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*Where rainforest meets the reef*

# Deeper into Dreamtime

The Daintree, Mossman and coast of Cairns  
through Indigenous eyes

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## Aboriginal owned and operated

Aboriginal people own the ancient knowledge of their land and the culture that sustains it. They are the custodians of Indigenous heritage, art and ceremony. In this collection, a select group of traditional owners show guests a different side of the Daintree, Mossman and mountainous rainforests surrounding Cairns. On these tours you see Country through Indigenous eyes, immersed in Dreamtime stories, traditional ceremonies and original events.

## Exclusive, with limited numbers

The Mandingalbay Yidinji, Kuku Yalanji, and Balnggarrawarra people have developed a very personal and private collection of tours for anyone looking for authenticity. No travel portfolio would be complete without these unforgettable experiences. All close to Cairns and Cairns International Airport, making them very accessible.

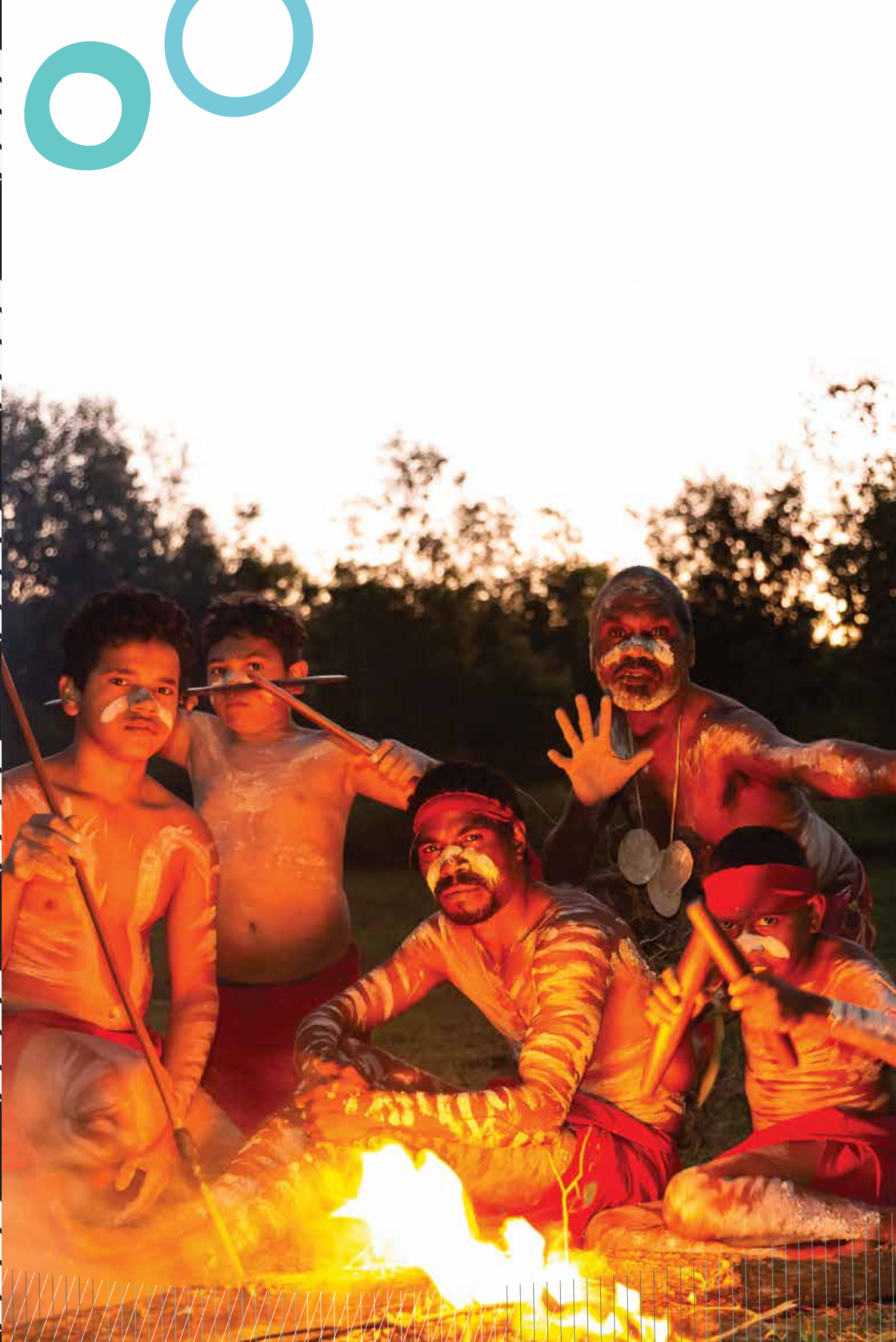
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## Mandingalabay Yidinji Country

