

DEEPER INTO DREAMING

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EXPERIENCES



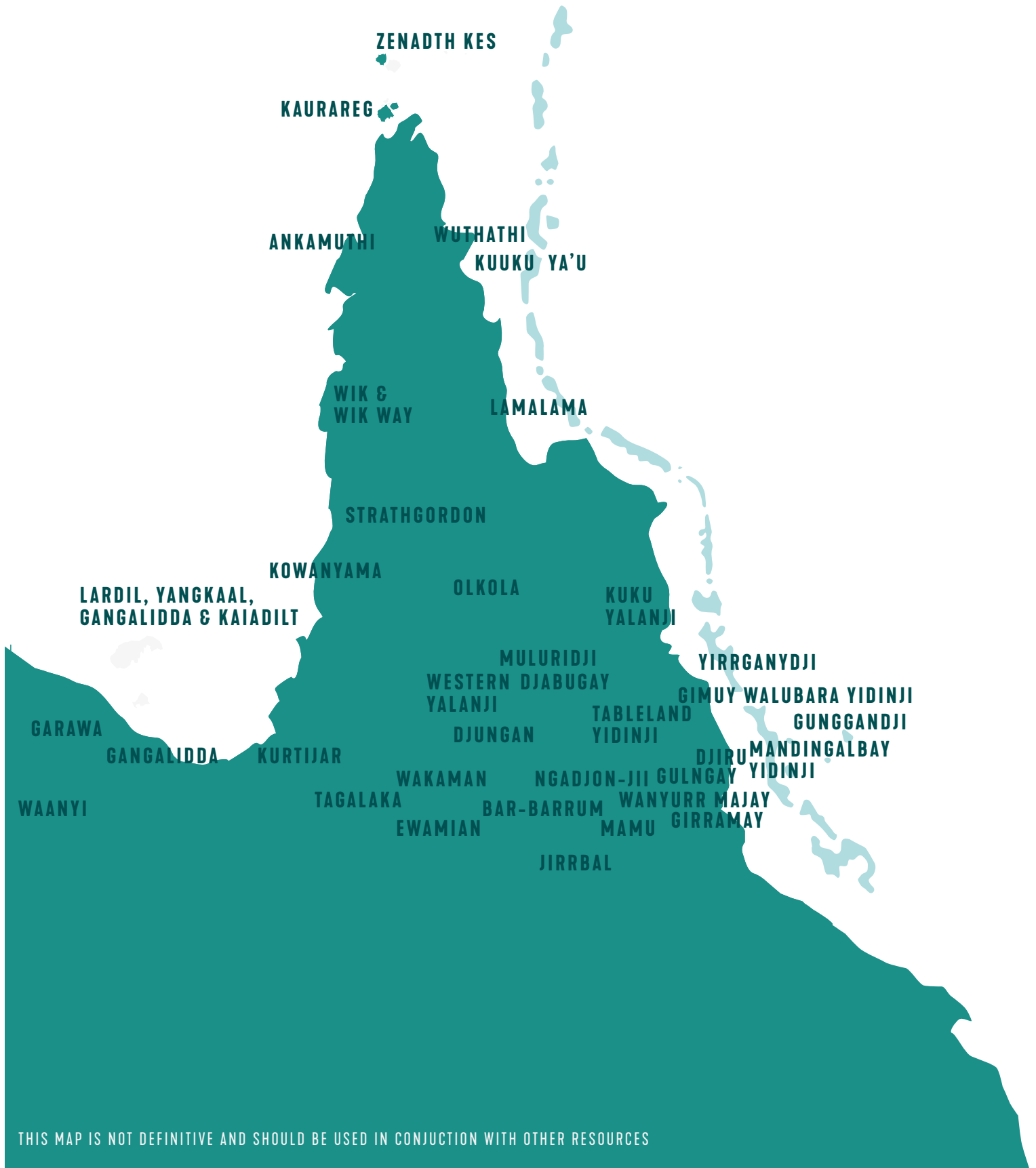
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📍 MANDINGALBAY ANCIENT INDIGENOUS TOURS

**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

TRADITIONAL CUSTODIAN MAP



THIS MAP IS NOT DEFINITIVE AND SHOULD BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER RESOURCES

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 YALANJJI PEOPLE, OR GAIN INSIGHTS TO ANCIENT ART FORMS WITH JARRAMALI ROCK ART TOURS NEAR LAURA.

DESTINATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY



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 the community, lived experience in the region, and stakeholder network has enabled us to 'unlock' the region's 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 region's one-stop tourism shop.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Torres Strait's only dedicated travel, destination and tourism agent
- Internationally award-winning Indigenous tourism enterprise
- Bookable packages from 1 to 15 days across the Torres Strait and Northern Cape York region
- Exclusive, intimate and bespoke tours of the Torres Strait and Cape York



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





DAINTREE DREAMING

JOIN US ON A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

📍 EX CAIRNS & PORT DOUGLAS
☎ 07 4047 9066

📍 DOWNUNDERTOURS.COM
✉ RES@DOWNUNDERTOURS.COM

Down Under Tours - "Daintree Dreaming" full day tour - is a spectacular Aboriginal cultural journey on the traditional lands of the Kuku Yalanji people where you will discover both natural beauty and ancient culture. Included in Tourism Australia's "Discover Aboriginal Experiences" collective, come and explore the lush tropical rainforest, mangrove & mudflats along with Aboriginal art and culture.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Full-day or private tours
- Aboriginal art class
- World's oldest living culture
- Mossman Gorge guided rainforest walk and lunch
- World Heritage sites



DAINTREE MOSSMAN AND CAPE TRIBULATION TOUR

EXPLORE THE OLDEST LIVING RAINFOREST IN THE WORLD

📍 EX CAIRNS & PORT DOUGLAS
☎ 1800 801 540

📍 CAPETRIBULATIONADVENTURES.COM.AU
✉ 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, customs 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 stories.

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



DREAMTIME DIVE & SNORKEL

A UNIQUE & CULTURAL GREAT BARRIER REEF TOUR

📍 CAIRNS
☎ 07 4030 7920

📍 DREAMTIMEDIVE.COM
✉ 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
☎ 0488 500 550

📍 FLAMESOFTHEFOREST.COM.AU
✉ 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
- Handmade crystal chandeliers
- Food and wine experience



GOONDOI TOURS

CASSOWARY DREAMTIME TRAIL TOUR

📍 INNISFAIL
☎ 0400 897 518

📍 GOONDOI.COM.AU
✉ GOONDOIRANGERS@GMAIL.COM

Experience the Goondoi Cassowary Dreamtime Trail Tour- an unforgettable one-hour guided journey with Traditional Custodians. Discover ancient stories, rich cultural knowledge, and traditional weaving in this immersive experience that brings Aboriginal history and spirituality to life. Walk the trail, feel the connection to Country, and learn the importance of living in harmony with nature. Book now through the Goondoi Centre in Innisfail or call the number to take advantage of this truly unique experience.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Unique Cultural Experience: Immerse yourself in ancient culture guided by the Traditional Owners of Ety Bay.
- Ancient Dreamtime Stories: Hear captivating stories that reveal the rich history and traditions of the local Indigenous people.
- Traditional Bush Foods: Gain insight into gathering and preparing bush foods, offering a glimpse into traditional practices.
- Authentic storytelling through traditional instruments.



ISLAND STARS

📍 THURSDAY ISLAND
☎ +61 476 557 664

📍 ISLANDSTARS.COM.AU
✉ ENQUIRIES@ISLANDSTARS.COM.AU

Island Stars specialises in unique Torres Strait Islander Cultural Experiences and Art which will take you on a special journey that explores Ailan Kastom (Island Custom) and two of the oldest living cultures in the world. Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures merge in this region creating an authentic experience that can be viewed nowhere else in Australia.

