Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Experiences

Cairns and Great Barrier Reef, Queensland Australia



Rainforest to reef and everything in between

CAIRNS & GREAT BARRIER REEF

Where rainforest meets the reef

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Rainforest to reef and everything in between

Join the Custodians of the world's oldest living cultures on country where they have lived for tens of thousands of years. Experience the splendour of the Daintree, Great Barrier Reef, Cape York and Queensland's Savannah Outback as you never have before – guided by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

A selection of diverse itineraries of traditional and World Heritage sites experienced through Indigenous cultures

- Cultural encounters
- Dreamtime storytelling (on the reef, in the rainforest and the outback)
- Rock art, song and dancing (traditional and modern)
- Guided walkabouts (walk, boat, fly)
- Bush tucker (native foods) and medicines
- Cultural events (multi-faceted with a concentrated local Indigenous focus)
- Cultural Centres (art and Dreamtime storytelling)



Port Douglas, The Daintree Rainforest and Cooktown



ADVENTURE NORTH AUSTRALIA

Join us on a journey of discovery

A journey from coast to rainforest of natural beauty and ancient culture

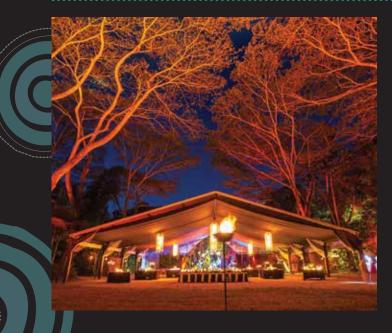
Scenic coastal drive to Cooya Beach where Kubirri Warra clan members will guide you on a 2-hour coastal and cultural walk on their traditional lands. Experience a ceremonial Welcome to Country and guided walk at Mossman Gorge Centre.

- Full-day itinerary
- Aboriginal ceremony
- · World's oldest living culture
- World Heritage sites
- Nature and wildlife

Port Douglas and Daintree **Experience** Guided Walkabout

and Indigenous Ceremony





FLAMES OF THE FOREST

Australia's only rainforest dining experience in the Tropical North An evening of sumptuous food, ancient culture and natural beauty

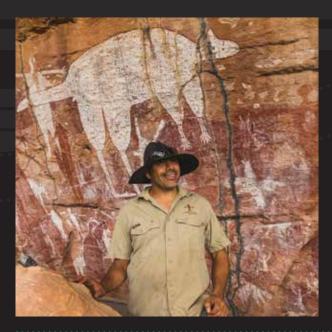
Feast on a tropics inspired menu of local produce within the intimate, candle lit rainforest under a stunning black silk canopy. Immerse yourself in the traditional grounds of the Kuku Yalanji and connect with this ancient people through storytelling, didgeridoo and song.

- · Candle lit rainforest setting
- · Aboriginal storytelling, didgeridoo and song
- Black silk canopy
- Handmade crystal chandeliers
- Food and wine experience

Port Douglas and Daintree

Experience Cultural Event and Dreamtime Storytelling





JARRAMALI ROCK ART TOURS

This is our history book

The journey to a 20,000-year-old outback museum

An exclusive experience that can only be accessed by helicopter or down a 4WD adventure track. Enjoy the homestay feel of overnight camping in Cape York, Australia, on traditional country of the Kuku Yalanji people. Visit remote rock art galleries with the Traditional Custodians.

- Tour Type 2-day, four-wheel drive overnight camping tour or full-day helicopter tour
 - · Remote ancient Aboriginal rock art galleries
 - Camping in the Outback
 - · Bush food and medicine
 - · Guided walkabout with Traditional Custodians

Experience Guided Walkabout

and Dreamtime Storytelling (Rock Art)



THALA BEACH NATURE RESERVE

Talks with Kuku Yalanji People

Deluxe eco stay and personal meeting with the Elders

Eco stay on a private headland between Cairns and Port Douglas. Meet Kuku Yalanji elders who visit and share stories of culture, history, and Aboriginal tradition. Learn about bush tucker food from traditional hunter-gatherers. Be transported through Dreamtime with Traditional Custodians on their land.