### Mandingalabay Ancient Indigenous Tours Deadly Dinner

#### *Canapés under the canopy of night*

An indulgent tour so traditional in its offering yet Instagram-ready to dazzle and delight.

The magic begins with a boat ride through the approaching night (returning by bus, beneath a moonlit starry sky). On arrival the ancient custom of the welcoming ceremony and smoking cleansing ceremony will infuse you with anticipation for the evening. While canapés are served, experience ceremonial dancing by Mandingalabay Yidinji (MY) People. Taste sensations are punctuated by ancient history and culture, music and storytelling, culminating in a Didgeridoo experience and a performance by the internationally renowned harpist Natalia Mann. This extraordinary night is unique by nature.

#### Imagine

Pushing off from Cairns by boat at sunset, bound for East Trinity Reserve. Being enveloped in the sights and sounds of Aboriginal ceremony and tradition. Be prepared for delicious culinary surprises using local and indigenous ingredients in a food fusion. Such delicacies as Thai roo with green papaya salsa, smoked crocodile, Tablelands pork belly, green ant salmon gravlax and seared Queensland scallops; even mudcrab and barramundi in banana leaf. You will leave captivated by MY culture with memories to treasure.

#### About

The MY People have held Native Title rights to their land since 2006, enabling them to carry out traditional activities and manage and protect the country, including East Trinity Environmental Reserve, the Murray Prior Range, the western slopes of the Nisbet Range, across the Malbon Thompson Range to the Coral Sea and the Franklin Islands.

### Mandingalabay Ancient Indigenous Tours Deadly Dinner Tour

- Departs Reef Fleet Terminal, Cairns at 5pm, returning 9.30pm
- Includes Vessel Transfer and Bus Transfer
- Minimum age 16 years
- Wear sturdy, flat footwear
- Operates on demand
- Closed Christmas Day

**Commission** Standard Wholesale and Inbound on FIT, group charter and others

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## Mandingalbay Yidinji Country

### Mandingalbay Ancient Indigenous Tours Eco Cultural Tour Half Day

*3 short hours inside a different way of life*

The Mandingalbay Yidinji (MY) people have lived in harmony with their environment for tens of thousands of years. This tour allows you to immerse yourself in the world of the MY people, visiting places of significance and sourcing native food in the rainforest. You will be welcomed with a traditional smoking and cleansing ceremony. MY people will personally guide you, sharing ancient knowledge and insights into Indigenous customs. Guests gain an understanding of the connection between Country and Aboriginal culture. Incredibly, this authentic experience of Indigenous life is a short 15 minute vessel transfer from the Cairns Reef Fleet Terminal.

#### Imagine

Gliding across Trinity Inlet past tethered yachts and wetlands into the expanse of the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef region. In the distance, rainforest clad mountains soar – today's destination. Turn up Hills Creek, where salty sea and mountain freshwaters meet. Travel through East Trinity Reserve to Grey Peaks National Park, arriving to a Welcome To Country ceremony. Walk into the rainforest to discover edible flowers, sweet fruit and native herbs, bush medicines, Aboriginal traditions, customs and artefacts. Backed by a chorus of Australian tropical birdlife, and sometimes, clouds of butterflies on the short trek to Grey Peaks National Park.

