



SMALL GROUP. BIG EXPERIENCE.





Welcome to FNQ Nature Tours

After ten years of guiding nature and wildlife safaris in Northern Australia, I established FNQ Nature Tours in 2015. I have a firm belief that tourism holds the key to protection and conservation of this World Heritage area.

FNQ Nature Tours offers tours across the Daintree Rainforest National Park, Atherton Tablelands, Crater Lakes and Cape Tribulation regions. Our tours are designed for nature minded travellers who desire a personal, educational and interactive guided experience. Boasting the oldest tropical rainforest in the world, the region's ecosystems are of great importance providing living examples of some of the earliest flowering plants and a fascinating insight into the diversity, evolution and survival of many rainforest species.

We only take small groups of up to seven guests. This allows visitors to enjoy a personalised experience exploring numerous hidden locations across the Wet Tropics area. With an amazing 2800 plants species and 633 vertebrate animal species, FNQ Nature Tours takes pride in providing in-depth interpretation across numerous wildlife categories including birds, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, marsupials, including nocturnal species.

So if you are into adventure, come and check out our spectacular backyard, I promise you will not be disappointed.

James Boettcher

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Wet Tropics and Savannah Specialist Guide





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Why choose FNQ Nature Tours?

Our Service

Our level of service is incomparable to other operators because FNQ Nature Tours understands the priceless value of memorable experiences. Our unforgettable tours are captivating, genuine and authentic, our team will go above and beyond to ensure that your journey is unsurpassed.

Private Land Access

Many of our nature viewing locations are on private land or reserves for complete exclusivity.

Small Groups

Our group sizes are minimum two and maximum seven. Allowing our guides the freedom to focus on guest's personal interests and create the best visitor experience.

Wildlife Focus

Our tours have a major focus on observing and photographing wildlife. We are proud to be active ambassadors for the wonderful creatures that call Far North Queensland home. On our Tablelands day it is not uncommon for us to observe a Southern Cassowary, Tree Kangaroo and several Platypus on a single tour!

More Time in Nature

The trails and boardwalks we access are the longest and most immersive compared with all commercial operators. This increases the opportunity to observe wildlife and due to our small group sizes, we are never in a rush.





Cairns and Tropical North Queensland

Cairns is the gateway to the amazing Far North Queensland region, a wildlife enthusiast's paradise and the only place in the world where two World Heritage Listed areas exist side by side (Wet Tropics and Great Barrier Reef). The Wet Tropics World Heritage Area is extremely rich in biodiversity, with 2800 plant species and 663 vertebrate animal species, including 65 percent of Australia's fern species, 30 percent of Australia's orchid species and 35 per cent of Australia's mammals.

The region provides access to the oldest tropical rainforest in the world, with landscapes that provide living examples of some of the earliest flowering plants and a fascinating insight into the diversity, evolution and survival of many rainforest species.

This is the area where the world's songbirds emerged, currently home to forty percent of Australia's bird species including bowerbirds, kingfishers, riflebirds, fruit doves and the endangered Southern Cassowary. Boasting the highest diversity of rainforest mammals in Australia, the Bennett's and Lumholtz Tree Kangaroo, Spectacled Flying-fox, Daintree River Ringtail Possum, Northern Long-nosed Bandicoot are popular sightings.

The Daintree and Tablelands boasts spectacular landscapes to observe reptiles, amphibians, monotremes and butterflies, including the Platypus, Saltwater Crocodile, Boyd's Forest Dragon, White-lipped Tree Frog, Green-eyed Tree Frog, Snapping Turtle, Leaf-tailed Gecko and electric blue Ulysses Butterfly.

DAINTREE EXCLUSIVE TOUR

7:30am Pickup in Cairns (8:30am Port Douglas)

Witness the magical Great Barrier Reef Drive as we head north on the scenic coastal highway. Learn about the unique habitats within the local environment and observe the changes in bio-diversity as we get closer to the Daintree Tropical Rainforest.

9:15am Arrive at Solar Whisper Wildlife Cruise

Cruise the Daintree River spotting wildlife on a quiet, clean solar electric boat known as Solar Whisper. Get closer to nature... hear, smell & experience without noise & fumes. Morning tea included prior departure. We have a 99% success rate for spotting crocodiles, excellent bird watching opportunities and other wildlife possibilities such as snakes, frogs and fish. The cruise is 2 hours.

**At the discretion of our guests, we can arrange for a local birding expert to join us on our cruise to interpret the biodiversity of birding on the Daintree River. Sunrise/sunset cruising also available.*

11:00am Arrive at Daintree Tea House

Enjoy lush rainforest scenery at the exclusive Daintree Tea House. The longest established restaurant in the Daintree Village boasts a beautiful and relaxing setting, fabulous food & personal service. The chef's specialty is Barramundi! Wild caught in Australian waters, nothing beats it! Locally grown tea and coffee provided.

1:30pm Arrive Mossman Gorge

Every nature lover's dream can be found in Mossman Gorge. Receive the warm welcome of the local Kuku Yalanji people while taking in the beauty of the pristine rainforest, cool streams, towering mountains and the dramatic Gorge.

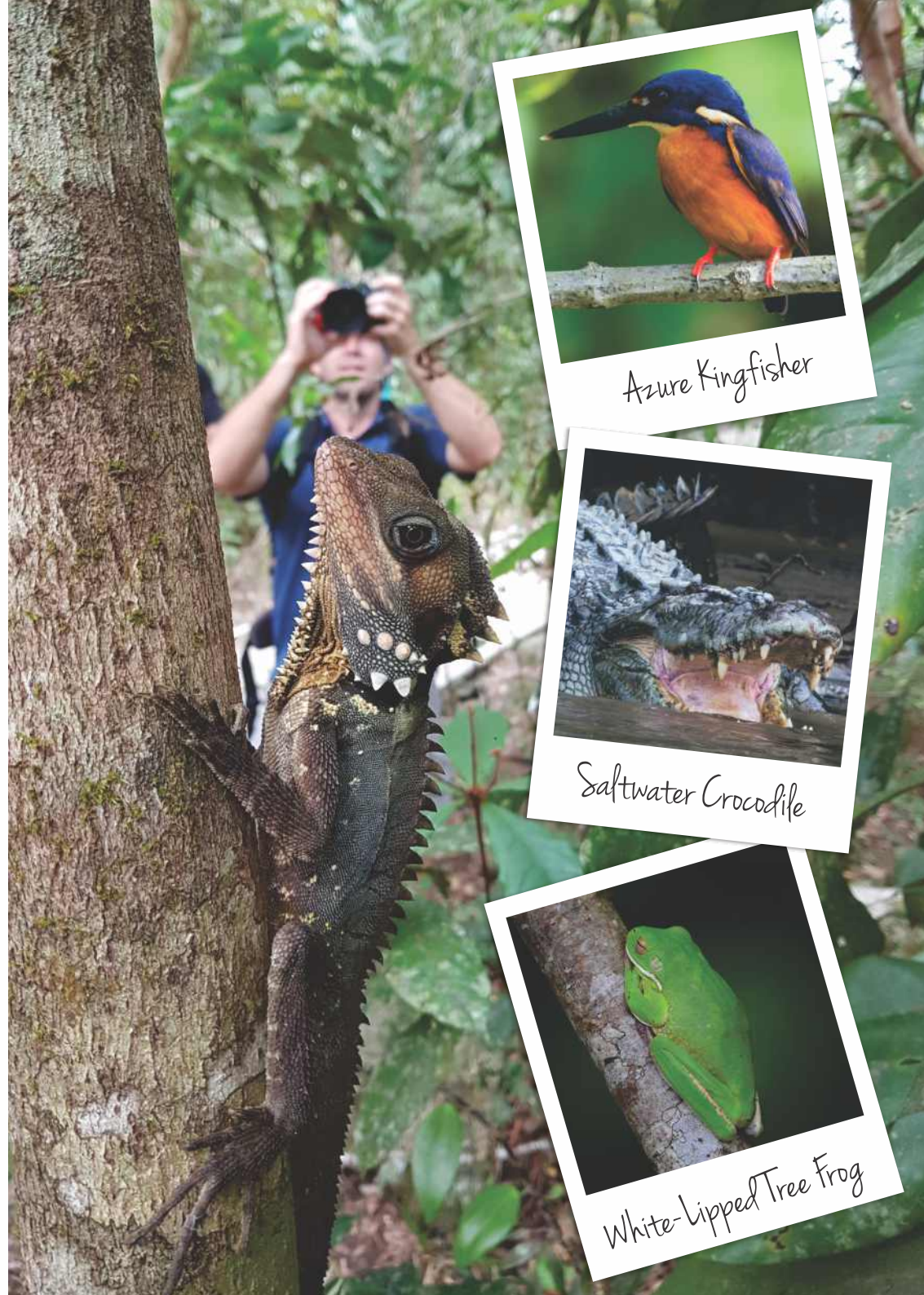
The Daintree is an area of ancient tropical rainforest spanning 120,000 hectares, making it the largest portion of tropical rainforest in Australia. Walk the 2.5 Kilometer quiet track to witness the complex ecosystems in this World Heritage Area and swim in the incredible fresh water gorge.

