



BRISBANE TO CAIRNS

Coastal Explorer



12 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

14th June to 25th June, 2026

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SUNDAY 14TH JUNE TO THURSDAY 25TH JUNE, 2026

Come with us as we travel more than 1,700 kms up the stunning East Coast of Queensland, exploring a landscape rich with golden beaches, tropical islands, ancient rainforests and the Great Barrier Reef.

Whether you're here for the wildlife, the landscapes or just the good vibes, this tour has something for everyone.

There'll be plenty of laughs, epic photo stops, interesting attractions and a chance to get to know the amazing people you're travelling with.

So grab your sunnies and let's hit the road. The adventure of a lifetime starts *now!*

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Gallipoli Memorial, Maryborough
- Larc Day Tour, 1770
- Rockhampton Botanic Gardens & Zoo
- Koorana Crocodile Farm
- Marlborough Historical Museum
- Sarina Sugar Shed
- Cape Gloucester Resort, Hideaway Bay
- Big Python, Ayr
- Guided Bus Tour of Magnetic Island
- Texas Longhorn Station
- Old Ingham Cemetery
- Bush Telegraph, Cardwell
- Golden Gumboot in Tully
- Mission Beach
- Charley's Chocolate Factory
- Paronella Park
- Josephine Falls
- Cairns Botanic Gardens

CRUISES

- The Larc, Seventeen Seventy
- Ferry to Magnetic Island and return

MULTIPLE NIGHT STAYS

- 3 nights in Townsville
- 2 nights in Town of 1770 and Cairns

FLIGHTS

- Melbourne to Brisbane
- Cairns to Melbourne



COACH



FLIGHT



BOAT



NEW TOUR



SMALL GRP

As a thank you for travelling with O'Shannessy's Quality Tours, you will automatically receive a saving on the total tour price for your second and subsequent tours.

O'Shannessy's Quality Tours will match single travellers who wish to twin share with another single traveller of the same gender. However, if this is not possible, in most cases you shall be provided with single accommodation at the twin share fare (no additional cost).

If you are willing to twin share but are a smoker, have a CPAP machine or snore, you will need to pay a single supplement for a sole use room.



TOUR INCLUSIONS

- **Complimentary Chauffeur Driven Transfers.** Victorian passengers from Greater Melbourne, Bendigo, Torquay, Ballarat, Geelong, the Bellarine and Mornington Peninsulas, Phillip Island and selected areas of Gippsland will be picked up and returned home in a private chauffeured vehicle by one of our professional drivers. For passengers not within this pick up zone, or our interstate passengers, a quote can be provided for home pickup in extended areas.
- **Luxury Touring Coaches.** Our full size, 3 axle luxury coaches have only 32-36 passenger seats allowing you even more personal space and extra leg room. Our coaches are fitted with comfortable reclining seats with aisle arm rests, foot rests, seat belts, panoramic windows with blinds, refrigerator for passenger use, restroom, climate control air conditioning and Road Cam monitors which display the road ahead in real time. Each coach has a second door for easier entry and exit and touchless hand sanitizer dispensers at each entry to help keep everyone safe. Our coaches have full air suspension delivering a smooth and quiet ride which also allows us to lower the coach closer to the ground, making boarding and disembarking even easier.
- **Flights.** Economy flights from Melbourne to Brisbane and Cairns to Melbourne.
- **Tour Directors.** Dedicated O'Shannessy's Quality Tours coach crew (tour directors) on board to ensure your travel experience is memorable.
- **Best Available Quality Accommodation.** Ensuite motel accommodation each night.
- **Attractions.** All tours and interest venues as per itinerary.
- **Meals.** All full cooked breakfasts, morning teas and lunches most days, and two course restaurant dinners daily. Three lunches at your own expense as per itinerary.
- **No Hidden Extras.** O'Shannessy's Quality Tours are fully inclusive.

TOUR COSTS

Twin Share Room First Tour:	\$7,895 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$7,795 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$7,745 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	\$7,695 per person
Single Room Supplement:	\$1,080 per person





DAY 1

Sunday 14th June, 2026

MELBOURNE - BRISBANE - SUNSHINE COAST

Welcome to our holiday along the beautiful coast of Queensland from south to north. With chauffeured pickup from home, we travel to Melbourne Airport. Here we'll be greeted by an **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** representative who will assist us with check in, and see us onto the plane for our direct flight to Brisbane. Arriving at Brisbane Airport, we will be welcomed by our coach crew who will assist us with our luggage. From here, we begin our journey north, travelling through Queensland's scenic landscapes as we make our way to the beautiful **Sunshine Coast**, where we settle in for our first overnight stay.

