

**Itinerary for Texas A&M and Baylor Universities
North Queensland, Australia
22 May 2019 - 14 June 2019**



Note: Please ensure you read ahead so you are prepared for upcoming activities.

Wednesday 22 May Day 1: Magnetic Island

- 11:45 AM **For those arriving before 12:00 PM: Travel by coach to Castletown Shopping Centre (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Calypto Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- You will have about 1 hour and 15 minutes to buy lunch and groceries and visit a phone store.
- Please notify your family of your safe arrival.
- 1:30 PM **For those arriving before 12:00 PM: Travel by coach to Townsville Ferry Terminal (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Calypto Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 1:45 PM **For those arriving before 12:00 PM: Check in at SeaLink**
Your faculty leader will collect and distribute the ferry tickets. Please note; if you lose your ticket you will be responsible for replacing it.
- 1:55 PM **For those arriving before 12:00 PM: Board ferry**
You need to have your ferry ticket in hand to board the ferry.
- Please note: the ticket issued to you is for return transportation. Please ensure you keep your ticket somewhere safe so you have it for your return travel on May 25th.
- 2:15 PM **For those arriving before 12:00 PM: SeaLink Ferry: Townsville to Magnetic Island (travel time approximately 25 minutes)**
Phone: 07 4726 0800
- 2:40 PM **For those arriving before 12:00 PM: Disembark from ferry**
Please load your luggage onto the Sunbus coach that will be waiting for your group at the Magnetic Island Ferry Terminal.
- 2:45 PM **For those arriving before 12:00 PM: Travel by coach to Bungalow Bay Koala Village (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Sunbus, Phone: 07 4778 5130
- 3:00 PM **For those arriving before 12:00 PM: Check in to accommodation**
Unpack and settle in to your accommodation. Bungalow Bay staff will advise you on arrival where your welcome dinner and breakfasts will be served and about complimentary Wi-Fi access.
- Please note: when checking in to accommodations, check your room thoroughly for any damage. If you discover any existing damage, report it to reception immediately so you are not fined for it when you check out.
- 3:30 PM **For those arriving before 12:00 PM: Free time**
- 4:45 PM **For those arriving after 12:00 PM: Travel by coach to Townsville Ferry Terminal (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Calypto Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- Please notify your family of your safe arrival.
- 5:00 PM **For those arriving after 12:00 PM: Check in at SeaLink**
Your faculty leader will collect and distribute the ferry tickets. Please note; if you lose your ticket you will be responsible for replacing it.
- 5:05 PM **For those arriving after 12:00 PM: Board ferry**
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- 5:20 PM **For those arriving after 12:00 PM: SeaLink Ferry: Townsville to Magnetic Island (travel time approximately 25 minutes)**
Phone: 07 4726 0800
- 5:45 PM **For those arriving after 12:00 PM: Disembark from ferry**
Please load your luggage onto the Sunbus coach that will be waiting for your group at the Magnetic Island Ferry Terminal.
- 5:50 PM **For those arriving after 12:00 PM: Travel by coach to Bungalow Bay Koala Village (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Sunbus, Phone: 07 4778 5130
- 6:05 PM **For those arriving after 12:00 PM: Check in to accommodation**
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- 6:30 PM **Bungalow Bay welcome dinner**
- 8:00 PM **Welcome and safety orientation**
Led by Dr. Christopher Wynveen. Held on the Education Deck.
- 8:30 PM **Introduction to modules**

Accommodation

Bungalow Bay Koala Village, 40 Horseshoe Bay Rd, Magnetic Island, Phone: 07 4778 5577
Laundry facility - charged, Restaurant, Swimming pool, Air conditioning, Kitchen, ATM, Luggage storage, Wi-Fi - complimentary in some areas, Book exchange

Thursday 23 May Day 2: Magnetic Island

- 7:00 AM **Bungalow Bay continental group breakfast**
Please meet on the Education Deck after breakfast.
- 8:00 AM **Terrestrial landscapes of Queensland**
- Introduction to the diversity of Australian terrestrial ecosystems, particularly those of Northern Queensland.
 - Similarities and linkages between arid lands, eucalypt forests, grasslands, rainforests, mangroves and reef islands.
 - Plant and animal adaptations to the environment and ecosystems.
 - Indigenous (Aboriginal) impacts to the ecosystems in the last 60,000 years, including fire and hunting.
 - European impacts to the ecosystems in the last 230 years, including clearing and introduced pests.
 - Climate change in Queensland, with an emphasis on changes that have already occurred.
 - Magnetic Island ecosystems.
 - Management of Magnetic Island National Park for protection and people.
- Malcolm has worked in various management roles in National Parks and The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. Malcolm has many projects to his name linked to climate change within the National Parks and coastal islands. A famed naturalist with a deep understanding of tropical ecosystems, Malcolm also enjoys his naturalist / guiding roles on cruise ships worldwide.
- 9:15 AM **Morning break**



Please use this time to prepare for the Balding Bay hike. Please ensure you wear sun protection, insect repellent, and sensible walking shoes. Please take plenty of water. You will also need to take your cossie (swimwear) and stinger suit as there will be an opportunity to swim at Balding Bay.

9:45 AM

Balding Bay hike

During this 3-hour hike, you will progress through Magnetic Island National Park into the low wetlands area of Horseshoe Bay before climbing into the dry sclerophyll forests bordering the granite boulder habitats. Your guide will showcase some diverse habitats that are home to over 75 species of reptiles, mammals and birds found in the dry tropics.

Please ensure you wear sun protection, insect repellent, and sensible walking shoes. Please take plenty of water. You will also need to take your swimsuit and stinger suit as there will be an opportunity to swim at Balding Bay.

1:00 PM

Free afternoon

Lunch and dinner on your own.