3:30pm Depart Mossman Gorge and head South

On the homeward journey, take in the famous scenery of Rex Lookout. This view offers an unrivalled opportunity to photograph the amazing seaside and Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.

4:30pm Arrive in Port Douglas / 5:30pm Arrive in Cairns

We will return you to your accommodation in Port Douglas at 4:30pm and Cairns at 5:30pm.



Azure Kingfisher



Saltwater Crocodile



White-Lipped Tree Frog

What's unique about this tour?



Longest Trail - We are the only commercial operator with access to a 4.5 kilometer Rainforest Trail! We enjoy great nature observations during the 1.5 hours.



Eco-friendly - We cruise with a solar electric boat operator. The vessel is quiet and a completely clean and green machine. Perfect for wildlife spotting!



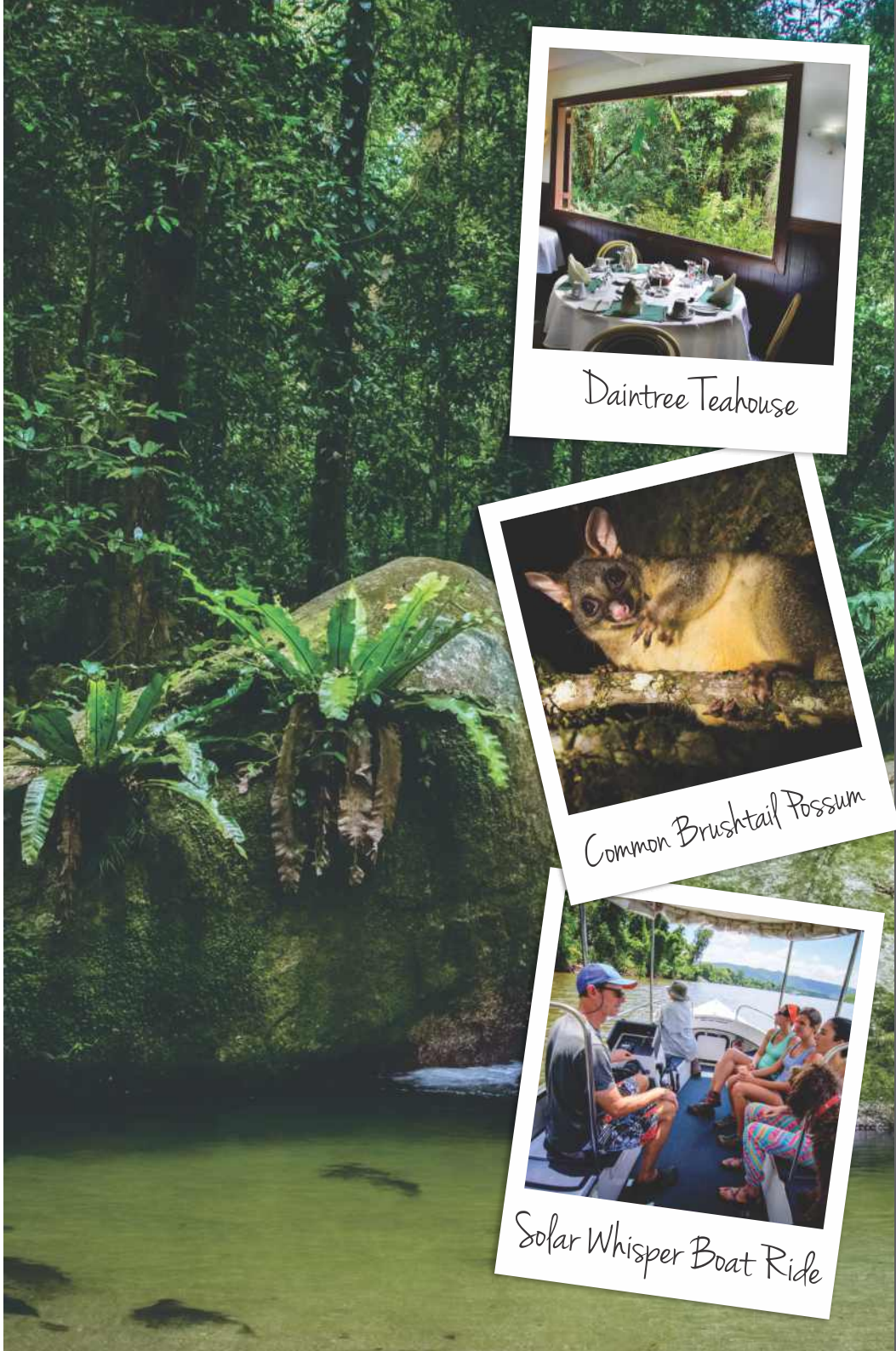
A taste of the tropics - Our lunch menu consists of local produce and a homemade dessert selection. While you're eating you can enjoy an exotic fruit presentation by the property owners.

Highlights

- ★ Rainforest interpretive walks
- ★ Mossman Gorge swimming option
- ★ Exotic fruit presentation and tasting
- ★ Tropical themed lunch and drinks
- ★ Daintree River Wildlife Cruise
- ★ Scenic stops for coastal views

Departure and Return Details

Cairns, Northern Beaches, Port Douglas (Tour duration approx. 10 hours)	
7:30am - Cairns	Returning - 5:30pm
8:00am - Northern Beaches	Returning - 5:00pm
8:30am - Port Douglas	Returning - 4:30pm
Vehicle: Modern 7 seat capacity fully air-conditioned Imax. 13 seat Hi-Ace can be arranged for larger groups.	





Birdwatcher's Delight



Wedge-tailed Eagle

TROPICAL WETLANDS BIRDWATCHING TOUR

The early morning is invaluable for birdwatchers. Our morning will focus on the Tropical Wetlands and Shared Earth Reserve which is home to over 220 recorded bird species and an exclusive site for us to explore.

After a short 90 minute drive we will arrive at Clancy's lagoon. This open expanse of water has comfortable walking tracks surrounding the perimeter, providing guests with the opportunity to observe the resident birdlife.

After a short break for morning tea we 4WD to our second location, Pandanus Lagoon. Here we find a large diversity of waders and waterbirds including a massive population of Black Swan. It is also home to kangaroos, echidnas, dingos, snakes and scores of other reptiles. You can explore over 12km of walking trails which criss-cross the wetlands.

A break from the binoculars while we enjoy a picnic style lunch under a shady billabong during the heat of the day. To further our

bird watching prospects, we venture into the nearby Atherton Tablelands for the last couple of hours. Locations such as Lake Barrine and Yungaburra have afforded our customers amazing birdlife encounters and opportunities for photographs over the years.

BIRDING OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

The diverse range of birdlife and wildlife include 6 different Quail species, Magpie, Geese, Black Swans, 11 different duck species and three different Grebes, Darters and Cormorants, Pelicans, Crakes, Rails, Swamphens, Moorhens, Coots, Herons, Egrets, Bitterns, Ibis, Spoonbills, Storks (Jabiru), Cranes including Brolga, Sarus Crane, Bustards, Sandpipers, Godwits, Common Greenshank, Stints, Jacanas which thrive on the water lilies, Curlews, Stilts, Lapwings, Plovers, Dotterels, Terns.

Birds of Prey including Osprey, Kites, Hawks, Eagles, Harriers and Falcons. Five different pigeons and doves have been recorded and of course the famous Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo. We have great

sightings of Black Cockatoos at the Wetlands and on the road into Mareeba Wetlands. Parrots including Lorikeets, Rosellas & Red Wing Parrots. With 9 different varieties of Cuckoos, Koels and Coucals not to mention a great location if you wish to see owls; five different species, 3 different Frogmouths and Night jays.

