



PLATINUM JOURNEYS

BRISBANE TO CAIRNS

10 Days - Monday 18th May to Wednesday 27th May 2020

Uncover truly unique North Queensland. Journey through stunning scenery, diverse flora and understand the rich cultural history of the area as we make our way from Brisbane to Cairns taking the inland route.



Day 1: HOME - BRISBANE Mon 18 May 20 (D)

Welcome to our Brisbane to Cairns tour exploring some of the states most beautiful and unique destinations. Our tour features Carnarvon Gorge, Cobbold Gorge and Undara before arriving in tropical Cairns. We board our flight to Brisbane (*airfares at own cost and arrangement*) and meet our friendly Platinum Journeys team on arrival. A local guide will unlock the stories surrounding this interesting city, including the magnificent colonial buildings sitting comfortably alongside modern glass towers. The views from Mt Coot-tha Lookout are superb and on a clear day you can see the distant line of Moreton and Stradbroke Islands and the Glasshouse Mountains. We check-in to our hotel and enjoy our welcome dinner (lunch at own expense / dinner in hotel).

Overnight: Pacific Hotel Brisbane (PH: 07 3831 6177)

Day 2: BRISBANE - ROMA Tue 19 May 20 (BD)

With a good book in hand we travel through the Darling Downs region as we pass Toowoomba and Chinchilla. We break for convenience stops and have time to purchase lunch before arriving in Roma. The early Queensland settlement is now the centre for a huge sheep and cattle raising district. This evening we experience the history of search and discovery of oil and gas in Roma at the Big Rig Night Show. Settle back and relax under the starry outback sky as we are taken on a fascinating journey to meet the locals and learn of the entertaining trials and triumphs of early industry men and women in Roma (breakfast & dinner at hotel / lunch at own expense).

Overnight: Roma Explorers Inn (PH: 07 4620 1400)

Day 3: ROMA- CARNARVON GORGE NATIONAL PARK Wed 20 May 20 (BLD)

Today we spend the day travelling across to the Carnarvon National Park. Taking in the scenery, we may find ourselves chatting about our adventure to come or sitting back and relaxing. Largely created by water erosion, Carnarvon Gorge is approximately 30km long and 600m deep at the mouth. Tonight, we are staying in cabins at the Wilderness Lodge (breakfast & dinner in hotel / packed lunch included).

Overnight: Carnarvon Gorge Wilderness Lodge (PH: 07 4984 4503)

Day 4: CARNARVON - EMERALD Thu 21 May 20 (BLD)

Located in the middle of the Great Dividing Range, this rugged area features a unique mix of dramatic gorge scenery and aboriginal rock carvings and paintings. The Carnarvon Gorge is stunning with its sandstone cliffs, moss gardens, deep pools and rare palms and ferns. There are a series of walks and impressive landscapes including cliff walks up to 200 metres high to be enjoyed. Our locally based guide will show us around and lunch will be provided before we express to Emerald (breakfast & dinner at hotel / lunch included).

Overnight: Emerald Explorers Inn (PH: 07 4982 2822)

Day 5: EMERALD – CHARTERS TOWERS Fri 22 May 20 (BD)

From Emerald we travel to Charters Towers. Driving through the streets of the charming town is like viewing a living montage of Australian history and heritage. When gold was discovered here in 1871, the town quickly grew into the second largest town in Queensland. Today, heritage buildings and the outback spirit remain. Our afternoon will be spent at the Texas Longhorn Wagon Tours complex where we take part in a magnificent 'smoko', catch a ride to the unique animals and have a lot of fun with the resident characters that call this place home (breakfast & dinner at hotel / lunch at own expense).

Overnight: Cattleman's Rest Motor Inn (PH: 07 4787 3555)

Day 6: CHARTERS TOWERS – COBBOLD Sat 23 May 20 (BLD)

We have a travel day ahead as we continue north, passing Greenvale and Conjuboy. We enjoy a packed lunch en-route before arriving in the hidden outback oasis, Cobbold George, Situated on Robin Hood Cattle Station (breakfast & dinner at hotel / packed lunch included).

Overnight: Cobbold Gorge Camping Village (PH: 07 4062 5470)

Day 7: COBBOLD GORGE Sun 24 May 20 (BLD)

Today we immerse ourselves in the natural wonder of Cobbold Gorge. Hidden away within rugged sandstone formations, unique rock falls and a series of waterholes, we board a boat cruise, embark on a short walk onto the escarpment for freshwater crocodile viewing and a visit to John Corbett's grave. A delicious lunch is provided back in the village before our exclusive station tour. We are joined by a local guide who gives us an interesting insight into living on the land. Lookout for wildlife – this area is home to a diverse range of animals including Eastern Grey Kangaroos, Dingoes and lizards. What a day enjoyed out in the bush! (breakfast & dinner in hotel / lunch included).

Overnight: Cobbold Gorge Camping Village (PH: 07 4062 5470)

Day 8: COBBOLD GORGE - UNDARA Mon 25 May 20 (BLD)

We farewell Cobbold Gorge and head to Undara National Park, set in pristine Savannah Woodlands. We enjoy lunch before a tour of the Undara Lava Tubes. These amazing underground tunnels formed thousands of years ago when the volcano Undara erupted and the tunnels were gouged out by the lava flow. What an amazing geological experience! (breakfast & dinner at hotel / lunch included).

Overnight: Undara Lava Lodge (PH: 07 4097 1900)

Day 9: CAIRNS Tue 26 May 20 (B)

Today we discover Cairns at leisure with a free day. You may like to book a cruise to discover the magnificent Great Barrier Reef, visit Hartley's Crocodile Adventures or explore the rich indigenous culture at Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park. Of course, some may just like to lay around the pool and relax – the choice is yours. All activities today are at your own expense. Tonight, we meet up to share stories from our day over our final dinner together (breakfast at hotel / lunch & dinner at own expense).

Overnight: Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort (PH: 07 4080 1888)

Day 10: CAIRNS - CANBERRA Wed 27 May 20 (B)

This morning, we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Canberra. We arrive home with new friends and wonderful memories from our Brisbane to Cairns adventure (breakfast included / lunch at own expense).

Tour cost Twin Share/Double per person \$3695.00
Solo Traveller \$4395.00

Tour cost based on a minimum of 14 passengers.





Cairns

Undara

Cobbold Gorge

Charters Towers

Townsville

Mackay

QUEENSLAND

Rockhampton

Emerald

Carnarvon Gorge

Maryborough

Roma

Caloundra

Brisbane

Gold Coast

Lismore

Grafton

Armidale





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.(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. Alterations to the itinerary may occur – a final confirmed itinerary will be provided with your travel documentation approximately 3 weeks prior to departure.

TOUR COST INCLUDES

Transfers to Canberra Airport and to Bega Valley from Canberra Airport on return journey.

Air-conditioned, restroom equipped vehicle with experienced driver/guide & hostess.

Twin share accommodation.

All entry fees to sightseeing activities as listed in the itinerary.

TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

Airfares from Canberra to Brisbane

Airfares from Cairns to Canberra

Travel insurance – Platinum Journeys strongly advise taking out travel insurance.

Items of personal nature eg laundry/phone and any optional extras/trips listed in the itinerary.

All beverages and meals not indicated in the itinerary.

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CONDITIONS OF BOOKING

All bookings must be accompanied by a deposit of \$600.00 per person
The balance and final payment must be received 60 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATION POLICY

More than 60 days notice: full refund less \$600.00 deposit
14 days to 60 days before tour : 50% refund
Within 14 days of tour : no refund

Platinum Journeys strongly recommend all passengers take out travel insurance in case of illness or accident