



ROO SELECT 15 Day Byron Bay to Cairns Tour

Stray Journey - Australia East Coast

TWIN SHARE PER PERSON: AUD\$6345

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: AUD\$1750

STARTS: Byron Bay **FINISHES:** Cairns

DURATION: 15 Days / 14 Nights

START DAY: Sunday

FINISH DAY: Sunday

2025 DEPARTURES: 14 Sept, 12 & 26 Oct, 9 & 23 Nov, 7 Dec

2026 DEPARTURES: 18 & 25 Jan, 8 & 22 Feb, 8 & 15 Mar, 12 & 26 Apr, 17 May, 21 June, 19 July, 16 Aug, 13 Sep, 11 & 25 Oct, 8 & 22 Nov, 6 Dec

MIN. / MAX. NUMBERS: 6 / 22 passengers



Overview

The Roo lives life to the fullest and this 15-Day Tour from vibrant Byron Bay to tropical Cairns is all about fun without compromising on comfort. Stay in twin or double private rooms on the epic adventure.

You'll explore the world's largest sand island on a 4WD expedition, sail through the idyllic Whitsunday Islands and get off the beaten track in our own private mini coach for walks, lookouts and waterfalls along the way. With a local guide (who will share their insider knowledge) and a bunch of like-minded travellers (who will become lifelong friends) you'll explore everything that Straya has to offer in style!

We believe in MORE! More authentic experiences, more iconic sights, more stops on the way, more connection. Keep a look out for sections in our itinerary where you can **See More** and **Do More**, these are unique ways to experience the Real Australia!

Day 1 - Sunday: Byron Bay to Brisbane via Surfers Paradise

This morning, meet your guide and group outside the Surf House hostel at 8:50am and we'll depart north across the NSW border to Queensland, stopping for some lunch and a walk around the famous Surfers Paradise. Next, we'll head to a nearby nature reserve to spot some wild kangaroos, before continuing to Brisbane, the capital city of Queensland for the night. This evening, we recommend going for a stroll down to Southbank for a walk along the Brisbane River and then check out some of the many bars and restaurants.

Accommodation: Roamer Brisbane or similar

Meal options: Self-cater, local cafes, restaurants

Included activities: Visit Surfers Paradise, kangaroo spotting

Free activities: Explore Brisbane and catch the Brisbane city ferry

Day 2 - Monday: Brisbane to Noosa

This morning we say farewell to the city and head back to the Coast and the boutique beach town of Noosa. We'll stop along the way to stretch our legs and see the amazing panoramic views of the Glasshouse Mountains and the Sunshine Coast before enjoying some lunch in the quirky town of Eumundi, known for its artisanal crafts. We'll go for another walk to see some views of Noosa and the gorgeous Noosa headlands before arriving at our accommodation in the afternoon.

Accommodation: Villa Noosa or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Meal options: Self-cater, local cafes, dinner at onsite restaurant or hostel across the road

Free activities: Swim, walks, lookouts

Day 3 - Tuesday: Noosa Free Day

Today you have a completely free day to spend doing whatever you like. Noosa is home to Australia's Everglades (one of only two on the planet). Consider taking an adventure canoe or a relaxing afternoon cruise to explore this special place.

Other options include: relaxing by the pool, going for a walk around the incredible headland, visiting the beach or having a long, lazy lunch in the sun. The Noosa Surf Club is one of our faves so if you'd like to go out for dinner, you can't go wrong with this local hotspot!

Accommodation: Villa Noosa or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Meal options: Self-cater, local cafes, restaurants

Free activities: Chilling by the pool, going for a walk in the National Park, visiting the famous beach or checking out the local boutiques and cafes

Optional paid activities: Everglades Cruise and/or Canoe

Day 4 - Wednesday: Noosa to K'gari (formerly Fraser Island)

It's an early start this morning as you head out for your 3-day, 2-night K'gari (formerly Fraser Island) adventure. During this amazing experience you'll explore the largest sand island in the world on a 4WD expedition, see the magical Lake Boorangoora (McKenzie), discover towering rainforests, spot a wild dingo, cruise along endless sandy beaches and lose yourself in the magic of stargazing. If you fancy learning how to drive a 4WD, you can do that! This is going to be one of the best experiences of your whole trip and is definitely the coolest way to explore this world-heritage listed National Park.