One of the most beautiful birds to see are the Kingfishers especially the Azure Kingfisher, a delight to see around the lagoons. Both the laughing Kookaburra and Blue Winged Kookaburra are regularly seen. Bee eaters, Rollers, Tree Creepers and Pardalotes are well represented as well as numerous Honeyeaters, Robins, Bee Eaters, Thrushes, Monarchs, Magpie Larks, Fly Catchers and Wagtails are seen throughout the Wetlands.

One to look out for is the fascinating Great Bowerbird, a delight to watch. The open savannah and eucalypt habitats within the Mareeba Wetlands give great opportunities to observe Finches, Fairy Wrens and Mannikins. The Wetlands is also famous for the Gouldian Finch program.

What's unique about this tour?



Exclusive Access - FNQ Nature Tours has exclusive access to the Shared Earth Reserve, encompassing 5000 acres of lagoons, trails, bird hides and dirt roads containing an abundance of bird watching opportunities.



Habitat Diversity - The reserve has permanent lakes, swamps, billabongs and creeks including an incredible mosaic of old-growth savanna woodland.



Conservation - The wetlands reserve is owned by Forever Wild. Forever Wild work to protect Earth's last great wildernesses for societal well-being, for biological diversity and its evolutionary potential, for our cultural record and economic values.



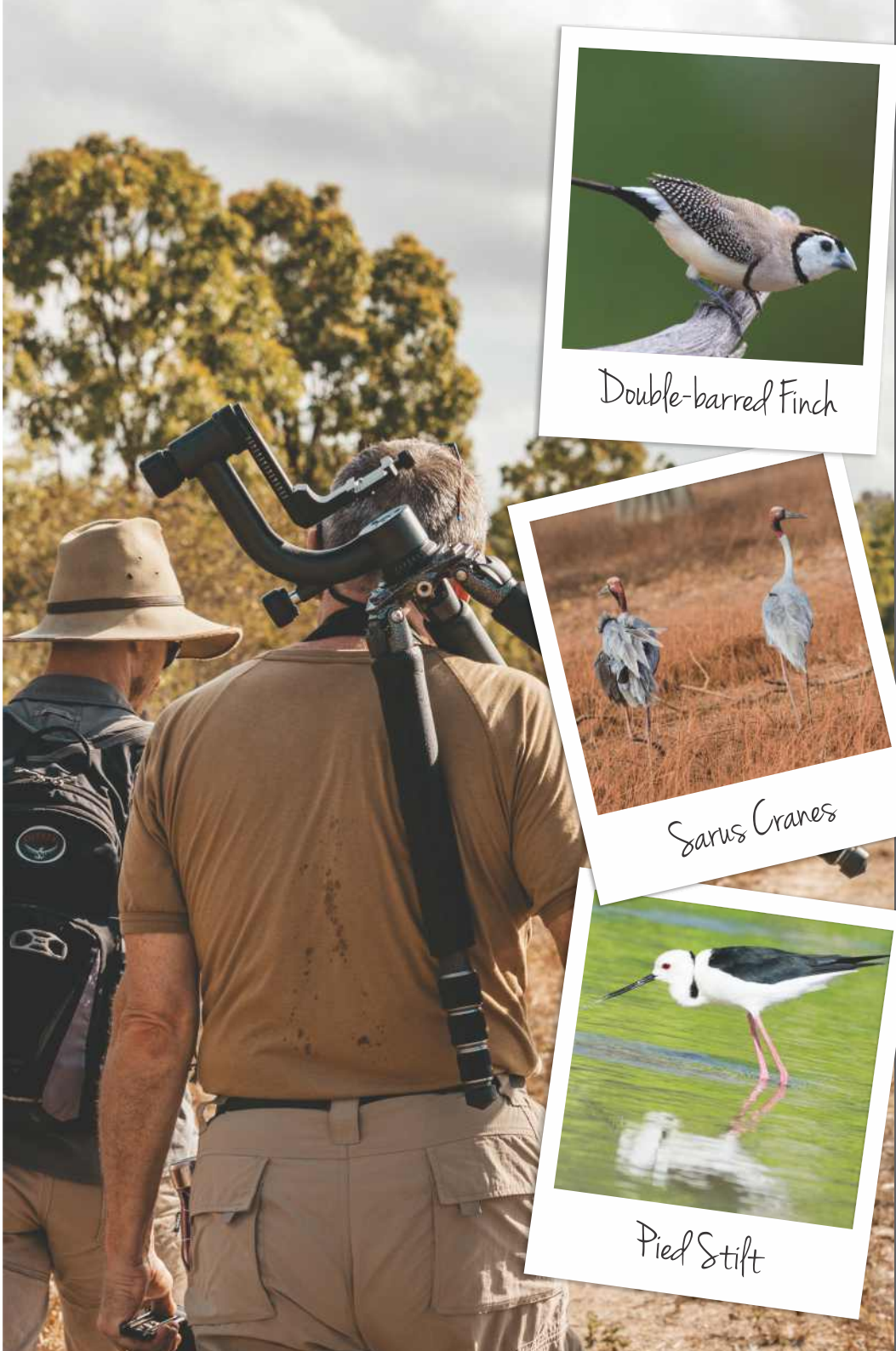
Birding / Photography Guides - Our team of staff are all highly experienced and passionate naturalist guides. Our personal interests in birdwatching and photography will guarantee a wonderful and memorable experience.

Highlights

- ★ Exclusive access
- ★ Habitat diversity
- ★ Atherton Tablelands
- ★ Supporting Conservation
- ★ Lake Barrine Crater
- ★ Yungaburra Region

Departure and Return Details

Cairns, Northern Beaches, Port Douglas (Tour duration approx. 10 hours)	
6:30am - Cairns City	Returning - 4:30pm
6:30am - Northern Beaches	Returning - 4:30pm
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Double-barred Finch



Sarus Cranes



Pied Stilt

TABLELANDS EXCLUSIVE TOUR

7:30am Pickup in Cairns

Travel up the panoramic Gillies highway while witnessing the dramatic change in habitat as we gain altitude. Enjoy beautiful views of Goldsborough Valley from Heales Lookout.

8:45am Arrive at Lake Barrine

An outstanding location for nature activities. Several walks are available offering great wildlife and bird watching opportunities. From 30 minutes to two hours, tailored to your desires.

Let's toast our wildlife spotting achievements over some local tea/coffee and the famous Tea House scones with jam and cream. The lake cruise is a big highlight to spot reptiles such as water dragons, birds, eels, fish, other reptiles and several Wet Tropics endemic species. Lunch options are brilliant and the view is pretty special too!

11:30am Arrive in Yungaburra

One of our major focus points of the day, spotting WILD Platypus! Learn about their elusive behaviour and take as much time as you need to get that perfect photo! We often witness a resident Tree Kangaroo family at this location also.

1:00pm Arrive Lake Eacham

A chance to cool down during the hottest part of the day; swim in an extinct volcanic crater with pristine clear water surrounded by Rainforest. For our guests who would prefer not to swim, other nature sites are available close by!

2:00pm Arrive at Malanda Conservation Park

This conservation park is invaluable to the elusive Mapee (Lumholtz Tree Kangaroo) They are seen on a regular basis in this small patch of protected forest. Malanda falls is a beautiful photo opportunity on the walk and several other wildlife opportunities are available here, such as the Freshwater Snapping Turtle and the Grey-headed Robin.