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### Mandingalbay Ancient Indigenous Tours 3 Hour Eco Cultural Tour

- Departs Cairns Reef Terminal 9am–12pm and 1pm–4pm
- Light refreshments (coconut damper, tea and fresh fruit)
- Includes Vessel transfers
- Minimum age 5 years
- Wear sturdy, flat footwear and sun protection
- Bring a water bottle, sunscreen, camera and prescribed medications
- Operates on demand, not including Christmas Day

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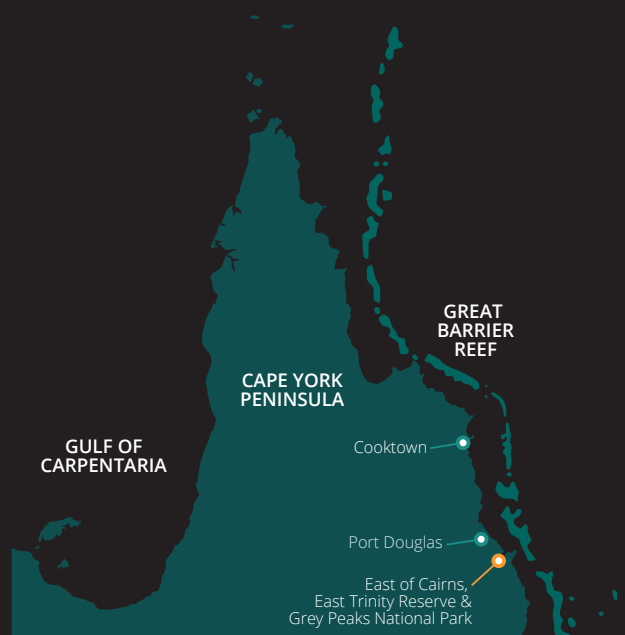
