

Dencaro Tours Presents

20 Day Tropical Queensland Tour

Departing Tuesday 9th July 2024

Dencaro Tours invites you to join them on this Bucket list tour as we travel to Ballina, Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Airlie Beach, Townsville, Mackay, Cairns, Port Douglas and the Daintree, Charters Towers, Emerald, Roma, and the home of Gunsynd Goondawindi



Attractions including Bundy Rum Tour, Hamilton Island, Reef HQ Townsville, Mossman Gorge, Kuranda Railway, Lake Barrine, Coffee Plantation tour, Great Barrier Reef, Daintree River Cruise, Texas Long Horn Ranch, Paronella Park, Gem Mine tour, Miranda Falls and lots more.

Day 1 - Tuesday 9th July

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Departing from the Big W Bus Zone Cessnock at 7.00am we head north along the Pacific Hwy to Buladelah for morning tea before continuing through the heavily timbered forest that surrounds Port Macquarie into the lush and historic Macleay Valley via Macksville to Nambucca Heads for lunch, then travel through Urunga and the Bellinger Valley to Ballina our overnight stop.

Overnight Island Resort Ballina

Day 2 - Wednesday 10th July

B D

Touring the extreme North Coast of NSW makes enjoyable sightseeing, winding along the Pacific Hwy with its rocky volcanic mountain peaks in the west and the long sandy beaches to the east. Cross the border into Queensland and follow the Gold Coast Highway from Coolangatta to Southport enjoying 32 kilometres of golden beaches, joining the Bruce Hwy we head North to tonight's stop Bunderburg.

Overnight Park Motel Bunderburg

Day 3 - Thursday 11th July

B D

Tour Bundaberg the main sugar town of Central Queensland. View the massive sugar terminal, wander Hinkler home, full of memorabilia of the town's most famous citizen, Bert Hinkler. Take a fascinating tour of the Rum Distillery then climb Hummock Lookout for amazing views of the cane fields, their shimmering irrigation fountains, and the Burnett River as it winds to the ocean. Cross the tropic of Capricorn touring past a seemingly endless sea of cane fields to Gladstone, centre of the greatest industrial explosion in Queensland. Despite this there are remains from the past including some beautiful old churches and historical sights. In the late afternoon arrive at Rockhampton.

Overnight Cattle City Motel



Day 3 - Bundy Rum Distillery

Day 4 Friday 12th July

B L D

Touring North from Rockhampton cross the endless acres of cattle grazing land and fertile sugar cane fields leading to Mackay. Tour the wide streets lined with Royal Palms, view the huge sugar terminal in the manmade harbour and the many historic buildings. From here continue through the serenity and beauty of the Whitsunday region to Airlie Beach our home for the next 2 nights.

Overnight Airlie Beach Resort

Day 5 - Saturday 13th July

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Today is a free day to do as much or a little as you desire. You may like to take a day trip to explore Hamilton Island, stroll around Airlie Beach's famous Markets or just chill out around the pool at the resort.

Overnight Airlie Beach Resort

Day 6 - Sunday 14th July

B L D

Departing Airlie Beach we pass through endless Kilometres of cane fields to Bowen, the first established town in North Queensland on the shores of port Denison. Call into the Bowen Visitors Centre before a town tour of the 24 murals depicting the history of the town's settlement. Next stop is Home Hill to visit Ashworth's Treasures of the Earth Display and Jewellery Shop, where you'll find a superb display of Gems, Minerals and Fossils. Tour some of the scenic beaches before travelling across the "Silver Link" bridge spanning the Burdekin River. A short drive this afternoon leads to the tropical industrial city Townsville your home for the next 2 nights. Before arriving at your accommodation, we take time to enjoy the view of Magnetic Island, Townsville and surrounds from Castle Hill, a red rock Monolith located in the heart of Townsville. Castle Hill is home to "The Saint" a graffiti version of the TV show's stick figure emblem.

Overnight Grand Chancellor Motel



Day 7 Monday 15th July

B D

This morning we head to Reef HQ the world's largest self-sustaining artificial coral reef eco system, home to hundreds of fish, sharks, rays, and other marine life. Reef HQ is the home of North Queensland only turtle Hospital where sick and injured turtles are rehabilitated before being released back to the ocean. An underwater tunnel allows you to come face to fin with fantastic reef creatures. Enjoy a guided tour, talk, and show.

