

KAT PASS Basic

Byron Bay - Cairns

Duration: Minimum 9 Days, Maximum 12 months

Group Size: Min 4 / Max 40

Age Requirement: 18+, 16-17 with parental consent

Byron Bay to Rainbow Beach (1-3 days)

G'day mate and welcome to your adventure! This morning we cross the border from New South Wales into Queensland. Our destination today is Rainbow Beach, but those with more time might want to hop off and explore tourist hot spot Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast, Queensland's capital city of Brisbane, or the upmarket resort town of Noosa. Tomorrow you'll begin your Fraser Island adventure (make sure you've booked in the dates in advance with Stray). Once you've checked-in, you'll have a safety briefing for your Fraser Island 4WD trip.

Accommodation: Your choice in either Noosa or Rainbow Beach

Optional Paid Activities: 3 Day / 2 Night Fraser Island tours - available from both Noosa & Rainbow Beach

Activities Included: Walk to Carlo Sand Blow

Rainbow Beach to Emu Park

After stopping briefly to pick up those who stayed in Noosa, we depart from Cooroy on our first train journey of the trip. Kick back for a scenic train ride to Rockhampton, where we meet the bus and your Stray Guide to head to our next Strademark destination, Emu Park. While at Emu Park you'll have the option to visit stunning Great Keppel Island, snorkel with turtles and hike to some secluded white sand beaches (extra cost); or you can choose to do your own thing!

Please Note: Some trips may have an extra night at Emu Park.

Accommodation: Emu's Beach Resort

Emu Park to Airlie Beach (Overnight Train)

Today we recommend opting to visit the highlight of the area, Great Keppel Island, a tropical island paradise at the southern end of the Great Barrier Reef. Catch the ferry for a day of snorkeling or kayaking (extra cost) before exploring the island itself in search of the perfect white sand beach for a little afternoon rest and relaxation. Tonight, we'll gather together for dinner at Emu's Beach Resort before we catch our first overnight train to Airlie Beach.

Accommodation: Overnight train (included)

Optional Paid Activities: Great Keppel Island, snorkeling or kayaking, lawn bowls

Free Activities: Relax on the beach, swim, go for a walk

Airlie Beach (1-3 days)

The train arrives in Prosperine early in the morning. Your Airlie-based Stray Guide will meet you at the train and accompany you on the bus into Airlie Beach. They'll help you store your bags, and then grab breakfast (extra cost) and give you a brief orientation of the town to help you get your bearings. You'll have the rest of your day free in Airlie

Beach to do as you please. Airlie Beach is the gateway to the famous Whitsunday Islands, another backpacker favourite. Many people choose to hop off here and do a multi-day sailing trip, but it is also possible to do a day tour. You can also choose to join your guide for a hike in the rainforest to see amazing almost 360-degree views of Airlie and the Whitsunday Islands.

Accommodation: Your choice of central hostel

Activities Included: Orientation walk, guided hike in the rainforest, swim in the lagoon

Optional Paid Activities: 2 Day / 1 Night Whitsunday Islands tours, skydiving

Airlie Beach to Magnetic Island

You'll be up with the parakeets this morning with a medley of transport to catch today. Travelling by bus, train and ferry (oh my!) we arrive at our destination of Magnetic Island in the late morning. Nearly 50% of 'Maggie Island' is national park land, and it's chock-full of amazing beaches and abundant wildlife. Your legendary local guide will meet you at the train station and then join you on a scenic walk to either the beautiful Radical Bay beach or the historic Forts Complex for incredible views and amazing photo opportunities. Join in the group pizza dinner tonight (extra cost).

Please Note: Some trips may have an extra night at Magnetic Island.

Accommodation: Your choice of hostel near the beach

Activities Included: Fort Complex walk and/or Radical Bay walking tour, swim, explore the island

Optional Paid Activities: Snorkelling, hire a 4WD, rent a kayak

Magnetic Island to Cairns

We catch the ferry back to the mainland in the morning, and travel by train to tropical Cairns. We'll arrive in the afternoon just in time to check out the bustling Cairns Night Markets where we can grab a delicious bite, a cold beer and hunt for a bargain.

Accommodation: Your choice of central hostel

Cairns

You have a free day in Cairns to explore this stunning destination. You could swim amongst colourful fish and turtles at the Great Barrier Reef, go skydiving, or take a day trip to the Atherton Tablelands Rainforest Experience where you can walk through a lush rainforest, visit the oldest living history museum and swim under crystal clear waterfalls. If you just want to soak up the sun and relax, check out the beautiful Northern beaches or the Cairns lagoon where you can go for a swim and chill out with a refreshing drink.

Accommodation: Your choice of central hostel

Optional Paid Activities: White water rafting, bungy jumping, Great Barrier Reef trips, Atherton Tablelands Rainforest Experience - includes morning tea and lunch.

What's Included:

Transport: Private Bus, Ferry, Train, local bus transfers

Guide: Byron Bay - Rainbow Beach: Driver Guide on bus sectors

Rainbow Beach - Cairns: Self-guided train sectors with In-Location Guides to greet you when you arrive and show you the best bits

Activities:

- Carlo Sand Blow walk, Rainbow Beach
- Airlie Orientation and Guided Rainforest Walk
- Forts Complex and/or Radical Bay Walking Tour, Magnetic Island

What's Not Included:

- All meals
- Accommodation and additional activities

This Itinerary is a guide. Given the spontaneous nature of our trips and lack of control over Australia's weather (!), what we do each day might occasionally vary.

Teilnehmer: min 4 bis max. 40 Personen (Mindestalter 18 Jahre, 16-17 Jahre in Begleitung der Eltern)

Transport: Bus, Fähre, Zug

Includierte Mahlzeiten: keine

Gepäck Limit: 15 kg, please bring a soft sided bag only

Rollstuhlgeeignet: nein

Geeignet für Menschen mit eingeschränkter Mobilität: ja (genauere Informationen auf Anfrage)

Die Sprache während der Tour ist englisch