3:00pm Arrive at Cathedral Fig Tree

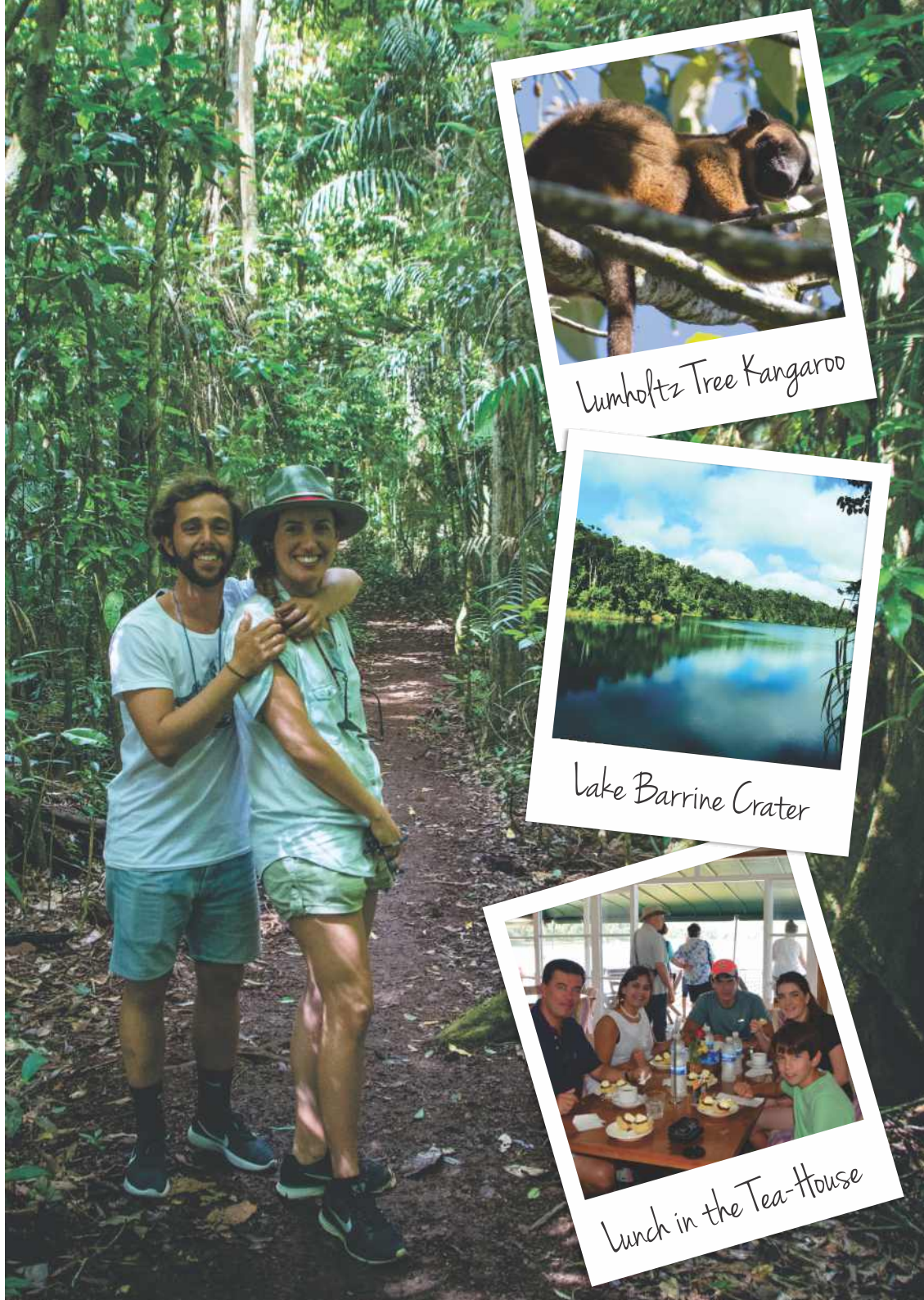
One of the most incredible trees you will see in your life. This ancient fig tree is an epic rainforest survivor with a very complex ecosystem surrounding its lifecycle.

4:00pm Depart Tablelands for Cairns

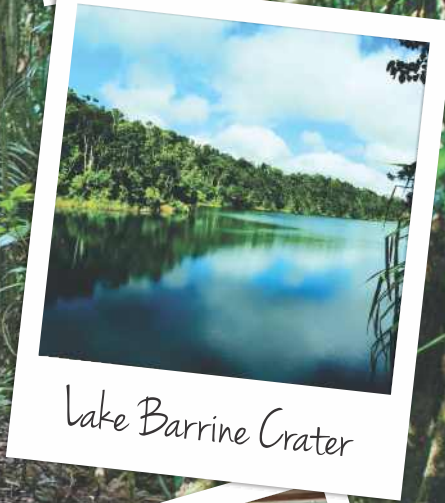
Time permitting, we may stop at the Mountain View hotel for a beverage and lovely views of the Little Mulgrave River and possibly a drive through Gordonvale to view the Sugar Refinery.

5:00 / 5:30pm Arrive Cairns

We'll drop you back to your accommodation in Cairns between 5:00pm - 5:30pm.



Lumholtz Tree Kangaroo



Lake Barrine Crater



Lunch in the Tea-House

What's unique about this tour?



More Time in Nature - We have access to multiple nature walks to ensure the greatest outcome for nature observations.



Cathedral Fig Tree - This ancient Rainforest Giant is off the beaten path and is tremendously emphasized by the surrounding forest. Hope you have a wide angle lens!



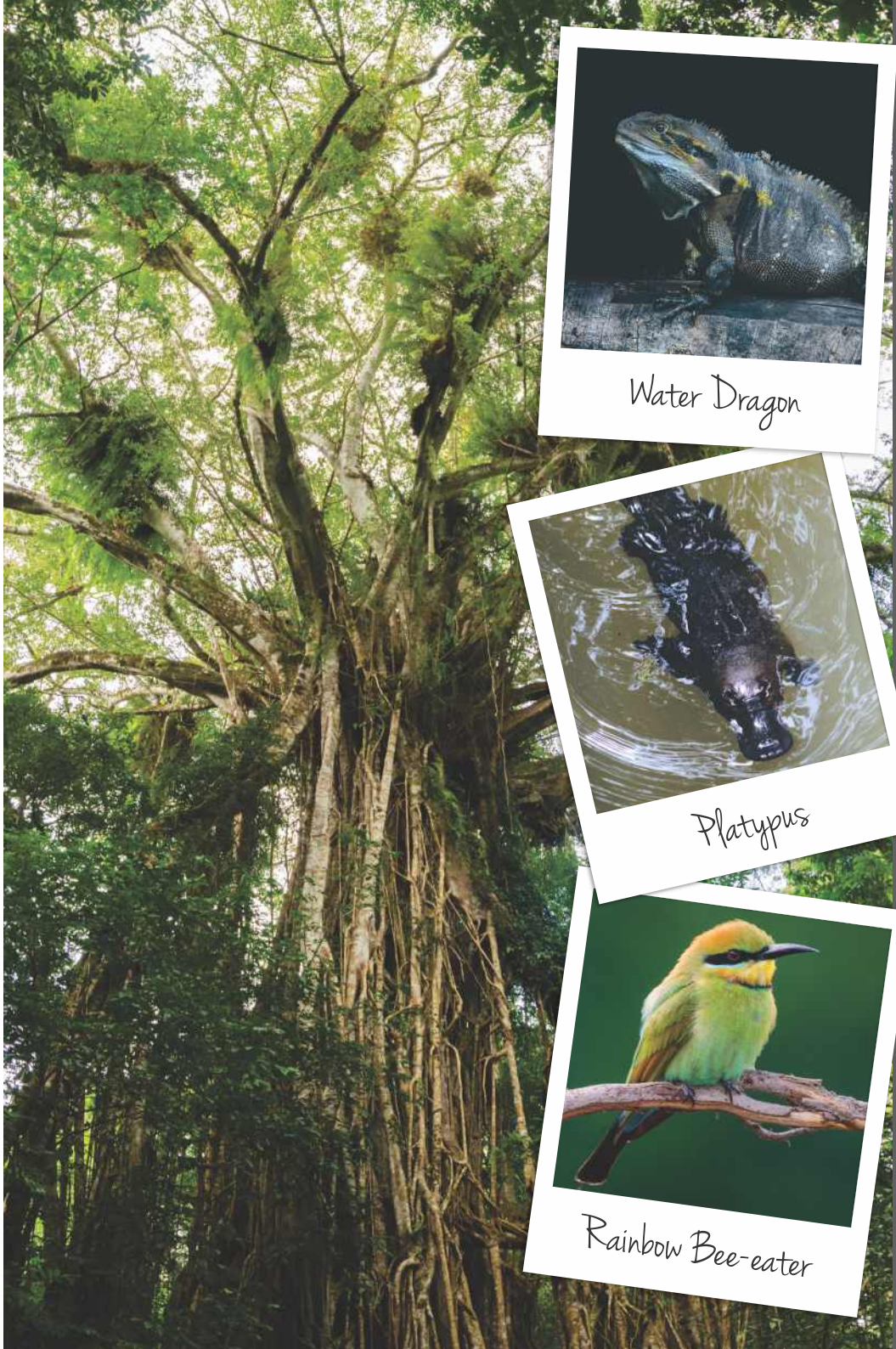
Lake Barrine Cruise - Many animals come from the deeper sections of the forest to access the sunlight by the lake. This is a sensational opportunity to see the wildlife up close! Look out for Water Dragons, Giant Eels, Snapping Turtles and water birds!

