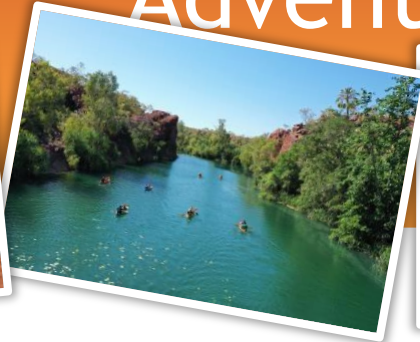


Darwin to Cairns 10 Day Top End Adventure



G'Day Crew!

We hope you are getting geared up for the most epic, unforgettable 10 days exploring the breathtaking, remote and rugged Top End of Australia!

We kick off from our Hidden Valley Holiday Park where we have sign on starting from around 7am. There is plenty of accommodation in Darwin City and it is a short 10 min taxi ride out to our start destination at Hidden Valley or you can stay at the Holiday Park in a room and be ready to go in the morning or we can provide camping if required.





This tour as you are aware is in remote areas of Australia so we carry satellite phones and EPIRBs for safety reasons and our lead and sweep riders are remote first aid qualified. Our tour itinerary is always subject to change throughout the 10 days due to weather, terrain, water crossings, breakdown, emergency situations, etc. We always have a backup plan in place if any problems arise and we are very experienced in dealing with all types of situations.

We have put together an amazing 10 days of riding across one of the continents last 'true frontiers' The Gulf of Carpentaria in the amazing Top End of Australia.

We have beautiful and varied destinations every afternoon where we finish the days ride and set up camp to enjoy the world. We spend time soaking at the natural thermal springs at places like Mataranka with plenty of waterfalls and swimming holes along the way.

We head through the Gulf of Carpentaria coastline and we have hand-picked the best campsites available in the National Parks we visit to make it simple and easy to enjoy all that the parks have to offer literally from the door of your tent. If you would like a break from camping for a night along the way there are some options to upgrade and purchase some accommodation at some of our daily destinations. If this would be something that interests you please see further on for more details on how to book that.

We have some amazing and interesting stops every day to check out all sorts of hidden gems like historical sites of the early explorers, amazing waterfalls, 'lost city' rock formations, and an iconic Australian outback pub or two.

As we make our way along the dusty outback tracks of the Gulf of Carpentaria it would be a sin to not make a detour into the remote North-West highlands to what is known as one of the most beautiful National parks in Australia, Boodjamulla (Lawn

Hill) National Park to explore the rugged escarpments, sand stone ranges and heritage fossils. There is an option to head down the amazing gorges via canoe.



The afternoon can be spent relaxing in the water, canoeing the exquisite gorges or exploring the multiple walking trails which lead you through the sandstone cliffs lining the gorge.

We check out places such as Limmen N.P and tackle literally dozens of waterways and river crossings which makes for exciting riding.

We spend a night and explore a million acre outback property, private cattle stations and even try our luck and catching a Barra or two and spot a few crocs in the local rivers or relax by the thermal springs and visit a gorge or two.



As we get closer to Cairns we wrap up our tour by riding out through the untouched Rainforests of the Far North Queensland and onto the rugged cattle country of the southern end of the Cape York Peninsula ending up on the beautiful coastline of Cairns for a beer with our newly formed mates after a cracking 10 days exploring the Top End of Australia.

- We highly recommend canoe hire in Lawn Hill N.P and the Matt Wright Top End Safari Day Tour, These both are considered 'must do' activities whilst visiting the National Parks. Canoe hire is \$30 pp and Top End Safari Tour is \$495pp including helicopter flight, boat ride, meal and croc feeding.
- We stay at caravan parks, stations, camp grounds, there are showers and toilets available every night.
- We provide 3 cooked camp dinners and 2 cooked breakfast. The other nights you will be able to purchase dinner from the places we stay such as pubs and restaurants, breakfast can be purchased from cafes, road houses and supermarkets we stop to refuel at each morning. You can also stock up on snacks for the day from the fuel stops each day.
- For our riders bringing their own bikes on tour we recommend sorting out your bike freight as soon as possible to ensure there is no problems getting the bike to Darwin in time for the tour.
- If you require accommodation whilst in Cairns we have a great partnership and recommend Rydges Esplanade. They offer any of our customers a 20% discount on any accommodation. We will also have a link to their website attached in an email.
- We require full payment 4 weeks prior to tour departure, we will send out a reminder and another email with some further details about the tour.