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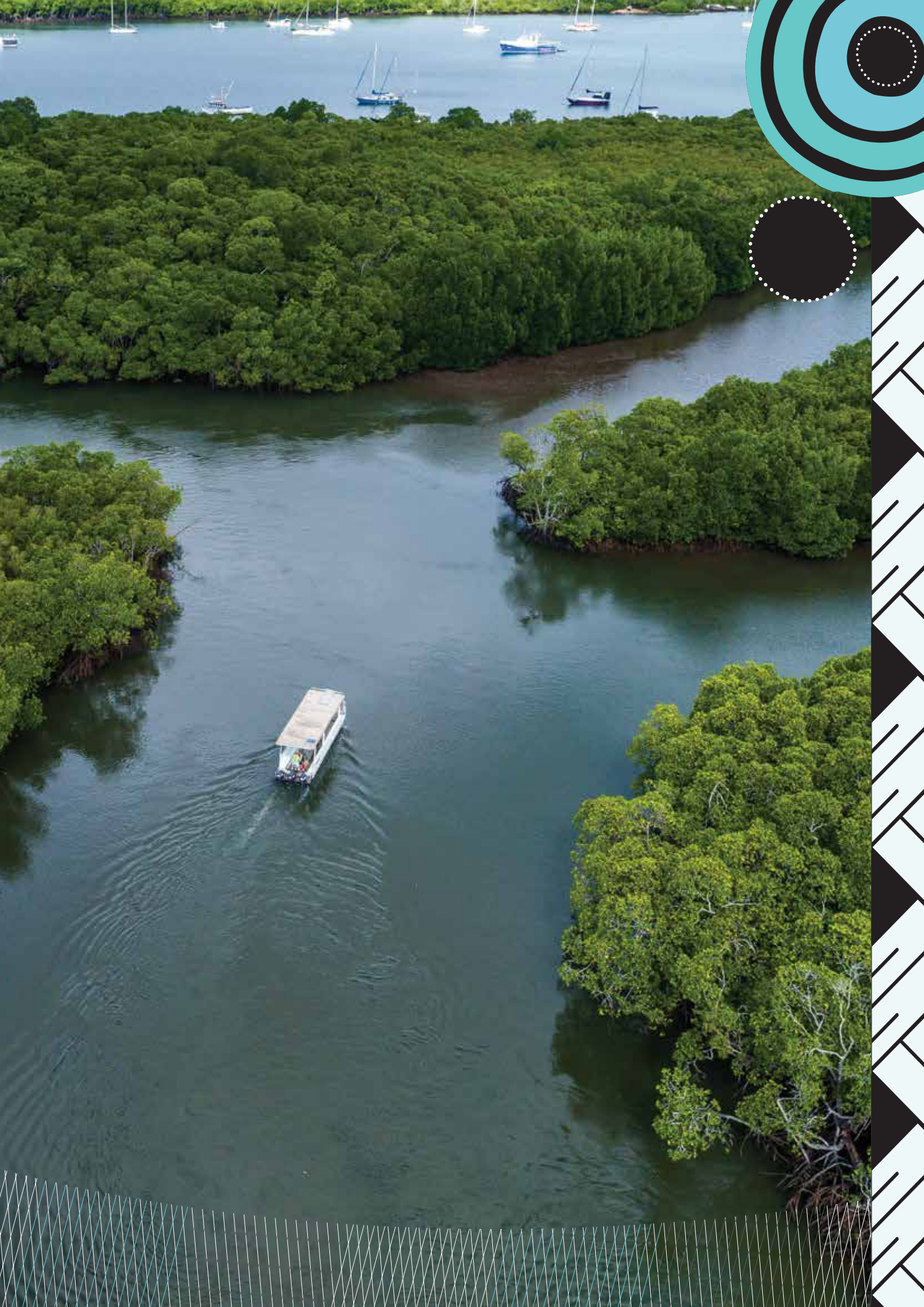
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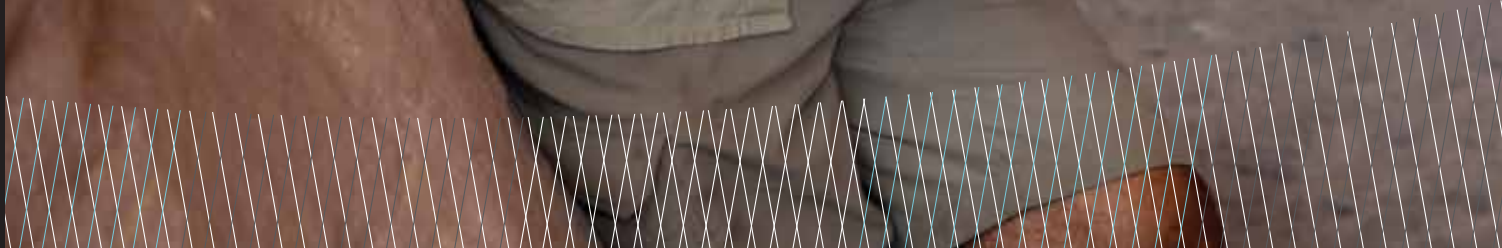
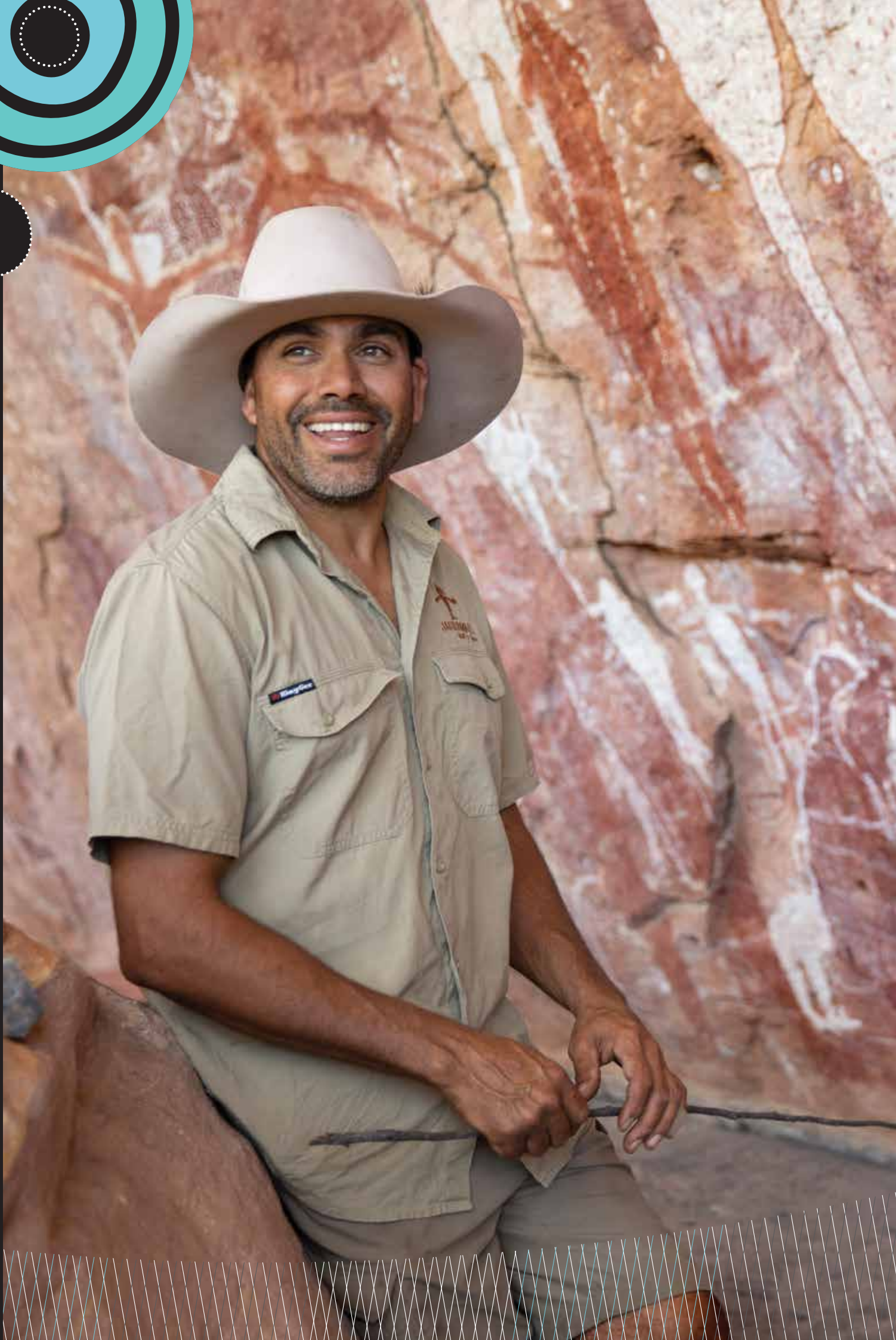
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## Kuku Yalanji Country