Highlights

- ★ Professional accredited guide
- ★ The incredible Cathedral Fig Tree!
- ★ Extinct Volcanic Crater Wildlife Cruise
- ★ Interpretive rainforest walks
- ★ Lunch at Lake Barrine
- ★ Malanda Conservation Park
- ★ Platypus spotting

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Water Dragon



Platypus



Rainbow Bee-eater

DAINTREE AFTERNOON AND NOCTURNAL

12:00pm – Pickup in Cairns

Experience the magical Great Barrier Reef Drive heading north on the region's most scenic coastal highway. Observe the changes in habitat diversity as we get closer to the Daintree Tropical Rainforest.

2:15pm – Arrive at Solar Whisper Wildlife Cruise

Cruise the beautiful Daintree River spotting wildlife on a quiet, clean solar electric boat with zero environmental impact. Get closer to nature... hear, smell & experience without noise & fumes. Afternoon tea included prior departure. We have a 99% success rate for spotting crocodiles, excellent bird watching opportunities and other wildlife such as snakes, frogs and fish and bats. The cruise is one hour.

4:00pm – Daintree Rainforest

Every nature lover's dream can be found in the Daintree National Park. Enter the lands of the local Kuku Yalanji people while taking in the beauty of the pristine rainforest, cool streams, towering mountains and freshwater valleys that captivate our visitors. This living museum is an area of ancient tropical rainforest spanning 120,000 hectares, making it the largest tropical rainforest in Australia. We walk numerous tracks to witness the complex ecosystems in this World Heritage Area and perhaps a swim during the summer months.

5:00pm – Cape Tribulation Beach

This famous valley resembles a giant amphitheatre with a semicircle of hills dominated by Mt Sorrow (850m) and Mt Hemmant (1000m). From several lookouts the afternoon lighting on the beach is gorgeous. We often spend an hour exploring the natural assets of the coastline.

6:00pm – Dinner at Whet Restaurant

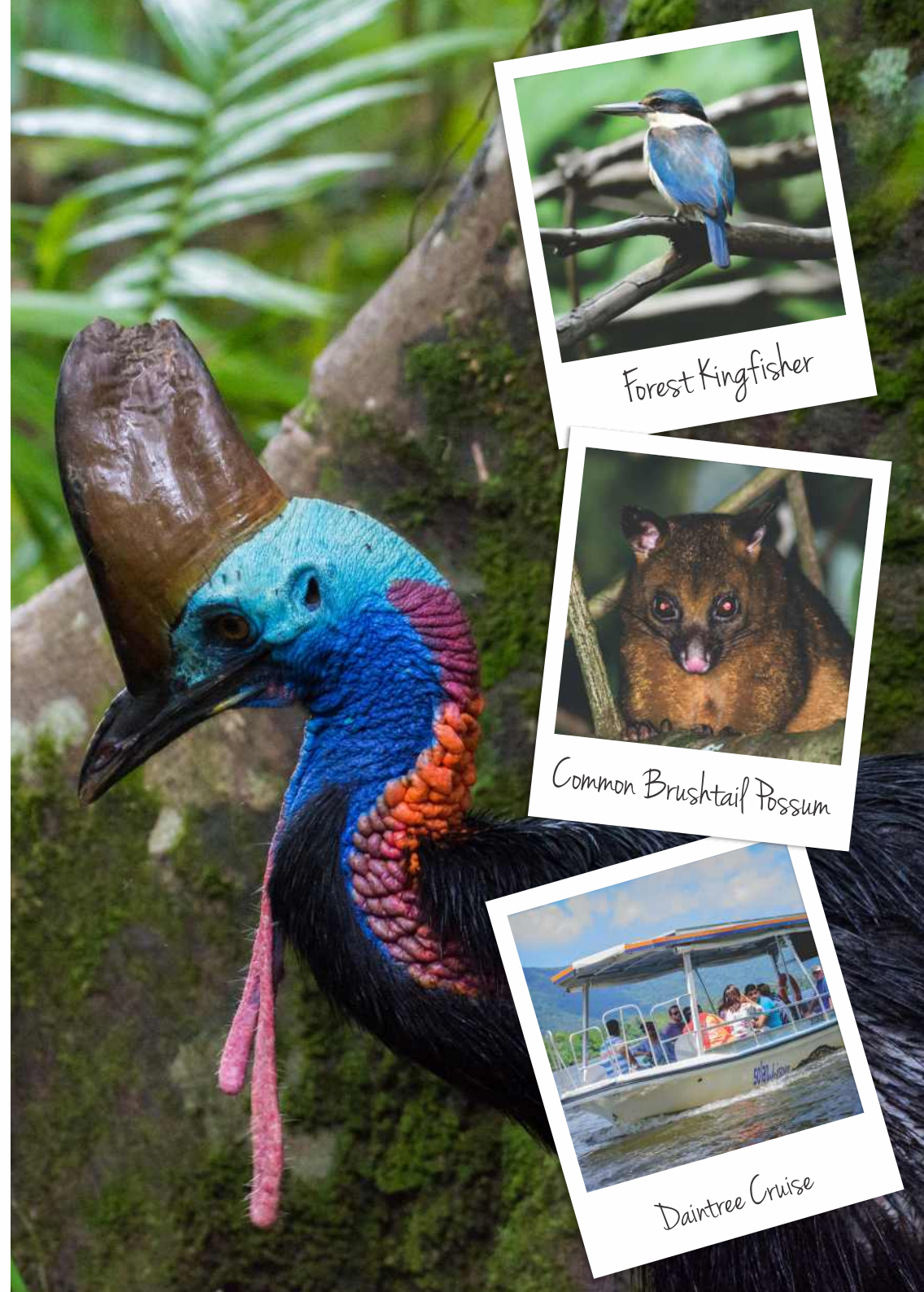
Whet combines the natural wonder of the surrounding jungle with its unique and casual atmosphere. Located right in the heart of Cape Tribulation, and aptly named to "whet your appetite", the delicious range of cuisine on offer at Whet Restaurant is sure to make your visit to the Daintree memorable.

7:00pm Night spotting in the Northern Daintree

A wildlife tour in Far North Queensland is not complete without a night walk. Much of the local wildlife has adopted a nocturnal lifestyle to avoid the heat of the day in the tropical climate. Perhaps the most unique part of this experience is to observe nocturnal wildlife in the Wet Tropics.

8:00pm – Depart Daintree

Time to sit back, relax and watch the back of your eyelids in the comfort of our modern vehicles. Return across the Daintree River on the Cable Ferry and we're back in civilization so you can look through and share your photos.



Forest Kingfisher

Common Brushtail Possum

Daintree Cruise

What's unique about this tour?



Personalisation - Our groups are small, amplifying the quality of our nature and wildlife interaction.



Eco-friendly - We cruise with a solar electric boat operator. The vessel is quiet and a completely clean and green machine. Perfect for wildlife spotting!



Afternoon Advantages - We are heading IN to the National Park when other operators are heading OUT! Our late finish affords us peaceful trails and empty beaches. Observe what we casually call, the 'shift swap'. Animals that are active during the day become more excitable at dusk, right as the nocturnal creatures come out to play!



Nocturnal component - Very few visitors to the area have the option to go into the "Oldest continually growing rainforest in the world, at night!"

Highlights

- ★ Our expert and passionate guides
- ★ Cape Tribulation Beach
- ★ Interpretive rainforest walks
- ★ Dusk sunset over Mt. Sorrow
- ★ Daintree River wildlife cruise
- ★ Night spotting in the forest
- ★ Dining in the Jungle

Departure and Return Details

Cairns, Northern Beaches (Tour duration approx. 10 hours)

12:00pm - Cairns City

Returning - 10:30pm

12:30pm - Northern Beaches

Returning - 10:00pm

1:15pm - Port Douglas

Returning - 9:30pm

Vehicle: Modern 7 seat capacity fully air-conditioned Imax. 13 seat Hi-Ace can be arranged for larger groups.

Maximum 7 Passengers

Tour not suitable for children under 14 years



Main Picture: Saltwater Crocodile

CAIRNS HIKING EXPERIENCE

7:00am Pickup in Cairns

Heading Westward, we drive up the beautiful scenic Kuranda Range and continue along the Kennedy highway to Dinden National Park. We find some shade and prepare ourselves for the walk.

8:15am Prepare for Hike

We take some time while in the shade of the trees to get our gear and bodies ready for the hike. Several alternate hikes are available to suit a range of difficulty levels. We have a 3 hour moderate hike or the popular 6 hour difficult hike.

**Snacks, muesli bars and fruit will be provided to keep our energy high for the walk.*

8:30am Begin hiking Lamb Range

Our popular trail is a 10 kilometer experience of a lifetime. The Rainforest habitat with its beautiful Oraniopsis palms and Cycads will amaze you! Experience the ancient smells and sounds of a Rainforest that survived the breakup of the Gondwana Supercontinent.