Overnight Grand Chancellor

Day 8 - Tuesday 16th July

B L D

Depart Townsville for Ingham, another town engrossed by the sugar industry. Visit New Ingham cemetery, this fascinating cemetery has some ornate mausoleums revealing deep Italian heritage of the town. Travel past the largest sugar mill in Australia, the Victoria Sugar Mill, to Lucinda to where the bulk sugar terminal is, it boasts the longest service jetty in the Southern Hemisphere at 5.76 kilometres in length and supported by 660 concrete and steel pylons, the jetty is nothing short of an engineering masterpiece with its length following the curved contour of the Earth. Returning to the Bruce Highway we travel over the Cardwell ranges pausing at the Hinchinbrook lookout on our way to Tully, the wettest town in Australia where they measure rainfall in the metres. Divert to Mission Beach, made up of Beach villages linked by 14 kilometres of wide golden beaches before rejoining the Hwy to Innisfail and Cairns. Our home for the next 5 nights

Overnight Double Tree Hilton

Day 9 - Wednesday 17th July

B D

This morning we head to Freshwater Station to join the famous Karunda Tourist train for one of the most spectacular train journeys in the World. Marvel at the wonderful scenery as you journey through the Barron Falls national Park, across trestle bridges clinging to the rock face, through tunnels in the Gorge viewing the cascading waterfalls as they tumble into the rocky gorges below hidden by a cloud of rainbow specked spray. Arrive at Kuranda at 10.25am in time to catch the 10.45am riverboat tour. The boat departs from the riverside landing below the Kuranda Railway station, over the Railway footbridge and down the stairs. Turn right as you depart the station. The cruise returns at 11.30am and the rest of the day is yours. Enjoy lunch at one of the many restaurants and cafes, spend time browsing the shops and famous markets, visit the many attractions or simply enjoy a self-guided rainforest walk before rejoining the coach for the trip back to Cairns.

Overnight Double Tree Hilton



Day 10 - Thursday 18th July

B L D

An early start this morning as we head to Daintree for a river cruise. Spend the morning trying to spot crocodiles and other wildlife while cruising the Daintree River. After the cruise head to Mossman Gorge Centre for lunch, a shuttle bus is available to take you to Mossman gorge for all those that wish to do so. We then head to Port Douglas for a well-earned hour of recreational shopping.

Overnight Double Tree Hilton



Day 11 - Friday 19th July

B L D

Today we journey to the Atherton Tablelands. First stop is Lake Barrine for morning tea and a cruise on the Lake. Lake Barrine is an old Volcano surrounded by dense rainforest that harbours enormous varieties of wildlife including pythons, wallabies, and birdlife. Its then onto Curtin Fig Tree and Miranda Falls. Our next stop is Atherton, finishing the day at Mareeba where we will take a tour of a coffee plantation and sampling the best cappuccino you've ever tasted.

Overnight Double Tree Hilton

Day 12 - Saturday 20th July

BLD

Today it's time to explore the Great Barrier Reef, we cruise out to Green Island for some free time to explore the many beautiful beaches and shops, before venturing out to the edge of one of the wonders of the World the Great Barrier Reef. Spend 3 hours on the floating pontoon where you can snorkel with marine life, view the spectacular coral from the comfort of the submersible boat or just chill out on the sundeck.

Overnight Double Tree Hilton

Day 13 - Sunday 21st July

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Leaving Cairns behind we start the homeward trek. Visit Paronella Park, the dream of Jose Paronell. Paronella Park has now become both State and National Heritage listed and winner of multiple Queensland tourism awards. Enjoy a tour and talk that highlights special features and history of Paronella Park. After lunch in Cardwell, we continue travelling southwest to Charters Towers, where gold was discovered in 1871 by a young Aboriginal boy named Jupitor. By the mid 1880's Charters Towers boasted a population of 30,000 and had its own stock exchange. Many remnants of this era remain. City Hall and the Stock Exchange arcade are good examples, a walk along the main street will enlighten you.

Overnight Park Motel



Day 14 - Monday 22nd July

BLD

And now for something completely different. Today we travel to Leahton Park Texas Longhorn Ranch, where the Aussie bush meets the Old Wild West. Texas Long Horn Tours features one of the last horse drawn wagon ride experience in Australia. See some of the longest horned cattle in the World that are direct descendants of the millions of Texas Longhorns that walked in the great trail herds from Texas in the late 1800's. Travel in a chuck wagon to view the largest herd of purebred Texas Longhorns in Australia as well as other exotic animals before enjoying a BBQ lunch.