If you need to purchase more supplies, there is a Foodworks grocery store located at 8/7 Pacific Drive, about a 10-minute walk from Bungalow Bay Koala Village. From your accommodation, turn right on Horseshoe Bay Road. Turn right on Pacific Drive. Foodworks will be on the right. Open 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

Accommodation

Bungalow Bay Koala Village, 40 Horseshoe Bay Rd, Magnetic Island, Phone: 07 4778 5577

Friday 24 May

Day 3: Magnetic Island

6:45 AM

Bungalow Bay continental group breakfast

7:15 AM

Travel by coach to Magnetic Island Ferry Terminal (travel time approximately 15 minutes)

Sunbus, Phone: 07 4778 5130

7:30 AM

Board ferry

7:50 AM

SeaLink Ferry: Magnetic Island to Townsville (travel time approximately 25 minutes)

Phone: 07 4726 0800

8:15 AM

Walk to Reef HQ Aquarium

1. From the ferry terminal, turn left onto Sir Leslie Thiess Drive.
2. Turn right onto The Strand.
3. Turn left onto King Street.
4. Turn right onto Flinders Street. You will see Reef HQ Aquarium ahead. The walk takes about 10 minutes.

8:25 AM

Arrive at Reef HQ Aquarium

Please make your way to the conference room where this morning's lectures will be held.

8:30 AM

Mike Nicholas

Collaborative management of culturally significant wetlands

- Collaborative relationships between Indigenous Australians and 'Western' science
- Methods and novel concepts to control invasive aquatic freshwater plants in coastal wetlands
- Introduction to re-vegetation processes currently undertaken by the Nywaigi traditional owners of Mungalla Station

Mike Nicholas is a Research Projects Officer with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). His research work has included investigations in landscape ecology and natural resource management, and recently he has investigated the use of non-chemical methods for restoration and repair of coastal wetlands in northern Australia. He has a long history and relationship with Indigenous Australians, having worked for an Indigenous resource agency in the Northern Territory and more recently with the Nywaigi people of the Ingham district in North Australia.



9:45 AM

Professor Gianna Moscardo
Sustainable Tourism

- Optimism in the face of sustainability concerns
- The role of key approaches in managing sustainable tourism
- Ten behaviours to promote sustainability in tourism settings (including North Queensland examples)

Professor Moscardo attained her PhD at James Cook University, where she is a Principal Research Fellow in the Tourism Programme. Her main areas of interests concern the human dimensions of wildlife-based tourism, nature-based tourism, interpretation and information services, marine tourism and recreation. Her current research focuses on application of psychology to tourism management, regional tourism planning and development, tourism impacts and monitoring and community attitudes towards protected area management.

11:00 AM

Paul Groves and Donna Audas
Protecting the long-term health of the Great Barrier Reef through restoration and enhancement of adjacent coastal ecosystems

- Introducing the GBR catchment
- Relationship between GBR health and the water catchment's coastal ecosystem
- Efforts at managing the reef and catchment

Paul Groves is a Marine Scientist with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. Paul has been working with Donna Audas for the last 10 years looking at the important role the catchment plays in maintaining the health of the Great Barrier Reef. Prior to this, Paul worked for many years in public aquariums (including Reef HQ) and is a life-long fish enthusiast. Paul's current role in GBRMPA is to identify a network of resilient reefs.

12:00 PM

Catered fish'n'chips lunch

Today's lunch will be eaten in the park on The Strand and catered by a local fish'n'chip shop.

1:15 PM

Introduction to the "Eye on the Reef" Rapid Monitoring Programme

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's "Eye on the Reef Rapid Monitoring Programme" is the latest citizen science (community monitoring tool) that enables community members to participate in monitoring the health of the Great Barrier Reef. In this session, students will learn about the monitoring programme. This session will be followed by a snorkelling activity within Reef HQ Aquarium's Coral Reef Exhibit.

2:30 PM

Rotational activities

For this part of the programme, the group will be split into three smaller groups for activities on a rotational basis.

Group 1: Snorkel within the Coral Reef Exhibit

An in-water snorkelling activity within Reef HQ Aquarium's Coral Reef Exhibition.

Group 2: Managing the Marine Park Presentation

During this introductory lecture you will gain a fuller appreciation of the enormity of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, what challenges it is facing and how it is cooperatively managed, making it arguably the best managed natural resource on planet Earth.

Group 3: Reef Diversity, Behind the Scenes Tour & Turtle Hospital

During this tour you will investigate the highly diverse and amazing reef communities found on the Great Barrier Reef. You will discover the amazing adaptations of Great Barrier Reef creatures and will investigate the characteristics essential to their survival, including feeding, reproduction, communication and camouflage. You will also visit Reef HQ Aquarium's turtle hospital where sick and injured marine turtles are cared for and rehabilitated.

2:45 PM

Briefing for snorkelling activity

4:00 PM

Rotational activities continue

Group 1: Reef Diversity, Behind the Scenes Tour & Turtle Hospital

Group 2: Snorkel within the Coral Reef Exhibit

Group 3: Managing the Marine Park Presentation



- 5:15 PM **Rotational activities continue**
Group 1: Managing the Marine Park Presentation
Group 2: Reef Diversity, Behind the Scenes Tour & Turtle Hospital
Group 3: Snorkel within the Coral Reef Exhibit
- 6:30 PM **Walk to Townsville Ferry Terminal**
1. Cross Flinders Street and head up King Street.
2. Turn right onto The Strand.
3. Turn left onto Sir Leslie Thiess Drive. The ferry terminal will be on the right. The walk takes about 10 minutes.
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- 7:40 PM **Disembark from ferry**
- 7:45 PM **Travel by coach to Bungalow Bay Koala Village (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Sunbus, Phone: 07 4778 5130
- 8:00 PM **Free evening**
Dinner on your own.

Accommodation

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Saturday 25 May Day 4: Magnetic Island

- 8:00 AM **Bungalow Bay continental group breakfast**
- 8:30 AM **Free day**
Lunch and dinner on your own. If you leave your accommodation, please let someone know where you are going and what time you will be returning.

Accommodation

Bungalow Bay Koala Village, 40 Horseshoe Bay Rd, Magnetic Island, Phone: 07 4778 5577

Sunday 26 May Day 5: Magnetic Island to Hidden Valley

- 8:00 AM **Bungalow Bay continental group breakfast**
Please pack a small day bag with your swimwear and towel.

