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ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EXPERIENCES



CAIRNS &
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📍 MANDINGALBAY ANCIENT INDIGENOUS TOURS

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE CUSTODIANSHIP OF THE
LAND AND SEA COUNTRY BY ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER TRADITIONAL OWNERS IN
TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND, WHOSE RICH CULTURES,
HERITAGE VALUES, ENDURING CONNECTIONS AND SHARED
EFFORTS PROTECT OUR NATURAL ASSETS FOR FUTURE
GENERATIONS. WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO ELDERS PAST,
PRESENT AND EMERGING.**

ARTWORK THROUGHOUT BY EWAMIAN AND WESTERN YALANJI ARTIST JEDESS HUDSON

ART & MUSEUMS

INDIGENOUS ART HAS EXPLODED ONTO THE WORLD STAGE WITH A MULTI-COLOURED FLOURISH. IN TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND, INDIGENOUS ART IS FRESH, DISTINCTIVE, VIBRANT AND ALIVE. PAINTINGS, SCULPTURE, WEARABLE ART AND CERAMICS REFLECT A DIZZYING SMORGASBORD OF STYLES FROM THE TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS TO THE LUSH TROPICAL RAINFOREST OF THE COAST. FROM THE CENTRALLY-LOCATED CAIRNS ART GALLERY, TO INDEPENDENTLY-OWNED GALLERIES, THERE'S AN ABUNDANCE OF INDIGENOUS ART AND MUSEUMS TO EXPLORE.



CAIRNS ART GALLERY

CAIRNS' PREMIERE ART GALLERY

📍 CAIRNS
☎ 07 4046 4800

👉 CAIRNSARTGALLERY.COM.AU
✉ INFO@CAIRNSGALLERY.COM.AU

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 Cairns Art Gallery presents a major program of Indigenous exhibitions. The gallery and shop is open seven days a week.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Art of national and international significance
- Indigenous art experience
- Art from Tropical North Queensland and the Torres Strait Islands
- Indigenous culture, art, identity and history
- Pottery, painting, woven baskets and textiles
- Free entry



GAB TITUI CULTURAL CENTRE

EXPERIENCE TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ART AND CULTURE

📍 THURSDAY ISLAND
☎ 07 4069 0888

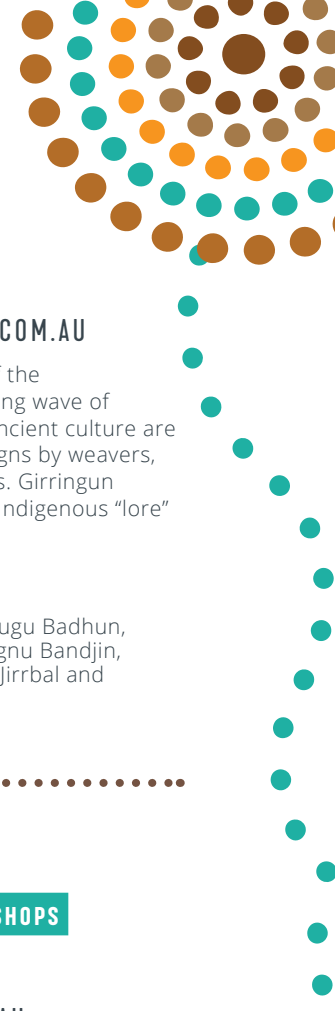
👉 SHOP.GABTITUI.GOV.AU
✉ INFO@GABTITUI.GOV.AU

Established in 2004, the Gab Titui Cultural Centre is the gateway to the Torres Strait, and the region's first keeping place for historical artefacts and contemporary Indigenous art. At the Centre, visitors can explore two very distinct galleries showcasing permanent and travelling exhibitions and art displays of cultural identity and storytelling. The Centre facilitates a complimentary Public Programmes schedule, including artist demonstrations, cultural workshops, and opportunities for visitors to make Torres Strait art and crafts, alongside award-winning artists, and cultural practitioners. The Centre participates in national events such as the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair and Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair promoting Torres Strait Islander Art to the national and international market.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Free entry and free public programmes schedule, open to visitors and tourists
- Free weaving, beading and cultural workshops
- The biennial Gab Titui Indigenous Art Awards showcases regionally acclaimed works
- The onsite gift shop sells souvenirs and take-home art, music, jewellery and homewares.
- Showcase nationally and internationally acclaimed, award-winning artists and cultural practitioners.





GIRRINGUN ABORIGINAL ARTS CENTRE

EMERGING FROM THE RAINFOREST CANOPY

📍 CARDWELL

🌐 GIRRINGUNARTCENTRE.COM

☎ 07 4066 8300

✉ ARTSMANAGER@GIRRINGUN.COM.AU

In this experience visitors gain knowledge and understanding of the environmental and creative inspirations that influenced 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).