### Jarramali Rock Art Tour (in small groups)

Helicopter Tour | 4WD Tour

One of the ten most significant bodies of rock art in the world. *UNESCO*

Jarramali Rock Art Tours present an inspirational journey to an ancient outback museum under the guidance of Traditional owners. If you enjoy out-of-the-way adventure with a giant reward at the end of it, join this small group as it makes its way north west of Cairns to "Magnificent Gallery" in the midst of a rugged wilderness – so rugged there are only two ways to reach it – by 4WD or helicopter. Both provide a thrilling view and experience of this World Heritage area.

#### Helicopter Tour

Reef to rainforest to Cape Tribulation, drifting past, up and over sandstone escarpments, emerald canopies, coral seas and distant mountains en route to Magnificent Gallery rock art of the Kuku Yalanji. That night, at Jarramali Camp, drift off to sleep to the sounds of the Yigi Yigi (didgeridoo) echoing. Wake up to a bush sunrise and hot breakfast.

#### Magnificent 4WD Tour

Enjoy two full days traversing between Cairns and Jarramali campsite. Stop at Mt Molloy for morning tea before progressing to old Jowalbinna Station. Past the Cobb and Co staging post to the Maytown Coach road adventure track, stopping to walk in the footsteps of the ancestors, sampling native bush tucker and learning about Aboriginal culture and history, before a personal introduction to the wonders of Magnificent Gallery rock art. Make camp at Jarramali that night, beneath the star filled sky. Next day, on the way back, go swimming in a crystal clear freshwater creek.

#### About

Kuku Yalanji means 'people of this place and speaker of the Yalanji language'. The Kuku Yalanji people's history dates back 50,000 years. They have a deep respect for nature and knowledge of the land, including its rock art galleries and Magnificent Gallery in particular, which is thought to date back 20,000 years.

#### Jarramali Rock Art Tours

- Unique experiences in small groups
- Depart Cairns 6am
- 4WD transfer approx 6 hours to Jarramali Camp
- Lunch both days
- Traditional welcome and smoking ceremony
- Camp oven roast dinner
- Hot breakfast
- Limited numbers – 3 min, 11 max, 7-8 PAX preferred
- Bring a small overnight bag with casual attire, hat, sunscreen, enclosed walking shoes
- Note: Limited mobile phone reception
- 4WD tour not suitable for pregnant women or people with back problems (non-4WD can be arranged)
- No minimum age
- Closed Saturdays, Christmas Day and wet season

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## Eastern Kuku Yalanji Country

### Walkabout Cultural Adventures

*See the World Heritage tropics in a different light*

Diverse Indigenous cultural tours, one custom-made to order, will take you from the coast to The Daintree and beyond. Disappear into another way of life with these in depth experiences for small groups, or a tour privately curated to your preferences.

#### About

The Eastern Kuku Yalanji people's history dates back 50,000 years. Eastern Kuku Yalanji country spans the trees of the famous Daintree rainforest, the rocks of the riverbeds and the reefs of the Coral Sea. The 'Rainforest People' have a deep respect for nature and knowledge of cycles in the tropics.

#### Cultural Tour – Full Day and Half Day

Follow your guide deep into Eastern Kuku Yalanji country, from rainforest to the coast – two distinctly different environments. Experience spear throwing and boomerang throwing instructed by your guide. On the way back, stop to visit the Mossman Gorge for a guided rainforest walk and swim.

#### Sightseeing Tour – Full Day and Half Day

This intimate tour for no more than 11 guests introduces a side of the Daintree you never knew existed. Crossing Kuku Yalanji country in the hands of traditional owners you will learn about culturally significant sights and local attractions, with an insight into the culture of the Daintree and Cape Tribulation people. Swim in a freshwater stream and traverse the Daintree by ferry.

#### Private Cultural Tour – Full Day and Half Day

If you would like a personalised day with a private local guide, this is the best tour option for you. Walk with the traditional owners and custodians of The Daintree, Mossman Gorge and Cape Tribulation. Go deeper into what interests you most about Aboriginal culture on a custom-made tour. Just tell us what you want to see, do or experience: private guided walks, Aboriginal art, wildlife, waterfalls, river cruises, etc.