- Exclusive to guests of Thala Beach Nature Reserve (days of operation vary)
- Aboriginal culture and tradition told by Kuku Yalanji Elders
- · Aboriginal Dreamtime stories
- · Didgeridoo demonstration
- Eco-resort with deluxe accommodation

Port Douglas

Experience Dreamtime Storytelling



JANBAL GALLERY

Sharing Culture

Authentic Aboriginal Art Gallery and Dot Painting Workshops

Brian "Binna" Swindley's mother Shirley was the inspiration behind Janbal Gallery. This authentic Indigenous art experience was created to grow awareness and appreciation for Aboriginal art through hands-on painting and storytelling. Binna and Shirley's works depict Dreamtime stories, Kuku Yalanji life, the animals of the Great Barrier Reef and the rainforests of the World Heritage listed Wet Tropics. The gallery features Aboriginal artefacts handmade by artisans from across Tropical North Queensland.

- 90-minute Art Workshops
- 100% Aboriginal owned Art Gallery
- Authentic cultural experience
- Indigenous art and artefacts of the Tropical North

Mossman

Experience Art Gallery and Art Experience





MOSSMAN GORGE CENTRE

Gateway to Mossman Gorge and the Daintree Rainforest

This walkabout features ecosystems and places of importance

Experience traditional culture, stories and legends told firsthand by Kuku Yalanji in the place that marks the start of the signature Ngadiku Dreamtime Walk. In the world's oldest living rainforest and one of the most complex ecosystems on the planet. Come walkabout in the ancient Daintree.

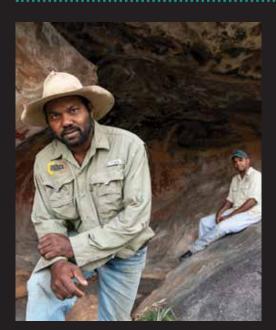
- Tour Type Half-day tour
 - Walkabout with Traditional Custodians in the World Heritage Daintree Rainforest
 - · Rare insights to a lasting ecosystem
 - · Indigenous culture and connection to the land

Dreamtime stories and legends

Port Douglas and Daintree

Experience Cultural Centre and Guided Walkabout





CULTURE CONNECT

Connecting people with Aboriginal Culture

What do you want to learn, and see and do with the Traditional Custodians?

Culture Connect specialises in personal, authentic experiences with Aboriginal peoples on their traditional homelands. Guided tours, private charters and special events allow a multitude of cultural experiences in World Heritage Daintree Rainforest and the tropical savannah country of Cape York. Get closer to the spiritual connection between ancient culture and the ancestral grounds. Learn from diverse heritage, traditions and beliefs. Experience festivals and events on the Indigenous cultural calendar from a unique perspective.

- Tour Type Half-day, full-day and multi-day tours
 - Departing Cairns, Port Douglas and Cooktown
 - Private and exclusive customised charters
 - Hands on contemporary and traditional experiences
 - Rock art, bush tucker, weaving and art workshops
 - · Indigenous festivals and events

Cairns, Cooktown and Laura

Experience Guided Walkabout



WALKABOUT CULTURAL ADVENTURES

Experience the Daintree with Walkabout Cultural Adventures

This walkabout is about experiencing Aboriginal culture in small groups

Tours with small groups give Traditional Custodians an opportunity to share the ancestral lands with you. There are many places of significance to the Kuku Yalanji people. Different places for hunting and gathering, and places where Dreamtime stories and songs originated. Learn more about bush foods and medicines, Aboriginal history, culture and beliefs by immersing yourself in a walkabout with a maximum of 11 people. Experience the connection between country and Indigenous peoples.

- · Half-day or full-day tours, 2-11 people
- Personalised charters
- · Ancient landscape, wildlife and coral coast
- · Indigenous guided walkabout
- Traditional fishing and bush food gathering

Port Douglas and Daintree

Experience Guided Walkabout and Dreamtime Storytelling

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CAPE TRIBULATION ADVENTURES

Explore and enjoy

This walkabout is about ancient culture in the place where two World Heritage sites meet

Cape Tribulation, where the world's oldest continually surviving rainforest meets the world's greatest living tropical reef, the Great Barrier Reef. Mossman Gorge, at the southern end of Daintree National Park, is a magical place, the ancient home of the Kuku Yalanji people. Carved out by the cold mountain waters of the Mossman River, the gorge is bordered by lush green rainforest. Experience a "Welcome to Country" ceremony with the Traditional Custodians.

