



## 3 DAY CAIRNS TO DAINTREE, CAPE TRIBULATION & PORT DOUGLAS (COMFORT TOUR)

### PRE-DEPARTURE TRIP NOTES, AND CUSTOMER FAQ'S

*A comprehensive guide for your upcoming 3 Day Cairns to Daintree, Cape Tribulation & Post Douglas  
Comfort-Level Journey.*

*Step into the world's oldest living rainforest on this immersive, small-group journey through Tropical North  
Queensland. From soaring above the canopy on the Skyrail gondola to cruising quietly along  
crocodile-inhabited rivers, this nature-rich escape blends wild beauty with cultural depth. Walk in the footsteps  
of Sir David Attenborough, connect with First Nations people, and discover where the rainforest meets the reef  
— all in just three unforgettable days.*

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## About your tour

### Introducing Daintree & Port Douglas region

This 3 Day Port Douglas, Cape Tribulation & Daintree comfort tour is a small-group, easy-paced journey from Cairns to Port Douglas that mixes iconic highlights (Rainforest Skyrail, Cape Tribulation, Daintree Rainforest) with local hidden gems, First Nations experiences, and comfort en-suite hotels.

### Tour Details

- Tour code: **CD3-B** (twin share room), **CD3-S** (private double), **CD3-P** (private single)
- Operates: **Saturdays** (select dates)
- 2 nights private or shared comfort style hotels/resorts - all rooms with ensuite
- Includes: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches
- Guided rainforest, gorge, river cruise & lookout walks
- Hosted by an experienced driver-guide, with local tour commentary
- All transport (private small-group vehicle, transfers & boat trips)
- Cairns meeting point / Cairns drop-offs points

### Tour Highlights

- **Boutique touring style** – enjoy a thoughtfully curated, small-group experience with a relaxed pace and a bespoke itinerary tailored for the comfort-level traveller.
- **Skyrail gondola ride** – soar above the rainforest to the village of Kuranda.
- **Daintree Rainforest Walk** – a guided, sustainable walk through the world’s oldest rainforest, in the footsteps of Sir David Attenborough.
- **Eco-friendly nature cruise** – spot crocodiles, birds, and marine life in the wild
- **Mossman Gorge** – Dreamtime Walk lead by local indigenous guide, traditional ‘smoking ceremony
- **Cape Tribulation visit** – where the rainforest meets the reef

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Cairns to Kuranda and Port Douglas

After a quick welcome meeting at 10am at the starting hotel in Cairns, it's go, go gondola today as we soar above the lush canopy on an incredible Skyrail ride, taking in views of the ancient rainforest, Barron River, and surrounding peaks on our way to the vibrant markets of picturesque Kuranda. Later, we journey north to the laid-back tropical village of Port Douglas, where you can unwind and join your travel mates for dinner, drinks, and a spectacular sunset (optional).

#### **Included Activities:**

- *Skyrail gondola ride over the rainforest canopy.*
- *Kuranda markets.*
- *Port Douglas orientation tour.*

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Driving Distance:** 100 kms.

**Walking Distance:** Short easy walks / look out points.

**Accommodation** – [Paradise Links Resort](#) or similar.

## Day 2: Mossman Gorge & First Nations experience

Ease into the morning in the tropical haven of Port Douglas—just as it should be. Take a leisurely stroll through the vibrant local markets, pick up a fresh brew, and simply soak up the sparkling ocean views. Later, we'll journey to Mossman Gorge within the ancient, World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest. Here, you'll enjoy a guided walk through the lush jungle canopy, alongside crystal-clear streams and towering, emerald trees. We connect with the land during an immersive cultural experience with the Kuku Yalanji people. Discover traditional customs, learn about ancient bush foods, and hear stories of their profound spiritual ties to Country—a truly unforgettable encounter with the world's oldest living culture.

### **Included Activities:**

- Visit to vibrant local markets.
- Visit Mossman Gorge for an incredible walk through the rainforest.
- Kuku Yalanji (First Nations) immersive cultural experience.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch.