You will not have cell phone reception while at Hidden Valley cabins. Please let your friends and family know that you will be out of contact for a few days.
- 10:00 AM **Check out of accommodation**
Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Please load your luggage onto the coach.
- 10:30 AM **Travel by coach to Magnetic Island Ferry Terminal (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Sunbus, Phone: 07 4778 5130



- 10:50 AM **Board ferry**
- 11:10 AM **SeaLink Ferry: Magnetic Island to Townsville (approximately 25 minutes)**
Phone: 07 4726 0800
- 11:40 AM **Meet Hidden Valley Guide**
Your Hidden Valley guide, Ross McLennan, will meet your group at the Townsville Ferry Terminal. Please load your luggage onto the coach.
- Guide**
- Ross McLennan**
Ross runs a small, family-run tourism business called Hidden Valley Cabins located 103 kilometres northwest of Townsville. The McLennan family have owned and operated the business since 1986. Because of its remote location, Hidden Valley Cabins has no town amenities and is totally self-sufficient. In December 2007, the retreat switched off its diesel generators and since then the entire resort's electrical needs have been supplied by the sun, saving the resort up to 26000L of diesel and 78 tonnes of CO2 per year. Ross is very passionate about sustainability, the natural environment that he calls home, and finding ways to implement best practice into his business.
- Please note: the schedule set out for your time at Hidden Valley Cabins is subject to change. Ross will keep you updated with any changes.
- 11:45 AM - 8:00 PM **Hidden Valley - Day 1**
- Travel by coach to Little Crystal Creek (travel time approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes)**
Stop at a supermarket and a Subway restaurant, located on The Strand in Townsville. You can purchase any items required for your stay at Hidden Valley and a packed lunch for today. You will not have another opportunity to visit a supermarket until you arrive in Mission Beach. Please ensure you stock up with plenty of water as it will be hot and you will be hiking. You will also need to stock up on snacks for the next few days. The coach will then head north on the Bruce Highway to Paluma Range National Park.
- Lunch at Little Crystal Creek**
You will have time to swim and explore the Paluma Range National Park.
- Travel by coach to Paluma Village (travel time approximately 25 minutes)**
Stops at McLallands Lookout and Witt's Lookout.
- Guided rainforest walk**
The group will take a rainforest walk following the Witt's Lookout Trail for 3 kilometres. The walk takes in beautiful views of the coast and the World Heritage-listed Wet Tropics. Your guide will teach you about the local plants and ecosystems.
- Please wear sturdy walking shoes.
- Travel by coach to Hidden Valley Cabins (travel time approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes)**
Fifteen minutes into the journey, the group will stop at the Eucalyptus Grandis Forest to learn about the shift in ecosystem types. These increasingly dry ecotones are used to explain the direct link between the primitive rainforests seen in the Wet Tropics and the dry sclerophyll forests and open woodlands that dominate the Australian landscape of today.
- Check in to accommodation**
Unpack and settle in to your accommodation. Hidden Valley Cabins staff will advise you on arrival where your meals will be served.
- Tourism lecture**
- Impacts of tourism in a Wet Tropics area
 - Best practice
 - Management of a World Heritage area
- Hidden Valley Cabins group BBQ dinner**

Accommodation

Hidden Valley Cabins, 67 McLennan Road, Hidden Valley, Phone: 07 4770 8088
Swimming pool, Complimentary transfers, Towels, BBQ facility



Monday 27 May

Day 6: Hidden Valley

8:15 AM - 8:00 PM

Hidden Valley - Day 2

Hidden Valley Cabins group breakfast

Travel by coach to Ingham/Herbert Valley (travel time approximately 2 hours)

Ingham/Herbert Valley visit

Travelling to the Herbert Valley sugar-growing district, you will stop at a sugar cane plantation where world-leading growing techniques are being implemented between two World Heritage-listed areas of the Wet Tropics and the Great Barrier Reef. You will learn firsthand about the sugar industry and discuss the diversification of the sugar industry including ethanol production and how the industry is being driven by demand from Asia.

Also within the region you will look firsthand at the changing face of farming. Value-adding within the agricultural industry is seen as one of the most sustainable ways of food being transformed and consumed. Your tour will visit exciting new sustainable farms implementing these practices. You will enjoy a packed lunch provided by Hidden Valley Cabins along the way.

Travel by coach to Wallaman Falls (travel time approximately 1 hour)

Wallaman Falls hike and master plan development

Travel to the largest sheer drop waterfall in the southern hemisphere. Wallaman Falls plummets an amazing 305 metres into the Stony Creek Gorge. This guided hike takes you to the base of the waterfall where you will enjoy a picnic lunch provided by Hidden Valley Cabins before returning to the summit.

Please wear sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection, and bring plenty of water.

Travel by coach to Hidden Valley Cabins (travel time approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes)

Hidden Valley Cabins group dinner

Accommodation

Hidden Valley Cabins, 67 McLennan Road, Hidden Valley, Phone: 07 4770 8088

Tuesday 28 May

Day 7: Hidden Valley

7:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Hidden Valley - Day 3

Hidden Valley Cabins group breakfast

Sustainable Business in Rural Australia

Your guide will take you on a tour of the solar plant and lecture on energy use and the carbon tax in Australia. Hidden Valley Cabins is an award winning eco-friendly resort and operates on 100% solar power. See the system working and educate yourself on renewable energy. The owners of Hidden Valley Cabins, the McLennan Family, will do a presentation on running a sustainable business in a remote location. The group will have the opportunity to discuss the business operation with the owners.

Lunch at Hidden Valley Cabins

Please use this time to prepare for the Running River Gorge hike. You will need sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection and plenty of water, as well as your cossie and towel if you wish to swim in the gorge.

Travel by coach to Running River Gorge trailhead (travel time approximately 20 minutes)

Running River Gorge hike

The hike into the gorge will take around 50 minutes. Once there, you will have time to swim and explore. The walk out of the gorge will take 1 hour and 20 minutes.

Travel by coach to Hidden Valley Cabins (travel time approximately 20 minutes)



The coach will stop at Hidden Valley Cabins en route to the platypus spotting activity for a restroom break and so you can change into warm clothes as it can get cold in the evening.

Travel by coach to platypus spotting location (travel time approximately 30 minutes)

Platypus spotting

Australian Geographic recognises the area as one of the top five places to see platypus in the wild.

