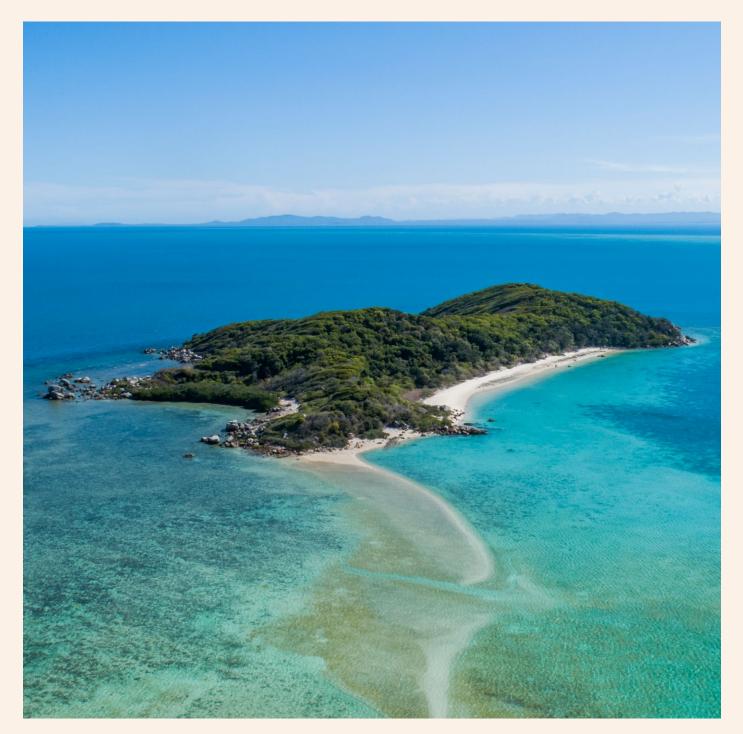


13 Nights Over the Top

Darwin to Cairns



LIFE'S DIFFERENT AFTER AN ADVENTURE OVER THE TOP

A trip up north won't ever feel the same again after discovering the top coast of Australia. Explore the ruins of the ill-fated Victoria settlement, fish for the elusive barramundi, then soak-up the rainforest fringed coastline of Cape York and of course, see the wonder of the Great Barrier Reef.

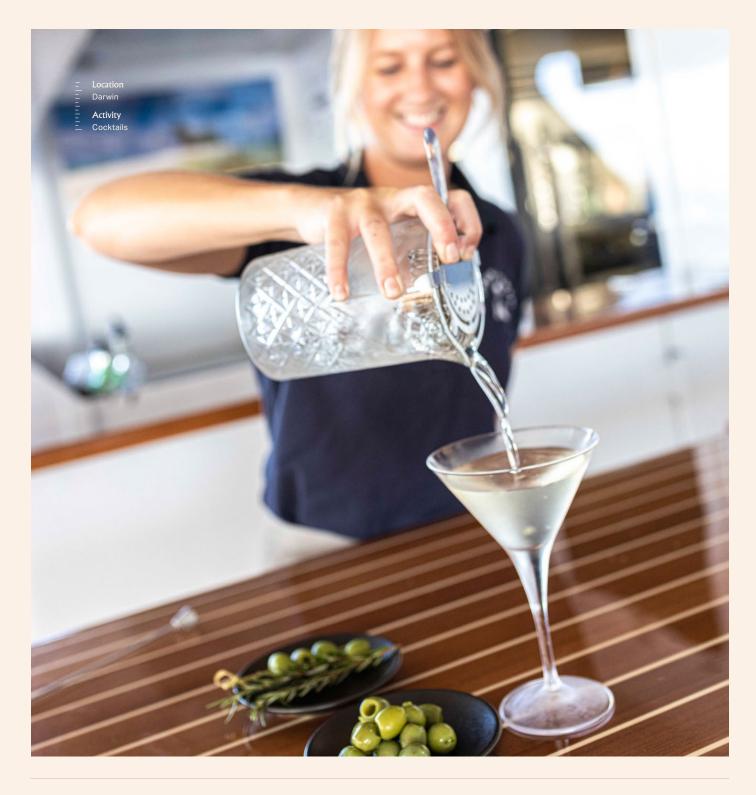
JOURNEY MAP: OVER THE TOP



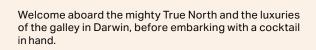
PLEASE NOTE

This is a sample itinerary only. Prevailing conditions, local arrangements and indeed, what we discover on the day, may cause variation. Helicopter flights can be purchased additional to the indicated tariff as a package or individually.

