <p>Our day will start with a fascinating tour with Willie Gordon, a local aboriginal “teacher” or elder. He will take us to see rock paintings and through his talk, help us understand his culture. His insightful tours are rated as one of the top 10 in the state of Queensland.</p> <p>After lunch at our hotel, we will have a short flight to Cairns and then ride to Port Douglas, at the edge of the Daintree Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef.</p> <p>Our accommodation is a boutique hotel, right on 4-mile Beach and just a short walk to downtown where there many shops and pubs worth checking out.</p>  | <p><u>Penninsula Boutique Hotel</u></p> |


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| 10 | <p>PORT DOUGLAS</p> <p>Today we will take a full-day trip to the Great Barrier Reef. There are a variety of ways to experience the reef; snorkelling, diving, glass-walled semi-submersible boats, a glass-walled tunnel and helicopter rides. You can even join a snorkelling group with a marine biologist as a guide or do some scuba diving.</p> <p>A buffet lunch aboard the floating platform is included.</p> <p>We return to the mainland by late afternoon. Once back in town, you will have time to relax before we have dinner in a local restaurant.</p>  | <p><u>Penninsula Boutique Hotel</u></p> |
| 11 | <p>PORT DOUGLAS / CAIRNS</p> <p>Today's activity will depend upon the interests of the group.</p> <p>You may opt to stay in Port Douglas and choose from a variety of activities such as a Daintree Rainforest walk, a crocodile cruise on the Daintree River, a trip to an eco-spa or a visit to Mossman Gorge to name a few.</p> <p>Alternatively, you may prefer to go to Cairns where you can visit the city, take a steam train up the range to Kuranda, ride on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway or take in an aboriginal cultural experience.</p> <p>Your Tour Director will be able to provide more information on these options.</p> <p>Tonight's dinner will be at your leisure, to give you maximum flexibility in planning your day.</p>  | <p><u>Penninsula Boutique Hotel</u></p> |

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| 12 | <p>PORT DOUGLAS TO HAMILTON ISLAND</p> <p>We return to Cairns and then have a full day of flying along the breathtaking Pacific Coast, arriving at Hamilton Island Resort, one of the premier destinations in the Whitsunday Islands.</p> <p>These islands are a favourite vacation playground for Aussies as well as for visitors from around the world.</p> <p>Enjoy the ocean vista from your balcony or take a walk along the beach.</p> <p>Dinner will be across the island on the harbour side at a select restaurant.</p>  | <p><u>Reef View Hotel</u></p> |
| 13 | <p>HAMILTON ISLAND TO FRASER ISLAND / HERVEY BAY</p> <p>Today's flight takes us along the coast the entire day. You will see why Australia is known as a land of beaches, if you haven't already guessed. Lots of opportunity for photos and some low flying off the coast.</p> <p>After we land at Hervey Bay, we have a short ferry ride to Fraser Island, a World Heritage Site, and to our resort nestled in the trees.</p> <p>After arriving, relax and enjoy the beauty of the resort and the surroundings.</p>  <p>In the evening we will have dinner at one of the resort's restaurants..</p> | <p><u>Kingfisher Bay Resort</u></p> |

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| 14 | <p>FRASER ISLAND</p> <p>Fraser Island is the largest sand island in the world and has a unique but fragile ecology. Today we will discover the island during a full-day tour in a 4WD vehicle. We will stop at pristine Lake McKenzie, 75-mile beach, the Maheno shipwreck, Eli Creek and many more points of interest. With a bit of luck you will see a wild dingo – the purest dingo strain in Australia!!</p>  <p>After returning to the resort from the tour, you will have some time to relax before our dinner in the resort's excellent restaurant.</p> | |
| 14 | <p>FRASER ISLAND TO TOOWOOMBA / BRISBANE</p> <p>After takeoff, we will fly around this beautiful island and see many of the sights from the previous day's tour. Feel free to fly along the coast at 500' and have your camera ready as we will pass several picturesque towns and you may see sharks, manta rays or even whales. Then, on our inland track to Toowoomba we will pass the dramatic Glasshouse Mountains, named by Captain Cook.</p> <p>After landing, unloading and saying farewell to DDAC, we return to Brisbane where we have time to check in and refresh ourselves before having dinner at our restaurant overlooking the Brisbane River. As we share trip highlights, this is a good time to get phone numbers and emails from the other members of the group so you can stay in touch with your new friends.</p> | <u>Rydgess</u> <u>Southbank</u> |
| 15 | <p>DEPART BRISBANE</p> <p>After breakfast the tour is officially over. You can now check-out of the hotel and depart for your next destination!</p> | |