Refreshments inflight

OVERNIGHT: Oaks Sunshine Coast Oasis Resort, CALOUNDRA ★★★★★

DAY 2

Monday 15th June, 2026

SUNSHINE COAST TO THE TOWN OF 1770

After breakfast, we continue north travelling through the charming town of **Tiaro** before arriving in historic **Maryborough**. After lunch, have a stroll through the Gallipoli to Armistice Memorial, which traces the birth of the Anzac legend, drawn from the personal perspectives in letters written home to loved ones. We then continue our journey to the **Town of Seventeen Seventy**. Nestled along the Coral Sea and rich in maritime history, this coastal gem will be our home for the next two nights.

OVERNIGHT: 1770 Lagoons Central Apartment Resort, AGNES WATER ★★★★★

THE LARC TOUR

Today, we embark on a **LARC tour** — an unique amphibious adventure along the edge of **Eurimbula National Park**, traversing vast sandy beaches and the crystal-clear waters of four tidal creeks. Along the way, we learn about the rich history of the **Town of 1770** and **Bustard Head**. Our first stop is a hidden, shaded picnic spot near the edge of **Jenny Lind Creek** where we enjoy morning tea in a tranquil setting. Then it's off to one of the world's best aerial viewpoints — seen not from a plane, but from a boat! We arrive at the historic **Bustard Head Light Station**, also known as the "*Lighthouse of Tragedy*." Here, a volunteer caretaker leads us through the restored light-keeper's cottage, now a museum filled with priceless artefacts, maritime relics and captivating mysteries. Climb the spiral staircase to the lighthouse balcony for a stunning 360° panoramic view of this breathtaking Queensland location. Afterwards, follow a winding path to the nearby cemetery, resting place of many past residents — each with their own haunting tale. Following a hearty lunch and a cup of Billy Tea, we reboard the LARC to cross the dramatic tidal expanse of **Jenny Lind Creek**, heading toward the towering dunes of **Middle Island**. Here, you can sandboard down a thrilling 35-metre dune — yes, it's perfectly fine to push your friends downhill (on a boogie board, of course)! Or, simply take a refreshing dip in the clear waters. As we journey back, keep an eye out for local wildlife and enjoy the light-hearted stories of our guides. The pastel hues of the setting sun mark the perfect end to an unforgettable day in paradise.

OVERNIGHT: 1770 Lagoons Central Apartment Resort, AGNES WATER ★★★★★





DAY 4

Wednesday 17th June, 2026

TOWN OF 1770 TO ROCKHAMPTON

After a leisurely breakfast, we head north to **Rockhampton**, the Beef Capital of Australia. Situated on the Tropic of Capricorn along the Fitzroy River, this is where we might finally be able to take the “jumper” off! Our first stop is the **Rockhampton Zoo**, located within the beautiful **Botanic Gardens**, and home to over 70 species of native and exotic animals. Enjoy a relaxing stroll through the gardens before breaking for lunch. In the afternoon, we visit the **Koorana Crocodile Farm** for a fascinating guided tour, where we’ll learn all about crocodile behaviour and the lifecycle of these ancient reptiles.

OVERNIGHT: Quality Resort Parkhurst, ROCKHAMPTON ★★★★★

DAY 5

Thursday 18th June, 2026

ROCKHAMPTON TO MACKAY

Departing Rockhampton, we travel through small isolated country towns on our way to Mackay. Our first stop is the **Marlborough Historical Museum**, home to a fascinating collection of textiles, historic photographs and artefacts that offer a glimpse into the region’s past. We then continue to the **Sarina Sugar Shed** to enjoy an engaging and interactive tour through the sugar cane growing and crushing process - from observing sugar cane up close in their very own patch to sampling delicious, sugar-based products made right on site.

OVERNIGHT: Oaks Rivermarque Hotel, MACKAY ★★★★★

MACKAY TO TOWNSVILLE

This morning we make our way to a well-kept secret, **Hideaway Bay** at **Cape Gloucester**. Enjoy a walk along the pristine beach, taking in the picturesque views of the Coral Sea and the surrounding palm trees, followed by a delightful lunch. We continue our journey north with a brief stop at the **Big Python** in **Ayr**. A little further on is **Townsville** where we check into our next three night's accommodation at the Mercure Townsville, set on 11 lush, resort-style acres.