HIGHLIGHTS

- Indigenous art experience
- Art centre shop
- Home to multi-award winning artists and craftsmen
- Art from Nywaigi, Gugu Badhun, Warrgamay, Warungnu Bandjin, Girramay, Gulgnay, Jirrbal and Djiru people



JANBAL GALLERY

AUTHENTIC ABORIGINAL ART GALLERY & DOT PAINTING WORKSHOPS

📍 MOSSMAN

🌐 JANBALGALLERY.COM.AU

☎ 0456 619 220

✉ INFO@JANBALGALLERY.COM.AU

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. **Please note that Binna is hearing impaired so please SMS or FaceTime to connect. Thank you for your understanding.**

HIGHLIGHTS

- 90 minute art workshops
- 100% Aboriginal-owned art gallery
- Authentic cultural experience
- Indigenous art and artefacts of the tropical north



KGARI 3 SISTERS

RELAX, CHAT & MAKE ABORIGINAL ART – 100% ABORIGINAL OWNED & OPERATED

📍 CAIRNS

🌐 KGARI3SISTERS.COM

☎ 0432 102 274

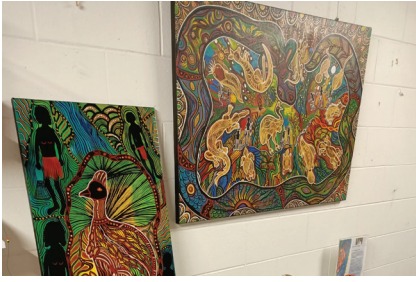
✉ KGARI3SISTERS@GMAIL.COM

Welcome to the home of Kgari 3 Sisters and artworks of Susan Reys and Hendrick (Henry) Fourmile. Susan’s connection to this country is through her birth and all the precious memories in Cairns where her family have lived for five generations. Henry is the great grandson of the King of Cairns. Henry’s cultural practices include smoking ceremonies and story telling for organisations, special events and schools, he also creates unique handmade gifts for visitors, foreign executives and ambassadors.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Smoking ceremonies
- Storytelling
- Retail art gallery
- Immerse yourself in an authentic experience.
- Creative workshops learning traditional art techniques





NATIVE CREATIONS AUSTRALIA

100% ABORIGINAL OWNED & OPERATED

📍 BABINDA
☎ 07 4067 2113

📍 NATIVECREATIONS.COM.AU
✉ NATIVECREATIONS AUSTRALIA@GMAIL.COM

Garth Murgha and Estelle Tranby of Native Creations Australia have been producing artefacts and paintings for the Cairns tourism market for over thirty years. Garth crafts beautiful boomerangs, clapsticks and artefacts based on his Gungandji (Yarrabah) heritage. Estelle is the painter with a colour palette that reflects the vibrant life of her Djabugay (Kuranda) rainforest culture. The two of them together create a powerhouse team, producing artfully produced pieces for everyone around the world to enjoy.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Locally crafted art and artefacts
- Family owned workshop and studio
- Artworks reflect the local landscapes and environments



NGANYAJI INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

DISCOVER THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE JIRRBAL RAINFOREST PEOPLE

📍 RAVENSHOE
☎ 07 4089 2243

📍 TRC.QLD.GOV.AU/EXPLORE/VISITOR-CENTRES
✉ RAVENSHOEVIC@TRC.QLD.GOV.AU

This small museum is a keeping place for the Jirrbal people, whose traditional country includes Ravenshoe and the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area of the southern Atherton Tablelands. Wander through the centre and discover the rich cultural heritage of the local Aboriginal people. Their story is told through artefacts and photographs that provide a direct and tangible link with tradition and history. Entry is free and the centre is open seven days a week.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Conveniently located along The Savannah Way
- Explore the museum at own pace
- See the collection of traditional objects on display



TORRES STRAIT HERITAGE MUSEUM

OPERATING THE HORN ISLAND WW2 TOURS & TORRES STRAIT HERITAGE MUSEUM

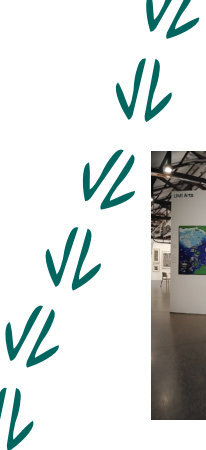
📍 HORN ISLAND
☎ 04 2790 3333

📍 TORRESSTRAITHERITAGE.COM
✉ INTHEIRSTEPS@ICLOUD.COM

Torres Strait Heritage is run by Liberty and Vanessa Seekee, a fifth generation Torres Strait family who developed the Horn Island 'In Their Steps' WW2 tour and curated the Torres Strait Heritage Museum. They arrange different itineraries and packages to suit each visitor comprising a wide range of experiences.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 'In Their Steps' WW2 tour of Horn Island including underground rooms, slit trenches, aircraft, artillery sites, airstrip, dispersal bay and more
- Narrative that is a mix of archival information and WW2 veterans stories
- Small groups which allow a better personal interaction
- Torres Strait Heritage Museum – the largest collection of its kind in the region
- Personal Torres Strait travel assistance