A visit to the Torres Strait region isn't complete without experiencing one of Island stars cultural dance and storytelling shows.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Migi Malu Experience** – Being passed down from generation to generation, we invite you to come and learn about our sea-faring history, connection to the stars, land and sea as well as our traditional hunting and gardening practices. Our Migi Malu Experience is a one-of-a-kind dance and story-telling show found on the beautiful Thursday Island
- **Full Malu Experience** - With all the wonderful inclusions of the Migi Malu Experience, you can immerse yourself even further into Ailan culture with a traditional three-course Ailan feasting. Please note this is an alcohol-free experience



JARRAMALI ROCK ART TOURS

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

📍 LAURA

👉 JARRAMALIROCKARTTOURS.COM.AU

☎ 0402 805 821

✉ JARRAMALIROCKARTTOURS@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
- 2-night camp tour



KUKU YALANJI CULTURAL HABITAT TOURS

PROTECTING, PRACTICING & SHARING OUR CULTURE

📍 COOYA BEACH

👉 KYCHT.COM.AU

☎ 07 4098 3437

✉ 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 in the mangroves and on the 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



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 ANCIENT INDIGENOUS TOURS

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

📍 EAST TRINITY, CAIRNS
☎ 07 4019 7998

📍 MANDINGALBAY.COM.AU
✉ 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 from the Cairns Marina
- Short river cruise across Cairns Harbour to East Trinity Reserve
- Exclusive access to the Mandingalbay Indigenous Protected Area (IPA)
- Mandingalbay Yidinji traditional welcome
- Return transfer by vessel to Cairns Marina, in the heart of the city
- Guided bush-walk discovering the traditional native bush foods, medicines and stories.
- Yarning Circle showcasing traditional hunting and fighting weapons, survival implements
- Light refreshments (tea, coffee, and locally sourced fresh tropical fruit and canapes on the Sunset Cruise)



MOSSMAN GORGE CULTURAL CENTRE

GATEWAY TO THE MOSSMAN GORGE & DAINTREE RAINFOREST

📍 MOSSMAN
☎ 07 4099 7000

📍 MOSSMANGORGE.COM.AU
✉ 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 rainforest stories.

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



PAPERBARK ARTS & CULTURAL TOURS

DISCOVER, LEARN & EMBRACE GUNGGANJI CULTURE IN YARRABAH

📍 YARRABAH
☎ 0411 980 692

📍 PAPERBARKCULTURALTOURS.COM.AU
✉ INFO@PAPERBARKCULTURALTOURS.COM.AU

Step into a meaningful journey connecting you with the art, history, and traditions of the Gungganji people. Guided by local Traditional Owners, you'll explore Yarrabah's breathtaking landscapes while listening to stories and wisdom handed down through generations.

Feel the spirit of the land as you participate in authentic, hands-on cultural experiences. Engage in traditional crafts, uncover the medicinal secrets of native plants, and savor in-season bush tucker fresh from nature. Each interaction deepens your understanding and connection to this sacred land and its enduring community.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Yarrabah's landscapes with Aboriginal custodians and hear their stories.
- Discover traditional uses of native plants for health and healing.
- Participate in arts and craft activities led by local artists.
- Enjoy fresh, in-season bush tucker and understand Gungganji culture.







RAINFORESTATION - PAMAGIRRI ABORIGINAL EXPERIENCE

DISCOVER AUTHENTIC INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN CULTURE IN A RAINFOREST SETTING

📍 KURANDA

🌐 RAINFOREST.COM.AU

☎ 07 4085 5008

✉ RES@RAINFOREST.COM.AU

Visit Rainforestation Nature Park in Kuranda and enjoy the award-winning Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience, including a traditional dance performance in a rainforest amphitheatre, spear throwing and didgeridoo demonstrations, and the chance to test your arm at boomerang throwing. Join the Rainforest Walkabout for a personal insight into local Aboriginal culture from your guide's perspective. Participate in Aboriginal art workshops to create your own piece of art. 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, didgeridoo and spear throwing demonstrations
- Get to know your Pamagirri guide and his own connection to culture
- Understand elements of Indigenous thinking through art and create a souvenir
- Authentic artwork by Pamagirri guides available for purchase



RAINFOREST TO BUSH CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

AUTHENTIC FIRST NATIONS TOURS ON THE ATHERTON TABLELANDS

📍 ATHERTON TABLELANDS

🌐 RAINFORESTTOBUSH.COM

☎ 0474 552 948

✉ RESERVATIONS@RAINFORESTTOBUSH.COM

Rainforest To Bush Cultural Experiences is a family business with heritage from two First Nations groups, the Bundaburra-Yidinji people of the rainforest, and the Mbabaram people of the open woodlands. By incorporating these two different cultural landscapes, we are able to provide unique and memorable experiences. We offer immersive, educational tours highlighting the history of the Atherton Tablelands from an Indigenous perspective. Our experiences range from 1-hour guided walks to overnight camps at our off-grid cultural park, with flexible options tailored to group interests.

