

DISCOVER A TROPICAL PARADISE WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

Aircruising Southern Barrier Reef Aircruise

10 Days | 17 - 26 Apr 2021 | AUD\$11,995pp twin share | Single Supplement AUD\$1,750

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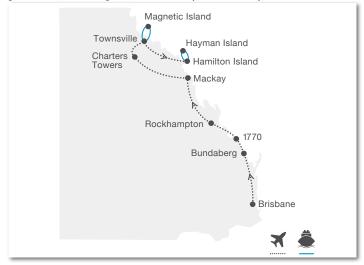
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EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience spectacular aerial sightseeing of the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef and Whitsundays including Lady Musgrave Island
- Luxury accommodation throughout including 2 nights at the exclusive InterContinental Hayman Resort located on its own private tropical island
- 💱 Explore ruggedly stunning Magnetic Island
- 💔 Rare platypus spotting at Broken River
- Discover the history of 1770 and see the thousands of Blue Tiger Butterflies on the Butterfly Walk
- Visit the iconic Bundaberg Rum Distillery and the Bundaberg Barrel
- 💔 Touring of Mackay, Rockhampton and Bundaberg
- Includes domestic economy flights to Brisbane and return from Hamilton Island*
- 💔 All touring, transfers and meals included
- 💱 Escorted throughout by a dedicated Journey Director

"Highlights were the luxury of accomplishing such a wide area in so brief a time span. The knowledge and friendliness of the staff at each location who guided us locally. A superb way to see Australia." Ms Rosemary Baiocchi, New York, USA oin Bill Peach Journeys, the leader in private aircraft travel for over 37 years and discover Australia's most magnificent natural treasure, the Great Barrier Reef. One of the seven wonders of the natural world, it is the only living thing on earth visible from space. Viewing this world heritage listed natural region up close in person and from your private aircraft is the perfect way to grasp the sheer magnitude of the southern expanse of the Great Barrier Reef while marvelling at its exceptional beauty.

We will explore the coastal towns that make up this region from Townsville in the north to Mackay, Rockhampton, 1770 and Bundaberg further south. No exploration of this stunning reef would be complete without visiting some of her 100 islands, including Magnetic Island and 2 nights at the luxurious and newly opened Hayman Island. Join us for a private aircraft odyssey of a tropical paradise and see a part of Australia you have only dreamt about.





Southern Barrier Reef By Private Aircraft

DAY 1 | ARRIVE BRISBANE

Arrive into Brisbane and transfer to the Marriott Brisbane Hotel, a centrally located stunning mixture of 5-star serenity and cutting-edge urban luxury alongside the Brisbane River. This afternoon we enjoy a city tour and discover what makes Australia's third largest capital the welcoming, spirited and energised subtropical city that it is. Meet your Journey Director and fellow travellers at a welcome dinner this evening.

Overnight: Marriott Brisbane Hotel or similar

DAY 2 | BRISBANE - BUNDABERG

After breakfast we board our private aircraft for our flight to Bundaberg. We will see, smell and taste our way through the process of making Australia's most famous spirit at the Bundaberg Rum Distillery. At the Bundaberg Barrel, we will discover another iconic local product, ginger beer and its other brewed drinks. Go behind-the-scenes and learn about the local food production industry in Bundaberg before transferring to the Manta Bargara Resort, a first class property overlooking Bargara Beach offering panoramic oceanfront views and resort facilities.

Overnight: Manta Bargara Resort or similar

DAY 3 | BUNDABERG - 1770

Today we board the aircraft for our flight to 1770. On the way, we enjoy exceptional sightseeing of the stunning Lady Musgrave Island, set on 3,000 acres of living reef with an azure protected lagoon. A truly unspoilt uninhabited Southern Barrier Reef island, it is nature's aquarium, aviary and rookery all in one.

Upon arrival, we learn the history of 1770, a coastal town in

the Gladstone region which was built on the site of the second landing in Australia by James Cook and the crew of HM Bark Endeavour in May 1770. We visit the Captain Cook Monument and walk along the 1770 Butterfly Walk to view the thousands of magnificent blue tiger butterflies as they flock to the town during their migration.

Overnight: 1770 Lagoons Resort or similar

Day 4 | 1770 - Rockhampton

We reboard our aircraft and fly on to the central Queensland town of Rockhampton. A historically rich city, most famous for being the beef capital of Australia, Rockhampton is a modern throwback to the heydays of Queensland's colonial past boasting heritage-listed streets and colonial buildings.

