

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Discover the accessible Australian Outback and remarkable Chillagoe Caves on this unique and immersive full-day tour from Cairns.

Sample the local produce at Skybury Farms, visit the Chillagoe-Mungana Caves National Park with its remarkable limestone caves, Balancing Rock, Wullumba Aboriginal rock art, and a historically significant mining site. Meet the locals over lunch at a fair-dinkum Aussie pub and hand-feed rare and endangered Mareeba Rock Wallabies in their native habitat at Granite Gorge.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Picking up at your accommodation in a Billy Tea Safaris custom 4WD vehicle, discover the accessible Australian Outback on this unique and immersive full-day tour from Cairns.

Travelling inland, witness the transition from coastal rainforest clad mountains to dry-tropical woodland, mixed-use farming land and the spectacular karst landscapes of the Chillagoe-Mungana Caves National Park.

The tablelands region around Mareeba is a valuable food-bowl generating a wide variety of produce such as avocados, mangoes, limes, lychees, table grapes, sugarcane and cotton. Morning tea is served on the scenic deck at Skybury Café, Australia’s leading producers of sweet red-papaya and some outstanding Arabica coffee!

We drive on towards Chillagoe across the bed of a former inland sea, on the lookout for majestic Wedge Tailed Eagles, Kangaroos & Emus while your guide points out other distinctive flora and fauna. Small outback communities and historic mining towns contrast with modern-day wind turbines visible on the nearby Emerald Range.

On arrival at Chillagoe, join a ranger guided tour through one of the regions remarkable limestone caves, 400-million years in the making.

With torch in hand, learn about the formation of the caves impressive decorations including Stalactites, Stalagmites and brilliant sparkling crystals. This cool, dark environment is home to a range of illusive creatures, including echolocating micro-bats, white-rumped swiftlets, and the harmless spotted python whose ability to prey using heat sensing pits is perfectly adapted to life in a low light environment.

Back above ground, enjoy a photo opportunity at the extraordinary Balancing Rock before a short walk to the neighbouring Wullumba Rock Art Site providing a glimpse into more than 37,000 years of local indigenous occupation.

The Chillagoe Smelters employed over 1000 people in it’s prime, processing Copper, Lead, Silver and Gold contributing significantly to the regional economy. Ceasing operations in 1943 these eerie abandoned structures stand as a testament to the regions mining heritage.

Say g’day to the locals as we refresh with lunch and a cold drink at a fair-dinkum Aussie pub before our final stop at Granite Gorge with the opportunity to hand-feed the rare and endangered Mareeba Rock Wallabies in their natural habitat.

OUTBACK & CHILLAGOE CAVES

Tour code: CCT

01-April 2025 to 31-March 2026

|                    | Retail |
|--------------------|--------|
| Adult              | \$239  |
| Child (4-16 years) | \$179  |
| Family (2A, 2C)    | \$750  |

- Tour includes return transfers from Cairns
- Transfers ex Palm Cove add \$35pp nett
- Transfers ex Port Douglas add \$100pp nett (min2)
- Self-drive, meet guide at [Canopy’s Edge bus stop](#)

DEPARTS: Monday / Wednesday / Friday

DOES NOT OPERATE:  
25-December ; 01-January

TOUR ITINERARY

|              | Start | Finish | Duration   |
|--------------|-------|--------|------------|
| Cairns       | 06:50 | 18:30  | 11.5 hours |
| Palm Cove    | 06:45 | 18:15  | 11.5 hours |
| Port Douglas | 05:50 | 19:00  | 13 hours   |

WHAT TO BRING

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Refillable water bottle
- Hat, sunglasses, sunscreen
- Cash / card for any additional purchases

TOUR BASIS

- FIT / Group / Private charter (POA)
- Up to 19 passengers per vehicle
- Up to 3 vehicles per day
- English speaking tour guide

BOOK AS A MULTI-DAY PACKAGE WITH

- Evolution Outer Great Barrier Reef Cruise
- Billy Tea Safaris Daintree & Cape Tribulation
- Kuranda Scenic Rail & Skyrail Rainforest Cableway

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

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API connectivity (ResPax) and agent logins available

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[www.billytea.com.au](http://www.billytea.com.au) | [Image Gallery](#)

[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

- Pick-up included from Cairns City accommodation
- Knowledgeable and engaging outback nature guide
- Travel diverse landscapes, from Rainforest clad ranges to open dry Woodland on a mix of sealed roads and dusty outback tracks
- See tropical farmlands and sample local produce at Skybury
- Regular sightings of Kangaroos, Emu's & majestic Wedge Tailed Eagles
- Explore the remarkable Chillagoe Caves on a Ranger guided tour
- Visit Balancing rock and see remnants of ancient Aboriginal Rock Art
- Visit Chillagoe's historically significant mining site and smelter ruins
- Meet the locals over lunch at a fair-dinkum, Aussie outback pub
- Hand-feed rare & endangered Rock Wallabies at Granite Gorge
- Local family-owned and operated for over 40 years

*Itinerary inclusions and the order in which they are visited may vary on the day subject to weather, road conditions, river levels and ultimately guide discretion. Sections of the tour involve short walks in warm conditions on uneven ground, as well as some stairs without handrails. A basic level of mobility and fitness is required.*

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