Full-day tour

Guided walking tour

· Nature and wildlife

Authentic cultural experience on country

• Bush food and medicine

Port Douglas and Daintree

Experience Guided Walkabout and Indigenous Ceremony

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LAURA DANCE FESTIVAL

The past, present and future of Cape culture

Meet 20 different communities for Aboriginal culture, song and dance

Laura is the central meeting place for Indigenous Cape peoples. It is home to Australia's most significant collection of rock art and hosts the internationally recognised celebration of Aboriginal culture - the Laura Dance Festival. The festival is believed to be the longest running Aboriginal festival in Australia. Held on an ancient and sacred site. Festival news: the 2020 Laura Dance Festival will align with Cooktown's 250th commemorative year.

- · Multi-day, multi-faceted Indigenous event
- · Annual signature cultural event
- Indigenous dance and music and song
- · Dreamtime storytelling
- · Special commemorative year

Cooktown and Laura

Experience Cultural Event, Dreamtime Storytelling and Indigenous Ceremony

3-5 July, 2020

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Cape York and Torres Strait Islands



Celebrating diversity through dance

Sharing "Zenadth Kes" - the Torres Strait Islands. A unity festival.

"Winds of Zenadth" is an all-islands festival celebrating a proud living culture with ancient roots, originally Melanesian. It is one of the biggest celebrations of Indigenous culture in the region. Visitors can witness the unique nature of Torres Strait Islander culture at the place where Indigenous islanders gather to practice, revitalise and preserve the language, art and ceremonies of Zenadth Kes Experience a diverse Indigenous island festival with every island represented through dance and culture. Winds of Zenadth is a bi-annual event, next held in 2020.

- Multi-day eventUnique Island nations experience
- · All-island festival of cultural diversity
- Signature Indigenous event
- Dance, song, music, art, craft and storytelling Thursday Island and Torres Strait Islands

Experience Cultural Event and Indigenous Ceremony



KEEP THE FLAME OF CULTURE BURNING

Walk the red earth with Traditional Custodians

A diverse festival of Peninsula Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture

Five times the Flame of Culture will call a gathering of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities at Injinoo, Umagico, Seisia, New Mapoon and Bamaga. The carved fire torch is lit to signify peace, unity and the flame of culture. It travels across country to Bamaga for a 2-day celebration. Experience the different dance, art, food and crafts of two Indigenous nations, with traditional carving workshops and cultural walkabouts to ancient sites of the Northern Peninsula.

Multi-day, multi-faceted Indigenous event

- · Northern Peninsula and Torres Strait Islander nations
- Annual signature cultural event
- · Celebration of all Indigenous dance
- · Indigenous walkabout to ancient sites

Northern Peninsula **Experience** Multi-faceted Cultural Event

and Dreamtime Storytelling (Dance, Song)



GULF COUNTRY FRONTIER DAYS FESTIVAL

The coming together of Native Nations

Country and Western meets the oldest surviving culture, rodeo included

The Gulf Country Frontier Days Festival is overflowing with Country and Western and Indigenous culture. By day, all eyes are on the ring for the National Indigenous Rodeo Championships. By night, First Nations performers and musicians from around the world take to the stage. A true celebration of the diversity of culture with the "Kabarrijbi Wangkijbi Spectacular" - The Coming Together of Nations, taking centre stage.

- Tour Type Multi-day Festival and Indigenous Rodeo Championships
 - · Signature annual Indigenous event
 - Cross-cultural celebration
 - · Coming Together of Nations
 - · Kabarrijbi Wangkijbi Spectacular

Burketown

Experience Cultural Event, Indigenous Ceremony

and Rodeo Championships

15-18 August, 2019



GAB TITUI CULTURAL CENTRE

A keeping place for culture and art

Visit a keeping place of art and culture on the land of the Kaurareg nation

Gab Titui Cultural Centre is a contemporary art gallery and keeping place for cultural artefacts, situated on the harbour of Thursday Island. The Centre contributes to the preservation and revitalisation of the region's rich cultures, and to the development and promotion of local Indigenous art. Exhibitions vary from historical stories and relics to unique Aboriginal and Torres Strait sculptures, headdresses, intricate lino-cut prints, wood carvings, paintings and jewellery. The Centre also hosts the Gab Titui Indigenous Art Awards.