OVERNIGHT: Mercure Townsville, TOWNSVILLE ★★★★★

EXPLORING MAGNETIC ISLAND

Magnetic Island lies in the tropics and enjoys over 320 days of sunshine each year! More than half of the island is protected as **National park**. This morning we catch the local ferry across to Magnetic Island, where we're met by a local guide for a **scenic bus tour** showcasing some of "Maggie" Island's key highlights. After a memorable day exploring the island's natural beauty and charm, we return by ferry to the mainland and back to our accommodation in Townsville.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: Mercure Townsville, TOWNSVILLE ★★★★★





DAY 8

Sunday 21st June, 2026

TEXAS LONGHORN STATION

Today, we step back in time for a truly unique and unforgettable outback experience at the **Texas Longhorn Station** - home to Australia's only herd of full-blood Texas Longhorns. Located just outside **Charters Towers**, this working cattle property offers a fascinating insight into the life of early pioneers and the legendary Longhorn breed. Our adventure begins with a safari tour, where we'll get up close to these extraordinary animals — some boasting horns that span over 2.5 metres! Along the way, our knowledgeable hosts will share entertaining stories and rich history about the iconic Texas Longhorns and their place in Australian heritage. We'll explore the cattle-handling facilities at the **Love Shack**, and visit the **JR Gallery of Horns**, home to JR — the longest-horned animal to ever live in Australia and a Guinness World Record holder. The gallery also features fascinating memorabilia, including a replica of an 1880s Texas Trail herd saddle. There will be time to browse the **gift shop**, snap some memorable photos with the Longhorns, or simply take in the breathtaking outback scenery before we return to our accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: Mercure Townsville, TOWNSVILLE ★★★★★

DAY 9

Monday 22nd June, 2026

TOWNSVILLE TO MISSION BEACH

We continue our journey north of Townsville and arrive in **Ingham**, affectionately known as Queensland's "Little Italy" for its strong Italian heritage. We visit the **Old Ingham Cemetery**, a striking and culturally rich site. Many of Ingham's early Italian settlers created elaborate memorials for their loved ones, featuring marble statues, wrought-iron fences, and hand-crafted tiles — some of which were imported directly from Italy. This peaceful cemetery offers a fascinating insight into the region's heritage. From here, we head to the historic Cardwell Telegraph and Post Office, now known as the **Bush Telegraph**, built in 1870 and recognised as one of the oldest buildings in North

Queensland. After lunch, we continue to **Tully**, home to the towering **Golden Gumboot**, a quirky monument celebrating the town's reputation as one of the wettest in Australia. Our day concludes in the picturesque coastal town of Mission Beach, where we settle in for the night, surrounded by tropical beauty and gentle ocean breezes.