UMI ARTS

AN ART INCUBATOR HUB FOR LOCAL & REGIONAL FIRST NATIONS ARTISTS

📍 CAIRNS

☎ 07 4041 6152

🖱 UMIARTS.COM.AU

✉ ADMIN@UMIARTS.COM.AU

UMI Arts is an essential service to the local Indigenous art community, providing capacity-building workshops that develop artistic skills and techniques. UMI Arts provides much needed exhibition-ready programs for emerging and intermediate artists as they develop. Through UMI arts, members are able to showcase at group exhibitions.

HIGHLIGHTS

- UMI Arts annual Big Talk One Fire cultural festival
- Annual Freshwater Saltwater exhibitions
- CIAF showcase
- Gift shop stocked with authentic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander products
- Community workshops and market days



YARRABAH ARTS & CULTURAL PRECINCT

ART CENTRE & MENMUNY MUSEUM

📍 YARRABAH

☎ 07 4056 9249

🖱 YARRABAH-ARTS-CENTRE.COM.AU

✉ SARNOL@YARRABAH.QLD.GOV.AU

The Yarrabah Arts Precinct is made up of the Art Centre and Menmuny Museum. The Art Centre is a dynamic space for local artists to undertake many local art forms and cultural activities, including ceramics, painting, weaving, textiles and arts and crafts. It is available for bookings by the public or community service agencies looking to engage in or to facilitate arts or cultural activity programs. The Menmuny Museum displays a large amount of Indigenous artefacts, history and local knowledge and is supported, if requested, with a guided tour of the museum.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Retail outlet and gallery exhibiting locally-made art for sale
- Museum welcomes national and international tourists, students and educational organisations
- Artists create art works to support public art in the Yarrabah community
- Guided museum tours



📍 CAIRNS INDIGENOUS ART FAIR



TRADITIONAL CUSTODIAN MAP



EVENTS

FROM CAIRNS TO THE CAPE, THERE'S AN ANNUAL PROGRAM OF INDIGENOUS EVENTS THAT BRING TO LIFE A CULTURE 60,000 YEARS IN THE MAKING. TICKETS NOT ONLY GRANT ENTRY, BUT A BACKSTAGE PASS TO THE STORIES AND TRADITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION. FEEL THE GROUND SHAKE, SEE THE DUST FLY AND MOVE TO THE RHYTHM AT QUEENSLAND'S LONGEST-RUNNING INDIGENOUS EVENT, LAURA QUINKAN DANCE FESTIVAL. SEE SELL-OUT FASHION PERFORMANCES AND SHOWS AND BROWSE AN ABUNDANCE OF AUTHENTIC INDIGENOUS ARTWORKS AT CAIRNS INDIGENOUS ART FAIR. EXPERIENCE LOCAL INDIGENOUS BANDS AND PERFORMANCES COME TOGETHER IN ONE LARGE CELEBRATION AT BIG TALK ONE FIRE ABORIGINAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL.



BIG TALK ONE FIRE INDIGENOUS CULTURAL FESTIVAL

SHOWCASING & PROMOTING THE BEST OF TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND

📍 CAIRNS
☎ 07 4041 6152

🖱 UMIARTS.COM.AU
✉ MARKETING@UMIARTS.COM.AU

UMI Arts' Big Talk One Fire Indigenous Cultural Festival is the company's annual signature event and is free and family friendly. The event includes a concert with local Indigenous bands, traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performing artists and pop-up Indigenous markets. This event aims to showcase and promote the best of Tropical North Queensland Indigenous culture to a large and varied audience.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 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

📍 LAURA QUINKAN DANCE FESTIVAL





CAIRNS INDIGENOUS ART FAIR (CIAF)

EXPERIENCE THE VIBRANCY OF ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CULTURES

📍 CAIRNS
☎ 07 4252 6312

📍 CIAF.COM.AU
✉ ARTFAIR@CIAF.COM.AU

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). Hundreds of First Nations visual and performing artists flock to Cairns from communities throughout Queensland to showcase their diverse cultures and artistic wealth. The majority of events and activities are free and family friendly, featuring exhibitions, music, dance, theatre, fashion and workshop activities.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Music, theatre and dance
- Art fair
- Art market
- Symposium
- Fashion performance



LAURA QUINKAN DANCE FESTIVAL

THINK OF THE OLDEST CULTURE IN THE WORLD. THINK ABORIGINAL CULTURE. THINK ABORIGINAL DANCE. WELCOME TO THE LAURA QUINKAN INDIGENOUS DANCE FESTIVAL