**Driving Distance:** 25 kms.

**Walking Distance:** 2.5 kms / 1.5 hour guided walk Mossman gorge rainforest. Anyone unable to walk that distance has the option to wait for the group to return.

**Accommodation** – [Paradise Links Resort](#) or similar.

## Day 3: Daintree Rainforest walk, Cape Tribulation & Crocodile/nature cruise

Prepare for another immersive day as we venture further into the heart of the World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest and cross via ferry to Cape Tribulation. We'll enjoy a guided walk through this ancient ecosystem, visiting the local family who hosted Sir David Attenborough's documentary crew, while keeping a keen eye out for the elusive southern cassowary and other vibrant tropical wildlife.

In the afternoon, we take to the waters of the Daintree River (Julaymba) aboard the eco-friendly *Solar Whisper*. This quiet, solar-powered vessel allows for a truly serene wildlife experience, offering the chance to spot crocodiles, birds, and snakes in their natural habitat with the help of your expert guide and the unique "CROC CAM."

We conclude our journey with a spectacular coastal drive back to Cairns, where your tour finishes on arrival at approximately 6:00 pm. If you require assistance with post-tour accommodation or onward travel, please don't hesitate to ask—we're happy to help! Thank you for sharing this incredible Australian adventure with us.

### **Included Activities:**

- Guided rainforest walk & with a chance to spot ancient cassowary birds and other wildlife.
- Eco-friendly crocodile and nature cruise on the Daintree River.
- Scenic coastal drive back to Cairns.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Lunch.

**Driving Distance:** 160 kms.

**Walking Distance:** 7 km / 2 hour guided walk Daintree rainforest. Anyone unable to walk that distance has the option to wait for the group to return.

*\*Autopia Tours (Via Travel) reserves the right to alter the route or itinerary stops during seasonal weather fluctuations and/or during park closures.*

## Inclusions

- 2 nights private or shared comfort style hotels/resorts - all rooms with ensuite
- Includes: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches
- All National Park entry fees included
- First Nations cultural experience
- Kuranda Skyrail gondola ride over lush rainforest
- Guided rainforest, gorge, river cruise & lookout walks

- Hosted by an experienced driver-guide, with local tour commentary
- All transport (private small-group vehicle, transfers & boat trips)
- Cairns meeting point / Cairns drop-offs points

## Exclusions

- Any meals not indicated within the itinerary - plenty of opportunity will be provided to purchase food along the way or dine out with the group
- Hotel transfers pre/post tour itinerary to a nominated pickup point.
- Optional activities and/or tours, and hire equipment extra.
- Personal travel insurance is highly recommended
- Spending money for personal items and expenses
- International flights

## Optional Activities

We don't offer any pre-bookable optional activities on this trip. The guide will be able to provide information once on the trip.

## Room Amenities

Nights	Configuration	Facilities	Includes
1 to 2	Shared Accommodation Twin Room	Private Ensuite Facilities	Sleeps 2 people, solo travellers paired with another passenger, towel, linen, tv, air-conditioning
1 to 2	Motel Accommodation Private Double / Twin / Single	Private Ensuite Bathroom	Sleeps 1 or 2 people, towel & bed linen supplied, fridge, tv, lounge, air-conditioning, tea/coffee facilities

## What to Bring

- 1L Refillable water bottle - It is important to stay hydrated at all times during your daily adventures in order to avoid health concerns arising.
- Wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses & sunscreen
- Beach towel and toiletries
- Bathers or swimwear, flip-flops shoes (beach thongs)
- Comfortable sturdy walking shoes (closed-toe shoes)
- All-weather clothing (In case extreme conditions day/night)
- Overnight bag 20kg & small day pack 7kg
- Personal medicine if required, any pre-existing medical issues, please let us know at time of booking
- Flashlight or torch (optional)
- Insect repellent & camera
- Money for snack and meals
- A sense of adventure!

## Luggage Policy

To maximise the comfort of your journey no luggage storage facilities are provided on our (Short-Break / Extended Tours): Maximum baggage allowance per person is one suitcase weighing up to 20kg. Excessive amounts of luggage may incur a surcharge fee. Mobility scooters, wheelchairs, walking frames and other

walking aids cannot be stored safely on our vehicles, please advise prior to booking if there are any of these aids required.