Travel by coach to Hidden Valley Cabins (travel time approximately 30 minutes)

Hidden Valley Cabins group dinner

Accommodation

Hidden Valley Cabins, 67 McLennan Road, Hidden Valley, Phone: 07 4770 8088

Wednesday 29 May Day 8: Hidden Valley to Mission Beach

- 6:30 AM **Check out of accommodation**
Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Please load your luggage onto the coach before breakfast.
- 6:45 AM **Hidden Valley Cabins group breakfast**
Please be prepared for the service-learning project. You will need closed-toe footwear, sun protection, insect repellent, water, cossie (swimwear) and a towel.
- 7:15 AM **Travel by coach to Frosty Mango (travel time approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes)**
When you arrive at the Frosty Mango, please help Ross keep the coach clean by removing all rubbish and throwing it in the proper receptacle bins.
- 8:45 AM **Free time**
Stop at the Frosty Mango ice-cream and produce store while you wait for the Calypso Coaches transfer to Mungalla Station. You can spend this time exploring the store.
- 9:00 AM **Travel by coach to Mungalla Station (travel time approximately 1 hour)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 10:00 AM **Mungalla Aboriginal Tours cultural experience**
Mungalla Station, 1236 Forrest Beach Road, Allingham, Phone: 07 4777 8718, 0428 710 907
Your tour will start with a cultural session introducing you to the Nywaigi Aboriginal culture. During the session you may be able to try your hand at traditional activities such as throwing boomerangs and spears. This is followed by a session called "Captive Lives" during which you will hear the story of the ancestors of the Aboriginal people from Mungalla Station and surrounding areas and how they were exhibited as cannibals and savages in the nineteenth century circuses and sideshows of Europe and America.

After a BBQ lunch, your group will travel to Cassady Beach where you will learn about the Nywaigi TUMRA (Traditional Use of Marine Park Resources Agreement) with the Great Barrier Reef Management Authority. You will then undertake a service-learning project in which you will remove rubbish from the beach and mangrove system. Rubbish is a threat to dugong and sea turtles, so this activity helps restore sea country and helps wildlife. The rubbish will be documented and tagged. As this area is safe, you may have the opportunity to swim. You will need closed-toe footwear, sun protection, insect repellent, a hat, water, snacks, swimwear and a towel.
- 4:00 PM **Travel by coach to Mission Beach (travel time approximately 2 hours)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
Stop at a supermarket en route.
- 6:30 PM **Check in to accommodation**
Unpack and settle in to your accommodation. Mission Reef Resort staff will advise you on arrival where your breakfasts will be served and about complimentary Wi-Fi access.



7:00 PM **Free evening**
Dinner on your own.

Accommodation

Mission Reef Resort, 58-62 Holland Street, Mission Beach, Phone: 07 4068 9681
Laundry facility - charged, Swimming pool, Wi-Fi - complimentary, Air conditioning, Kitchen, BBQ facility

Thursday 30 May Day 9: Mission Beach

8:30 AM **Mission Reef Resort continental group breakfast**
A continental breakfast tray will be delivered to your room.

9:00 AM **Free day**
Lunch and dinner on your own. If you leave your accommodation, please let someone know where you are going and what time you will be returning.

If you need to purchase more supplies, there is a Woolworths supermarket located at 38-40 Dickinson Street about a 20-minute walk from Mission Reef Resort. From your accommodation, turn right on Holland Street. Turn right onto Dunlop Street. Turn left onto Reid Road, parallel to the sea. Continue along the Esplanade/Banfield Parade. Turn left onto Dickinson Street. Woolworths will be on the right. Open 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM.

Accommodation

Mission Reef Resort, 58-62 Holland Street, Mission Beach, Phone: 07 4068 9681

Friday 31 May Day 10: Mission Beach to Atherton

7:45 AM **Mission Reef Resort continental group breakfast**
A continental breakfast tray will be delivered to your room.

8:30 AM **Check out of accommodation**
Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Please load your luggage onto the coach.

9:00 AM **Travel by coach to C4 (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

9:15 AM **Community for Coastal Cassowary Conservation (C4) introduction and tour**
Porters Promenade (next to the Information Centre), Mission Beach, Phone: 07 4068 7197
Formed in 1990 from a fusion of conservation groups and like-minded residents alarmed by the sharp decline of endemic species including the southern cassowary and the frenzy of habitat destruction for agriculture and residential development, C4 (Community for Coastal and Cassowary Conservation) is a voluntary organisation dedicated to conservation through awareness.

Based at Mission Beach where the Wet Tropics and Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Areas meet, C4's goals include sharing knowledge of the area's natural values and practical work to identify, secure and rehabilitate critical or degraded habitat, including cassowary corridors.

C4 members maintain a nursery to propagate local native species and an environment centre for education and for advocacy on land-use which includes engagement with the local council, government agencies, universities and scientific research organisations.

10:45 AM **Travel by coach to Atherton (travel time approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

1:00 PM **Meet homestay families**
Meet at Hallorans Hill (Lookout Park), Centenary Drive, Atherton.

Please note: you will be placed in homestays with other members of the group. Please ensure you keep your emergency card on you at all times so you can contact your faculty leader if necessary.

Lunch and dinner with homestay family.



Accommodation

Downunder Farmstays, Atherton, Phone: 03 5977 2526

Big4 Atherton Woodlands, 141 Herberton Road, Atherton, Phone: 07 4091 1407 (Faculty only)
Swimming pool, Air conditioning, Kitchen

Saturday 01 June Day 11: Atherton

7:00 AM **Ethnographic data collection and activities with homestay families**
All meals with your homestay family today.

Accommodation

Downunder Farmstays, Atherton, Phone: 03 5977 2526

Big4 Atherton Woodlands, 141 Herberton Road, Atherton, Phone: 07 4091 1407 (Faculty only)

Sunday 02 June Day 12: Atherton to Chillagoe

7:30 AM **Breakfast with homestay family**
You are unlikely to have cell phone reception in Sheoak Ridge or Cape Tribulation. Please let your friends and family know that you will be out of contact for a few days.

8:45 AM **Meet the group**
Meet at Hallorans Hill (Lookout Park), Centenary Drive, Atherton.

9:00 AM **Travel by coach to Dimbulah (travel time approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

10:15 AM **Meet your Chillagoe guides: Dr Claire and Marcus**

Guide
Dr Claire Baker & Marcus Achatz
Claire Baker
Claire loves the natural world and is a passionate entomologist, ecologist and educator. After completing her PhD in molecular and taxonomic entomology at The University of Queensland, Claire set up a successful consultancy business, leading projects for ecotourism companies, documentary teams, schools and education groups, National Parks and city councils. Claire's hobbies include caving, hiking, horse riding, diving, planting native trees, rehabilitating native wildlife, reading and learning. Claire's favourite pastime is seeing people enjoying learning new things and pushing people to think about the bigger picture of life. She worked with her hero, Sir David Attenborough, on two BBC documentaries and continues to be inspired by the natural world on a daily basis.