📍 LAURA, CAPE YORK
☎ 0402 529 610

📍 LAURAQUINKANFESTIVAL.COM.AU
✉ LQDF@ANGGNARRA.ORG.AU

Laura Quinkan Dance Festival (LQDF) is a nationally recognised event with three days of high-quality traditional dance performances of remote communities in Tropical North Queensland. LQDF provides attendees with the privilege to learn and appreciate Indigenous culture, while camped under the stars with bush fire yarns. There are opportunities to collaborate, participate and feel inspired.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Builds communities and traditional land owners from the ground up
- All levels of artists, from grass roots to highly acclaimed
- Experience Indigenous artists, musicians and artefacts
- Safe and family friendly



TOURS

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLAND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CONTINUOUSLY ACTIVE LONGER THAN ANY CULTURE ON THE PLANET. TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND IS THE IDEAL PLACE TO DELVE DEEPER, ABSORB AGE-OLD WISDOM AND BE INSPIRED WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS, BOTH ELDERS AND THE NEW GENERATION. FORGE A STRONG CONNECTION WITH THESE SACRED SURROUNDS. BE WELCOMED TO MOSSMAN GORGE AT A SMOKING CEREMONY THAT CLEANSSES AND DIVERTS BAD SPIRITS, LEARN TRADITIONAL HUNTING TECHNIQUES AT COOYA BEACH NEAR PORT DOUGLAS ON FISHING GROUNDS OF THE KUKU YALANJI PEOPLE, OR GAIN INSIGHTS TO ANCIENT ART FORMS WITH JARRAMALI ROCK ART TOURS NEAR LAURA.



ACTIVE TROPICS EXPLORER

EXPLORE THE OLDEST LIVING RAINFOREST IN THE WORLD

📍 EX CAIRNS & PORT DOUGLAS 🌐 CAPETRIBUTATIONADVENTURES.COM.AU
 📞 1800 801 540 📧 INFO@CAIRNSADVENTUREGROUP.COM.AU

This full day tour begins with a visit to Mossman Gorge where guests are met by Traditional Owners and participate in a Welcome to Country and smoke ceremony with the Kuku Yalanji People. Learn about the weapons, custom and culture of the Bama (rainforest) people with an informative presentation. This is followed by a wildlife spotting cruise on the Daintree River before heading into the ancient Daintree Rainforest to explore and learn about the world's oldest rainforest.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony at Mossman Gorge
- Wildlife spotting cruise on the Daintree River
- Lunch in the rainforest
- Marrdja Boardwalk
- Alexandra Range Lookout



ADVENTURE NORTH AUSTRALIA

JOIN US ON A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

📍 PORT DOUGLAS & DAINTREE 🌐 ADVENTURENORTHAUSTRALIA.COM
 📞 07 4047 9067 📧 INFO@ADVENTURENORTHAUSTRALIA.COM

Adventure North offers journeys from coast to rainforest featuring natural beauty and ancient culture. Options include Cooya Beach, where Kubirri Warra clan members guide guests on a two hour coastal and cultural walk on their traditional lands, a ceremonial Welcome to Country and guided walk at Mossman Gorge Centre, or an Aboriginal art class with Binna Swindley at Janbal Gallery.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Full-day or private tours
- Aboriginal ceremony
- Aboriginal art class
- World's oldest living culture
- World Heritage sites
- Nature and wildlife



ANG-GNARRA ROCK ART TOURS

PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE

📍 LAURA

🌐 ANGGNARRA.ORG.AU

☎ 0474 330 109

✉ ADMIN@ANGGNARRA.ORG.AU

Famous for its rock art, Quinkan Country contains a large and dramatic body of prehistoric rock paintings. These galleries have been identified as being at least 15,000 to 30,000 years old and have been included on the Australian Heritage Estate and listed by UNESCO as being among the top 10 rock art sites in the world.

People from many countries visit this remote location to view the rock art and gain some understanding of the Aboriginal stories associated with this magnificent sandstone landscape.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Educational cultural experience
- Guided rock art tours
- Self guided tour at Split Rock
- Several different rock art sites
- Camping facilities available



BULURU BANA (SACRED WATER)

AN INDIGENOUS-INFUSED DINING EXPERIENCE

📍 CAIRNS

🌐 MINJIL.COM.AU

☎ 0412 675 496

✉ INFO@MINJIL.COM.AU

Come aboard the Spirit of Cairns and enjoy a three course indigenous-infused dining experience on the sacred waters of Gimuy-Barra. The team of friendly cultural tour guides take guests on a journey of connection to country. Be immersed in the songlines of the Yidinji People whilst sailing down the calm waters of the Trinity inlet of Cairns.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Minjil smoking ceremony
- Songlines of the water
- 2.5 hour calm water inlet tour
- Indigenous dance performance
- Live music performance
- Gift giving ceremony