After a bus, ferry and 4WD transfer, you'll arrive at The Eco Retreat on K'gari (your accommodation for the next 2 nights). You'll have some tasty lunch and then you can check out the retreat's ocean views before heading out for your first adventure to see some of the Island highlights. This evening, you'll arrive back at The Eco Retreat to enjoy dinner, practice throwing a boomerang, share stories and learn to play the didgeridoo around the campfire. Tonight, you'll be lulled to sleep by the sound of the waves as you settle into your beautiful glamping accommodation.

Accommodation: Glamping Tents with Ensuites at The Eco Retreat

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Snacks

Included activities: K'gari adventure tour

***Do More:** Take part in a beach clean up on the island of K'gari and contribute to keeping this piece of paradise as nature intended.*

Day 5 - Thursday: K'gari (formerly Fraser Island)

This morning, wake up to the gorgeous golden sunrise over the ocean, enjoy breakfast and get ready for a fun-filled morning exploring K'gari and her hidden treasures. Enjoy lunch on the beach and then spend the afternoon discovering more lakes (there are over 100!) and epic views before arriving back at The Eco Retreat in time for another dinner under the stars and some fun evening activities.

Accommodation: Glamping Tents with Ensuites at The Eco Retreat

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Snacks

Included activities: K'gari adventure tour

Day 6 - Friday: K'gari (formerly Fraser Island) to Bundaberg

After breakfast today you'll hit the inland tracks to discover towering trees and take one last refreshing dip, enjoy lunch in the forest and then begin your journey back to the mainland, arriving into Rainbow Beach around mid-afternoon ready for your next journey north up to Bundaberg.

Bundaberg is well-known for sugarcane, rum, ginger beer and more recently has been called the 'Bundaberg Bowl' for its reputation of growing and producing fresh food that's served across the country. Your accommodation in Bundaberg is a relaxed eco-resort, this time you'll be located by a nature reserve in the coastal suburb of Bargara and have access to a spa, sauna, tennis courts and more (we know, we treat you good!).

Accommodation: Kelly's Beach Resort in villas or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks

Included activities: K'gari adventure tour

Day 7 - Saturday: Bundaberg / Bargara

This morning we'll have breakfast at the resort and then head to a nearby Coral Farm for a special land-based reef experience. Have a behind-the-scenes look at the incredible beauty and science of coral cultivation and the future of reef restoration. There are over 70,000 individual corals and 200 marine species for you to view!

We'll then head to Bundaberg township for lunch, after which we'll visit the Bundaberg Rum Distillery and if you're keen, a tasting of their iconic rum (extra cost). In the afternoon, relax, take a walk on the beach or why not play a game of tennis at the resort?

If you'd prefer a full day out on the water and the chance to visit the Southern part of the Great Barrier Reef, your guide can book you onto the incredible Lady Musgrave Experience for a full day of snorkelling, a boat cruise, guided island walk and delicious food.

Tonight, we'll have a traditional Aussie BBQ dinner at the resort.

Accommodation: Kelly's Beach Resort in villas or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Included Activities: Coral Farm Tour and Distillery Visit

Meal options: Self-cater, local cafes, restaurants

Optional paid activities: Lady Musgrave Full Day Tour, Rum Tasting

Free activities: Swimming, tennis or checking out Bargara Beach

Day 8 - Sunday: Bundaberg to Airlie Beach

Today is a big travelling day to Airlie Beach, the gateway to the amazing Whitsunday Islands, so load up on snacks and we'll get the tunes going to get us through the day. We'll make some stops to stretch our legs and arrive in Airlie in the evening.

