

# Pursers

## Hosted Journeys

### Cairns, Cooktown and Atherton Tablelands 2024 Including Spirit of Queensland (Only 24 Spaces Available)

Wednesday, 10 July 2024 - Saturday, 20 July 2024  
**EX BRISBANE**



**Tour Cost from:** \$6399.00 per Adult twin share  
\$6299.00 per Senior twin share  
\$6299.00 per Concession card holder (No Vouchers) twin share  
\$6150.00 per Concession card holder (2 Vouchers) twin share  
(Single Supplement \$1090.00)

**Tour Price based on minimum 15 paying passengers.**

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.

Day 1 – Wednesday, 10 July 2024  
Depart Brisbane - Spirit of Queensland

- ° This morning journey from the South Burnett by coach to Roma Street Train Station. On arrival you will check-in for your journey north to Cairns onboard the Spirit of Queensland. Onboard you will experience the Spirit of Queensland Railbed. The Railbed is a spacious and comfortable seat by day that converts to a lie flat bed at night. Tonight's dinner will be served to your seat'.

**Overnight** – Spirit of Queensland  
**Meal Inclusions** – Dinner



Day 2 – Thursday, 11 July 2024  
Spirit of Queensland – Arrive Cairns

- This morning you will continue your journey north onboard the Spirit of Queensland.
- Breakfast and lunch will once again be served to your seat.
- This afternoon, upon arrival into Cairns Train Station you will be transferred to your accommodation.
- Check into your accommodation at Cairns Holiday Inn Harbourside located on the Cairns Esplanade overlooking Trinity Bay.
- This afternoon, enjoy a few hours free to explore the city.
- This evening, you will enjoy a dinner cruise around Cairns Harbour. Board the Spirit of Cairns, a sailing catamaran and enjoy an evening of calm water cruising on Trinity Inlet, taking in the sights and sounds of Cairns and its surrounds as they transition to night. Sit down to a sumptuous buffet dinner with a wide range of hot and cold dishes, fresh seafood and delicious local produce.



**Overnight** – Cairns Holiday Inn Harbourside  
**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3 – Friday, 12 July 2024  
Cairns

- Following breakfast, jump onboard your coach for a morning exploring the tropical city of Cairns.
- You will visit the Cairns Museum which has an incredible collection that holds the secrets and memories of the people, places, events and changing environment of Far North Queensland.
- Visit Cairns Lookout, St Monica’s Cathedral and enjoy a private guided walk through Flecker Botanic Gardens.
- Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.
- Tonight, you will be taken to the Cairns Aquarium for a ‘Night at the Aquarium’ Tour. As the sun goes down on the Great Barrier Reef, a whole new world awakens. Corals glow, colourful reef fish seek shelter and nocturnal predators begin their night hunt. At the same time, coastal forests stir with life, as reptiles, amphibians and insects emerge from their burrows to seek out food in the safety of the shadows. The ‘Night at the Aquarium’ guided tour gives you a glimpse into the unique world of the region’s nocturnal creatures and their behaviours as they move about it in the darkness.
- Your tour will be followed by a two-course dinner at Dundee’s aquatic themed restaurant.



**Overnight** – Cairns Holiday Inn Harbourside  
**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Dinner

Day 4– Saturday, 13 July 2024

Atherton Tablelands and Paronella Park

- After breakfast, you will be collected from your hotel and will spend the day exploring the Atherton Tablelands.
- First stop will be at Lake Barrine which is a freshwater volcano crater lake that is surrounded by World Heritage National Park. The twin Kauri Pines at Lake Barrine are over 1100 years old. Enjoy a walk to see how they have pushed their way through the forest trees to emerge to the top. The Lake Barrine teahouse is an added attraction that is located on the edge of the Lake.
- Visit two of the Tablelands natural attractions – the Curtain Fig Tree and Milla Milla Falls.
- Lunch today will be at the Mungali Creek Dairy.
- Following lunch you will travel to Paronella Park. Everyone has a dream and Jose Paronella’s dream became a reality. On five hectares beside Mena Creek Falls he built his castle, picnic area by the falls, tennis courts, bridges, a tunnel, and wrapped it up in an amazing range of 7,500 tropical plants and trees. He even harnessed the waterfall for his electricity. Paronella Park opened to the public in 1935. You will enjoy the evening experience at Paronella Park where the castles and waterfall are flood-lit to allow for amazing photo opportunities.
- From Paronella Park you will be taken to the Mena Creek Hotel where you will have dinner before making your way back to Cairns.