## Where to Meet

### Meeting point

#### Crystalbrook Flynn Hotel

68/72 Abbott St, Cairns

Queensland

Your **welcome meeting** will take place at **10:00am on Day 1** in the foyer at the starting point hotel. It's very important that you're on time, so we can set off on our adventures straight after the meeting.

## Drop-off Location

Our drop-off point for this trip will be back in Cairns where we stayed a few nights earlier.

### Finishing Point

#### Crystalbrook Flynn Hotel

68/72 Abbott St, Cairns

Queensland

Your tour finishes on arrival at the **Flynn Hotel** at approximately **6:00pm on Day 3**. If you require pre or post accommodation please advise us at time of booking or at least 30 days prior to travel.

Please avoid booking any onward flights from Cairns on this day.

## Important Booking Information

- **Mandatory Details:** Passenger details are required at the time of booking, including date of birth, food allergies, title or gender for rooming configuration, nationality and a contact phone number.
- **Dietary Requirements:** While we endeavor to cater to most dietary needs, passengers must inform their booking agent of any specific dietary requirements or food allergies when booking.
- **Medical Conditions:** The tour operator must be notified of any known medical conditions at the time of booking. This tour requires a moderate level of fitness and mobility.
- **Fitness Level:** Travellers can expect some light physical activities. Travellers should be mobile enough to walk unaided. A doctor's certificate is required for participants over 75 years old, submitted at least 30 days prior to travel.
- **Age Restrictions:** Children aged 12 to 17 must be accompanied by an adult or legal guardian at all times. The tour is not suitable for infants or children aged 11 and under due to the nature of the tour.
- **Solo Travellers:** Solo travellers who book separately in a **Twin Share Accommodation (CD3-B)** will be paired with another solo traveller in a twin room or with someone of the same gender.
- **Fare Type Options:**
  - **Shared Accommodation (CD3-B)** is restricted to Adults only 18+ years and over, as travellers stay in a shared room with shared ensuite. Not suitable for children.
  - **Private Double/Twin Room (CD3-S):** For Adults and Children staying in a double or twin room with ensuite and must be purchased by Qty2 people staying together.
  - **Private Single Room (CD3-P):** Restricted to Adults only (18+ years old and over) with ensuite.

- **Mobility Considerations:** This tour is not suitable for mobility-impaired travellers, including those using wheelchairs, walking aids or mobility scooters.
- **Baggage Limitations:** Limited storage space is available on our vehicle. Each traveller may bring 1 x 20 kg travel bag and 1 x 7 kg day bag. Larger or multiple suitcases are by request only.
- **Itinerary Variations:** Itineraries may change due to seasonal weather conditions, and occasionally sites in the parks may close for cultural or safety reasons or restricted swimming access. We prioritise safety and plan accordingly to ensure the best experience for our guests.

## Things to know before you travel! (FAQ's)

### Overview and style

**Q: What kind of tour is this?**

A: Where comfort meets authenticity. A 3 day/2 night boutique journey from Cairns to Cairns, this journey is curated for the traveller who wants to immerse themselves in unique Australian experiences while staying in comfort at hand-selected accommodation. It is a perfect blend of nature and wildlife, culture and heritage, and local authenticity, that define the true Australia. We manage and operate the tours ourselves, believing in personal, down-to-earth, and authentic experiences. We've handpicked the most beautiful locations, quality accommodations, and passionate guides.

**Q: Who is this tour best suited for?**

A: This boutique journey is tailor-made for those seeking an easy-paced, small-group adventure from Cairns to Cairns. It's perfect for the comfort-level traveller who appreciates en-suite accommodation and a curated mix of iconic coastal highlights, immersive First Nations experiences, local wildlife, and exceptional food and wine. Our small group sizes ensure that you enjoy an intimate journey with plenty of opportunities to connect with your fellow travellers.

**Q: What are the main highlights?**

A: Highlights include Kuranda Rainforest Skyrail, Daintree Rainforest and Cape Tribulation, plus First Nations experiences with Kuku Yalanji.