CULTURE CONNECT

CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH ABORIGINAL CULTURE

📍 CAIRNS, COOKTOWN & LAURA

🌐 CULTURECONNECT.COM.AU

☎ 1300 794 175

✉ INFO@CULTURECONNECT.COM.AU

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.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Private and exclusive customised charters
- Hands on contemporary and traditional experiences
- Rock art, bush tucker, weaving and art workshops
- Indigenous festivals and events
- Half-day, full-day and multi-day tours



DOWN UNDER TOURS

OUR PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

📍 CAIRNS, DAINTREE & KURANDA 📍 DOWNUNDERTOURS.COM
📞 07 4047 9066 ✉️ RES@DOWNUNDERTOURS.COM

Down Under Tours offer Aboriginal cultural experiences with six languages. Visit award winning Mossman Gorge Centre. Encounter cultural sites, ancient flora and fauna and pristine waterfalls on the Kuku Yalanji Dreamtime Walk. Visit Rainforestation Nature Park, see Pamagirri Aboriginal dancers and explore the lush tropical rainforest in an amphibious Army Duck.

HIGHLIGHTS

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



DREAMTIME DIVE & SNORKEL

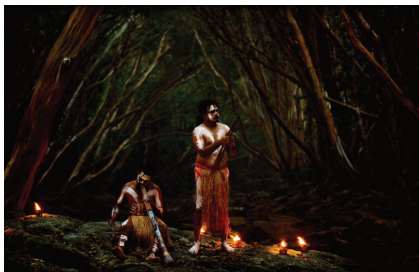
A UNIQUE & CULTURAL GREAT BARRIER REEF TOUR

📍 CAIRNS 📍 DREAMTIMEDIVE.COM
📞 07 4030 7920 ✉️ RES@DREAMTIME.COM.AU

Delve into the Great Barrier Reef on two premium outer Great Barrier Reef sites. On board, Indigenous guides share cultural Reef Stories incorporating culture and native bush tasting. A full day tour includes snorkelling, guided snorkel tours with our marine biologists and optional intro / certified diving. Gain a deeper understanding of a diverse ecosystem through Indigenous culture whilst enjoying the beauty the Great Barrier Reef has to offer.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Full day adventure at two premium Outer Barrier Reef sites
- Indigenous guides
- Dreamtime stories, ancient reef knowledge and native bush tasting
- Free guided snorkel tour with marine biologists
- Departing Cairns



FLAMES OF THE FOREST

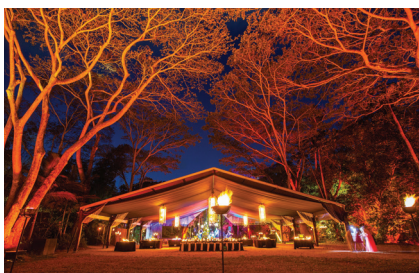
AUSTRALIA'S ONLY RAINFOREST DINING EXPERIENCE IN THE TROPICAL NORTH

📍 PORT DOUGLAS 📍 FLAMESOFTHEFOREST.COM.AU
📞 0488 500 550 ✉️ EXPERIENCE@FLAMESOFTHEFOREST.COM.AU

Feast on a tropics-inspired menu of local produce within the intimate, candlelit rainforest under a stunning black silk canopy at Flames of the Forest. Be immersed in the traditional grounds of the Kuku Yalanji and connect with this ancient culture through storytelling, didgeridoo and song.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Candlelit rainforest setting
- Aboriginal storytelling, didgeridoo and song
- Black silk canopy
- Food and wine experience





JARRAMALI ROCK ART TOURS

THE JOURNEY TO A 20,000-YEAR-OLD OUTBACK MUSEUM

📍 LAURA

📍 JARRAMALIROCKARTTOURS.COM.AU

☎ 0402 805 821

✉ JARRAMALIENTERPRISES@GMAIL.COM

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2-day, 4WD overnight camping tour or full-day helicopter tour
- Remote ancient Aboriginal rock art galleries
- Camping in the outback
- Bush food and medicine
- 3 day, 2 night camp tour



JUNGLE TOURS & TREKKING

ADVENTURES WHERE THE RAINFOREST MEETS THE REEF

📍 EX CAIRNS & PORT DOUGLAS 📍 JUNGLETOURS.COM.AU

☎ 07 4041 9440

✉ RES@JUNGLETOURS.COM.AU

Explore iconic locations and a few hidden gems. Encounter native animals at Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas, with presentations and lunch. Visit Mossman Gorge National Park with the option to include a Dreamtime Walk with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, as your Indigenous guide demonstrates traditional plant use and identifies bush food and traditions.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Multiple tour options
- Mossman Gorge
- Rainforest interpretation on a guided tour
- Animal interaction



