

## Day 1: Cairns to Lion's Den Hotel

Today is the day we begin our adventure! Firstly we depart Cairns to Lions Den Hotel via the Captain Cook Highway which follows the East Coast of Northern Queensland and continue on via the Bloomfield track where we have our first of many creek crossings and first taste of the infamous red dirt. We also go through the beautiful Daintree Rainforest where you would just expect a cassowary to jump out at any minute!

Camping: unpowered at Lion's Den Hotel

Food and drinks available at the bar

Toilets available at the Den

No WiFi available

Fuel available

https://lionsdenhotel.net.au/

Approx 225km

# Day 2: Lion's Den Hotel to Musgrave Roadhouse

We get to hit the well known Peninsula Development Road (PDR) today from the Lion's Den Hotel to get to our next stop Musgrave Roadhouse. On the way through we stop at the Hann River Roadhouse for not only fuel but to meet the local peacock and the miniature horse.

Camping: unpowered at Musgrave Roadhouse

Food and drinks available at the bar

Toilets and showers available

WiFi available

Fuel available

https://www.musgraveroadhouse.com.au/

Approx 265km

# Day 3: Musgrave Roadhouse to Archer River Roadhouse

Another day on the PDR today from Musgrave Roadhouse to Archer River Roadhouse. Archer River Roadhouse has a fishing opportunity very close to camp.

Toilets, showers and laundry available

Limited food available

WiFi available (Telstra service available)

Fuel available

https://cooktownandcapeyork.com/stay/cape-york-peninsula/archer-river

Approx 181km

# Day 4: Archer River Roadhouse to Chili Beach

Time for some real bush camping as our stop for tonight and tomorrow is Chili Beach. We take the PDR and Portlands Road to the beautiful beach and getting absolutely covered in red mud on the way.

Toilets available

Very little Telstra service available

No fuel available

Approx 170km

### Day 5: Free Day at Chili Beach

Chill out and relax today. Take a walk along the beach, crack open a coconut, go for a short rainforest walk or go fishing. Lots of random and unique creatures along the beach including sand dollars, starfish, beach worms and more.



https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/kutini-payamu/camping/chilli-

beach?utm source=google&utm medium=organic&utm campaign=gmb&utm content=chillibeach

Day 6: Chili Beach to Bramwell Station

Off to the Bramwell Station/Tourist Park via the corrugated PDR today. Bramwell is a working station with a museum full of station history, it has live music and even a restaurant if you choose (you'll have to pre-book this yourself).

Toilets, showers and laundry available

Food and drinks available at the bar

WiFi available

No fuel available (Bramwell Junction has fuel)

https://www.bramwellstationcapeyork.com.au/

Approx 331km

# Day 7: Bramwell Station to Dulhunty River

Today is the day we start making tracks on the Old Telegraph Track (OTT). We tackle one of the toughest creek crossings of the OTT with the first creek crossing setting the thrill level for the rest of the track experience. We also cross Ducie Creek, South and North Alice Creek and Dulhunty River.

Camping: unpowered at Dulhunty River (free camp)

Toilets and showers not available

No fuel available

Approx 54km

#### Day 8: Dulhunty River to Eliot Falls

We tackle more creek crossings today along the OTT. Starting off with Bertie Creek, and work our way through Cholmondeley Creek, followed by the famous Gunshot Creek. We stop for a while to watch everyone who wants to attempt the near vertical drop into the creek. After the excitement of Gunshot we cross the gorgeous Cockatoo Creek and finally Sailor's Creek. We take a turn off towards the day only Fruit Bat Falls for a quick swim and then to our final stop for the day Eliot Falls.

Camping: unpowered at Eliot Falls

Toilets available

No wifi available

No fuel available

https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/jardine-river/about

Approx 65km

#### Day 9: Free Day at Eliot Falls

Time for a swim! Go and check out Fruit Bat Falls, Eliot Falls, Twin Falls and The Saucepan. Each are very different but all are safe (crocodile free) to swim in.

https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/jardine-river/about

# Day 10: Eliot Falls to Loyalty Beach

Today we finish off the OTT and it's final challenges. What we face today includes Canal Creek, Sam Creek, Mistake Creek, Cannibal Creek, Cypress Creek, 'Scrubby Creek' and at last the most difficult Nolan's Brook. After the completion of the OTT we head towards the Jardine Ferry for crossing and head to Loyalty Beach for a few days.

Camping: unpowered at Loyalty Beach

Food and drinks available at the bar



Toilets, showers, laundry available

Telstra service available

https://www.loyaltybeach.au/

Approx 114km

Day 11: Loyalty Beach to 'The Tip'

The day has come where we actually reach the northernmost point of Australia and oh what an

accomplishment to make it this far! Camping: unpowered at Loyalty Beach Food and drinks available at the bar

Toilets, showers, laundry available

Telstra service available

Approx 133km

Day 12: Free Day at Loyalty Beach

Feel free to explore the area or just chill out.

Camping: unpowered at Loyalty Beach

Food and drinks available at the bar

Toilets, showers, laundry available

Telstra service available

Day 13: Loyalty Beach to Moreton Telegraph Station

The time has come to make our way south and head towards Moreton Telegraph Station. We head back to the Jardine Ferry for crossing, back on the PDR for our stay for the night. At Moreton Telegraph Station there is a short walk to fishing at the Barra Hole and a short walk from there

Cave Creek. Definitely worth the extra little walk to see!

Camping: unpowered at Moreton Telegraph Station

Limited food available

Toilets, showers and laundry available

https://www.moretonstation.com.au/

Approx 270km

Day 14: Moreton Telegraph Station to Weipa

Very easy day ahead of us today if Batavia Downs road is open. Trekking through the PDR and Telegraph Road.

Camping: unpowered at Weipa Camping Ground

Food and drink available

Toilets, showers, laundry available

Telstra service available

https://campweipa.com.au/

Approx 136km

Day 15: Free day in Weipa

Feel free to take a prebooked fishing charter or mine tour or go and explore what else Weipa has to offer

Camping: unpowered at Weipa Camping Ground

Food and drink available

Toilets, showers, laundry available

Telstra service available

https://www.weipatownauthority.com.au/tourism/what-to-do



Day 16: Weipa to Coen

Weipa to Coen us the trek today via the PDR. We stay at the 'sexchange' hotel for the night.

Camping: unpowered at Coen Exchange Hotel

Food and drink available at the bar

Toilets and showers available

Telstra service available

https://exchangehotelcoen.com.au/

Approx 276km

### Day 17: Coen to Cooktown

Our route today included the beautiful Lakefield National Park. We make stops today including Breeza Plains Outstation, Red Lily Lagoon, White Lily Lagoon, Old Laura Homestead and Isabella Falls to get to the last of our stops in Cooktown.

Camping: unpowered at Cooktown Caravan Park

Food and drink available

Toilets, shower and laundry available

Telstra service available

https://www.cooktowncaravanpark.com/

Approx 419km

Day 18: Free Day in Cooktown

Feel free to spend the day exploring Cooktown

# Day 19: Cooktown to Cairns

Today we head back to Cairns, the final leg of our incredible journey together. Final farewells are said and we part ways from our new friends which we have shared so many moments with.

Approx 248km

### Includes:

- Welcome Dinner at The Lion's Den Hotel
- Made it to The Tip Dinner
- Farewell Dinner at Cooktown
- Daintree River Ferry
- Jardine River Ferry
- All unpowered Camping
- National park entrance and camping fees

#### Does not include:

- accommodation (cabins, etc)
- Food
- Drink