**Q: How long is the tour and where does it start and finish?**

A: The tour runs for 3 days / 2 nights, starting in Cairns at Crystalbrook Flynn at 10:00am on Day 1 and finishing in Cairns around 6:00pm, with drop-off at Crystalbrook Flynn. If you require pre or post accommodation please advise us at time of booking or at least 30 days prior to departure.

**Q: How many people will be in the group?**

A: The group size is a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 16 passengers, allowing for a personalised experience.

**Q: What language is the tour conducted in?**

A: All touring and commentary are conducted in English.

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### Inclusions and exclusions

**Q: What is included in the tour price?**

A: Inclusions are 2 nights' hotel/resort accommodation (all with ensuite), 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 welcome dinner, all listed national park and attraction entry fees, First Nations experiences, Kuranda Skyrail, guided rainforest and gorge walks, all ground transport and listed boat trips.

**Q: What is not included?**

A: Exclusions are meals not listed in the itinerary, optional activities, pre/post-tour accommodation (we can book this for - ask us when making your booking) and transfers, personal travel insurance, personal expenses, and international flights.

**Q: Are national park and wildlife park entry fees included?**

A: Yes, all listed national park, wildlife park, and guided cultural experiences on the itinerary are included in the tour price.

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## Meeting, finishing and emergency contacts

**Q: Where and when does the tour start?**

A: The tour starts on Day 1 at Crystalbrook Flynn, 68/72 Abbott St, Cairns. Your welcome meeting is at 6:00 pm in the hotel foyer, followed by a group dinner, so it is essential you arrive on time.

**Q: Where and when does the tour finish?**

A: The tour finishes on Day 3 on arrival at Crystalbrook Flynn, 68/72 Abbott St, Cairns, at approximately 6:00pm after returning from the Daintree and Cape Tribulation. It is strongly recommended not to book onward flights from Cairns on this day. If you require post accommodation please advise us at time of booking or at least 30 days prior to departure.

**Q: Who do I contact in an emergency?**

A: During the trip, contact your group leader first for any issues; for genuine emergencies, call the local office on (+61) 02 7229 1083 and leave a message if there is no immediate answer so the team can return your call as soon as possible.

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## Accommodation and rooming

**Q: What standard and style of accommodation is used?**

A: You stay mostly in locally owned hotels and resorts, all with private ensuite bathrooms; the properties listed in the itinerary are a guide and may occasionally be substituted with similar standard accommodation if required.

**Q: What room configurations can I book?**

A: You can book:

- Shared Twin (CD3-B): Adult 18+ twin share with ensuite, solo travellers paired with the same gender.
- Private Double/Twin (CD3-S): For 2 people (Adults and/or Children) in a double or twin room with private ensuite; must be booked for two.
- Private Single (CD3-P): Adult 18+ in their own en-suited room

**Q: Is this tour suitable for solo travellers?**

A: Yes, many guests travel solo; you can choose a shared twin CD3-B (paired with a same-gender traveller) or a private single room, and the small-group format makes it easy to meet people.

**Q: Is there a single supplement?**

A: Yes, travellers who prefer not to share can book the private single room option (CD3-P) at the applicable single rate.

**Q: Can children join this tour?**

A: Children aged 12–17 may travel when accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and must stay in a private room; the tour is not suitable for children 11 and under.

**Q: What facilities do rooms have?**

A: Rooms include ensuite bathroom, towels and linen, TV and air-conditioning; private rooms also generally include a fridge, lounge area and tea/coffee facilities.

Q: Is there a chance to do laundry along the way?

A: Your group leader will advise you along the trip where you will be able to do your laundry. Options may include onsite or in room laundry facilities, and could be free or charged.

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## Transport and domestic flights

Q: What transport is used on this tour?

A: Transport includes an air-conditioned mini-coach or small bus with luggage trailer for land sectors, the Skyrail gondola to Kuranda, car ferry and boat ride in Daintree.

Q: Are domestic flights included, and what is the baggage allowance?

