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Contrast Queensland's rich outback spirit with the pristine natural wonders of the Great Barrier Reef.

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Australia, Queensland



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Journey Overview

Contrast Queensland's rich outback spirit with the pristine natural wonders of the Great Barrier Reef on this adventure which combines the ancient landscapes and untamed wilderness of Mount Mulligan, a working cattle station in the remote Far North Queensland, with the rich marine life of tropical paradise, Orpheus Island. Discover the historic Mount Mulligan coal mine and abandoned township, enjoy escarpment sundowners and scenic flights along a coastline of virgin rainforest and over breathtaking blue waters before your island escape complete with a private beachfront and a wealth of snorkelling, fishing and diving opportunities.

Journey highlights

- Discover the historic Mount Mulligan coal mine and abandoned township
- Travel back to the Gold Rush era, visiting the most famous mine on the Hodgkinson goldfield
- Admire breathtaking tropical landscapes from above on a scenic flight over the Great Barrier Reef
- Experience the ultimate in tropical luxury staying at the Great Barrier Reef's Orpheus Island



Itinerary

Day 1: Cairns - Mount Mulligan

Arrive into Cairns to a warm A&K welcome and transfer by helicopter to your heritage accommodation. Located on an entirely private 28,000-hectare working cattle station and heritage site, Mount Mulligan Lodge offers boutique accommodation in the shadow of majestic Mount Mulligan. Ensuring an intimate escape, the lodge accommodates just 20 guests at any one time and features luxurious and contemporary rooms, a beautifully designed main pavilion for guest meals and relaxation, an infinity pool and sunset bar. Each guest room is also assigned its own electric buggy to explore the expansive property with ease.

Tonight, enjoy a relaxed yet indulgent dinner with produce showcasing locally-sourced, caught and freshly-grown seasonal fare with the menu putting a twist on outback-living.

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Days 2-3: Mount Mulligan

Spend the next 2 days at Mount Mulligan Lodge, with curated experiences on offer, highlighting the spirit of North Queensland, immersing you in the spectacular landscapes that surround you, and taking a deep dive into the history of the region.

Discover the captivating landscape with indigenous significance dating back 37,000 years. The expansive property bears the marks of the historic gold and coal rush and in its current operation, as a working cattle station, the pastoral history of Australia.

A range of experiences have been designed to make the most of the rugged outback territory. Some of the experiences that may be provided each day include guided tours of the goldfields including a demonstration of Australia's oldest operating gold stamper at Tyrconnell, exploration of the historic Mount Mulligan coal mine and abandoned township, and ATV adventures discovering the history and beauty of the region. You might savour chef-prepared gourmet picnic hampers, enjoy wildlife spotting, indulge in sunset drinks overlooking the escarpment, or be spellbound by the night sky while stargazing. Keen explorers can partake in hikes around the southern face of Mount Mulligan, barramundi fishing in the weir, scenic helicopter flights and the chance to experience the day-to-day operations of a working cattle station.

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Day 4: Mount Mulligan - Cairns - Orpheus Island

Enjoy a final morning at Mount Mulligan before returning this afternoon to Cairns by helicopter. Continue the aerial adventure with a private helicopter flight over the picturesque coral-studded sea to your luxurious tropical haven, Orpheus Island.

Orpheus Island / BLD

Days 5-6: Orpheus Island

Enjoy two days at leisure in your own tropical haven. Indulge in a plethora of once in a lifetime experiences, with included daily adventures. The local waters a fisherman's playground and nearby dive sites are renowned the world over. Alternatively, Orpheus provides the perfect backdrop for a more private interlude if you wish to simply relax with a unique indigenous-inspired treatment at the Gwandalan Day Spa. Not to be missed is the signature Dining with the Tides experience, an intimate degustation dinner under a starlit canopy on the island's jetty.

Orpheus Island / BLD

Day 7: Orpheus Island - Depart Townsville

Farewell your tropical paradise today, transferring by private helicopter to Townsville and your onward flight.

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Accommodation

Mount Mulligan Lodge



Located on an entirely private 28,000-hectare working cattle station and heritage site, Mount Mulligan Lodge offers boutique accommodation in the shadow of majestic Mount Mulligan. Ensuring an intimate escape, the lodge accommodates just 28 guests at any one time and features luxurious and contemporary rooms, a beautifully designed main pavilion for guest meals and relaxation, an infinity pool and sunset bar. Each guest room is also assigned its own electric buggy to explore the expansive property with ease. Experience the spirit of the North Queensland backcountry through a captivating landscape with indigenous significance dating back 37,000 years.

Orpheus Island Lodge



With space for just 28 guests, Orpheus is an all-inclusive, private island lodge located in the Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef. With only 14 rooms, suites and villas, Orpheus Island is the ultimate in secluded, unspoilt tropical paradise, and stretches across 11km of immaculate turquoise coastline. The island itself, comprising more than 1,000 hectares of national park, is surrounded by pristine fringing reef you can access simply by stepping out from your room. Settle in for a sundowner at the main pavilion bar and alfresco-style dining area, relaxing in island idyll. The onsite restaurant's culinary team delivers an innovative daily-changing menu that showcases the epicurean riches of the region, sure to surprise and delight. If you're looking to relax, a treatment from Gwandalan Day Spa will leave you rejuvenated, or you can take a dip in the always inviting 25m x 13m infinity pool that mirrors the Coral Sea.

All stays at Orpheus include three gourmet meals prepared daily by chef James Egan and his team, and use of water sports equipment, perfect for exploring the natural wonders of the reef.

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