- · Half-day tour
- Authentic cultural experience on country
- Indigenous art experience
- · Shop and on site cafe
- Ceremonial performances at Openings

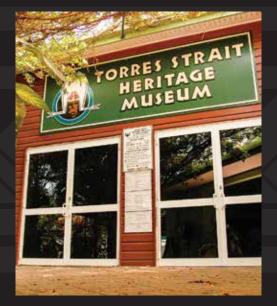
Torres Strait

Experience Cultural Centre, Dreamtime Storytelling (Art)

and Indigenous Ceremony

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TORRES STRAIT HERITAGE MUSEUM

The gateway to wartime and pearl diving history

Lonely Planet's "must see experience" in Torres Strait

Walk in the footsteps of WWII veterans and the Traditional People of Torres Strait. Customised packages include the "Garrison Town" tour of Thursday Island - a small group encounter in air-conditioned comfort, with an entertaining and informative guide. "In Their Steps" is an emotive and enlightening tour of Horn Island and WWII airbase. Hear Veteran's stories. Visit the Torres Strait Heritage Museum for displays of pearling, Torres Strait culture, myths and legends, as well as WWII memorabilia. The most advanced operational Australian airbase during WWII.

Half-day tour

WWII history

· Australian Airbase

· Historical experience on country

Torres Strait

Experience Cultural Centre and Guided Walkabout





TJAPUKAI ABORIGINAL CULTURAL PARK

Where Australia Begins

Tjapukai traditional dance, art, cultural activities and interactive demonstrations

See Aboriginal performers bring the world's oldest living culture to life. Day tours include Djabugay Creation Story, face painting, bush foods, didgeridoo, hunting methods, boomerang and spear throwing. The evening dinner and show features a corroboree, fire ceremony, Aboriginal Dreamtime stories, dance show and fireside chat with Tjapukai warriors.

Tour Type • Half-day, full-day or dinner and show

Bush food and medicines

Boomerang and spear throwing

· Authentic ceremony, storytelling and guides

• Events, meetings, conferences and venue hire

Cairns

Experience Cultural Centre, Dreamtime Storytelling

and Indigenous Ceremony

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DOWN UNDER TOURS

Our people make the difference

Aboriginal culture with commentary in six languages

Visit award-winning Mossman Gorge Centre. Encounter cultural sites and pristine waterfalls on the Kuku Yalanji Dreamtime Walk. Experience Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park and visit Rainforestation Nature Park. See Pamagirri Aboriginal Dancers and explore the rainforest in an amphibious Army Duck.

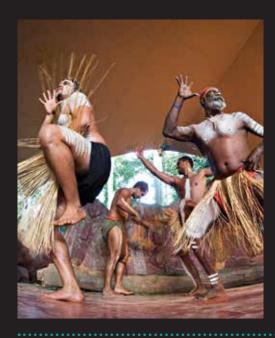
- · Full-day tours, multiple destinations
- Kuku Yalanji, Tjapukai and Pamagirri Indigenous encounters
 Nature and wildlife, rainforest plants and native animals
- · Bush food and medicine

Cairns, Kuranda, Port Douglas and Daintree **Experience** Guided Walkabout, Dreamtime Storytelling

and Indigenous Ceremony

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RAINFORESTATION NATURE PARK PAMAGIRRI ABORIGINAL EXPERIENCE

Join us on a journey of discovery

Rainbow Serpent Dreamtime Walk, spiritual traditions

This unique experience includes an Aboriginal Dance Show and Dreamtime Walk – an interactive lesson about the boomerang, didgeridoo and spear. The Rainforest Walkabout gives you deeper insight into Indigenous culture and traditions, or take an Aboriginal art workshop.

- **Tour Type** Full-day tours are bookable with Tropic Wings (R1BP)
 - · Half-day tours available with Pamagirri Guide
 - · Indigenous culture, storytelling, dance and art
 - · Rainforest nature and wildlife
 - Bush food and medicine
 - Private and special events Cairns and Kuranda

Experience Cultural Centre, Guided Walkabout and Dreamtime Storytelling





REEF MAGIC CRUISES DREAMTIME DIVE AND SNORKEL

Great Barrier Reef

Dreamtime dive and snorkel with Reef peoples

Two outer Great Barrier Reef sites. Reef culture stories from Traditional Custodians. Moore Reef snorkeling, glass bottom boat and helicopter flights. Combo Packages. Cruise Milln or Flynn Reef, diving for beginners and certified divers. Gain a deeper understanding of a diverse ecosystem through Indigenous culture.