A: There is no domestic flight included in this tour

Q: Is airport or hotel pickup included on Day 1?

A: No, guests make their own way to the meeting point at Crystalbrook Flynn in Cairns by 10:00am.

If you require pre or post accommodation please advise us at time of booking or at least 30 days prior to departure.

Post-tour transfers are also at your own arrangement, although the guide is happy to assist with bookings.

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## Passports, visas and entry requirements

Q: What passport validity and visa requirements apply?

A: International travellers should ensure their passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond their travel dates and that the name matches the booking exactly; you are responsible for checking and obtaining the correct Australian visa and any transit visas based on your nationality by consulting your government's travel advisories.

Q: Should I carry copies of my documents?

A: Yes, carry printed or digital copies of your passport photo page, visas, insurance and flight details, and leave a copy at home, as these are useful if originals are lost or stolen.

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## Fitness, mobility and age

Q: How fit do I need to be?

A: The tour is graded "Easy – Relaxed Pace" but includes regular short walks to lookouts, beaches, waterfalls and through rainforest (up to around 7 km on the longest Daintree day), so travellers must be mobile enough to walk unaided on uneven ground and manage steps.

Q: Are there age or medical restrictions?

A: The tour is not suitable for infants or children 11 and under; travellers aged 12–17 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and participants over 75 must provide a doctor's certificate at least 30 days prior, confirming they are fit for an easy active holiday.

Q: Is the tour suitable for mobility-impaired travellers?

A: Unfortunately no; due to vehicle design, terrain and walking distances, this tour is not appropriate for those using wheelchairs, mobility scooters or walking frames.

Q: What medical precautions should I take?

A: Consult your doctor before travel for personalised advice and any recommended vaccinations; carry a basic first-aid kit and any prescription medications in original packaging, and check your government's guidance for rules on bringing medicines into Australia.

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## Travel insurance and safety

Q: Is travel insurance mandatory?

A: Comprehensive travel insurance **covering medical care and emergency evacuation** is strongly recommended for all travellers and **is mandatory for international guests**; policies should ideally also cover trip cancellation, delays and lost belongings, and proof of cover and emergency contact numbers should be available before joining the group.

Q: What safety measures are in place on tour?

A: The tour follows local safety regulations, uses licensed operators for activities and national parks, and your group leader may alter the itinerary in response to weather, road closures or other safety concerns to protect the group.

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## Money, tipping and contingency funds

Q: What currency is used and how should I manage money?

A: Australia uses the Australian dollar (AUD); cards are widely accepted in cities and towns, but it is wise to carry some cash for small purchases, and note that some businesses may apply a small card surcharge, while ATMs are limited in more remote areas.

Q: Is tipping expected in Australia?

A: Tipping is optional; you may choose to tip for exceptional service (for example, 10–15% in higher-end restaurants or a modest gratuity for your leader), but it is entirely at your discretion and not compulsory. You may consider tipping your leader for excellent service throughout your trip. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline 4-6 AUD per person, per day.

Q: Tipping your Tour Guide?

A: Tipping your group leader is completely optional, but always appreciated if you feel they've provided outstanding service during your trip. There's no set amount — it's entirely up to you. As a general guideline, many travellers choose to give around AUD 7-10 per person per day if they wish to tip.

Q: Should I have a contingency fund?

A: It is sensible to keep an additional emergency fund (for example, around the equivalent of USD 500) for unforeseen expenses such as weather-related itinerary changes, extra accommodation, or transport disruptions not covered by your insurance.

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## Luggage limits and packing

Q: How much luggage can I bring?

A: Each traveller may bring one main bag up to 20 kg and one day pack up to 7 kg due to limited vehicle storage; larger or additional luggage is by request only.

Q: What should I pack for this tour?

A: Recommended items include a 1L refillable water bottle, wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses and sunscreen, swimwear and beach towel, comfortable closed-toe walking shoes, flip-flop, all-weather clothing layers, toiletries, personal medications, insect repellent, a small torch, camera and some cash or card for meals and optional activities.

Q: Are there any “must-bring” items?

