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AUSTRALIA

2024-2025 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



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Gulf Savannah Wanderer



Cobbold Gorge

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Take a trip back in time at your leisure exploring Croydon's Historic Precinct, circa 1800s, and the Historic Village Herberton, replete with 50 restored period buildings.

📍 Iconic Sites

One of Australia's great rail journeys, the Savannahlander traverses the Wet Tropics

region of the Kuranda Range. The 1960's 'silver bullet' cuts a striking form en route to Forsayth.

🏞 Natural Wonders

Feel your spirit soar gazing at the striated sandstone cliffs of Cobbold Gorge, an ancient geological landform carved by rivers more than 10,000 years ago.

9 DAYS

Departure Dates

2024	2024 continued
May 22, 29	Aug 07, 14, 21, 28
Jun 05, 12, 19, 26	Sep 04, 11, 18, 25
Jul 03, 10, 17, 24, 31	Oct 02

Single traveller must pay the single price. See available prices at aatkings.com/qgs Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

8 Breakfasts B 8 Dinners D
9 Lunches L

Flight Information

Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Cairns Airport
Day 9 – We recommend that guests fly out the day after the tour returns to Cairns, as it may be delayed getting back into Cairns.

Flights are not included in the holiday price.
This holiday is operated by Heritage Tours.

As this holiday departs at 6.30am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Cairns – Malanda

Your journey begins on a high – literally – as you depart Cairns and weave north into the Atherton Tableland. There are lakes, record-breaking pines and Historic Village Herberton, a recreated tin mining town replete with shops and a pub. **Hotel: Malanda Lodge. L D**

2 Malanda – Georgetown

All aboard the 1960s Savannahlander train as it tracks towards Einasleigh in the Wet Tropics. Order a cold one at the pub or visit Copperfield Gorge before the 'silver bullet' chugs toward Georgetown. **Hotel: Latara Motel. B L D**

3 Georgetown – Karumba

The aquatic jewel of the Gulf Savannah, Croydon's Lake Belmore is the region's largest body of water. Karumba sits at the mouth of the Norman River on the Gulf of Carpentaria; it's a twitcher's delight, as you'll discover on a sunset cruise. **Hotel: Karumba Lodge, 2 nights. B L D**

4 Karumba

The Gulf of Carpentaria is a rare example of a shallow sea on top of a continent. It's a unique marine ecosystem that fosters all manner of fish, as you'll learn at the Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre & Hatchery. Feeling thirsty? Enjoy happy hour at Point Sunset. **B L D**

5 Karumba – Normanton

Explorers Burke and Wills came through this part of Queensland while surveying the gulf. Campsite 119 was their most northerly post. They didn't make it to Mutton Hole Wetlands Regional Park, but you will, with time for croc- and bird-watching. **Hotel: Gulflander Normanton. B L D**

6 Normanton – Cobbold Gorge

When the journey matters just as much as the destination, jump aboard the historic Gulflander train. As locals like to say, "it travels from nowhere to nowhere". But it sure is fun. **Hotel: Cobbold Gorge Cabins, 2 nights. B L D**

7 Cobbold Gorge

This ancient geological landform is distinguished by its narrow, striated sandstone formations and humbling 10-metre cliffs. Cruising here, the only sounds you'll hear are the wind and wildlife. **B L D**

8 Cobbold Gorge – Undara

Sleep in – we're in no rush today. Mt. Surprise for lunch, then entertainment around a campfire after dinner. **Hotel: Antique railway carriages or homestead cabins. B L D**

9 Undara – Farewell from Cairns

The Undara Lava Tubes were carved by the world's longest lava flow from a single volcano. Huge caves have formed along the tubes, creating a surreal underground world. Time to say see-you-later to the Savannah. **B L**



● START

● END

① Number of night stays

● Sightseeing stops