Marcus Achatz
Marcus is the owner of Sheoak Ridge, a private nature reserve. Having a university background in geology, zoology and botany he considers himself to be a "jack of all trades". This is also evident from his work history, as he has been employed as a consultant, mine geologist, a wildlife keeper, and a project officer at a native plant nursery. In his spare time Marcus can be found either tending to his collection of native plants or winning his fight against exotic weeds on Sheoak Ridge. Marcus is our plant and geology specialist for our North Queensland adventure. He's pretty handy on a didgeridoo and is renowned for his amazing ability to tell bad jokes about anything!

10:30 AM **Travel by coach to Chillagoe (travel time approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

11:50 AM **Check in to accommodation**
Unpack and settle in to your accommodation.

Chillagoe Observatory and Eco Lodge has one coin-operated washing machine. It costs AU\$5.00 per load but no laundry detergent is included. Towels are included in your booking.



- 12:00 PM **Safety Talk**
Your guides will review specific dangers and precautions for your time in the Australian outback.
- 12:45 PM **Group lunch**
Please use this time to prepare for swimming at the creek as there are no restrooms or changing facilities by the creek. You will need your cossie, towel, water, and sun protection. Please also bring sturdy shoes for activities following the visit to the creek.
- 1:30 PM **Group discussion**
Course objectives and overview
- 2:00 PM **Swim at spring-fed creek**
There are no restrooms or changing facilities by the creek, so please change in advance and bring a towel, water bottle, and sunscreen.
- 3:15 PM **Travel by coach to rock art site**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 3:30 PM **Explore Indigenous rock art and Indigenous history of the area**
- 4:00 PM **Travel by coach to fieldwork site**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 4:15 PM **Fieldwork activity: Fire ecology in DVT and dry sclerophyll and leaf morphology**
- 5:45 PM **Travel by coach to Balancing Rock**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 6:00 PM **Watch sunset at Balancing Rock**
- 6:45 PM **Travel by coach to accommodation**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 7:00 PM **Group dinner**
- 8:00 PM **Night sky viewing**

Accommodation

Chillagoe Observatory and Ecolodge, 1 Hospital Avenue, Chillagoe, Phone: 07 4094 7155
Swimming pool, Air conditioning, Kitchen, Wi-Fi - complimentary in some areas
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

Monday 03 June Day 13: Chillagoe to Julatten

- 6:45 AM **Dawn bird walk**
- 7:00 AM **Group continental breakfast**
Please bring your torch for the Royal Arch Cave tour.

Please wear closed-toe shoes and bring your torch for the Royal Arch Cave tour.
- 7:30 AM **Check out of accommodation**
Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Please load your luggage onto the coach.
- 7:45 AM **Travel by coach to Mungana Caves National Park (travel time approximately 30 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 04 2868 9210



- 8:30 AM **Group 1: Royal Arch Cave guided tour**
Chillagoe, Phone: 07 4094 7111
Please wear closed-toe shoes and bring a torch.
- 8:30 AM **Group 2: Visit Chillagoe Hub**
Chillagoe, Phone: 07 4094 7111
Spend time at the Chillagoe Hub learning about the geological, Indigenous and European history of the area. You may also wish to visit the museum next door. Please use this time to purchase food for lunch.
- Please meet the coach at 9:50 AM so you can meet your Royal Arch Cave tour guide on time.
- 10:15 AM **Group 1: Visit Chillagoe Hub**
- 10:15 AM **Group 2: Royal Arch Cave guided tour**
- 12:00 PM **Travel by coach to Sheoak Ridge (travel time approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
There will be a stop en route to eat lunch.
- 2:15 PM **Arrive at Sheoak Ridge**
Upon arrival, your hosts Claire and Marcus will greet you at the parking lot. Please load your luggage onto the ute. As a group you will walk to camp with a property and course outline lecture on the way. Claire and Marcus will provide you with biological/ecological information on the fauna and flora species observed on the walk, as well as an introduction to common biological processes and interactions (e.g. defining different types of symbiotic relationships with living Australian examples). Upon arrival, your hosts Claire and Marcus will greet you at the parking lot. Please load your luggage onto the ute. As a group you will walk to camp with a property and course outline lecture on the way. Claire and Marcus will provide you with biological/ecological information on the fauna and flora species observed on the walk, as well as an introduction to common biological processes and interactions (e.g. defining different types of symbiotic relationships with living Australian examples).
- Please note: the schedule set out for your time at Sheoak Ridge is subject to change. Claire and Marcus will keep you updated with any changes.
- 2:45 PM **Safety talk**
- 3:00 PM **Introduction to Ghost Gum Camp**
- Introductory information about the campsite (amenities, etc.)
- Camp/fieldwork safety talk - 'Dangers in Australia'
- Objectives for property management introduction
- Objectives for overnight stay
- 3:30 PM **Lecture on Australian climate & geological history**
- 4:45 PM **Discussion on rainforest ecology and relationship with fire**
- 5:45 PM **Free time**
- 7:00 PM **Group dinner**
Return to camp to prepare dinner and dessert around the campfire.
- 8:00 PM **Campfire**

Accommodation

Sheoak Ridge Nature Reserve, Mt Molloy, Phone: 07 4094 2003

Kingfisher Park Birdwatchers Lodge, RN 6, Mt Kooyong Road, Julatten, Phone: 07 4094 1263 (Coach driver only)
Kitchen



Tuesday 04 June Day 14: Mt Molloy to Julatten

- 6:45 AM **Dawn bird walk and platypus spotting**
- 7:30 AM **Group breakfast**
Provided by Sheoak Ridge.
- 8:30 AM **Lecture on fire ecology**
- 10:00 AM **Fieldwork activity: Ant Diversity as a Bioindicator of Ecosystem Health (fire regimes)**
- 12:00 PM **Group lunch**
Provided by Sheoak Ridge.
- 1:00 PM **Ant diversity discussion**
Analysis and presentation of results.
- 3:00 PM **Hike to the billabong**
- 6:30 PM **Group dinner**
Provided by Sheoak Ridge.
- 7:45 PM **Spotlighting**
Claire and Marcus will lead two small groups in search of striped possums, gliders, snakes, frogs, etc. Stargazing will be part of this walk.

