

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

## East Coast Aussie Explorer 11D/10N

Nature & Adventure

11 Days / 1 Country

Australia

Departure city: **Brisbane, Australia**

End city: **Cairn, Australia**

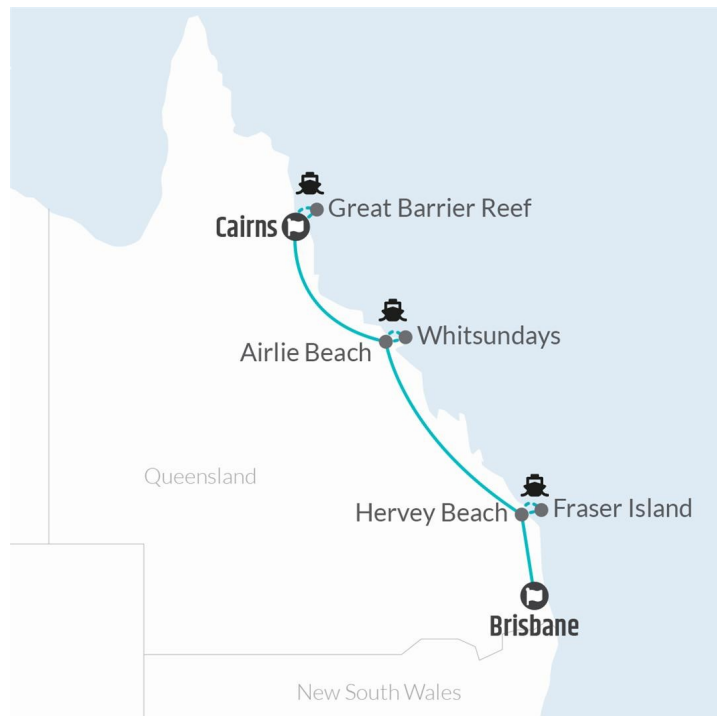


### HIGHLIGHTS

- Swim in Lake McKenzie on Fraser Island
- Take a fantastic Whitsundays sailing experience
- Cruise to the Great Barrier Reef from Cairns
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Experience Fraser Island, sailing in the Whitsundays and a cruise to the Great Barrier Reef on this 11-day Australian adventure!.

### MAP



## What is included



### Independent Trips

Include all of your accommodation, transport and experiences on a pre-set trip that you can customize to perfectly suit your travel needs.



### Accommodation: 9

- 9 Nights accommodation: 3N in Airlie Beach
- 1N in Brisbane 4N in Cairns
- 1N in Hervey Bay



### Transport: 4

- Airport Transfer, Bus Overnight Hervey Bay to Airlie Beach
- Brisbane airport pick-up Airlie Beach to Cairns
- Cairns airport drop-off Accommodation pick-up/drop-off during Fraser Island experience
- Bus transportation
- Brisbane to Hervey Bay



### Meals: 3

- 3 Lunch(es),



### Guides:

- Guide during Fraser Island experience

## What is not included

- \*Other meals & drinks
- \*Transfers to/from bus stations
- \*20 EMC reef tax; paid locally
- \*Optional activities
- \*Personal expenses
- \*Tips for guides
- \*Travel insurance

\*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

# Itinerary

## Day 1: Brisbane, Australia

Brisbane Airport Pick-up

On arrival at Brisbane Airport you will be picked-up and transferred to your new accommodation for check-in. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to settle in and overnight.

## Day 2: Brisbane - Hervey Bay, Australia

Brisbane to Hervey Bay

Make your way to the bus terminal this morning to board your transportation and travel north through Southeast Queensland and the Sunshine Coast before arrive at the beautiful Coastal Village of Hervey Bay.

Mostly famous for the incredible humpback whale watching opportunities, beside being the gateway to Fraser Island, together with its climate, beaches, gorgeous ocean, and a laidback local community, you will fall in love with Hervey Bay. On arrival, check-in your accommodation and overnight.

## Day 3: Hervey Bay - Airlie Beach, Australia

Fraser Island Experience - Overnight Bus Hervey Bay to Airlie Beach (L)

Get ready to experience Fraser Island. Today you will be picked-up from your accommodation in Hervey Bay to be transferred to the beautiful island! Aboriginal legend names Fraser Island K'Gari, meaning paradise, probably because there are about 75 miles of incredible nature to enjoy: fresh-water lakes with turtles, rocky outcrops with magnificent views and a natural jacuzzi – all perfect to relax or swim. Returning to Hervey Bay in the evening, you will have time to grab dinner before catching an overnight bus to Airlie Beach.