Please refer to the sailing schedule to determine if this itinerary is available on the True North or True North II.



WELCOME ABOARD









MATT WRIGHT'S TOP END SAFARI TOUR

Today we'll depart the True North to experience the Top end Safari Camp. Here we'll airboat through the Finniss River system lined with spectacular rainforest, spotting crocodiles, wildlife and birds. Morning tea will be served onboard 'cyclone creek' billabong cruise before a crocodile encounters & feeding experience.



DAY 02

TIWI ISLANDS

This morning we'll land ashore at Bathurst Island to the community of Wurrumiyanga and welcomed to country with a smoking ceremony. Here, we'll 'take a' tour of the town, visiting the immersive museum, learning about the community's rich wartime & cultural history and seeing the church from the movie 'Top End Wedding'. We'll also have the opportunity to take part in a Tiwi style screen printing where you can take home your own t-shirt or tea towel. Wake up in the Coburg Peninsular for an unmissable ride in the helicopter. Today we'll explore the ruins of the Victoria Settlement, spot sharks, eagle rays, dugong, turtle and crocodiles at Frenzy Creek and search for banteng cattle in the wetlands. Later, we'll walk through nearby wetland filled with mangrove and a spectacular amount of birds. We'll also squeeze in some fishing time and sample mouth-watering oysters direct from the rock. Finishing the day with an outback sunset and traditional Aussie meal onboard the True North

TRUE NORTH





DAY 03

COBOURG Peninsula



ARAFURA SWAMP



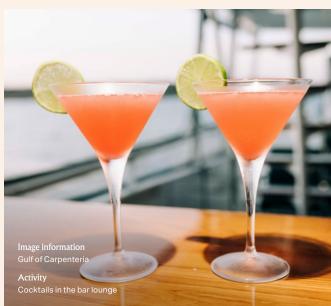
DAY 05 & 06

WESSEL ISLANDS

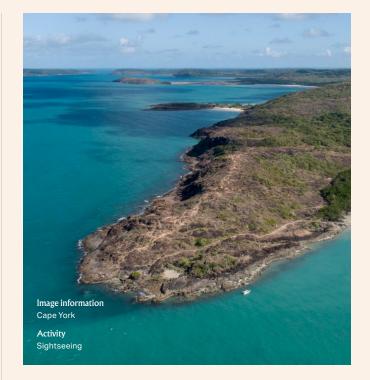
Today we'll head to the Arafura Wetlands spotting buffalo, flocks of thousands of magpie geese, Jabiru & crocodiles. Have the opportunity to snag a barra or mackerel, along with seeing the wetlands from a spectacular bird's eye view in the helicopter. We'll spend two days at the Wessel Islands. Day one begins shooting the Gugari Rip, a spectacular tidal surge, before exploring it's stunning coastlines, turquoise waters, beaches, freshwater waterfalls and magnificent cave system.

Your second day will be filled with reef fishing and sightseeing around the Wessel Islands and Cape Wessel area. All before seeing the night out with the onboard Captains Party.





GULF OF CARPENTARIA





DAY 08

THURSDAY ISLAND

Today we are 'on passage' across the Gulf of Carpentaria, where you'll you spend the day recharging and enjoying the onboard activities and luxury.

This morning, we'll join a coach tour of Thursday Island to meet the local people, shop for local art and explore this idyllic island community. We'll cruise across to Horn Island to visit great wartime museum & tour the gun stations. At sunset, you'll enjoy a shore excursion to Cape York and see the northernmost tip of Australia.