Accommodation

Sheoak Ridge Nature Reserve, Mt Molloy, Phone: 07 4094 2003

Kingfisher Park Birdwatchers Lodge, RN 6, Mt Kooyong Road, Julatten, Phone: 07 4094 1263 (Coach driver only)

Wednesday 05 June Day 15: Mt Molloy to Cape Tribulation

- 6:45 AM **Dawn bird walk and platypus spotting**
- 7:30 AM **Group breakfast**
- 8:15 AM **Check out of accommodation**
Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Please load your luggage onto the coach.
- 8:45 AM **Travel by coach to Mossman (travel time approximately 1 hour)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 9:45 AM **Free time**
You will meet your guide Paul O'Dowd in Mossman and he will remain with you for the duration of your Cape Tribulation stay. Please note that timings for this afternoon's activities are flexible. Please use this time to purchase lunch and supplies for your stay in Cape Tribulation. You will need a packed lunch for today.

Guide

Paul O'Dowd

Although originally trained in photojournalism, Paul's lifelong interests are natural history, conservation and the communication of science to the public. He has enjoyed a two-decade career in wilderness access, research and education. Paul's work has taken him into some of the most remote locations on Earth where he has led expeditions for tourism, science, documentary film and humanitarian relief on four continents. He works as a freelance fixer, location and technical advisor and expedition leader for organisations including the BBC, Discovery Channel and Biosphere Expeditions.



- 10:45 AM **Travel by coach to Ferntree Rainforest Lodge (travel time approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- Including the following stops along the way:
- 11:45 AM **Paul O'Dowd**
Development issues in North Queensland
This lecture will be delivered at the Daintree River Ferry.
- 12:45 PM **Lunch on your own**
Enjoy your packed lunch at the lookout.
- 1:00 PM **Paul O'Dowd**
Connections between mangroves, the reef and the rainforest
This lecture will be delivered at a lookout where you can view the Great Barrier Reef.
- 2:00 PM **Check in to accommodation**
Unpack and settle in to your accommodation.
- Ferntree Rainforest Lodge has one coin-operated washing machine and one dryer. Each costs AU\$4.00 per load. Laundry soap is available for purchase at reception for AU\$2.00. Towels can be hired for AU\$5.00.
- 3:30 PM **Travel by coach to Marrja boardwalk (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 3:45 PM **Guided walk on Marrja boardwalk**
This relatively flat trail is wheelchair accessible and takes visitors through lowland rainforest and mangroves. The track is 1.2 kilometres in length (0.8 miles) and takes a loop through the forest with many information signs along the way. At the far end of the loop is a platform which overlooks Oliver Creek. Here your guide will introduce the group to rainforest structure and ancient history. He will also lead the group in a discussion around the development of tourism infrastructure in the wilderness.
- 5:15 PM **Travel by coach to accommodation (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 5:30 PM **Dinner on your own**
The group will be split for the rainforest night walk. Group 1 will depart this evening after dinner. Group 2 has a free evening.
- 7:15 PM **Group 1: Travel by coach to rainforest night walk (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 7:30 PM **Group 1: Cape Tribulation rainforest night walk**
This interpretive hike will explore one of the coastal tracks which provides access to the dense lowland rainforest. With good footing and flat walking conditions, the group will look for the unusual creatures that come out after dark. Flashlights can pick up the eye-shine of possums, gliders, spiders and many other nocturnal creatures. The night walk does not cover much distance (less than a mile) as you move slowly in search of interesting plants and animals.
- 9:00 PM **Group 1: Travel by coach to Ferntree Rainforest Lodge (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

Accommodation

Ferntree Rainforest Lodge, 36 Camelot Close, Cape Tribulation, Phone: 07 4098 0000
Laundry facility - charged, Restaurant, Wi-Fi - charged, Air conditioning, Kitchen

Thursday 06 June

Day 16: Cape Tribulation



- 7:00 AM **Groups 1 + 2: Ferntree Rainforest Lodge continental group breakfast**
Please pack a day bag with your cossie, towel, sun protection, insect repellent, and water as you will have an opportunity to swim after lunch. You will also need a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and closed-toe shoes to protect yourself from wildlife during the service-learning project at the Daintree Rainforest Observatory.
- 7:45 AM **Group 1: Travel by coach to Daintree Rainforest Observatory (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 8:00 AM **Group 1: Daintree Rainforest Observatory visit**
Daintree Rainforest, Phone: 07 4098 0005
The Daintree Rainforest Observatory is in lowland tropical rainforest adjacent to the Daintree National Park. This rainforest has the highest biodiversity of any forest in Australia, and in 1988 the area was declared a Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. This is one of the few areas in the world where the reef literally meets the rainforest and the only place where two World Heritage Areas sit side by side.

During your visit to the Daintree Rainforest Observatory, you will have the opportunity to go up into the canopy in a gondola, which can accommodate a maximum of four people, including the driver. All individuals in the gondola must wear a full body harness and lanyard (attached to the gondola). Meanwhile, the rest of the group will be conducting a service-learning project, involving surveying and monitoring of trees on the revegetation plot. The regular monitoring of the plot allows us to answer important questions regarding tree growth rates, survival rates and tree succession. This is valuable information for understanding the most successful way of implementing large-scale revegetation projects in the future. The activity helps to promote awareness of how important revegetation is for increasing local biodiversity, creating wildlife corridors, managing salinity, reducing erosion and offsetting carbon.
- 11:30 AM **Group 1: Travel by coach to On the Turps (travel time approximately 30 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 12:00 PM **Groups 1 + 2: On the Turps group lunch**
236 Turpentine Road, Diwan, Phone: 07 4098 9321
Non-alcoholic beverages included.
- 1:00 PM **Group 1: Free time to swim in the creek**
The coach will depart at 1:40 PM.
- 1:40 PM **Group 1: Travel by coach to Daintree Discovery Centre (travel time approximately 20 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 2:00 PM **Group 1: Daintree Discovery Centre**
Tulip Oak Road, Cape Tribulation, Phone: 07 4098 9171
This self-guided tour of the Daintree Discovery Centre offers an opportunity to learn about and explore one of the few remaining unspoiled pockets of lowland rainforest in Far North Queensland. The Centre includes 400 metres of elevated boardwalks that thread their way through the rainforest, as well as a 23-metre tower with five different viewing platforms from the forest floor to the upper canopy.
- 4:30 PM **Group 1: Travel by coach to accommodation (travel time approximately 45 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 5:15 PM **Group 1: Free evening**
Dinner on your own.