There are several peaks to this ridge trail, all offering different views and abundant natural landscape.

**Note: Lamb Range is classed as a difficult hiking trail. However, difficulty levels can be modified for families!*

2:30pm Accomplished!

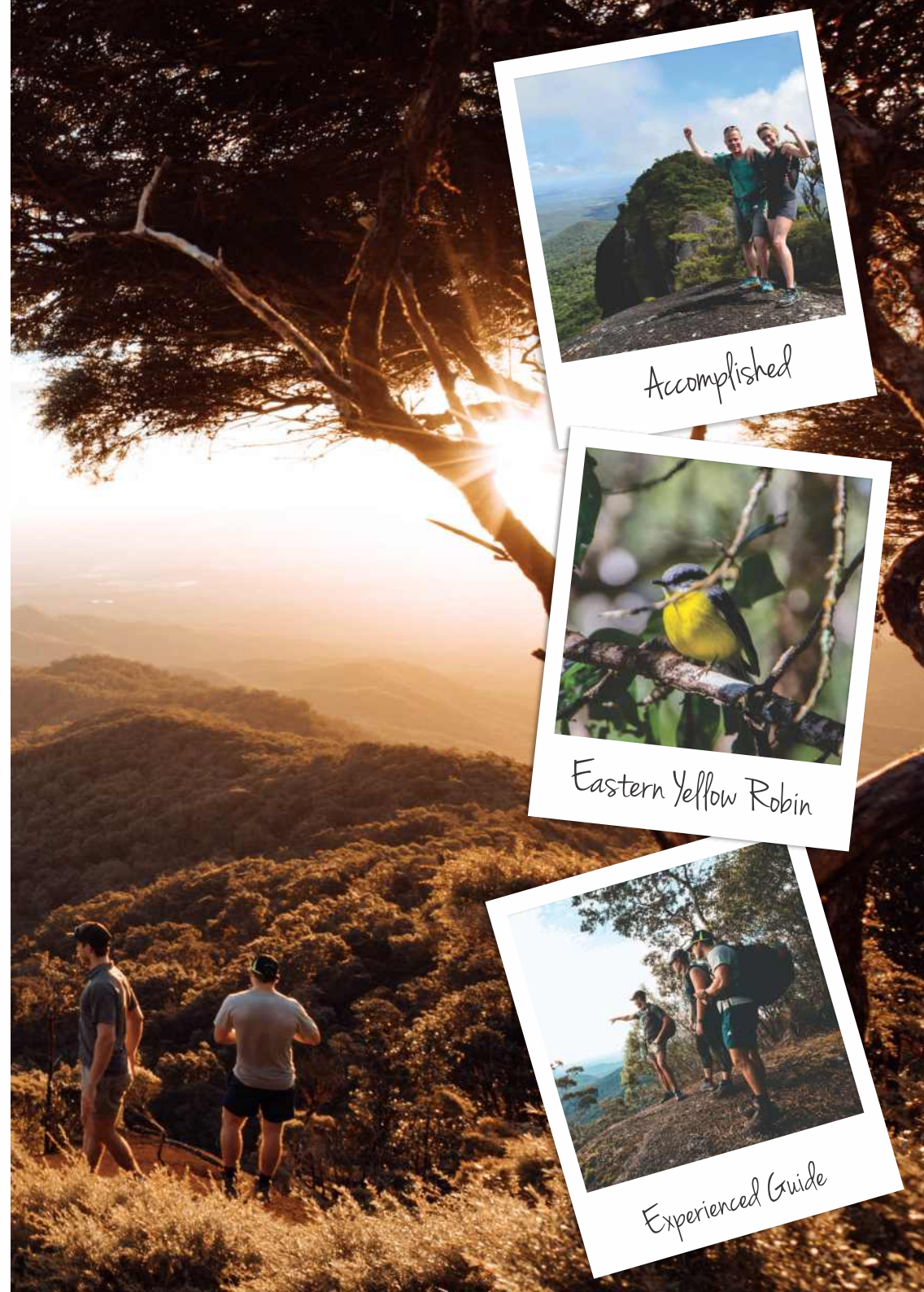
On our return from the mountain, we have a long break to enjoy a picnic lunch and cool off in Davies Creek. Facilities present.

3:30pm Depart National Park

As our bodies relish in the yummy lunch and welcome swim, we can chill and discuss our fun tales of the hike while we make our way back to Cairns.

5:00pm Arrive in Cairns

We'll drop you back to your accommodation in Cairns at 5:00pm.



Accomplished



Eastern Yellow Robin



Experienced Guide

What's unique about this tour?



Private Tours - We are the only hiking operator offering tours from Cairns. Most days we have the entire hike to ourselves, it's incredible!



Exclusive Access - Guests will experience a region of FNQ that very few tourists can. No boardwalks where we're going!



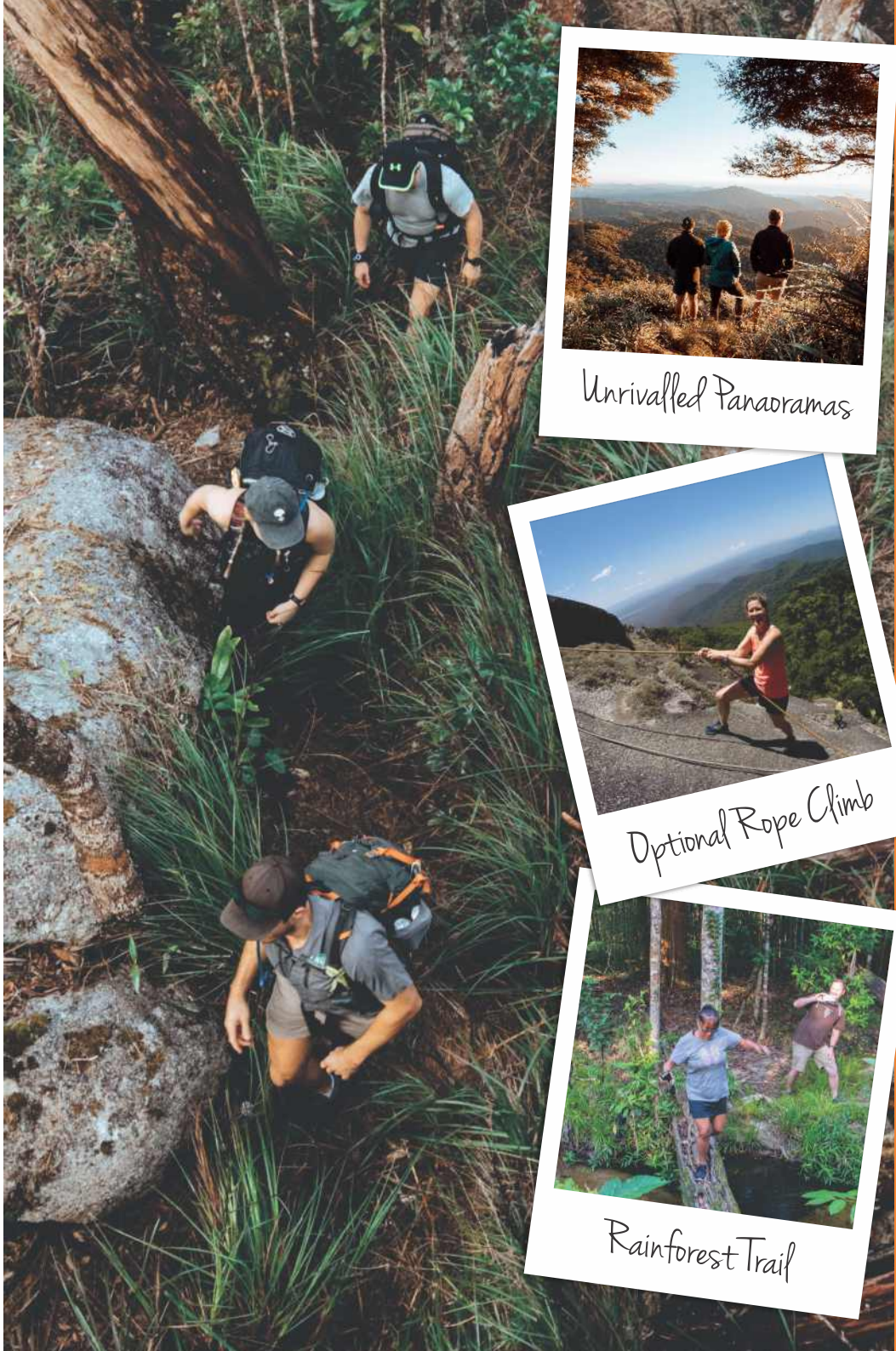
Cloud Forest - This secret habitat is rewarded only to hikers and bushwalkers. A special type of forest scenery that harvests moist air from the rolling clouds.