CAPE GRENVILLE & FORBES ISLAND

Start the day by snorkeling and bottom fishing, before exploring the Cape Grenville and then spending the rest of the day on beautiful Forbes Island. Here you'll enjoy a picnic lunch, snorkel in crystal clear waters, visit nearby sand cays and enjoy the beach activities.

With swimming pool like conditions, swim, snorkel and dive at the beautiful Davie Reef, surrounded by the spectacular colours of corals and marine life.



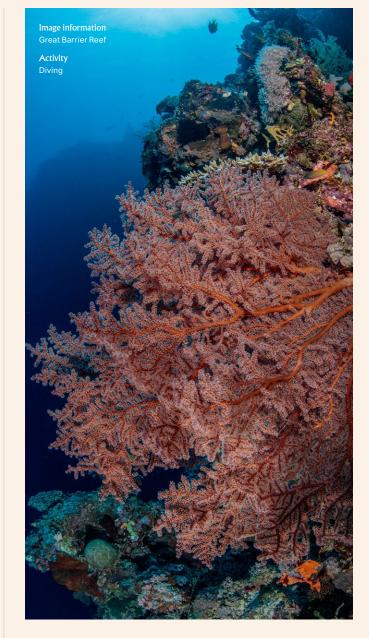
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> DAVIE REEF



¹¹ THE COD HOLE AND LIZARD ISLAND

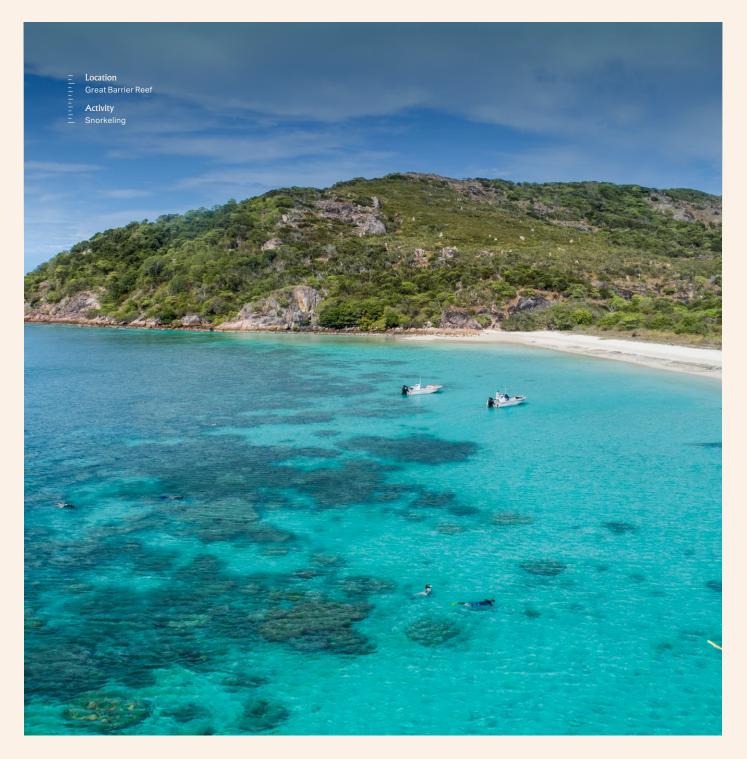


DAY 12

RIBBON REEF & COOKTOWN

We'll head down a rainforest fringed coast to Lizard Island, here you'll be able to hike up to Cook's Look or snorkel in the giant clam gardens. You'll also have the opportunity to discover the famous Cod Hole for a close encounter with the giant potato cod.

Today will be your last opportunity to swim in the mighty Great Barrier Reef discovering the stunning Ribbon Reefs. Then take a coach tour of Cooktown, explore the surrounding mountains, spend some free time shopping for gifts and getting to know the locals. Then we'll head back onboard for a farewell dinner before our overnight steam into Cairns.





ARRIVE IN CAIRNS

We'll arrive in Cairns in time for an early morning coach transfer to your accommodation or connecting flights.

For pricing and departure dates, click here