HIGHLIGHTS

- First Nations family-owned and operated
- Educational and interactive experiences
- Bus tours throughout the Atherton Tablelands
- Overnight camps with cultural activities



SALTY MONKEYS

ADVENTURE WITH PURPOSE - THE SALTY MONKEYS WAY

📍 TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS

🌐 SALTYMONKEYS.COM.AU

☎ 0431 052 776

✉ ADMIN@SALTYMONKEYS.COM.AU

Explore the Torres Strait through the eyes of its people. Join guided fishing and diving adventures, participate in marine conservation, and learn about the region's unique environment and culture from those who work to protect it. Salty Monkeys blends Indigenous knowledge with hands-on experience, offering rare journeys that protect and celebrate Country. Each small-group experience is tailored for deeper connection and guided by locals with generations of knowledge.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Eco-adventures guided by Torres Strait Islanders
- Learn about marine conservation and local culture
- Ethical fishing & diving in pristine reef environments
- Participate in reef and beach clean-ups
- Small groups for immersive, tailored experiences
- Premium apparel and dive gear featuring local artists
- Support locally led, community-benefit tourism





SKYRAIL RAINFOREST CABLEWAY

CONNECT WITH THE WORLD'S OLDEST RAINFOREST STORIES

📍 CAIRNS 🌐 SKYRAIL.COM.AU
☎ 07 4038 5555 ✉ RESERVATIONS@SKYRAIL.COM.AU

Enjoy a unique perspective of Australia's World Heritage listed Wet Tropics Rainforest as you glide above the canopy before descending to explore at Red Peak / Guriguri Bunda and Barron Falls / Dindin. Discover ancient stories on a Ranger Guided Tour. Connect with The World's Oldest Rainforest Story in the multilingual Skyrail Audio Guide App - a collaboration between Buda:dji, the Djabugay people and Skyrail Rainforest Cableway. Embark on a fascinating journey of discovery with Cairns' most iconic rainforest experience, conveniently located just 15 minutes from Cairns city.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hear the rainforest story of country of the Buda:dji Djabugay People.
- Immersive Rainforest Discovery Zone, boardwalks and scenic lookouts
- Panoramic views of Barron Falls / Dindin from The Edge Lookout.
- Half or full day itinerary options with free time in Kuranda village



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 owned and operated by the Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation
- 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 some of the region's most iconic locations and gain a deeper understanding of the world's oldest surviving culture. Join the Kuranda tours aboard a zero-emission electric bus and enjoy the award-winning Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience at Rainforestation Nature Park, featuring traditional dance performance, boomerang throwing, didgeridoo, and spear throwing demonstrations. Join a Pamagirri guide for an immersive and educational journey through the lush rainforest on the Rainforest Walkabout. Tours to Mossman Gorge also include a traditional 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





WALKABOUT CULTURAL ADVENTURES

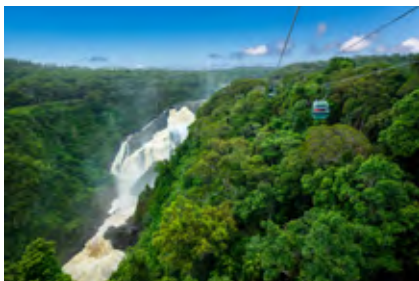
EXPERIENCE THE DAINTREE WITH WALKABOUT CULTURAL ADVENTURES

📍 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 on 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