Tour Highlights:

Central Station: this former logging station is now a tourist stop. Stroll along the Wanggoolba Creek boardwalk to discover the ancient King Ferns, towering Gum and Pine trees.

Lake McKenzie: enjoy a revitalising swim in the crystal blue waters and relax on the sandy white beaches... it's picture perfect!

Seventy-Five Mile Beach: as you drive along this sandy highway, you may spot birds of prey flying above or humpback whales as they migrate past (between July – November).

Eli Creek: float down this fast-flowing freshwater creek pouring out 80 megalitres of water daily into the ocean.

Maheno Shipwreck: enjoy a photo stop at the rusting wreck of the Maheno washed ashore during an out-of- season cyclone in 1935 – it's one of Fraser Island's most recognizable sites.

The Pinnacles Coloured Sands: learn how these technicolour sand formations were created and the Butchulla legends surrounding them. We stop to take a picture as we drive along Seventy-Five Mile Beach.

## Day 4: Airlie Beach, Australia

### Airlie Beach Free Day

This morning you will reach the beautiful Airlie Beach. On arrival make your way to your new accommodation to drop your bags and explore the town and coast before checking in from 3:00PM. Airlie Beach has a beautiful waterfront with a large lagoon to dip your feet and take in some sun surrounded by nature! Enjoy the rest of the day sunbathing or visiting the many cafes and restaurants Airlie Beach has to offer, before overnight.

## Day 5: Airlie Beach, Australia

### Whitsundays Sailing Experience (L)

Have an early start today with a morning accommodation pick-up to set sail on a Whitsundays Sailing adventure. Departing the mainland, Camira will sail through the islands and onto the most famous of them all: Whitsunday Island. Here you'll be awe-struck by Whitehaven Beach, undoubtedly one of the most beautiful beaches in the world, which stretches for a spectacular seven kilometres and the sand is almost 100% silica, giving it a vivid white colour. As you step ashore and sink into the powder-fine sand you will realise why this place is so famous. At Whitehaven, you can enjoy swimming, snorkeling, beside taking in the beautiful beaches and bays. Before feeling the thrill of high speed sailing again, enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch and get ready to return to Airlie Beach, where you will spend the night.

## Day 6: Airlie Beach, Australia

### Airlie Beach Free Day

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Airlie Beach. Sit by the beach or lagoon and read a book, take in the sun and enjoy all the beauty this amazing location has to offer.

## Day 7: Airlie Beach - Cairns, Australia

### Airlie Beach to Cairns

It is time to say goodbye to Airlie Beach as you board the bus to head Far North Queensland, into Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Your bus will arrive in the evening, check-in your accommodation and overnight.

## Day 8: Cairns, Australia

### Cairns Free Day

Enjoy a full day at leisure the explore Cairns, a stylish city, which is also renowned for its relaxed, tropical climate and laid back ambience, and the famous getaway to the World Heritage wonders of the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest. Overnight in Cairns.

## Day 9: Cairns, Australia

### Great Barrier Reef Experience (L)

Today you will go to the meeting point to start your cruise to the Great Barrier Reef via Green Island. Enjoy five hours visiting two spectacular Outer Great Barrier Reef destinations on board of a large luxury vessel that will provide a superior ride in all weather conditions, no big crowds and exclusive protected Reef locations. Professional, friendly and attentive staff will ensure a safe and enjoyable fun filled experience.

During the cruise you will go on a guided snorkelling tour, and receive a scuba diving lesson for you to understand what it is all about. On board, there will be live musical entertainment and you will enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch including prawns, fish, steak, sausages, vegetarian, tropical salads and pastas.

After the tour, return to your accommodation in Cairns for overnight.

## **Day 10: Cairns, Australia**

Cairns Free Day

Have another free day in Cairns to discover this subtropical paradise on your own, or to just chill and enjoy the city life trying out delicious food and checking-out the local pubs. Overnight in Cairns.

## **Day 11: Cairns, Australia**

Cairns Airport Drop-off

Today after checking-out of your accommodation, you will be transferred to Cairns Airport for your outbound flight. We wish you safe travels onwards.