OVERNIGHT: Mission Beach Resort, WONGALING BEACH ★★★★★

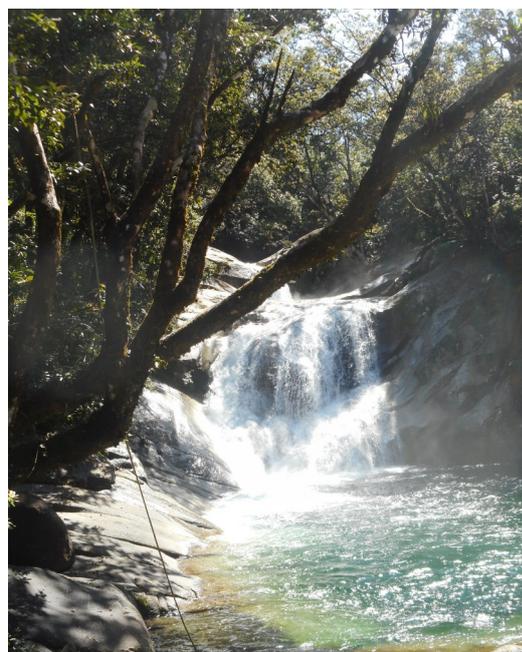
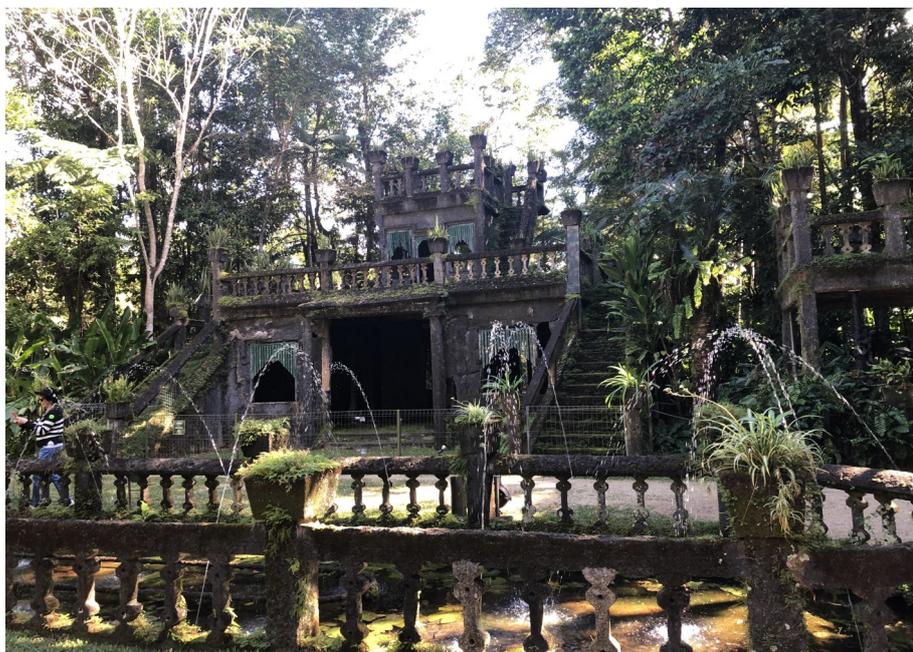
DAY 10

Tuesday 23rd June, 2026

MISSION BEACH TO CAIRNS

This morning, we depart Mission Beach for a visit to **Charley's Chocolate Factory** — Australia's only Cocoa Tree-to-Chocolate Bar experience. Wander through the cocoa tree nursery and mature plantation, where you'll see orchid-like flowers and ripening cocoa pods. Learn how Charley's uses a world-first trellis system specially adapted for tropical conditions. Discover the bean-to-bar process in action and perhaps enjoy a few sweet samples before we continue our journey. Next stop is the magical **Paronella Park** near Innisfail. Built in the 1930s by visionary Spanish immigrant José Paronella, this unique castle ruin is set among enchanting gardens inspired by Europe's finest. Remarkably ahead of its time, the estate featured North Queensland's first hydroelectric system — still in use today. Our guided walking tour takes us through highlights such as the grand Kauri Avenue, where majestic trees planted nearly a century ago still stand tall. After soaking up the beauty and history, we enjoy a light lunch before moving on. This afternoon, we visit the beautiful **Josephine Falls**, nestled in the rainforest at the foot of Mount Bartle Frere, Queensland's highest mountain. A gentle 45-minute return walk leads to the base of the falls, where we're rewarded with stunning views and the cool, fresh atmosphere of the tropical forest. From here, it's a short and scenic drive into **Cairns**, where we settle in for the final two nights of our tour.

OVERNIGHT: Shangri-la The Marina, CAIRNS ★★★★★





DAY 11

Wednesday 24th June, 2026

CAIRNS

We enjoy a leisurely start to the day before we visit the stunning **Cairns Botanic Gardens**. Renowned for having one of the finest exhibitions of tropical plants in Australia, the gardens are a lush paradise where you can explore vibrant flora, unwind in beautiful surroundings and learn about tropical horticulture. The Gardens are divided into: The Flecker Gardens, Gondwana Heritage Garden, Watkins Munro Martin Conservatory, Freshwater and Saltwater Lakes and Zhanjiang Friendship Gardens. This afternoon, take some free time to explore the city of **Cairns** at your own pace. Conveniently located near the Esplanade and local shops, our hotel is the perfect base for discovering everything Cairns has to offer.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: Shangri-la The Marina, CAIRNS ★★★★★

DAY 12

Thursday 25th June, 2026

CAIRNS TO MELBOURNE

This morning, we pack our bags and depart for **Cairns Airport** to board our flight back to **Melbourne**. Our chauffeurs will be on hand to take us straight to our door—all part of the **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** superior service.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement / Refreshments inflight

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No Refund

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Samoan Serenity - September 2026

Springtime Gardens - October 2026

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