MAMU TROPICAL SKYWALK

TAKE A WALK IN THE CLOUDS

📍 INNISFAIL

📍 MAMUTROPICALSKYWALK.COM.AU

☎ 07 4064 5294

✉ INFO@MAMUTROPICALSKYWALK.COM.AU

Deep in the heart of Wooroonooran National Park, the land of the Mamu Rainforest People, is Mamu Tropical Skywalk - a rainforest canopy walkway that was designed to show off this spectacular part of the world. Built from environmentally-friendly materials in the wake of a category 5 cyclone devastating the area, Mamu Tropical Skywalk is proof that something wonderful can be borne from disaster.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cantilever
- 350m elevated walkway
- 37m tall tower (tallest in Queensland)
- Midja constructed by Mamu elders
- Audio and video tour



MANDINGALBAY AUTHENTIC INDIGENOUS TOURS

CONNECT WITH TRADITIONAL OWNERS MINUTES FROM CAIRNS CBD IN STUNNING NATURAL WETLANDS

📍 EAST TRINITY, CAIRNS 🗺️ MANDINGALBAY.COM.AU

☎️ 07 4019 7998

✉️ RESERVATIONS@MANDINGALBAY.COM.AU



Only a short cruise from the Cairns Harbour, visit an exclusive Indigenous Protected Area. Discover ancient traditions with the Mandingalbay Yidinji Guides, the land and sea custodians on the Eastern side of Trinity Inlet. Visitors can choose from various tours, including the **Hands-on Country Eco Tour**, a half-day experience discovering native foods, bush medicines, and wildlife. **Deadly After Dark Sunset Cruise**, canapes and cultural experience departing the marina at 5.30pm.

The company is 100% Indigenous-owned and operated, showcasing sustainability through a growing number of off-grid eco-tourism buildings designed to fit perfectly within their mangrove wetland environment.

HIGHLIGHTS

- All tours depart by covered river cruise vessel from Cairns Marina, Cairns CBD
- Mandingalbay Yidinji smoking and cleansing welcome
- Mayi Bugan Trail for the adventurous walker
- Overnight cultural camps for school and University groups
- Cultural experiences can be curated to suite your needs.



MIJA ABORIGINAL TOURS

COME AND LEARN, UNDERSTAND, SHARE & CARE

📍 INNISFAIL

🗺️ MIJAABORIGINALTOURS.COM.AU

☎️ 0414 627 895

✉️ GERRYSURHA@GMAIL.COM



Come share and experience traditional Aboriginal culture with the Mandubarra rainforest/saltwater people who are one of the five Traditional Owner groups within the Innisfail region. Gain an Indigenous perspective of traditional Aboriginal culture from an Aboriginal tour guide and learn how Mandubarra people thrived in the tropics of Tropical North Queensland. Find out how they practiced sustainability, which made it possible for generations of their people to co-exist within the natural environment of their tropical rainforest home.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Interpretive walk with an Indigenous tour guide in the Warrina Botanical Gardens Innisfail
- Learn how Mandubarra people thrive in the rainforest
- Learn how Mandubarra people utilise native tree species for food, medicines, tools and weapons
- Learn some traditional language



MOSSMAN GORGE CENTRE

GATEWAY TO THE MOSSMAN GORGE & DAINTREE RAINFOREST

📍 MOSSMAN

🗺️ MOSSMANGORGE.COM.AU

☎️ 07 4099 7000

✉️ WALK@MOSSMANGORGE.COM.AU



The Mossman Gorge Centre is the gateway to the Daintree Rainforest, as well as a unique link to the lives, cultures and stories of Australia's Indigenous people and their connection to the natural environment. Experience traditional culture, stories and legends told first-hand by Kuku Yalanji people in the place that marks the start of the signature Ngadiku Dreamtime Walk. Come and discover the ancient Daintree Rainforest, the world's oldest living rainforest and one of the most complex ecosystems on the planet

HIGHLIGHTS

- Dreamtime Walks with Traditional Custodians in the World Heritage Wet Tropics Rainforest
- Traditional smoking ceremony
- Rare insights to a lasting ecosystem
- Indigenous culture and connection to the land
- Dreamtime stories and legends





KUKU YALANJI CULTURAL HABITAT TOURS

PROTECTING, PRACTICING & SHARING OUR CULTURE

📍 COOYA BEACH
☎ 07 4098 3437

👉 KYCHT.COM.AU
✉ KUKU@CONXX.COM

Join a Kuku Yalanji Traditional Custodian to explore their traditional homeland on Cooya Beach, where they continue to practice their cultural activities and maintain their cultural heritage. Join a guide for their daily spear fishing and gathering on the mangroves and mudflats. Discover food and medicine plants and spear throwing and handling. Hear rare stories from the guide's traditional lands as they prepare their daily food for their families.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Introduction to Kuku Yalanji first nations people and our traditional land
- Learning traditional spear fishing practices
- Identifying cultural foods and medicine
- Learning about coastal wildlife
- Cultural talk and artefacts display



PAPERBARK ARTS & EXCLUSIVE CULTURAL TOURS

EXPERIENCE YARRABAH & GUNGGANDJI CULTURE

📍 YARRABAH
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Paperbark Arts and Exclusive Cultural Tours is a local Indigenous-managed and owned business selling local art and exclusive cultural tours in the Yarrabah Aboriginal Community. Experience Yarrabah and Gunggangdji culture in a way that will leave a lasting impression.