### Walkabout Cultural Adventures

- Cultural Tour – Sightseeing Tour – Private Cultural Tour
- Departs Port Douglas
- Full Day Tours – 8 hours duration, includes morning tea and lunch
- Half Day Tours (morning or afternoon) – 4 hours duration, includes morning or afternoon tea
- Limited numbers – 2 min, 11 max
- Wear comfortable clothing and shoes
- Bring reef walkers, hat, sunscreen, swimwear, towel and insect repellent (also provided)
- No minimum age, children under Parental/Guardian supervision, children at adult prices
- Operates Monday-Saturday (subject to availability) not including Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day

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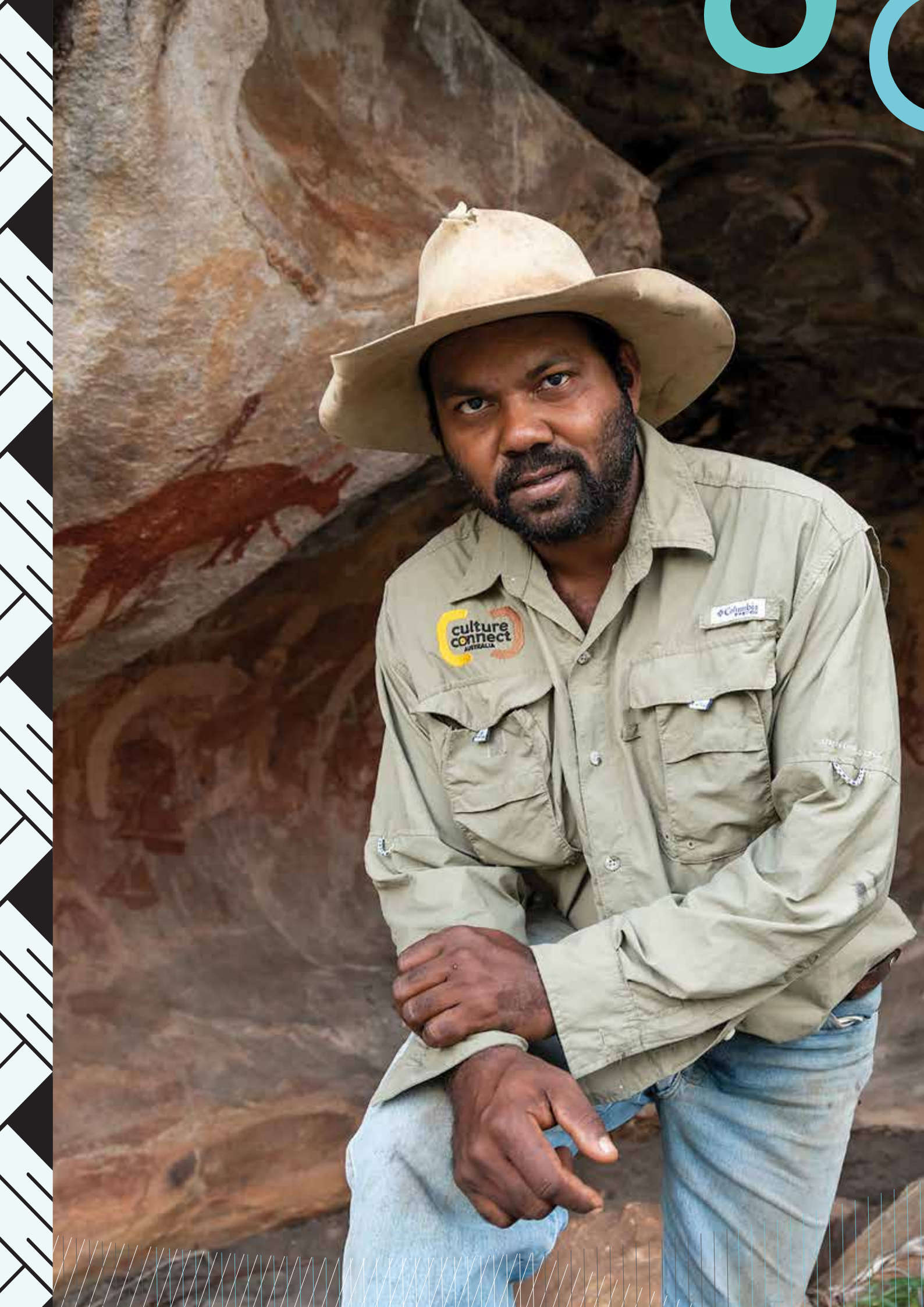
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## Kuku Yalanji & Balnggarrawarra Country