For our riders bringing along their own bike we can also offer tips on setting your bike up for the tour if you are unsure on what would best suit your needs. There is also information on what we recommend you take to ensure you don't overpack which can be very easy to do, not everything on the list is a must and if you are unsure on what to back please give us a call and we can talk you through it.

Here are some options for upgrading to accommodation along the way to break the camping up if your body needs a break here and there and calls for some aircon and a bed than please feel free to upgrade to any of these options, if you can get around to checking these out and booking as soon as you can so you don't miss out.



Camping is covered every night of the tour (not including night 10 in Cairns), however if you would like to upgrade you can contact the places below and book accommodation at your own cost.

Night before the tour: 25th August.- Hidden Valley RV Park (Camping is provided this night if needed) <https://www.discoveryholidayparks.com.au/book/hidden-valley-caravan-park-darwin>

Night 1. Crab Claw <https://crabclaw.com.au> (08) 8978 2313

Night 2. Litchfield Tourist Park (08) 8976 0070

Night 3. Mataranka Homestead (08) 89754544

Night 5. Lorella springs Wilderness Park mail@lorellasprings.com

Night 6. Hells Gate Roadhouse (07) 4745 8258

Night 8. Karumba Sunset Caravan Park (07) 4745 9277

Night 10 – Choose own accommodation in Cairns, we finish the tour at the Ellwood HQ in Cairns city.

There may be a chance to upgrade depending on availability when we arrive to the destination if you feel like a room along the way. Please note some destination and accommodation may change due to road closures, detours or unforeseen circumstances. Please note that camping destinations could possibly change due to weather, rivers, injuries/accidents etc so please be aware of the cancellation policy at each place if booking accommodation.

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It is a good idea to carry some cash as well as your bank cards as EFTPOS is not always available. We recommend that you carry a few coins for washing machines along the way.



What we supply for Hire Bike option

- Tent
- Air bed & 12V pump
- 12V outlet on your bike for charging
- Fold up camp chair
- Tarp
- Panniers Can hold up to 15 ltrs per side
- Duffle Bag – for camping gear, for sleeping bag, pillow, sheet etc



What you will need to bring:

- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Fitted king single or double bed sheet to fit over the bed.
- Towel and toiletries

Riding Gear & Clothing

- Helmet (Adventure helmet recommended)
- Boots (Motocross or adventure boots recommended – avoid wearing old boots, they just fall apart and cause injury!)
- Riding socks
- Gloves
- Protective gear (Knee, Chest, Back, Elbow recommended)
- Jacket or Jersey
- Wet weather jacket
- Hydration pack (3 litres and enough room to carry snacks)
- Casual clothes – Pants, shorts, shirts, jumper, thongs and shoes

You will be required to carry everything you are taking on tour in your luggage bags supplied on the bike.

There are two empty soft panniers and a duffle bag on your bike to pack your gear in, these bags can easily fit all of your bedding, personal items and clothes in and has quite a bit of room. If you are unsure if what you want to bring along may not fit, let us know and we can assist you further.



PACKING LIST

- Helmet
- Boots
- Riding gear (long sleeve jersey and long pants)
- Riding socks
- Gloves
- Goggles
- Protective gear (recommended) Armour/Knee braces/pads/Elbow guards
- Light wet weather jacket
- 3 litre hydration backpack (3 litre is a must!)
- Pair of pants/jeans
- Shorts and shirts
- Jumper/flanno
- Thongs
- Toiletries
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- King single bed sheet in to cover your mattress
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Camera
- Chargers/battery pack (there is 12V every day to charge from)
- Ear Plugs
- Any special foods or snacks you would like to bring along
- Head Torch

When you arrive on the first day and unpack your personal items into the luggage bags provided, you can then place your other bags into the support vehicle. There is limited room so we ask that you please limit the size of bag to be placed in the support vehicle. Those bags will not be accessible throughout the tour though will be there for you to collect in Cairns on the last day to then unload your hire bike items into your own bags.

The farewell dinner will be in Cairns City on the day 10 so you can then book flights for the following day home.

Itinerary is subject to change due to weather conditions, road closures or any other unforeseen circumstances.

If you have any questions regarding anything to do with the tour please contact us. It will be a great time of year and we cannot wait to be exploring the Top End of Australia with you all!!



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