HIGHLIGHTS.

- Participate in craft activities with local Elders and artists.
- Meet and yarn with local Gunggangdji Elders and hear their stories.
- Learn about the history of Yarrabah, the largest Aboriginal Community in Australia
- Taste in-season bush foods.



RAINFORESTATION-PAMAGIRRI ABORIGINAL EXPERIENCE

DISCOVER AUTHENTIC INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN CULTURE IN A RAINFOREST SETTING

📍 KURANDA
☎ 07 4085 5008

👉 RAINFOREST.COM.AU
✉ RES@RAINFOREST.COM.AU

Visit Rainforestation Nature Park Kuranda to enjoy the award-winning Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience, including a traditional dance performance in a rainforest amphitheatre, spear throwing and didgeridoo presentations, and the chance to test your arm at boomerang throwing. Join the Rainforest Walkabout for a personal insight into Indigenous culture. Participate in an Aboriginal art workshop to create your own canvas. Meet iconic Australian animals in the Koala & Wildlife Park and explore the rainforest on an amphibious Army Duck tour.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Traditional dance performance
- Boomerang throwing, spear throwing and didgeridoo playing
- Get to know your Pamagirri guide and his own connection to culture through the Rainforest Walkabout
- Understand elements of Indigenous thinking through art and create a souvenir
- Authentic artwork by Pamagirri guides available for purchase



STRAIT EXPERIENCE - TORRES STRAIT TRAVEL EXPERTS

YOU DON'T VISIT THE TORRES STRAIT... YOU EXPERIENCE IT!

📍 THURSDAY ISLAND 📧 STRAITEXPERIENCE.COM.AU
✉ INFO@STRAITEXPERIENCE.COM.AU

Strait Experience is a proudly Torres Strait owned business – our trust with community, lived experience in the region and stakeholder network has enabled us to 'unlock' the regions tourism potential with an unmatched level of accessibility. Strait Experience continually works to engage small-scale indigenous operators to build their business and their profile to provide a high-quality list of products, services, experiences, tours and accommodation options for every type of traveller. We are the regions one-stop tourism shop.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Torres Straits only Travel, Destination and Tourism Agent.
- Internationally award-winning Indigenous tourism business.
- Bookable 1-day to 4-day packages across the region.
- Exclusive, intimate and bespoke package tours across the Torres Strait and Cape York.



TALAROO HOT SPRINGS

WELCOME TO EWAMIAN COUNTRY

📍 MOUNT SURPRISE 📧 TALAROO.COM.AU
☎ 0456 793 764 ✉ MANAGER@TALAROO.COM.AU

Talaroo Hot Springs unite one of outback Queensland's most extraordinary geological wonders with the unique cultural experiences of the Ewamian people. The Talaroo Hot Springs Discovery Tour takes guests to the heart of the ancient and breathtaking springs on a guided cultural tour with time to bathe in the healing waters. Talaroo also features a campground, café, swimming pool, 8km Bike Trail, and the ultimate in outback relaxation – private soaking pools fed by the geothermal waters.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided hot springs tours
- Private soaking pools
- Campground, caravan park and cafe
- Proudly 100% owned and operated by Ewamian Limited on behalf of Ewamian People
- New facility: opened in June 2021



TROPIC WINGS CAIRNS TOURS

CAIRNS' LONGEST ESTABLISHED TOUR OPERATOR

📍 EX CAIRNS & PORT DOUGLAS 📧 TROPICWINGS.COM.AU
☎ 07 4041 9400 ✉ DAYTOURS@TROPICWINGS.COM.AU

Explore the region's best locations offering in-depth discovery into the world's oldest surviving culture. Kuranda tours on a zero emission electric bus include the award-winning Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience at Rainforestation, with a traditional dance performance, boomerang and spear throwing and didgeridoo playing. The Rainforest Walkabout provides personal insight into Indigenous culture, and take home your own creation following an Indigenous art workshop. Tours to Mossman Gorge include a Dreamtime Walk with a Welcome To Country and smoking ceremony.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Full Day tours to Kuranda, Cape Tribulation & Mossman Gorge
- Fully guided Kuranda tours on a zero emission electric bus
- Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience
- Aboriginal art workshops and Rainforest Walkabout
- Native animals and rainforest
- Mossman Gorge tours with Dreamtime Walk