WATERFALLS, WETLANDS & SKYRAIL

CONNECTING, CAIRNS & TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND

📍 CAIRNS & KURANDA 🗑️ DOWNUNDERTOURS.COM
☎️ 07 4047 9066 ✉️ RES@DOWNUNDERTOURS.COM

Accompanied by a knowledgeable local driver guide, delve into the lush palm forest of Cattana Wetlands and discover the Din Din - Barron Falls with a Djabugay Aboriginal guide. Enjoy a delightful lunch at Skybury Coffee Plantation before venturing to the charming Emerald Creek Ice Creamery. Conclude your day on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, soaring over and through the breathtaking World Heritage Listed Rainforest.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Full-day tours, multiple destinations
- Private tours
- Share Dreamtime stories, cultural insights & Calling to Country
- Djabugay Indigenous encounter
- Skyrail Rainforest Cableway
- Bush food and medicine



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 the 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
- Bush food and medicine
- Authentic cultural experience on Country
- Indigenous guides





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 🗺️ CAIRNSARTGALLERY.COM.AU
☎️ 07 4046 4800 ✉️ 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 are 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 🗺️ SHOP.GABTITUI.GOV.AU
☎️ 07 4069 0888 ✉️ 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



HARTLEY'S CROCODILE ADVENTURES INCLUDING HARTLEY'S CROC CENTRE

YIRRGANYDJI STORIES, ARTIFACTS AND ART

📍 WANGETTI

🌐 CROCODILEADVENTURES.COM

☎ 07 4055 3576

✉ SALES@CROCODILEADVENTURES.COM

Hartley's Crocodile Adventures is an Advanced Eco-tourism certified wildlife experience situated in Wangetti, an area of cultural significance to the Yirrganydji people whose history and stories have been incorporated into the new “Hartley's Croc Centre”. The educational exhibit includes exquisite artifacts by award winning Yirrganydji Artist Bernard Singleton Junior and a life-sized Cassowary painted by Yirrganydji artist Corrin Skeene. Hartley's owners, the Freeman family, will continue working with local Elders and story tellers to share more knowledge and insights in coming years.

HIGHLIGHTS

- North Queensland's most famous crocodile themed attraction.
- Insights into the history and culture of the Yirrganydji people.
- Crocodile stories shared with kind permission of Yirrgandji Elders.
- Authentic artifacts created using traditional methods and materials.



JANBAL GALLERY

AUTHENTIC ABORIGINAL ART GALLERY & DOT PAINTING WORKSHOPS

📍 MOSSMAN

🌐 JANBALGALLERY.COM.AU

☎ 0456 619 220

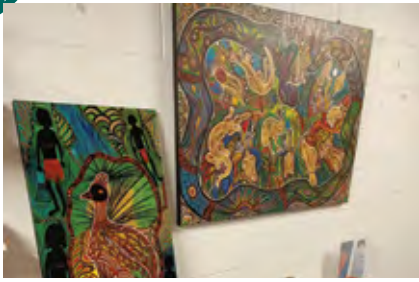
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Brian “Binna” Swindley's mother Shirley was the inspiration behind Janbal Gallery. This authentic Indigenous art experience was created to grow awareness and appreciation for Aboriginal art through hands-on painting and storytelling. Binna and Shirley's 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





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, while Estelle, the painter, uses a colour palette that reflects the vibrant life of her Djabugay (Kuranda) rainforest culture. Together, they form a powerhouse team, creating 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



OUTBACK AT ISA

IMMERSE IN CULTURE, EXPLORE THE OUTBACK

📍 MOUNT ISA

☎ 07 4749 1555

👉 DISCOVERMOUNTISA.COM.AU

✉ INFO@OUTBACKATISA.COM.AU

Discover Mount Isa's rich heritage & Indigenous culture at Outback at Isa. Join an Indigenous painting class, Bush Tucker tour & cooking experience. Explore local art & history at the Kalkadoon Keeping Place & Maltha Waru Art Gallery. Get expert travel advice & bookings at the Visitor Centre, your gateway to Outback adventure & Indigenous culture.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided Outback Park & Botanical Garden Tours
- Learn about Bush Food, Medicine & Rock Art
- Kalkadoon Keeping Place & Indigenous Art Gallery
- Bush Tucker cooking & Indigenous History lessons
- Authentic Artwork, Handmade Artefacts & Jewellery
- Visitor Info & Booking Agent for local tours



📍 PAMAGIRRI ABORIGINAL EXPERIENCE





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

UMI IS A CREOLE WORD THAT MEANS 'YOU AND ME'. THIS IS SIGNIFICANT AS WE BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR CULTURE STRONG.