- **Tour Type** Full-day adventure at two premium outer reef sites
 - Reef nature and sea-life
 - · Indigenous guides
 - Dreamtime stories and ancient reef knowledge
 - Departing Cairns
 Cairns & Great Barrier Reef

Experience Guided Walkabout

and Dreamtime Storytelling

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MANDINGALBAY ANCIENT INDIGENOUS TOURS

Discover ancient lands and Indigenous traditions

Boating, walking, dining with Indigenous people

An unforgettable cultural experience on the doorstep of Cairns. This eco tour begins at the Cairns Reef Terminal and glides across Trinity Inlet, dotted by yachts, up Hills Creek to where the salty water of the sea meets freshwater flowing off the surrounding mountains. The air is alive with a chorus of birds and in winter, clouds of butterflies. Trek the base of Grey Peaks National Park. Experience a "Deadly Dinner" with Indigenous dancing and entertainment on the East Trinity Environmental Reserve. Immerse yourself in unforgettable adventure of bush camping overnight on Indigenous lands.

- Half-day or overnight camp-out, multiple tour options
- Aboriginal culture and guides
- · Bush food and medicine
- Cultural dinner
- · Private and special events

Cairns

Experience Guided Walkabout



YARRABAH ARTS AND CULTURAL PRECINCT

A cultural hub for artistic excellence and social cohesion

Cultural hub for artistic excellence and historic collection of national importance

The Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct is a dynamic space offering unique Indigenous experiences including the Menmuny Art Gallery, Yarrabah Arts Centre and rainforest boardwalk. The precinct showcases Aboriginal culture, art, identity and history through authentic hand-made pottery, painting, woven baskets, place mats and textiles. The "Menmuny Museum" is a nationally significant historical collection showing the traditions and impact of Christianity on the community.

• Full-day tour

Indigenous culture, art, identity and history

· Pottery, painting, woven baskets and textiles

· Journey and genealogy since Mission impact

Dreamtime storytelling (Art)

Cairns

Experience Cultural Centre



CAIRNS ART GALLERY

Enabling cross cultural dialogues

Regional gallery showcasing contemporary and traditional artists

The Cairns Art Gallery is one of Australia's leading public galleries and a proud supporter of the Indigenous Art Code promoting fair and ethical dealing of Indigenous art. Gallery visitors can enjoy exhibitions showcasing the unique art and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from Tropical North Queensland. In partnership with the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, each year the Gallery presents a major program of Indigenous exhibitions. The Gallery and Shop is open 7 days a week. Entry is free.

- **Tour Type** Half-day tours
 - Indigenous art experience
 - Major art and exhibition program
 - Art from Tropical North Queensland and Torres Strait Islands
 - · Indigenous Dreamtime storytelling through art

Cairns

Experience Cultural Centre and Cultural Event



CAIRNS INDIGENOUS ART FAIR

Experience the vibrancy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture

Dive into the experience of the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair

Every year the tropical city of Cairns moves to an artistic and cultural beat when it plays host to the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF). Over 600 First Nations' visual and performing artists descend on Cairns from communities throughout Queensland and the Torres Strait Islands to showcase their diverse cultures and artistic wealth. The majority of events and activities are free and family friendly with more than 20 dynamic programmed events including Indigenous art exhibitions, music, dance, theatre, fashion, food, market and workshop activities.

- Multi-day annual signature cultural event
- 2019 highlights include opening night (11 July) and the CIAF Fashion Performance
- · Celebration of all Indigenous art forms
- · Indigenous art, dance, music, fashion, theatre and film

Cairns

12-14 July, 2019 (10-12 July in 2020)



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UMI ARTS

Strengthening Cultural Stories

Working direct with local and regional artists. Exhibits and sales.