WALKABOUT CULTURAL ADVENTURES

EXPERIENCE THE DAINTREE WITH WALKABOUT CULTURAL ADVENTURES

📍 PORT DOUGLAS & DAINTREE 🌐 WALKABOUTADVENTURES.COM.AU
☎ 0429 478 206 ✉ JUAN@WALKABOUTADVENTURES.COM.AU

Experience a day tour fully escorted by a local Aboriginal guide, specialising in small groups which give Traditional Custodians an opportunity to share their ancestral lands. Explore the different environments and places of significance to the Kuku Yalanji people, learn of cultural practices and traditions, from hunting and gathering, to places where Dreamtime stories and songs originated. Learn about bush foods and medicines, Aboriginal history, culture and beliefs through immersion in a walkabout with a maximum of 11 people. Experience the connection to country that the Kuku Yalanji Indigenous People have.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Half or full-day tours, 2-11 people
- World heritage sites: ancient landscape, rainforest, wildlife and coral coast
- Traditional spear fishing and bush food/medicine gathering
- Private and personalised charters



YAGURLI TOURS

WITNESS TRADITIONAL STAR NAVIGATION

📍 BURKETOWN 🌐 YAGURLITOURS.COM.AU
☎ 07 4745 5111 ✉ BOOKINGS@YAGURLITOURS.COM.AU

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 whilst traversing 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.

HIGHLIGHTS

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



📍 WALKABOUT CULTURAL ADVENTURES



ACCOMMODATION

STAYING ON COUNTRY WITH TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL IMMERSION IN THE NATURAL LANDSCAPES THAT WILL STAY WITH GUESTS FOR A LIFETIME. STAY ON THE BANKS ON THE UPPER WENLOCK RIVER AND BEFRIEND LOCAL PALM COCKATOOS, SPOTTED CUSCUS AND FRESHWATER CROCODILES. SLEEP UNDER THE STARS IN THE SHADE OF THE PICTURESQUE BLACK MOUNTAIN AT ROSSVILLE RETREAT. ENTER AN OUTBACK OASIS AT WUGUDAJI ADELS GROVE AND INDULGE IN DAYS OF CRUISING, CANOEING AND CAMPING AT ONE OF THE OUTBACK'S MOST BEAUTIFUL NATIONAL PARKS.



CHUULANGUN ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

CAMP ON THE BEAUTIFUL WENLOCK RIVER ON KUUKU I'YU NGAACHI

📍 LOCKHART RIVER
☎ 07 4060 3234

🌐 KAANJUNGAACHI.COM.AU
✉ CHUULANGUN@GMAIL.COM

Kuuku I'yu Northern Kaanju People welcome guests to their Ngaachi in the uplands of Cape York Peninsula, northern Australia. Nestled on the banks of the upper Wenlock River, the Chuulangun Campgrounds are in the bioculturally diverse Kaanju Ngaachi Wenlock and Pascoe Rivers Indigenous Protected Area. Enjoy bush camping in peaceful surrounds which are home to Palm Cockatoos, Spotted Cuscus and the elusive Freshwater Crocodile. Cool down in mountain spring-fed waters, then warm up in front of a cosy campfire while gazing at the stars that look down on this ancient land.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Bush camping
- Bird watching
- Hot showers
- Pet friendly



📍 WUGUDAJI ADELS GROVE





ROSSVILLE RETREAT

BUSH CAMPING BY THE BLACK MOUNTAIN RANGES

📍 ROSSVILLE

🌐 ROSSVILLERETREAT.COM

☎ 0458 672 922

✉ INFO@ROSSVILLERETREAT.COM

Reconnect with nature and enjoy the beauty and serenity of 210 acres whilst relaxing in the peaceful energy of the Black Mountain Ranges that overlook Rossville Retreat. Offering large shady sites and consistent sea breezes across the property, Rossville Retreat provides the perfect escape from the stresses of everyday life. The property has an abundance of native wildlife including wallabies, possums and birds for those who enjoy wildlife watching while camping, just remember to bring a torch to watch the nocturnal creatures! Then just look upwards to enjoy amazing stargazing opportunities.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Local tours are available from local Indigenous tours guides
- Local fishing spots including the beaches, coastal flats and the reef
- Only 20 minutes from Cooktown
- Pet friendly
- Access to activities on the Little Annan River



WUGUDAJI ADELS GROVE

OASIS IN THE GULF

📍 LAWN HILL

🌐 ADELSGROVE.COM.AU

☎ 07 4748 5502

✉ INFO@ADELSGROVE.COM.AU





Wugudaji Adels Grove, formerly Adels Grove Camping and Caravan Park, is now owned and operated by Waanyi Traditional Owners. The park has a range of accommodation from cabins to tents, along with a restaurant and BBQ facilities. Wugudaji Adels Grove continue to provide tours at nearby Boodjamulla National Park, Riversleigh Fossil Fields, cruises on Lawn Hill Creek and canoe hire. Further cultural experience and tours have been introduced to the park.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Accommodation, camping and caravan park
- Various tours including cruises at Lawn Hill Gorge
- Nearby Boodjamulla National Park and Lawn Hill Gorge
- Canoe hire
- Nearby Riversleigh Fossil Fields





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