📍 CAIRNS
☎ 07 4041 6152

👉 UMIARTS.COM.AU
✉ ADMIN@UMIARTS.COM.AU

UMI Arts is the lead First Nations arts and cultural organisation for Far North Queensland, extending from north of Cairns (Gimuy) to the Torres Strait Islands, south to Cardwell, west to Camooweal, and including the Gulf and Mt Isa regions. Operating since 2005, UMI Arts is a not-for-profit organisation governed by an all-First Nations Board. UMI Arts offers over 1000 members opportunities in visual arts, crafts, dance, and music, helping them gain skills, confidence, and pathways to sustainable businesses or employment in creative industries.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Big Talk One Fire First Nations Cultural Festival
- Five annual members exhibitions in the UMI Arts Gallery
- 20th Anniversary Exhibition at Mulgrave Gallery
- Arts & Business Skills-Building Workshops
- Pathway Programs for Emerging First Nations Artists
- Vibrant Gift Shop





WIDIWORKS ABORIGINAL ART GALLERY

BLENDING TRADITIONAL STORYTELLING WITH CONTEMPORARY EXPRESSION

📍 KURANDA
☎ 0438 180 198

📍 WIDIWORKSABORIGINALART.COM.AU
✉ CONNIE@WIDIWORKS.COM

WidiWorks Aboriginal Art Gallery is a vibrant celebration of culture, creativity, and connection. Showcasing stunning Indigenous artworks that honor the rich heritage and storytelling traditions of Aboriginal artists. WidiWorks is more than just a gallery— it's an immersive experience. From breathtaking paintings to unique commissions, each piece reflects deep cultural significance and artistic excellence. Whether you're a collector, corporate client, or art enthusiast, WidiWorks offers an inspiring selection that brings authenticity and meaning to any space. Step into WidiWorks and discover the beauty of Aboriginal art, where every piece tells a story.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Retail outlet and gallery exhibiting locally-made art for sale
- Authentic vibrant Aboriginal Art
- Cultural storytelling connecting artworks with visitors
- Unique styles of coastal North Queensland and outback Cape York Aboriginal Art
- Custom commissions can be shipped worldwide
- Onsite gift shop



YARRABAH ARTS & CULTURAL PRECINCT

ART CENTRE & MENMUNY MUSEUM

📍 YARRABAH
☎ 07 4056 0780

📍 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
- Artists create art works to support public art in the Yarrabah community
- Museum welcomes national and international tourists, students and educational organisations
- Guided museum tours



📍 CAIRNS INDIGENOUS ART FAIR



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

🖱️ UMIARTS.COM.AU

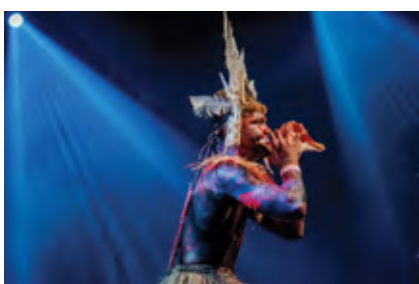
☎️ 07 4041 6152

✉️ MARKETING@UMIARTS.COM.AU

Big Talk One Fire is UMI Arts' largest and most significant annual event, showcasing the best performers, artists, creators, cultural practitioners of Far North Queensland's vibrant First Nations communities. The free, family-friendly Festival, held in the lush gardens of Munro Martin Park in Gimuy/Cairns, is a full day of culture, sharing and celebration, including a main stage line-up of exciting traditional dance and contemporary music; a vibrant First Nations art and craft market; tasty food stalls; kids' crafts and activities; and cultural and wellness workshop series.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Main Stage line-up with incredible traditional dance performances from the Cape and Torres Strait Islands
- The region's leading cultural practitioners sharing knowledge and culture
- Vibrant Art & Craft market showcasing our member artists
- Showcase of the region's First Nations businesses, organisations, talented artists and performers



CAIRNS INDIGENOUS ART FAIR (CIAF)

EXPERIENCE THE VIBRANCY OF ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CULTURES

📍 CAIRNS

🖱️ CIAF.COM.AU

☎️ 07 4252 6312

✉️ 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), with hundreds of First Nations visual and performing artists flocking 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