Overnight Park Motel



Day 15 Tuesday 23rd July

B D

Travel through the mighty Burdekin catchment area to Clermont a residential town for the huge Blair Athol open cut mine. Blair Athol mine is Australia's largest export thermal coal mine. Clermont was originally located in low lying land beside a lagoon, but it was relocated after 6 major floods, resulting in significant loss of life between 1870 and 1916. Continuing south to emerald now considered the hub of the Central highlands and the gateway to the largest and richest sapphire and Gemfields in the Southern Hemisphere. The world's largest reproduction of Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" is in Morton Park. It was built to celebrate the fact that emerald was once famous for its Sunflower production.

Overnight Maraboon Motel



Day 15 - Burdekin Catchment



Day 15 - Van Gogh Sunflowers Morton Park

Day 16 - Wednesday 24th July

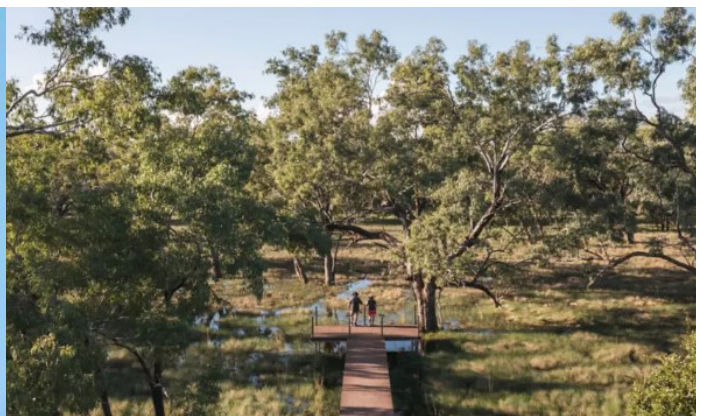
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Today we head to the Sapphire Gem fields, passing through Sapphire to the Miners Heritage Walk in Mine, Australia's largest underground walk in Sapphire mine tour. After the tour try your hand at fossicking, if you have no luck fossicking you may wish to purchase some prized gems from the gift shop.

Overnight Maraboon Motel



Day 16 - Sapphire Gemfields



Day 17 - Thursday 25th July

B D

Leaving Emerald behind we tour past some of the biggest stations in Australia, home to most of Queensland's sheep population with cattle coming a close second. The Mulgas characteristic greys and greens covers most of the landscape leading to Roma. After lunch enjoy some free time to explore Roma.

Overnight The Explorers Inn

Day 18 - Friday 26th July

B D

Enjoy a late start today as we take a guided tour of Roma, we visit the Big Rig Tourist complex in Roma a must do when visiting Roma. Enjoy a walk through the Oil Patch, a display on the history of oil and Gas mining around Roma. Return to the Rig this evening for the night show, an entertaining outdoor light and sound presentation of local early 20th century Oil and Gas exploration.

Overnight The Explorers Inn

Day 19 - Saturday 27th July

B D

Today we travel through remote towns like Tingun, Surat and Glennmorgan to Meandara where we will pause for morning tea. Continuing through Moonie and Billa Billa to Goondawindi in time for lunch. After lunch we visit the Gunsynd display in the Visitor Centre and take a step back in time with a visit to the Pioneer Museum.

Overnight Ascot Motor Inn



Day 20 - Sunday 28th July

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Sadly, Today brings an end to our wonderful tour. After breakfast we pack our bags onto the coach for the last time and head for home. We will pause at Moree for morning tea and Gunnedah for lunch, before joining the New England highway at Willow Tree continuing through Scone, Muswellbrook and Singleton arriving in Cessnock mid-afternoon.

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Bookings to Denis Mcgrorey - 0412 730 578

FARE: \$6840 per person
based on twin share.
\$8290 per person Single Supplement.

Deposit: \$500.00 per person at time of booking
(no refund unless replacement found)

Balance: Due by Monday 1st June 2024

Payment can be made by cheque or direct deposit
to Dencaro Tours.

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NO refund

FARE INCLUDES - All luxury coach travel &
sightseeing as per this itinerary, quality motel
accommodation with dinner and breakfast and
admissions to the attractions listed.

FARE DOES NOT INCLUDE - Lunches, (unless
stated), morning/afternoon teas (unless stated),
optional sightseeing or items of a personal nature.

B = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS - please advise in
writing to Denis when final payment is due.

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final payment and during the tour. Travel Insurance can be purchased from Travel Agents, NRMA or online.

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FARES: All prices quoted are based on tariffs current at the time of printing, and are subject to increase without previous notice, as a result of any increase in basic tariffs which may occur prior to final balance being paid.

BAGGAGE: Is restricted to one suitcase per person not exceeding 25kgs in weight. A small travel bag or brief case is allowable as well.

Baggage is at owner's risk for the duration of the tour. Insurance is recommended.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Is recommended for your own peace of mind on all tours.

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