Highlights

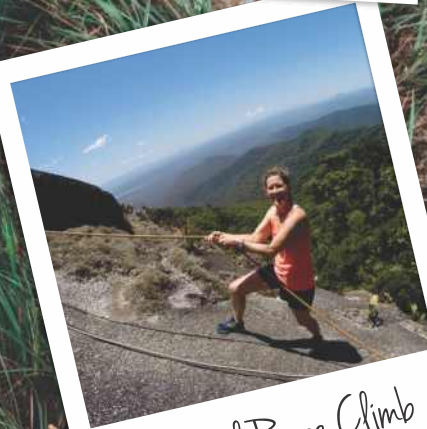
- ★ An experienced hiking guide
- ★ Secluded Rainforest trail
- ★ Fun 4WD creek crossings
- ★ Scenic views from the summit and unrivalled panoramas
- ★ Exploring Davies Creek
- ★ Optional summit rope climb
- ★ Clohesy River Fig Tree Boardwalk
- ★ 1300 metre summit
- ★ A refreshing swim at the end!

Departure and Return Details

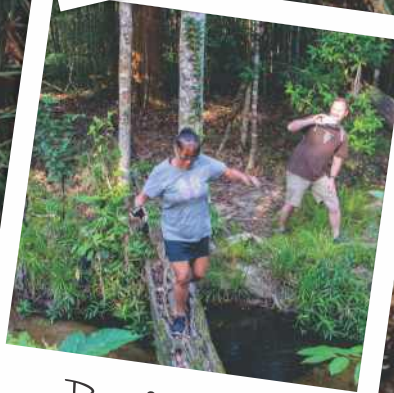
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7:00am - Cairns City	Returning - 5:00pm
7:30am - Northern Beaches	Returning - 4:30pm
This tour does not operate from Port Douglas.	
Vehicle: Modern 7 seat capacity fully air-conditioned Imax. 13 seat Hi-Ace can be arranged for larger groups.	
Tour not suitable for children under 14 years	



Unrivalled Panoramas



Optional Rope Climb



Rainforest Trail

LET US TAILOR YOUR UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

Our sample tours have been specifically designed to suit nature minded travellers with a general interest in all things Wild. However, everyone's different and we love to create tailored experiences for your clients. Whether your client is a wildlife photographer, couples searching for a dream tour, a family wanting some quality time in nature, or anything in between, we are here to connect them with the best experiences our region can offer. By customising each tour based on their preferences, we can ensure the best nature interactions possible during their holiday in Far North Queensland. Below are some examples of activities we can combine with chartered operations:

- Tolga Bat Hospital
- Great Barrier Reef tours
- Sunrise/sunset river cruising
- Nocturnal Crocodile tours
- Nocturnal wildlife spotting
- River Drift Snorkelling
- Specific wildlife viewing or birdwatching
- Overnight and multi-day tours

Accommodation and Meals

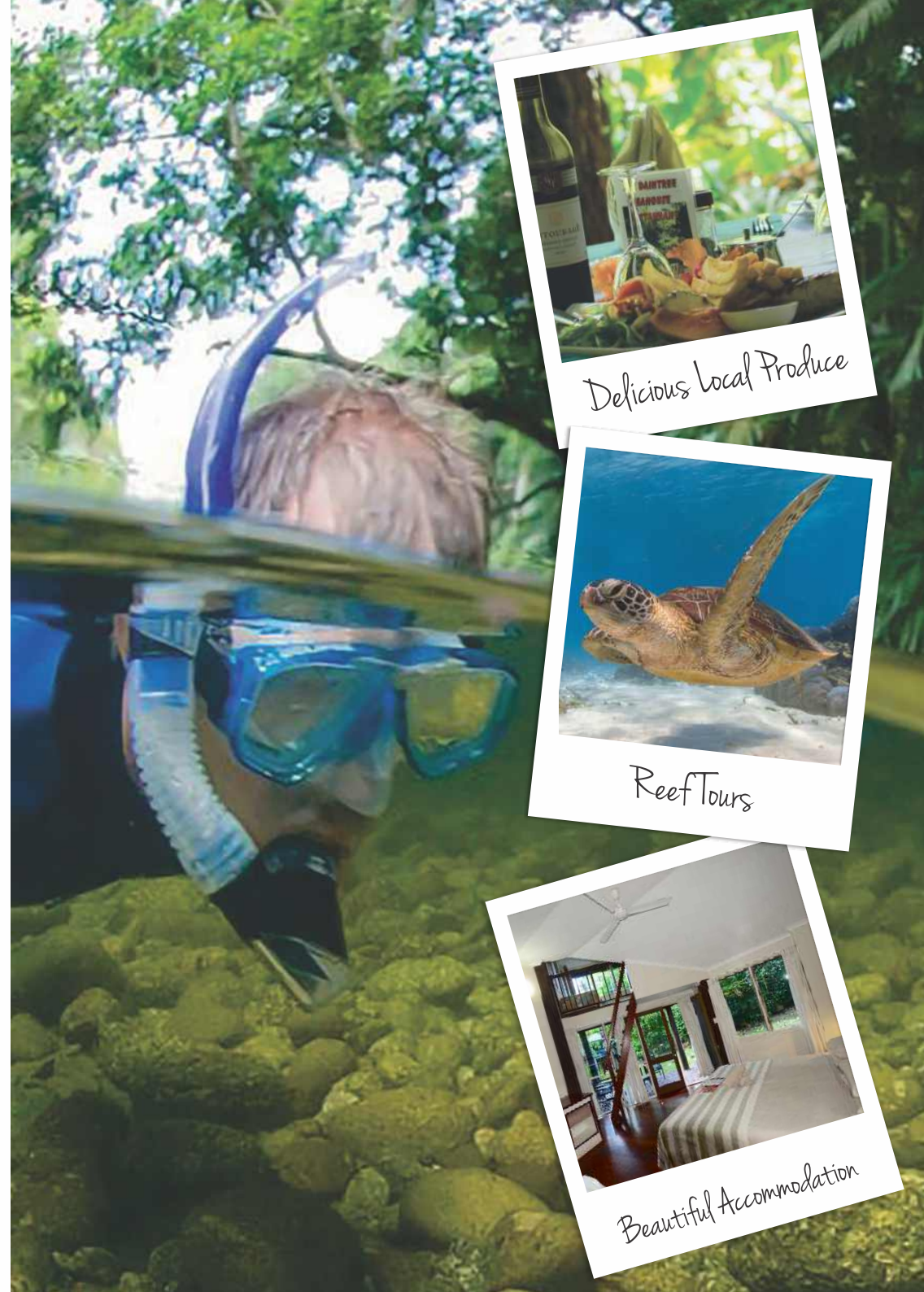
We work closely with several 3-5 star accommodation providers within our region. Our primary suppliers for accommodation and meals are:

- Chambers Wildlife Cottages
- Silky Oaks Lodge
- Heritage Lodge Cape Tribulation

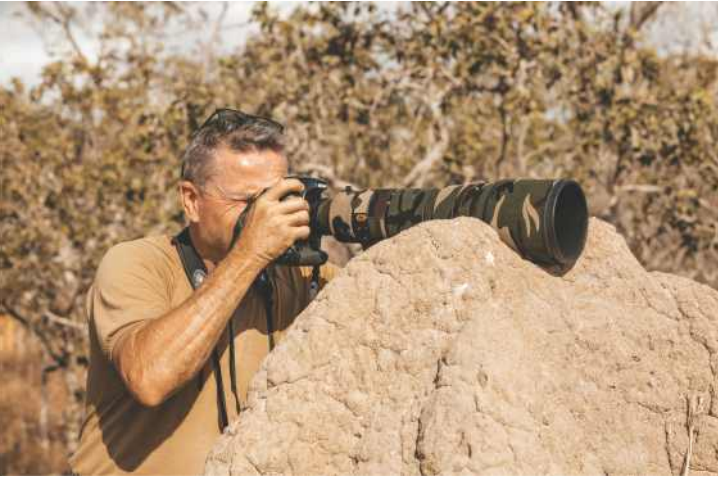
Morning tea and lunch are provided on all of our day tours.