Accommodation: Colonial Palms or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Meal options: Self-cater, local cafes, bakery, restaurants

Day 9 - Monday: Airlie Beach to Whitsunday Islands

Today you'll head out on the water to see the spectacular Whitsundays Islands up close. Sit back and enjoy the sea air on-board the largest sailing catamaran in The Whitsundays. Sail through the Islands, visit Whitehaven Beach, snorkel the fringing reef and enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch with all-inclusive drinks.

Accommodation: Colonial Palms or similar

Included Activity: Whitsunday Islands catamaran sailing tour including Whitehaven Beach, snorkelling and all-inclusive drinks

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Meal options: Local cafes, restaurants & bars

Day 10 - Tuesday: Airlie Beach Free Day

Today is yours to explore. Enjoy a sleep in, relax by the pool, take a stroll around Airlie's boutique shops or along the 4km waterfront Bicentennial Boardwalk. If you'd like to see the Whitsundays Islands from above, book in for a skydive or scenic flight (optional extra) over the Islands and outer Great Barrier Reef (including Heart Reef).

Accommodation: Colonial Palms or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Optional paid activities: Scenic Flight, Skydive

Free activities: Relax by the pool or the Airlie lagoon, Bicentennial Boardwalk

Day 11 - Wednesday: Airlie Beach to Magnetic Island

Enjoy your final morning in Airlie Beach. Your Adventure buddies will join you again around lunch time and we'll jump back on the bus and head north to Townsville. We'll then catch the ferry over to our next destination of Magnetic Island in the late afternoon. Nearly 50% of 'Maggie Island' is national parkland, and it's surrounded by amazing beaches and abundant wildlife. Your guide will fill you in on the activities you can do around the island over the next couple of days.

Accommodation: Bounce Magnetic Island in cabins (shared facilities) or similar.

Meals included: Breakfast

Meal options: Self-cater, local cafes, restaurants

Included Activities: Magnetic Island Ferry

See More: *This island paradise is your best chance on the East Coast to see koalas in the wild. Keep your eyes out for these sleepy marsupials, rock wallabies, and colourful birds as you explore the forested island.*

Day 12 - Thursday: Magnetic Island Free Day

Today you will wake up in paradise and have a full free day to explore. This beautiful island is home to the historic Forts Complex, which you see in a scenic walk with your Guide. At the end, you'll be rewarded with some incredible views over the island and ocean beyond. Spend the rest of your day relaxing on the secluded beaches, hiking through native bush or searching for wildlife! Top tip: stay alert and keep your eyes on the trees, Maggie Island is one of the best places in Australia to see koalas in the wild!

Accommodation: Bounce Magnetic Island in cabins (shared facilities) or similar.

Meals included: Breakfast

Meal options: Self-cater, bakery or cafes

Included Activities: Forts Complex walk

Free activities: Explore the island, relax on the beach, spot koalas

Optional activities: Snorkel

Day 13 - Friday: Magnetic Island to Cairns via Josephine Falls

This morning we'll catch the ferry back to the mainland and then we'll get on the road again and head to our final destination of our tour, Cairns - the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.

On the way, we'll stop in Tully (home of the giant Gumboot), for a lunch break, then head to the beautiful Josephine Falls for a walk through lush rainforest and, if conditions allow, a refreshing swim

Tonight, we're staying at an amazing resort that has its own person-made beach! We'll have a group dinner at the resort before heading out to experience the legendary Cairns nightlife.

Accommodation: Gilligans Cairns or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Meal options: Self-cater, local cafes, restaurants

Included activities: Magnetic Island ferry, swim, walk, waterfall

Day 14 - Saturday: Cairns Free Day

Today is a completely free day so if you were dancing into the early hours, enjoy a lazy sleep-in and perhaps a dip in the pool in the afternoon. If you're ready for another day of adventure, why not book a tour of Cape Tribulation or go to see the iconic Great Barrier Reef?

Accommodation: Gilligans Cairns or similar

Meal options: Self-cater, local cafes, restaurants

Free activities: Hang out at the resort pool, walk the Esplanade, visit the Botanical Gardens

Optional Activities: Cape Tribulation Day Trip, Great Barrier Reef trip, Kuranda Scenic Railway, Skydive, Rafting

Day 15 - Sunday: Cairns

Today is the final day of your Stray adventure. Give a hug or a wave to your new mates and head off for the next leg of your adventure, taking with you the most incredible memories, everything you've learned about Australia's special culture and wildlife, and of course some classic Aussie lingo - G'DAY MATES!