**Overnight** – Cairns Holiday Inn Harbourside

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 5 – Sunday, 14 July 2024

Cairns to Cooktown

- This morning, you will travel north from Cairns along the Captain Cook Highway with stunning views across the Coral Sea to the Daintree Rainforest.
- Enjoy a 1 hour cruise on the Daintree River home of the Estuarine Crocodile before enjoying a tasty BBQ lunch, and a guided rainforest walk at the Marrdja Botanical Boardwalk.
- Next stop is the world famous Cape Tribulation Beach before you depart the coach will engage 4WD and travel up the Bloomfield Track to the beautiful shire of Wujal Wujal.
- Enjoy a rest stop at the iconic Lion’s Den Hotel (refreshments at own expense). Then continue on to Cooktown where there is time to relax before a “Welcome to Cooktown’ dinner.

**Overnight** – Cooktown Sovereign Resort Hotel

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



## Day 6 – Monday, 15 July 2024

### Cooktown

- After a tasty breakfast at the resort, enjoy a full day discovering the township of Cooktown.
- Our passionate driver guide will share the fascinating history of Captain Cook's voyage of discovery and time in the region whilst undertaking repairs to the HMS Endeavour after striking the reef off Cape Tribulation. Visit the National Trust Listed site of Reconciliation Rocks.
- Wander through the Heritage Listed Cooktown Cemetery with graves dating back to the 1800's.
- In the afternoon spend time at the James Cook Museum, Cooktown Botanic Gardens and visit Grassy Hill Lookout where you will enjoy the magnificent views over the Endeavour River and out to the Coral Sea.
- Tonight's dinner will be at the Sovereign Resort Hotel.



**Overnight** – Cooktown Sovereign Resort Hotel

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Dinner

## Day 7 – Tuesday, 16 July 2024

### Cooktown to Cairns

- Following breakfast, you will make your way back to Cairns travelling through the outback. Marvel at the beauty of the outback savannah country and giant termite mounds.
- Stops will be made at Black Mountain Lookout, Byerstown Lookout and the Palmer River Roadhouse.
- Enjoy a delicious lunch at Australia's oldest Coffee Plantation.
- This afternoon you will visit the Barron Falls Lookout. A 1.2km return (40 minutes) boardwalk suspended high above the forest floor that winds through the lush rainforest canopy to the Barron Falls Lookout. Enjoy views over the gorge and the spectacular Barron Falls.
- Tonight's dinner will be at the Harbourside Bar and Kitchen located at your accommodation.

**Overnight** – Holiday Inn Cairns Harbourside

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

## Day 8 – Wednesday, 17 July 2024

### Mossman Gorge and Port Douglas

- Start your day with relaxing breakfast at your accommodation.
- This morning we will head to Mossman Gorge Centre where you will be taken on a guided Dreamtime Walk by the local Indigenous people.
- Lunch will then be served at Mayi Café at Mossman Gorge.
- Following lunch you will be taken to the Jambal Art Gallery to meet one of the local artists and co-owner of the gallery.
- This afternoon, enjoy town tours around Mossman and also Port Douglas on your way back to Cairns.
- Enjoy free time this evening.



**Overnight** – Holiday Inn Cairns Harbourside

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 9 – Thursday, 18 July 2024

### Barrier Reef Cruise

- Enjoy breakfast before a full day out on the reef.
- Departing Cairns you will make your way to the departure point for your outer Great Barrier Reef experience. From here you will board a luxury boat and make your way to the reef pontoon located at Moore Reef. You will get to enjoy 5 hours out on the reef.
- Enjoy the semi-submersible glass bottom boat tour, the underwater observatory, a presentation by the onboard Marine Biologist and a fish feeding demonstration.
- For those a little more adventurous you can enjoy a snorkel on the reef with all equipment provided.
- Morning and Afternoon tea will be served along with a hot and cold seafood and vegetarian buffet lunch.
- Once this amazing day has come to an end and you return to Cairns, dinner will be served at your accommodation.