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- 7:00 AM **Groups 1 + 2: Ferntree Rainforest Lodge continental group breakfast**
Please pack a day bag with your cossie, towel, sun protection, insect repellent, and water as you will have an opportunity to swim before lunch. You will also need a long-sleeved shirt, long pants



and closed-toe shoes to protect yourself from wildlife during the service-learning project at the Daintree Rainforest Observatory.

- 7:45 AM **Group 2: Travel by coach to Daintree Discovery Centre (travel time approximately 45 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 8:30 AM **Group 2: Daintree Discovery Centre**
Tulip Oak Road, Cape Tribulation, Phone: 07 4098 9171
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- 11:00 AM **Group 2: Travel by coach to On the Turps (travel time approximately 20 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 11:20 AM **Group 2: Free time to swim in the creek**
Lunch will be served at 12:00 PM when the other group arrives. Please be ready to sit at the table promptly at noon.
- 12:00 PM **Groups 1 + 2: On the Turps group lunch**
236 Turpentine Road, Diwan, Phone: 07 4098 9321
Non-alcoholic beverages included.
- 1:00 PM **Group 2: Travel by coach to Daintree Rainforest Observatory (travel time approximately 30 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 1:30 PM **Group 2: Daintree Rainforest Observatory visit**
Daintree Rainforest, Phone: 07 4098 0005
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During your visit to the Daintree Rainforest Observatory, you will have the opportunity to go up into the canopy in a gondola, which can accommodate a maximum of four people, including the driver. All individuals in the gondola must wear a full body harness and lanyard (attached to the gondola). Meanwhile, the rest of the group will be conducting a service-learning project, involving surveying and monitoring of trees on the revegetation plot. The regular monitoring of the plot allows us to answer important questions regarding tree growth rates, survival rates and tree succession. This is valuable information for understanding the most successful way of implementing large-scale revegetation projects in the future. The activity helps to promote awareness of how important revegetation is for increasing local biodiversity, creating wildlife corridors, managing salinity, reducing erosion and offsetting carbon.
- 5:00 PM **Group 2: Travel by coach to accommodation (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 5:15 PM **Group 2: Free time**
Dinner on your own. Please use this time to prepare for the rainforest night walk. *You will need closed-toe shoes and a torch.*
- 7:15 PM **Group 2: Travel by coach to rainforest night walk (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 7:30 PM **Group 2: Cape Tribulation rainforest night walk**
This interpretive hike will explore one of the coastal tracks which provides access to the dense lowland rainforest. With good footing and flat walking conditions, the group will look for the unusual



creatures that come out after dark. Flashlights can pick up the eye-shine of possums, gliders, spiders and many other nocturnal creatures. The night walk does not cover much distance (less than a mile) as you move slowly in search of interesting plants and animals.

9:00 PM

Group 2: Travel by coach to Ferntree Rainforest Lodge (travel time approximately 15 minutes)

Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

Accommodation

Ferntree Rainforest Lodge, 36 Camelot Close, Cape Tribulation, Phone: 07 4098 0000

Friday 07 June

Day 17: Cape Tribulation to Port Douglas

7:30 AM

Ferntree Rainforest Lodge continental group breakfast

8:00 AM

Module wrap-up session with guide

Location to be advised.

9:00 AM

Check out of accommodation

Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Please load your luggage onto the coach.

9:30 AM

Travel by coach to Mossman Gorge Centre (travel time approximately 2 hours)

Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

11:30 AM

Ngadiku Dreamtime Walk

Mossman, Phone: 07 4099 3677

The Ngadiku Dreamtime Walks are conducted by the local Indigenous people. Ngadiku (Nar-di-gul) means "stories and legends from a long time ago" in the local Kuku Yalanji language. The walks take visitors to culturally significant sites, traditional bark shelters, and over rainforest streams. The walk includes a traditional smoking ceremony, visit to traditional huts (humpies), identification of edible and medicinal plants, demonstration of bush soap making and ochre painting, and sampling of bush tea and damper.

1:00 PM

Free time to explore the gorge

There are several trails to explore and areas where you can swim. Enjoy your lunch.

2:30 PM

Travel by coach to Port Douglas (travel time approximately 30 minutes)

Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

3:00 PM

Check in to accommodation

Unpack and settle in to your accommodation.

At the Mango Tree has a washing machine and dryer in each apartment. You can purchase laundry detergent at reception for AU\$0.50. Towels are included in your booking.

3:30 PM

Free evening

Dinner on your own.

Accommodation

At The Mango Tree Holiday Apartments, 91 Davidson Street, Port Douglas, Phone: 07 4099 5677
Swimming pool, Wi-Fi - charged, Towels, Air conditioning, Kitchen, Laundry facility

Saturday 08 June

Day 18: Port Douglas

9:00 AM

Free day

All meals on your own today. If you leave your accommodation, please let someone know where you are going and what time you will be returning.

Accommodation

At The Mango Tree Holiday Apartments, 91 Davidson Street, Port Douglas, Phone: 07 4099 5677



Sunday 09 June

Day 19: Port Douglas

8:15 AM

Breakfast on your own

9:15 AM

Travel by coach to Wildlife Habitat (travel time approximately 15 minutes)

Calypto Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

9:30 AM

Wildlife Habitat visit

Captain Cook Highway, Port Douglas, Phone: 07 4099 3235

Wildlife Habitat is an open and interactive environment where you can wander along elevated boardwalks, observing up close a huge range of animals that roam freely. Wildlife Habitat is committed to conservation via its wildlife rescue programme, ensuring that injured, orphaned, or sick animals are looked after in a professional and caring manner.

12:00 PM

Travel by coach to accommodation (travel time approximately 15 minutes)

Calypto Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

12:15 PM

Lunch on your own

There is a Coles supermarket located at 11-17 Macrossan Street. From your accommodation, turn left onto Davidson St. Keep right on Port Street to continue onto Davidson Street. Turn left on Macrossan Street and continue past Grant Street. Coles will be on the left. There are many restaurants along the way as well. The walk takes about 20 minutes. Coles is open 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM.