UMI Arts is the peak Indigenous Art and Cultural organisation for Tropical North Queensland, operated by Indigenous peoples whose mission is to maintain, preserve and protect cultural identity. UMI is a major Indigenous art hub and incubator for artists locally and throughout the Cape. UMI is the only one of its kind in the Cairns area, developing some of the region's best and most successful Indigenous artists. UMI Arts has a retail shop and two gallery spaces for exhibits and saleable works.

- Half-day tours
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Indigenous Arts
- UMI (You and Me) working together to keep culture alive
- and strong
- · Member and Exhibition Events
- Supporting economic development in Tropical North Queensland

Experience Dreamtime Storytelling (Art) and Cultural Centre



BIG TALK - ONE FIRE INDIGENOUS CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Showcasing and promoting the best of Tropical North Queensland

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancing, music, storytelling and performance

Big Talk – One Fire is an annual festival that celebrates Indigenous culture and revives and protects it by "Bringing the Mob Together" – meaning a gathering of clans. It is a celebration of Indigenous cultures. Experience traditional Torres Strait Islander dance troupes (represented by five clan groups). Indigenous music and bands, art, craft and market food stalls. A family friendly community celebration of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Tropical North Queensland peoples' culture.

- Multi-faceted cultural event
- · Traditional Torres Strait Islander dance troupes
- · Celebration of all Indigenous art forms
- Gathering of Indigenous peoples celebrating culture
- Family friendly, all welcome

Experience Dreamtime Storytelling (Art and Dance) and Cultural Event

Mission Beach and Cardwell



GIRRINGUN ABORIGINAL ART CENTRE

Emerging from the rainforest canopy

Emerging from the rainforest canopy, the art works of Girringun

In this experience visitors gain knowledge and understanding of the environmental and creative inspirations influencing the strong wave of interest in Girringun art. The stories and environments of this ancient culture are authentically, originally transformed into visual images and designs by weavers, painters, potters, textile artists and makers of traditional objects. Girringun artists continue a close connection to "place" and honouring of Indigenous "lore" (traditions and knowledge).

- Full-day tour
- Authentic cultural experience on country
- · Indigenous art experience
- Art Centre Shop
- · Art from Nywaigi, Gugu Badhun, Warrgamay, Warungnu, Bandjin, Girramay, Gulgnay, Jirrbal and Djiru people

South of Cairns

Experience Dreamtime Storytelling (Art) and Cultural Centre

Western Cape and Gulf of Carpentaria



WIK AND KUGU ART CENTRE

Home of the Aurukun Camp Dogs

Authentic, high-quality Indigenous sculpture and fibre art

The Wik and Kugu Arts and Crafts Centre is located in Aurukun – a small, remote Indigenous community on the north west tip of Cape York Peninsula. The gallery is an important cultural centre focussed on authentic and high-quality Indigenous sculpture and fibre art. There has been an art centre at Aurukun for over fifty years and it provide artistic and commercial support for local artists. The Centre is best known for its iconic sculptures of camp dogs, made from locally sourced milky pine. These works are made through carving and painting techniques based on body painting designs, using a variety of paint. Many of the designs are based on totems belonging to family members.

Tour Type

- Full-day tour
- Authentic cultural experience on country
- Indigenous art experience
- Iconic camp dog sculptures
- · Artistic and commercial support for local artists

Location Cape York

Experience Dreamtime Storytelling (Art) and Cultural Centre

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YAGURLI TOURS

Witness traditional star navigation

Time-honoured interpretation of the universe in total darkness

A unique tour with a cultural twist, owned and operated by the Gangalidda and Garawa Peoples. Experience Dreamtime stories told under the true brilliance of the solar system, in skies free from light pollution. The crimson magic of an outback sunset on a river cruise across the calm waters of Albert River, observing the unique wildlife of Gulf Country by dusk. Discover historical and natural wonders as you traverse Australia's largest salt pans. Encounter historical and culturally significant sites on the way to the mouth of the iconic Albert river. Develop an appreciation for traditional fishing practices and the deep culture associated with the rivers, passed down by the Traditional Custodians.

Tour Type

- Full-day tour, multiple tour options
- Stargazing with Dreamtime storytelling
- Authentic cultural experience on country
- · Bush food and medicine
- · Indigenous guides

Location

Gulf of Carpentaria

Experience Dreamtime Storytelling and Guided Walkabout

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