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.

What's Included:

- Experienced tour guide
- Private coach transport

- 14 nights' accommodation in twin or double rooms in a range of hostels, backpacker resorts, eco-lodges, apart from 2 nights K'gari/formerly Fraser Island (glamping tents with ensuites).
- 20 meals (12 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners)
- Free time in Noosa and Magnetic Island
- 3 Day / 2 Night K'gari 4WD Safari Tour
- Coral Farm Tour & Distillery Visit, Bundaberg
- Whitsunday Islands catamaran day tour including Whitehaven Beach, snorkelling, lunch and all-inclusive drinks
- Return Magnetic Island Ferry
- Historic Forts Complex walk Magnetic Island
- Josephine Falls visit and swim
- Loads more walks and wildlife
- Beautiful beaches, lakes, lookouts, and so much more!

What to Bring:

Camera, Sneakers/trainers, Clothing (mainly light layers but some warm items), Waterproof jacket, Hat & Sunscreen, Swimsuit/towel, Reusable water bottle, Toiletries, Motion sickness tablets, Insect repellent

Please Note:

- This tour starts on a Sunday and ends on a Sunday (15 days later).
- Pick up: Outside The Surf House hostel, 23 Lawson St, Byron Bay at 8:50am.
- Drop off: Gilligans Backpacker Resort & Hotel, 89 Grafton St, Cairns. Check out is 10am.
- Luggage is limited to one piece per person with a maximum weight of 20kg plus a day pack
- A basic to medium level of fitness is required for walks and activities
- The Stray Select and Adventure Tour customers travel together on the same bus and have the same travel days except for the Airlie Beach / Whitsunday section (Days 10 and 11). There is an option for Select Tour travellers to take part in the 2 day / 2 night sailing adventure but they would need to notify Stray at the time of booking. Please note that the 2 day / 2 night sailing boat includes shared dorm style accommodation only.
- All accommodation rooms are twin/double share (unless you purchase a solo upgrade) and include a private ensuite bathroom with the exception of the following:
 - your accommodation at Bounce Magnetic Island where bathrooms are separate and shared between up to 4 people.
- Single travellers will be put in a twin room with another single traveller of the same gender. For single travellers wanting a private room, they will need to purchase a solo upgrade.
- 20 meals are included. We make regular supermarket stops so you can self-cater for other meals, or there are usually quite a few cafe/restaurant options in each location.

- This tour is suited to active 18-60's singles, friends or couples who still want to see it all but with a side of comfort.

Highlights:

Waterfalls, sand islands, sailing, wildlife spotting! There are so many awesome inclusions with the Stray Roo Byron Bay to Cairns Select Tour and we can't wait for you to experience them:

- Drop into the iconic **Surfers Paradise** and enjoy views of kilometres of golden sand beaches
- Spend a night in the buzzing riverside city of **Brisbane**
- Visit the Sunshine Coast and live it up in the resort town of **Noosa**
- Embark on a 3-day 4WD Safari to **K'gari** (formerly Fraser Island). Drive along the beach and through the rainforest, visit a shipwreck, swim in crystal clear waters, before relaxing around a campfire under the stars
- Stay in the relaxed seaside town of Barga, partake in a **Coral Farm tour** and visit the famous Bundaberg Rum distillery
- Explore the breath-taking **Whitsunday Islands** on a catamaran sailing day tour visiting the famous Whitehaven Beach, snorkel over amazing fringing reef and enjoy a BBQ lunch onboard with all-inclusive drinks.
- Embrace your inner nature-lover on **Magnetic Island**, a wildlife paradise filled with koalas and wallabies
- Take a break at Josephine Falls for a walk through the lush rainforest and optional swim
- Enjoy the relaxed **Cairns** tropical lifestyle and the fun nightlife that it's famous for!