

Riverbend Tours

Don't miss the opportunity to experience the Endeavour River at this special time of day. Nick, experienced skipper and guide from Riverbend Tours, takes you on a journey of exploration and history while you enjoy a complimentary cheese platter to accompany your drink of choice (BYO)

"This is Cooktown's best - magic meets sightseeing" - "Simply superb. This has to be the #1 thing to do in Cooktown"

Book via your accommodation
or phone Nick 0411 836 155

Sunset Cruise



Getting to Cooktown

Mulligan highway



This great **sealed** inland road takes you from Mt Molloy all the way to Cooktown. Don't miss the Gateway to the Cape Information stop and sculpture park at Lakeland.

The Bloomfield Track



This is an iconic 4WD track from Cape Tribulation to Bloomfield with a sealed road on to Cooktown. **Badly damaged in Jasper Floods, it's planned to reopen end June for**

genuine 4WD vehicles - no caravans or trailers - check conditions at Douglas Shire Website.



By air

Hinterland Aviation operate a great service from Cairns with 4 flights daily on weekdays and 1 on weekends.



By bus

Trans-North and Cairns Cooktown Express operate bus services from and to Cairns except Sunday



History, Adventure, Culture Cooktown's top attractions



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grassy hill



Take a (steep) walk or drive (plenty of parking) up Hope/Ann Streets to the top of Grassy Hill. See the historic working lighthouse. Share fabulous views of Cooktown, the Coral Sea and Endeavour River. Bring a picnic to watch the sunset.

cooktown museum



Discover our rich history in the beautiful old convent building. See the Endeavour's anchor and canon. Find out how the town prospered through the Gold Rush and enjoy stories of the local Guugu Yimithirr people.

reconciliation rocks



The rocks, new artwork and garden at the west end of Furneaux Street commemorate the historic first reconciliation between Europeans and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples On 18 July 1779.

keatings lagoon



Find this beautiful lagoon just outside Cooktown on the right before the Annan bridge. An easy path fringed with paperbarks takes you to the picnic spot at the end. Spy some of the waterbirds from the bird hide. (No dogs).

botanic gardens



Wander along the new pathways. Immerse yourself in the wonderful selection of lush tropical plants in one of Queensland's oldest Botanic Gardens. Enjoy the tranquility of tropical nature at its best. Finish with a refreshment at the delightful Nature's Powerhouse cafe

the history centre

Visit the old Post & Telegraph Office Building in Charlotte Street to relive Cooktown's past. It offers a unique insight into the intriguing history of the area with stories, photos, interactive displays, murals and oral histories



natures powerhouse



As well as the information Centre and cafe, the Powerhouse is home to the Vera Scarth-Johnson Gallery. Don't miss the wonderful illustrations of local flora including the Cooktown Orchid, Queensland's floral emblem.

historic charlotte street

Follow Charlotte Street down to Webber Esplanade. Take a 'Historic Trails' guide to check out the historic buildings and information signs along the way. Pop into the Old Bank of NSW for a coffee and admire the original red cedar counters



finch bay

At the end of Walker street is picturesque Finch Bay with great views of the Coral Sea and Cape Bedford. Take the walking track to Cherry Tree Bay, another beautiful spot.



waalmbal birri

Heritage & Culture Centre - showcases the interactions between the local Guugu Yimithirr people and the Endeavour crew during their 7 week stay and includes a replica of the Endeavour



waterfront walk

Follow Sherrin Esplanade towards the Coral Sea. Take the river of life path to where the Endeavour was beached. Check out the Milbi Wall and the wharf before heading to William Daku waterfront park.



cooktown cemetery

Find the Cemetery on Charlotte Street past the roundabout. A fascinating illustration of the many different people who ended up in Cooktown as well as the harsh realities of the past.