Tour the limestone Capricorn Caves, which originated in an ancient 380-million-year-old coral reef and today are a maze of small tunnels and larger chambers. Visit Mt Archer National Park for outstanding views of the area and stand at the iconic Tropic of Capricorn.

Overnight: Empire Hotel or similar

DAY 5 | ROCKHAMPTON - MACKAY

We fly on to Mackay today and tour this historic town that is set in the Pioneer Valley, home to lush coastal ranges and fertile plains. Tour the city centre's heritage and art deco buildings which are unique for a Queensland city and reflect Mackay's turbulent past. We transfer to the cool tranquillity of Broken River in Eungella National Park, one of the best locations in the world to see the platypus in the wild.

Overnight: Mackay Marina Hotel or similar





DAY 6 | MACKAY - CHARTERS TOWERS - TOWNSVILLE

We travel to the outback town of Charters Towers where the heritage streetscapes hark back to the gold rush days of the late 19th century. We tour this historical town learning about life in the late 1800's which is reflected in its colonial architecture, including the world's first stock exchange. Fly on to Townsville, gateway to Queensland's far north. A coastal city, Townsville is a vibrant mix of modern architecture and Federation-style buildings, bustling outdoor cafés, restaurants, boutiques and quirky galleries, all linked by a shady park-lined beach promenade.

Overnight: The Ville Resort & Casino or similar

Day 7 | Magnetic Island

Today we take a day trip to the ruggedly stunning Magnetic Island. Although Magnetic Island sits within the World Heritagelisted Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, the landscape here is different to the usual tropical rainforest found on many nearby islands. About 275 million years ago, nature's forces created an extraordinary landscape of rocky terrain and giant boulders. Magnetic Island has less rainfall than other Queensland islands so it has a dry tropical climate and is covered with eucalypt woodlands. Possessing the natural beauty and serenity of an untouched paradise, cameras at the ready as we tour today. Keep an eye out for koalas and rock wallabies, WWII military base ruins, secluded bays and magnificent national park beaches including Arthur, Radical and Florence Bay. Overnight: The Ville Resort & Casino or similar

DAY 8 | TOWNSVILLE - HAYMAN ISLAND

Reboard our private aircraft this morning for another scenically breathtaking flight over the Whitsundays, an archipelago of 74 tropical islands famed for its idyllic white beaches and crystal clear teal and azure waters. We cruise from Hamilton Island to our exceptional accommodation for 2 nights on Hayman Island. Overnight: InterContinental Hayman Island Resort

Day 9 | Hayman Island

A day at leisure to enjoy this world renowned island paradise. Overnight: InterContinental Hayman Island Resort

DAY 10 | DEPART HAMILTON ISLAND

After breakfast this morning we enjoy a launch transfer from Hayman Island back to Hamilton Island, where we will board our flight home. Say a fond farewell to new friends and take away memories of an unforgettable Barrier Reef adventure. "I think the whole tour was fantastic. Everything was excellent and the crew were so pleasant, helpful and obliging. In all a wonderful holiday. I am sure I will only travel in future on a Bill Peach holiday. As I am on my own I feel well looked after, fellow companions are very pleasant and easy to get on with."

Patricia Barton, Vermont, VIC













ABOUT AIRCRUISING

An Aircruise with Bill Peach Journeys is the perfect way to explore these hard to reach destinations in the style, speed and comfort of your own private aircraft. Travelling by private aircraft means that we can land directly in each location ensuring time on the ground is spent discovering each region. The style of aircraft is chosen to provide the best possible access into remote locations.

When you travel on an Aircruise everything is included. This means not only does your holiday include accommodation, dining and all excursions but every one of these elements is the finest in its class. Throughout the journey you will have a Journey Director on hand to look after each detail.

FITNESS LEVEL - EASY GOING

"The tour deserves special applause, it was a piece of art, flawless and exquisitely executed with first class care for the travellers... The Journey directors were superb, calm, totally in control, cheerful and knowledgeable." Kai Woehler, California, USA

Why Bill Peach Journeys?

- ♥ A name you can trust with over 37 years of experience in the luxury travel industry
- ♥ Fully inclusive journeys, all meals, accommodation, touring, entrance fees, porterage taxes and luggage
- Travel throughout the outback requires expert planning and organisation. Our Journey Planners ensure you enjoy an intimate exploration of the places visited in comfort and style
- A dedicated Journey Director that ensures you are looked after every step of the way
- 💱 Local professional guides at every location
- 70% of our travellers return to travel with us again within the first year of their initial journey

*Conditions Apply: Domestic economy flights are from Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Adelaide only.





