



Palm Cockatoo - Clifford and Dawn Smith

Cape York Peninsula

Travel Map

How to experience Cape York's special places.



THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY

A Conservation Economy

There are a number of businesses and community enterprises that reveal the priceless and diverse nature and culture of Cape York Peninsula. On your visit, make sure you look for the following experiences.

1. Chuulangun campgrounds

Kaanju traditional owner David Claudie describes his way of caring for his country as "ancient but new". The Kaanju proposal for Cape York's first Indigenous Protected Area would protect 470 000 hectares. Cuscus and Palm Cockatoos can be found here by the Wenlock River. www.kaanjungaachi.com.au

2. Lockhart Art Gang

Lockhart River is home to a renowned collective known as the Lockhart Art Gang. Their work is sold in galleries Australia wide. You can buy paintings direct from the gallery in Lockhart River and have them shipped home. www.artgang.com.au

3. Lotus Bird Lodge

Well known among Australian and international birdwatchers, these cabins, nestled among the paperbarks, overlook a lagoon teeming with magpie geese, egrets and other waterbirds. www.lotusbird.com.au

4. Quinkan Regional Cultural Centre

The Quinkan galleries are among the oldest and most spectacular rock art sites in the world. UNESCO listed them as one of the top 10 rock art sites on earth. The interpretive centre in Laura describes the history of the indigenous people, pastoralists and the European and Chinese miners.

There are tours to the galleries with Kuku Thaypan elder Dr Tommy George, whose contributions to linguistic and cultural research saw James Cook University award him an Honorary Doctorate. www.quinkancc.com.au

5. Aurukun Fishing Charters and Aurukun Wetland Charters

On the Fishing Charters, fish with the experts and benefit from the enormous advantage of the skills and knowledge of the traditional owners of the area. On the Wetland Charters, join the tour guides for a unique experience of an untouched natural world, with interpretation and insight from the Wik people and their ancient culture. www.aurukunfishingcharters.com www.aurukunwetlandcharters.com

6. Guurrbi Tours

Nugal-warra Elder Willie Gordon, who leads rock art and bush medicine tours, will give you a memorable and insightful experience in the south eastern corner of the Peninsula. www.guurrbitours.com

7. John Charlton Cape York Adventures

Sports fishing or pure adventure trips to sites such as turtle rookeries. www.capeyorkadventures.com.au

8. Jowalbinna Rock Art Safari Camp

The most accessible rock art in Cape York, part of the Quinkan galleries. Camping, cabins, guided tours, swimming. 35 km from Laura. This is an incredible place with the real spirit of Cape York. The Safari Camp is reopening in 2007. www.jowalbinna.com.au

9. Mapoon Turtle Rescue

A world renowned adventure and conservation project where visitors help protect threatened marine turtles on the magnificent remote coasts of the western Peninsula. www.capeyorkturtlerescue.com

10. Pormpuraaw Arts and Culture Centre

Many artworks here are of totems of particular local families, such as the crocodile or brolga. Artwork is for sale, proceeds of which go to supporting cultural obligations of the local people. www.pormpuraaw.qld.gov.au

11. Portland House

Holiday home accommodation near the Iron Range NP. "You can sit on the verandah overlooking the Coral Sea and marvel at nature's magnificence."

"Cape York is one of the last great wilderness areas on the planet. The intention is to foster appreciation and conservation of the area for the future." www.portlandhouse.com.au

12. Punsand Bay Lodge

Punsand Bay Camping Resort is 5 km west of the tip of Cape York. You can watch the sun rise over the Coral Sea in the Pacific and set over the Arafura Sea in the Indian Ocean. There is a ferry from here to Thursday Island. www.punsand.com.au

13. Wrights Wilderness Safaris

Fishing in the estuaries and coasts of the far north. "Tim, Gary and Lesley's motto is "fish for the future" and while a fish for dinner is welcome, we fully support catch-take a photo-and release fishing." www.capeyorkcustomsportfishing.com.au

14. Wunthulpu Cultural Centre, Coen

Named for the mountain that stands over the town, this centre has art and craft for sale and photographic displays on the local history. www.coencapeyork.com

Coral Princess Cruises

This small cruise ship takes an incredible journey up the wild east coast of Cape York Peninsula through the turquoise waters of the Coral Sea ending at the tip of Australia. www.coralprincess.com.au

Traditional Knowledge Revival Pathways

The TKRP office is based in Cairns, but their work and knowledge is from Cape York. Documentaries such as "Water We Know" about indigenous water knowledge is recommended viewing before you visit. www.tkrp.com.au

Wilderness Challenge

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