A: Essential items include travel documents, insurance information, reusable water bottle (at least 1L), day pack, camera, adapters, small locks, basic first-aid kit, insect repellent, and optionally a money belt, earplugs and a small torch or headlamp.

Q: What is the weather like along the route?

A: Cairns has a tropical climate with a dry season from May to October and a wet season from November to April. During the dry season, average daytime temperatures are about 24–29°C with nights around 17–22°C, and humidity is low. In the wet season, averages rise to about 30–33°C by day and 23–25°C at night, with much higher humidity, rain, and thunderstorms. Year-round it stays warm and rarely cool, even in winter months..

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## Beach, snorkelling and marine safety

Q: How can I stay safe at Australian beaches?

A: Always swim between the red and yellow flags at patrolled beaches, never swim alone or under the influence of alcohol, check safety signage, ask lifeguards for local advice, and if you get into trouble, stay calm, float and signal for help by waving your arm.

Q: What should I know about snorkelling on this tour?

A: There is no snorkelling included on this tour.

Q: Are there stingers or dangerous marine life?

A: In tropical Queensland, marine stingers such as Irukandji may be present, particularly in warmer months; operators generally provide protective stinger suits, and if stung, you should exit the water, notify crew immediately and follow their first-aid procedures.

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## Inclusions, exclusions and meals

Q: What exactly is included in the tour price?

A: Inclusions cover 2 nights’ hotel/resort accommodation with ensuite, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 welcome dinner, all listed national park and attraction entry fees, Kuku Yalanji First Nations experiences, Kuranda Skyrail, guided rainforest and gorge walks, eco-cruise in the Daintree, all ground transport, plus the services of an experienced driver-guide.

Q: What is not included?

A: Exclusions are meals not specified in the itinerary, optional tours and activities, pre and post-tour accommodation (we can book this for you - please contact us) and transfers, personal expenses, international flights and travel insurance.

Q: Can you cater for special diets?

A: Most common dietary requirements can usually be catered for included meals if advised at the time of booking (e.g. vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free), noting that options may be more limited in smaller or remote locations.

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## Itinerary flexibility and group dynamics

Q: Can the itinerary change once the tour has started?

A: Yes, the itinerary may be adjusted due to weather conditions, national park or road closures, cultural considerations or other unforeseen circumstances; any changes are made with guest safety and experience in mind, and alternative activities are arranged where possible.

Q: What is travelling on a group trip like?

A: Travelling in a small group (maximum 16) means sharing experiences with people from different backgrounds; flexibility, punctuality and consideration for others help keep the trip running smoothly and enjoyable for everyone. We usually find our gr

Q: Who leads the tour?

A: Our experienced driver-guides lead the trip from start to finish, provides commentary, organises logistics, offers restaurant and activity recommendations, and is your main point of contact for questions and assistance. We are super proud of our passionate and enthusiastic guides

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## Booking and departures

Q: How do I book and what details are required?

A: At the time of booking you must provide full name as per passport, date of birth, contact phone, gender/title for rooming, any dietary needs and medical conditions.

Q: Is travel insurance required?

A: Comprehensive travel insurance **covering medical care and emergency evacuation** is strongly recommended for all travellers and is **mandatory for international guests**; policies should ideally also cover trip cancellation, delays and lost belongings, and proof of cover and emergency contact numbers should be available before joining the group.

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## Changes, cancellations and private groups

Q: Can the tour operate as a private departure?

A: Yes, private touring for families, friends or special interest groups can usually be arranged on request directly with our charters team at [charters@gltg.com.au](mailto:charters@gltg.com.au), subject to availability and minimum numbers.

Q: What if I need to change or cancel my booking?

A: Standard booking terms and conditions apply, including release periods and any applicable fees; exact conditions should be checked at the time of booking or in the current terms and conditions. All cancellation requests must be done in writing.

Q: What happens if weather affects the itinerary?

A: The operator may modify routes, timings or activities due to severe weather, park or road closures, flood or fire risk, or cultural reasons, always with guest safety as the priority and aiming to offer suitable alternative experiences where possible.

## Booking Confirmations & Enquiries

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