- Art Fair Showcase
- Artisans Showcase
- CIAF Talks Program
- Fashion Performance
- Dance Performance
- Eat Street





DREAM ALOUD

CONTEMPORARY INDIGENOUS ARTISTS IN THE HEART OF THE TROPICS

📍 CAIRNS
☎ 07 3010 6600

👉 LAURAQUINKANFESTIVAL.COM.AU
✉ INFO@QLDMUSICTRAILS.COM

Dream Aloud is an exciting celebration of First Nations contemporary music that brings together talented Indigenous artists to showcase their exceptional musical abilities in Australia's leading cultural tourism hubs: Gimuy (Cairns). This event highlights the rich cultural heritage and vibrant musical traditions of Australia's First Nations people. Attendees can expect an unforgettable experience featuring a variety of First Nations' contemporary genres, including rap, rock, and hip hop.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience local and national contemporary Indigenous artists and musicians
- Enjoy local First Nations 'Mob Markets' and shop authentic arts, crafts, and bush tucker food
- Safe and family friendly
- Relish a traditional Welcome to Country, dance performance and smoking ceremony



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 👉 LAURAQUINKANFESTIVAL.COM.AU
☎ 0402 529 610 ✉ 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



SHINE ON GIMUY FESTIVAL

FIRST NATIONS CULTURAL FESTIVAL FEATURING A STUNNING IMMERSIVE "LIGHT WALK"

📍 CAIRNS/GIMUY 👉 SHINEONPRODUCTIONS.AU/GIMUY
✉ INFOSHINEONPRODUCTIONS@GMAIL.COM

Step into a world of luminous storytelling where culture and creativity illuminate the night. This breathtaking event features an immersive light installation showcasing the brilliance of Indigenous and contemporary visual artists. At its heart, a powerful opening ceremony honours the cultural diversity and enduring strength of First Nations heritage. Perfect for travellers seeking a deep, meaningful experience, Shine on Gimuy invites you to celebrate Country, heritage, and the spirit of community in one of the world's most spectacular natural landscapes.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Festival is a celebration of First Nations art, culture, music, dance, songlines and heritage.
- Witness powerful ceremonies, meet Indigenous artists, and connect with the world's oldest living culture
- Audiences of all ages will expand their knowledge of Tropical North Queensland's unique Indigenous cultural history.
- Free, family friendly, open to all people, all ages and abilities.



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 3240

🌐 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



📍 BOODJAMULLA, LAWN HILL GORGE





ROSSVILLE RETREAT

BUSH CAMPING BY THE BLACK MOUNTAIN RANGES

📍 ROSSVILLE

📌 ROSSVILLERETREAT.COM

☎ 0458 672 922

✉ INFO@ROSSVILLERETREAT.COM

Immerse yourself in nature and culture in a private, eco-friendly lodge and an Indigenous guided bush tour with renowned bush medicine expert, Mooks.

Set in the bush backing on to the Little Annan River, Rossville Retreat offers a riverside picnic area, a private airstrip and bush walks, all overlooked by magical Kalkajaka (Black Mountain), only 20 minutes from Cooktown and 2kms from the iconic Lion's Den Hotel.

Located at the base of Cape York, just off the Mulligan highway at Black Mountain, Rossville Retreat is perfectly located at the end of the Bloomfield Track, 70kms north of Cape Tribulation and the Daintree Rainforest.

Women's and men's cultural activities are available on request.

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

📌 WUGUDAJI-ADELSGROVE.COM.AU

☎ 07 4748 5502

✉ RESERVATIONS@WUGUDAJI-ADELSGROVE.COM.AU

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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 ensuite rooms to camping sites, along with a Shop, Café & Food Truck and BBQ facilities. At Wugudaji-Adels Grove and surrounding areas there are walks, bikes, telescopes & canoes for hire. Enjoy a cruise along Lawn Hill creek on our pontoon boat or explore fossil fields close by.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Accommodation, camping and caravan park
- Nearby Boodjamulla National Park and Lawn Hill Gorge
- Various tours available and historical sites
- Canoe hire
- Nearby Riversleigh Fossil Fields





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