**Overnight** – Holiday Inn Cairns Harbourside

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast , Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea and Dinner

## Day 10 – Friday, 19 July 2024

### Kuranda

- Following breakfast you will be transferred to the Cairns Train Station for your Heritage Class journey onboard the Kuranda Scenic Railway. Heritage class carriages offer the old-world charm of travelling in authentic timber carriages, some of which are up to 100 years old. Experience your scenic journey in the refurbished original red-wooden carriages. Enjoy the scenery and numerous photographic opportunities as you wind through the World Heritage listed rainforest.
- On arrival into one of the most photographed train stations, enjoy free time to wander around the amazing Kuranda Village and enjoy what it has to offer. Enjoy spectacular scenic walks and wildlife attractions and activities. The famous Kuranda markets and village shopping has something for everyone along with a wide range of restaurants and shops.
- This afternoon jump into one of the gondolas on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway and journey across the canopy of the tropical rainforest. Spanning 7.5kms the cableway makes stops along the way so you can disembark and explore the forest floor.
- Tonight's farewell dinner will be at one of Cairns waterfront restaurants. Main course will be a scrumptious reef platter with a combination of fresh and cooked seafood.



**Overnight** – Holiday Inn Cairns Harbourside

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Dinner

- Following breakfast, enjoy your last look at Cairns before your coach transfers you to Cairns Airport for your return flight home.
- On arrival into Brisbane, you will be met for your return journey to the South Burnett with Pursers Coaches.

### Meal Inclusions – Breakfast



### Important Information:

#### **General Information/Health and Fitness**

In some destinations there are sightseeing excursions by foot. It is suggested that if you are elderly or have recently suffered a serious illness that you consult your doctor to see if you are fit to travel. Please be aware that a variety of temperatures may be encountered on the tour. Any disability or medical condition requiring special attention must be advised at the time of booking.

Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd is not responsible for any loss of enjoyment, loss of touring or loss of monies should the passenger be unable to participate in the tour or in any or all of the activities.

Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd will endeavour to assist all passengers but are unable to guarantee provision of individual assistance to any passenger for walking, dining, boarding or alighting coaches or other transportation vehicles or other personal needs.

Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd welcomes passengers with disabilities or special needs provided they are accompanied by a companion capable of providing all necessary assistance. It is the passenger's responsibility to advise of their circumstances to ensure the selected tour is suited to their individual needs.

### **Spirit of Queensland Check-in**

Passengers who have booked using their concession card must be able to present the card upon check-in with Queensland Rail.

### **Airline Check-in**

Passengers may be requested to show photo identification upon check-in at the airport. Photo identification can be in the form of a driver's licence or passport.

### **Luggage:**

Checked luggage is limited to 23kg per person.  
A limit of 7kg per person carry-on luggage is permitted.  
All bags must be clearly labelled with a name.

### **Seat Rotation:**

For the enjoyment of all passengers the tour operates a daily seat rotation system which all travellers must participate in as a condition of booking.

### **Dress:**

Casual/comfortable clothes are suggested for the duration of the tour. Suitable footwear is recommended. Please ensure you pack a hat/visor, sunglasses and sunscreen.

### **Allergy/Dietary Requirements:**

And allergies or special dietary requests (eg: Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Lactose Intolerant and Diabetic) must be advised at the time of booking. These requirements will be provided to the accommodation/tour suppliers. All efforts will be made to satisfy requirements but may not always be possible. Any further intolerances needing to be managed are the responsibility of the passenger.

### **Special Requirements:**

Please ensure you bring any prescription medication needed.

### **Tour Price Includes:**

Return coach transfers from South Burnett  
Spirit of Queensland Railbed – One Way – Brisbane to Cairns  
One way economy airfares and taxes from Cairns Airport to Brisbane Domestic Airport  
Return coach transfers from Cairns Airport to Cairns Accommodation  
9 x night's accommodation in quality 4\* properties  
Breakfast daily  
6 x Lunch  
9 x Dinner  
1 x Morning Tea  
1 x Afternoon Tea  
Cairns Aquarium  
Paronella Park  
Cooktown & Cape Tribulation  
Daintree River Cruise  
Great Barrier Reef Cruise  
Kuranda Scenic Railway  
Rainforest Skyrail  
plus much more.....



**Tour Price Excludes:**

Beverages  
Optional tours and services  
Travel Insurance  
Excess Luggage  
Meals and drinks not specified  
Items of a personal nature - laundry etc.

*Non-refundable deposit of \$650.00 per person is due at time of booking to confirm your place on this tour together with a completed booking form.*

***Bookings close on Friday, 8 March 2024***

***Final Balance Due – Friday, 3 May 2024***

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