### Culture Connect Australia

*Cape York Tours | Normanby Station*

*Rock art, culture and contemporary way of life*

Walk with the descendants to rarely seen ancient rock art, along the way learning about the land and way of life of Aboriginal people. Hear personal stories of connection by Balnggarrawarra and Kuku Yalanji people. Gain an insight into contemporary Aboriginal life at one of the major centres of it – Normanby Station.

### 2 Day Daintree Art and Survival Tour Kuku Yalanji Country

Immerse yourself in the Indigenous culture and history of the mighty Daintree, rainforest to beach. Spear throwing, Aboriginal art, collecting food, coastal survival and the world's oldest culture form part of the next 2 days.

- Departs Cairns and Port Douglas
- Meals (2 lunch, dinner, breakfast)
- Limited numbers – 4 min, 14 max
- Minimum age 4 years
- Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day

### Half Day Aboriginal Rock Art Experience Balnggarrawarra Country

Explore rarely seen rock art galleries with Aboriginal traditional owners at Normanby Station. Discover hidden cultural sites amongst the sandstone ridges and tropical savannah woodlands.

- Departs Cooktown
- Maximum 14 people
- Wear sun protective clothing, hat, sunscreen and walking shoes
- Bring a water bottle and camera
- Tours operate April to October

### 1 Day Fly Rock Art & Ranger Tour Balnggarrawarra Country

A spectacular scenic flight over the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest to Cooktown where guests will view rarely seen rock art galleries and discover the difference Ranger Programs are making to contemporary Aboriginal life.

- Departs Cairns
- Small group, maximum 12 people
- Flights, lunch, afternoon tea
- Tours operate April to October

Customised Private Charters available

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## Kuku Yalanji Country

### Aboriginal Art Workshop

*Aboriginal Art with Binna Swindley at Janbal Gallery*

On the track to famous Mossman Gorge, discover the art and passion for connecting visitors with Indigenous culture that is Brian (Binna) Swindley. Binna's artworks are sought after internationally. At Janbal Gallery Binna Swindley's works are shown and can be purchased, but the gallery space is also used to give guests a personal insight and understanding of Kuku Yalanji country, the wildlife, reef and Wet Tropics Rainforests. Binna himself demonstrates the techniques, concepts and stories in his paintings of the region.

#### Imagine

Meeting the artist in his studio and getting swept up by his enthusiasm for Aboriginal art. Understanding Aboriginal art history, ochre paints and painting techniques. Learn how to interpret Indigenous art through Dreamtime stories. Guests can paint a small canvas or boomerang in an Aboriginal Art Workshop supervised by Binna, a souvenir to take as a reminder of Kuku Yalanji dreaming.

#### About

Binna Swindley believes in sharing his culture to enable it to remain strong for future generations. Kuku Yalanji people's history dates back 50,000 years. The Rainforest People live in harmony with their environment, believing it is part of them and they are part of it, entrusted to protect and nurture and sustain it. Mossman Gorge has a deep connection to the Kuku Yalanji, which is shared with guests in the relaxed, and inspiring Janbal Gallery setting.

#### Janbal Gallery 90 Minute Art Workshop

- Monday–Friday, 9am and 3pm
- Private and group workshops available on request

#### Janbal Gallery

- Open Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm
- Limited numbers – 2 min, 32 max
- Minimum age 4 years
- Closed Christmas Day and New Years Day

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