9 Days Gulf Savannah Wanderer

Day-by-Day Itinerary

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DURATION	FROM PRICE	TOUR TYPE	TOUR CODE
9 Days	**$4,595**	**Rail Tours**	**Heritage Tours**

Overview

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Itinerary

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Cairns – Herberton Historic Village – Malanda

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Malanda – Savannahlander - Georgetown

Meals: Lunch

An early start sees us travelling west on the Kennedy Highway towards Mount Surprise, where we enjoy lunch with a snake show. After lunch, you travel aboard the "Savannahlander" train as it tracks towards Einasleigh. There is enough time to have a beer in the pub or head down and check out Copperfield Gorge, before the train departs for Forsayth. From here we travel on to Georgetown where we stay overnight at the Latara Motel. Ensuite Bathroom Facilities. (B,L,D)

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Georgetown – Karumba

Meals: Lunch

Morning "smoko" on the shore of Croydon's Lake Belmore before Normanton for lunch. Here you can absorb its famous landmarks, the "Purple Pub", historic Burns Philp General Store and a replica of Krys, the 8.63m crocodile. Continue on to Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria, where we enjoy a spectacular Gulf sunset. We stay at the Karumba Lodge for the next 2 nights. Ensuite Bathroom Facilities. (B,L,D)

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Karumba

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Visit the Barramundi Discovery Centre and learn about the live breeding program. This afternoon we board the Sand Island sunset dinner cruise and soak up a Gulf Sunset feasting on gulf prawns, nibbles, beer, wine and bubbly.

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Karumba to Normanton

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch

After breakfast we visit Burke & Wills Camp #119, the most northerly campsite of the ill-fated expedition of 1860 on our way back to Normanton for lunch. This afternoon we visit the Mutton hole Wetlands for croc- and bird watching. We overnight at the Gulfland Motel, Normanton. Ensuite bathroom facilities.(B,L,D)

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Normanton to Cobbold Gorge

This morning we depart from Normanton's famous Victorian architecture Railway Station. All aboard the historic "Gulflander RM93" train, a Savannah Guides Site, for a ride through the savannah landscape across the Norman River to Critters Camp. On to Black Bull Siding then the old gold mining town of Croydon and its Historic Precinct. This afternoon we visit Georgetown and Forsayth on our way to Cobbold Gorge, a Savannah Guides Station. Overnight at Cobbold Gorge or Finnigins Rest at Forsayth. Ensuite bathroom facilities. (B,L,D)

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Cobbold Gorge

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

This morning we take a thrilling helicopter flight, soaring over the vastness and beauty of the Gulf Savannah region. We then cross the glass bridge and take an electric powered boat cruise and glide through the gorge in almost eerie silence, ensuring minimal disturbance to wildlife. After lunch enjoy the beautiful atmosphere of this idyllic setting by the infinity pool

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Cobbold Gorge – Undara Lava Tubes

Meals: Lunch, Two Course Dinner

After a leisurely morning we travel to Forsayth for lunch. Travel on to the famous Undara Lava Tubes, a Savannah Guides Station. There's campfire entertainment after dinner before retiring to your accommodation in faithfully restored antique railway carriages. Overnight Undara. Ensuite bathroom facilities. (B,L,D)

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Undara – Farewell from Cairns

Meals: Full Breakfast

After breakfast in the Australian bush, an experienced Savannah Guide will meet you for an informative tour of the world's largest, longest and most accessible lava tube system. We continue on our scenic and leisurely drive over the Tropical Tablelands past the Wind Turbines at Ravenshoe, stopping off at the magnificent Curtain Fig Tree, before making our way back to Cairns, where you will be taken to your accommodation. (Flights to depart after 7pm if not staying in Cairns. (B,L)

Inclusions

• Herberton Historic Village • Savannahlander Train • Karumba Cruise • Barramundi Centre • Burke & Wills Camp 119 • Normanton • Gulflander Train • Croydon • Cobbold Gorge Cruise • Undara Lava Tubes • Meals as Indicated • Air-Con 4WD Vehicle • All Tours as per Itinerary • 8 nights accommodation (ensuite) • Maximum 25 passengers

Ready to Book?

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