We visit exclusive and exotic locations to experience the local flavours of the region. Premium meals with sides of fresh fruit, seafood and sometimes amazing desserts!

Catering for special diets is no problem and we're here to make it simple. Relax, your dietary needs are in the best of hands. We'll be happy to suggest alternative menu options and individual food selections that are suitable.



FNQ 2 DAY PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



The Wet Tropics World Heritage area offers a sublime mixture of landscapes, including waterfalls, mountain ranges, idyllic streams, deep gorges and dense rainforest. These diverse habitats provide photographers with abundant opportunities to photograph flowering plants, butterflies, insects, frogs, reptiles, marsupials and a significant proportion of Australia's glorious songbirds.

Join our Expert Nature Photography Guide, Kelvin Marshall in showcasing this region's extraordinary biodiversity. Kelvin Marshall is a renowned Far North Queensland nature photographer who has had extensive experience in showcasing the region's extraordinary biodiversity, as a full-time interpretive guide.

FNQ 3 DAY BIRDWATCHING TOUR



The Wet Tropics stretch from Townsville to Cooktown, encompassing approximately 9000sq. km of rainforest interspersed with farmland, rivers and tropical savannah, not to mention coastline and coral cays. Such an array of habitats explains the region's high diversity of flora and fauna. With more than 450 Avian Species recorded, including 13 Endemics, it's Australia's twitching mecca, and you don't have to venture far from Cairns to enjoy a rich bird watching experience in a variety of environments.

Join the team at FNQ Nature Tours and local birding experts, while we cover a vast variety of birding hotspots in Far North Queensland.

SPOTTED-TAILED QUOLL BEHIND THE SCENES WITH RESEARCHES



Become a citizen scientist for a day!

Many iconic and captivating animal species including rare and endemic creatures call the rainforests of the Wet Tropics home. This includes marsupials, reptiles, invertebrates, over 320 species of birds and much more. We are offering an exclusive opportunity to work alongside industry experts and assist in conducting valuable research that will aid in the preservation of Far North Queensland's endangered wildlife! This behind the scenes tour provides a unique opportunity to enter research locations not accessible to the public to observe the endangered Spotted-tailed Quoll.

Alberto Vale and Justin McMahon are our expert research guides and they have been carefully studying these fascinating and mysterious creatures for several years. Join them in the rainforest and take part in their research projects.

SPECIES VIEWING CALENDER

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
LAND MAMMALS & MONOTREMES												
Platypus								B	B	B		
Green Ringtail Possum												
Musky Rat Kangaroo												
Tree Kangaroo												
BIRDS												
Southern Cassowary						B	B	B	N	N BV	BV	BV
Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher	N	BV	BV							B	B	B
Tooth-billed Bowerbird	B									B	CD	CD
Victoria's Riflebird	CD										CD	CD
REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS												
Boyd's Forest Dragon	B	B								B	B	B
Saltwater Crocodile	N	N	BV	BV						B	B	N
Green-eyed Tree Frog												
Leaf-Tailed Gecko												

LEGEND

KEY					B	N	BV	CD
EXPLANATION	PEAK VIEWING/ BEST TIME TO VISIT FOR SPECIES	LIKELY SIGHTING CHANCE	MODERATE SIGHTING CHANCE	NO VIEWING/ TOUR NOT AVAILABLE	BREEDING	NESTING	BABY VIEWING	COURTSHIP DISPLAY



Green Tree Frog



Buff-Breasted Paradise Kingfisher



Platypus



Boyd's Forest Dragon



Green Ring Tail Possum



Leaf Tailed Gecko



Comfortable, Air-conditioned & Equipped

Our fleet consists of three vehicles. Two 2016 model Hyundai Imax's and one 2015 4WD Nissan Patrol. For special interest tours, we can accommodate up to 13 passengers in a Toyota Hi-Ace. All our vehicles are serviced quarterly to meet regulations. Our vehicles have tinted windows for heat protection and great air-conditioning.

All our vehicles are equipped with:

- Stainless steel water bottles and cold re-fill station
- First aid kit x 2
- Insect repellent and sun screen
- Umbrellas
- On board library kit
- Several phone chargers and USB ports
- Flashlights
- Communal Binoculars
- Flora and fauna ID books
- Ipad for photo sharing and interpretation
- Safety and recovery gear
- Large luggage storage area/trailers if needed

What we recommend our guests to bring along:

- Day pack
- Camera
- Natural coloured, light weight clothing
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Hats and sunglasses for UV protection

Our vehicles are not equipped with microphones. We talk 'to' our guests not 'at' our guests. This is the essence of high quality interpretation.



JAMES



Owner and nature guide James Boettcher fell in love with guiding in his early twenties. The prospect of sharing and interpreting what he loves most, nature, was an unrivalled opportunity. James has guided wildlife and nature safaris in Northern Australia for over 12 years and has been based in Cairns since 1998. His passion and enthusiasm for the region is highly contagious. With a particular interest in the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, James most enjoys interpreting the evolutionary history of the tropical rainforest and its invaluable story.

James loves to share photography tips and is usually found birdwatching on his days off.

KELVIN



Home for Kelvin Marshall is North Queensland but over the course of 20 years, Kelvin has travelled extensively overseas with a special focus on South East Asia, Africa and Europe. He has been very fortunate to photograph some of the last remaining wilderness regions throughout S.E. Asia where it has given him the opportunity both to view and photograph the diverse, unique and rare species of the flora and fauna of these sensitive areas.

Kelvin's life-long fascination and empathy with the natural world is immediately apparent from the photos he takes, many of which have won awards and appear regularly in international magazines and publications. His extensive knowledge and enthusiasm along with experience in the field will make all the difference to your success and enjoyment on tour.

MATT



In 2009 Matt moved to Far North Queensland as he developed his professional captive animal career. Focusing on Reptiles, Matt's passion for Crocodiles and venomous snakes' sky rocketed as he learned firsthand the complexities of such misunderstood creatures. Matt has since shifted his career to Tour Guiding, an opportunity where he can share his 'Backyard' with people from all over the world. You can find Matt trekking, cruising and climbing his way through some of the most unique natural places in the world as he attempts to find some of the world's most fascinating creatures.



Solar Whisper Wildlife Cruises operate our river wildlife and crocodile tours. They are 100% electric Electric boats that allow you to glide down the river with no impact on the environment - see, hear and smell nature with no exhaust or petrol fumes. Seating is along the edges so everyone has a window seat with a good view.

OUR PARTNERS



The AQC are a not for profit organisation, now in their sixth year of operation. Several Species Recovery Units are now established in Victoria and North Queensland. AQC emphasises the need for the recovery of these species in those areas, with unique, innovative and non-invasive monitoring methods that transcend current Animal Ethics, scientific methodologies and requirements.



A membership based organisation. Australian Wildlife Journeys addresses these needs by grouping together like-minded, independently owned and operated small businesses, passionate about raising the profile of authentic Australian wildlife encounters within natural habitats, combined with world-class hospitality.

PROUD SUPPORTERS OF



Far North Queensland Wildlife Rescue Association (FNQWR) is an independent, not for profit, incorporated volunteer organisation operating under permit from the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection. Our guides are active and passionate volunteers for FNQ Wildlife Rescue. While in our down time we are 'on call' to perform rescues of injured or orphaned wildlife. A great opportunity for us to give back to our native fauna.



Bush Heritage Australia is an independent not-for-profit that buys and manages land and also partners with Aboriginal people to conserve our magnificent landscapes and irreplaceable native species forever.

We make a monthly donation to support positive projects and impacts throughout vast wilderness areas of Australia.



An Australian based charity launched in 2018, Forever Wild has a bold vision spanning centuries yet to come, for nature and human society. We envision a world in which there will always be vast and wild places, rich in biological diversity and human culture. Forever Wild is truly unique and is building innovative partnerships worldwide to create vast Shared Earth Reserves that are ecologically, politically and socially sustainable.

We began a partnership with Forever Wild in 2019 and in doing so, gained exclusive access to a private shared earth reserve 90 minutes from Cairns.



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Business Vision:

Far North Queensland's leading wildlife tour operator creating unforgettable and life-changing connections with the natural world and inspiring our visitors to become ambassadors for its preservation and protection.

Business Mission:

We provide unrivalled nature and wildlife encounters on our small group tours through exclusive sites access, exceptional customer service, passionate interpretive guiding and a deep understanding of native wildlife and the natural environment.

We are committed to the preservation and support of native flora and fauna through responsible eco-tourism.





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