1:50 PM

Walk to CWA Hall

1. As you exit your accommodation, turn left and walk along Davidson Street. Keep right on Port Street to continue on Davidson Street.
2. When you reach Blake Street, the CWA Hall will be on the corner of the park on the right. The walk takes about 5 minutes.

2:00 PM

Introduction to the Great Barrier Reef

Led by Eye to Eye Marine Encounters staff

- Safety briefing
- Lecture on evolution and phylogeny of coral reefs
- ID exercise on fauna and flora of the Great Barrier Reef
- Preparations for student reef research project

Held at the CWA Hall.

Guide

John Rumney

With many years' experience as a research coordinator, professional skipper and adventure diver, John Rumney has a vast knowledge of the reef and its inhabitants. He has consulted for international panels on climate change and participated in conservation movements around the world. As the creator and former manager of Undersea Explorer Adventure Dive and Research Expeditions, he is a pioneer of ecotourism in North Queensland.

5:00 PM

Walk back to accommodation

5:30 PM

Introduction to snorkelling and pizza dinner

Please meet Eye to Eye Marine Encounters staff at the pool area of your accommodation for an introductory snorkelling session. A pizza dinner will be provided after the session.

Accommodation

At The Mango Tree Holiday Apartments, 91 Davidson Street, Port Douglas, Phone: 07 4099 5677

Monday 10 June

Day 20: Port Douglas

7:15 AM

Breakfast on your own

Please use this time to prepare for the Great Barrier Reef day trip. Please ensure you bring your



cossie, sunglasses, sunhat, seasickness medication, sunscreen, insect repellent, towel and something warm to wear on the way back with you today. Lunch and snacks will be provided on the boat.

8:05 AM **Depart accommodation by coach**
Transportation provided by Calypso Reef Charters.

9:00 AM **Great Barrier Reef day trip**
Staff from Calypso Reef Charters and Eye to Eye Marine Encounters will be directing today's activities. You will spend the day snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef.

Please ensure you bring your swimsuit, sunglasses, sunhat, seasickness medication, sunscreen, insect repellent, towel and something warm to wear on the way back with you today. Lunch and snacks will be provided on the boat.

4:30 PM **Depart for accommodation by coach**
Transportation provided by Calypso Reef Charters.

5:25 PM **Free evening**
Dinner on your own.

Accommodation

At The Mango Tree Holiday Apartments, 91 Davidson Street, Port Douglas, Phone: 07 4099 5677

Tuesday 11 June Day 21: Port Douglas

7:15 AM **Breakfast on your own**
Please use this time to prepare for the Great Barrier Reef day trip. Please ensure you bring your cossie, sunglasses, sunhat, seasickness medication, sunscreen, insect repellent, towel and something warm to wear on the way back with you today. Lunch and snacks will be provided on the boat.

8:05 AM **Depart accommodation by coach**
Transportation provided by Calypso Reef Charters.

9:00 AM **Great Barrier Reef day trip**
Staff from Calypso Reef Charters and Eye to Eye Marine Encounters will be directing today's activities. You will spend the day snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef.

Please ensure you bring your swimsuit, sunglasses, sunhat, seasickness medication, sunscreen, insect repellent, towel and something warm to wear on the way back with you today. Lunch and snacks will be provided on the boat.

4:30 PM **Depart for accommodation by coach**
Transportation provided by Calypso Reef Charters.

5:25 PM **Free evening**
Dinner on your own.

Accommodation

At The Mango Tree Holiday Apartments, 91 Davidson Street, Port Douglas, Phone: 07 4099 5677

Wednesday 12 June Day 22: Port Douglas to Cairns

7:50 AM **Breakfast on your own**
Please bring the programme evaluation form, found at the back of your course reading packet with you to the CWA hall today.

8:30 AM **Check out of accommodation**
Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Please load your luggage onto the coach.



- 8:50 AM **Walk to CWA Hall**
- 9:00 AM **Reef research project presentations**
Led by Eye to Eye Marine Encounters staff.

This morning's activities will be held at the CWA Hall.
- 10:00 AM **Role-play scenario of conflicting reef users**
- 11:00 AM **Module quiz**
- 11:30 AM **Programme wrap up and evaluations**
Please take this time to fill in the programme evaluation form found in your course reading packet. We appreciate your feedback as we continuously strive to improve the programme for future Texas A&M and Baylor students.
- 12:00 PM **Lunch break**
Please load your luggage onto the coach.
- 1:30 PM **Travel by coach to Cairns (travel time approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 3:00 PM **Check in to accommodation**
Unpack and settle in to your accommodation.
- 3:30 PM **Free afternoon**
Lunch and dinner on your own.

There is a Coles supermarket located in the Cairns Central Shopping Centre. From your accommodation, turn right onto Grafton Street. Turn right onto Shields Street. You will see the shopping centre straight ahead. The walk takes about 10 minutes. Open 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM.

Accommodation

Hides Hotel, 87 Lake Street, Phone: 07 4051 1266

Thursday 13 June Day 23: Cairns

- 8:30 AM **Hides Hotel continental group breakfast**
- 9:00 AM **Free day**
Lunch on your own.

Please ensure you have your travel documents ready for your flight tomorrow. If you would like a ride to the airport, there is plenty of room on the coach departing at 3:40 AM. However, if your flight is much later and you do not wish to wait at the airport, please see reception to book a taxi or shuttle to the airport at the appropriate time.
- 5:45 PM **Walk to Grill'd**
1. From your accommodation, turn right onto Grafton Street.
2. Turn left onto Shields Street.
3. Turn left onto the Esplanade. The restaurant will be on the left. The walk takes about 10 minutes.
- 6:00 PM **Grill'd group dinner**
77 Esplanade, Cairns, Phone: 07 4041 4200
Please order your burger or salad preference, and a drink from the \$3.50 range. A serving of hot chips has already been included in your order.

Accommodation

Hides Hotel, 87 Lake Street, Phone: 07 4051 1266



Friday 14 June

Day 24: Cairns to USA

3:25 AM

Check out of accommodation

Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Please load your luggage onto the coach.

3:40 AM

Travel by coach to Cairns Airport (travel time approximately 20 minutes)

Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

Safe Travels! We hope that you enjoyed your programme!

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