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Experience the stories of the traditional custodians of the land.
I know just the place.
Accommodation

Daintree Eco Lodge and Spa
Daintree

Indulge with an Aboriginal twist on contemporary well-being practices that engage all the senses

Daintree Eco Lodge and Spa has been voted World’s Leading Eco Lodge (World Travel Awards) and Best Spa on the Continent (USA SpaFinder World Spa Awards). Aboriginal culture is infused into all aspects, and the experiences offered include Aboriginal interpretive rainforest walks, Aboriginal art and cultural workshops, unique Aboriginal inspired spa, massage and wellness experiences, and Julaymba Restaurant presents delicious and innovative cuisine with a native twist. The Lodge nestles in a lush rainforest valley, with pristine spring water supply and pure air.
daintree-ecolodge.com.au

Yindilli Camp Ground and Tours
Via Wujal Wujal, north of Cape Tribulation

Camp beside a crystal clear creek and listen as a master storyteller recounts traditional stories, where they originated

Yindilli Camping Ground offers peace, calm and endless natural splendour in a unique part of Tropical North Queensland. Pristine creeks and rivers, rainforests, majestic waterfalls and cascades and an abundant birdlife in a thriving eco system are just some of the natural wonders of this region. CJ Fischer is the owner operator of Yindilli and your guide on the various cultural walks on offer. He has extensive knowledge of the region as it is part of his traditional homeland. CJ shares his spiritual and cultural journey with stories (both personal and traditional) and demonstrates his knowledge of bush tucker and bush medicines which are found in this region. Traditional welcome to country smoking and damper and tea are included.
yindilli.com
Bama Way Aboriginal Journeys
Departing Cairns and Port Douglas

Follow the story-lines of two Aboriginal nations and gain insight into Aboriginal traditions

The Bama Way is a unique Aboriginal Journey presented by leading Aboriginal tour specialist, Adventure North Australia. Each tour – Kuku Yalanji Cultural Habitat Tours and Walker Family Tours – is Aboriginal-owned and operated. Walking in the footsteps of these ancient Aboriginal clans, guests learn traditional hunting and survival techniques, taste bush tucker, and gain insights into these varied cultures through story-telling and ancient rock art.

bamawayaboriginaltours.com

Brisbane Greeters
Brisbane

Develop an understanding of the continuing culture of Brisbane’s Aboriginal communities

Brisbane Greeters are local volunteers who are passionate about Brisbane’s stories and offer unique experiences. It’s a FREE public service open to everyone. Two greeter experiences have been developed in consultation with Brisbane’s Aboriginal communities, with emphasis on an introduction to and recognition of local Aboriginal history. Brisbane’s Aboriginal Public Art Greet invites guests to discover the incredible collection of urban public art by Aboriginal artists in the heart of Brisbane, while on a Quandamooka Greet, visitors learn about Quandamooka history along the Wynnum/Manly foreshore and enjoy artworks that celebrate a shared appreciation of Moreton Bay.

brisbanegreeters.com.au
Inga Tours offers insight into the unique lifestyle, sacred values and time-honoured ancestral knowledge of the local Jirrbal Aboriginal people. For thousands of years their ancestors have walked through the beautiful World Heritage rainforest, via Aboriginal trading routes, to hunt and gather for ceremonial rituals and marriages. Inga Tours’ walking tour includes a five-hour walk through the pristine rainforest following alongside crystal clear creeks to the beautiful Echo Creek Falls. On the kayak tour, relax and breathe in the beauty of the Bulgan Creek while paddling down beautifully created creek tunnels. Jirrbal guides share information on the seasonal collection of plants and animals, giving an understanding of how the rainforest sustains life.

ingham.com.au
Janbal Aboriginal Art Gallery is a true Aboriginal experience. Come and learn about Aboriginal Art and share Aboriginal culture through hands-on painting workshops and storytelling experiences. Guests are invited to visit Kuku Yalanji country in Mossman to create an authentic, personalised Aboriginal souvenir, whilst listening and sharing Kuku Yalanji culture with local Aboriginal artist and co-owner of Janbal Gallery, Brian “Binna” Swindley.

janbalgallery.com.au

The lands and waters of Tropical North Queensland are entwined with dreamtime stories, where visitors embark on a voyage of discovery with the traditional custodians, who share their intimate knowledge of this special place.

Travelling in search of seasonal food across the outback, rainforest, rivers and fringing reefs, Aboriginal people have long enjoyed a rich spiritual connections to the environments, and have passed down stories through the generations.

Queensland’s Torres Strait Islanders maintain their cultural traditions in the islands at the northern tip of Australia. With a unique and vibrant culture, these seafaring people welcome visitors with art, music and dance, showcasing life in an Island paradise.
Tours

Journey into Olkola Country
Central Cape York

Join the Olkola people’s long journey home

After many years, the Olkola people of Central Cape York were officially handed back their land in December 2014. With over 730,000 hectares of country, including the largest unbroken savannah in the world, the Olkola people (with Intrepid Travel) have taken the first steps in a tourism venture and are now offering their unique six day touring experience onto their country. Join the Olkola people in re-discovering their land for a once in a lifetime experience.

intrepidtravel.com

Kuku Yalanji Cultural Habitat Tours
Cooya Beach, north of Port Douglas

Learn how to live off the land as the traditional owners have for thousands of years

Beautiful Cooya Beach is the traditional fishing grounds of the Kuku Yalanji people and home to Kuku Yalanji Cultural Habitat Tours. With spear in hand, guests join guides Linc and Brandon Walker for an informative walk along the white sandy beach and pristine clear waters, and through coastal mudflats and mangrove habitat, in search of mud-crabs, mussels and small fish. Learn about native plants which have long been used for medicinal purposes and food by the Kuku Yalanji, then, at the end of the tour a visit with the family as they prepare the catch of the day and freshly made damper, while they share cultural stories.

kycult.com.au
Mossman Gorge Centre
Mossman

Walk in the footsteps of Aboriginal ancestors, gaining insight into the lives of the people who have always lived here.

Connect with the lives, culture and beliefs of the local Kuku Yalanji community and experience, first hand, their connection to the Daintree World Heritage Rainforest. On the award-winning Ngadiku (Nardigul – meaning stories and legends from a long time ago in Kuku Yalanji language) Dreamtime Walks, experienced guides share their Dreamtime legends, explaining the tales, whilst provide an enchanting narrative of the rainforest and the special relationship the Kuku Yalanji people have with this unique environment. Tours depart from the Mossman Gorge Centre, where visitors can also dine at Mayi Cafe and Restaurant and explore the art gallery and gift shop.

mossmangorge.com.au

Mungalla Aboriginal Tours
Ingham, north of Townsville

Connect with Nywagi Aboriginal people and understand their deep ties to the natural history and beauty of the land.

The Nywagi Aboriginal people have occupied their lands for over 45,000 years. Visitors to Mungalla learn about the importance of the land to the Nywagi people by sharing in their award winning endeavors in restoring the environmentally significant wetlands on the property. Feast with the Nywagi people on a traditional Kup Murri (food cooked underground), while hearing the pioneering stories of James Cassady and his family, the first European settlers at Mungalla, and the role the Cassady family played in protecting the Nywagi people from often brutal confrontation with settlers. In addition, the famous Captive Lives exhibition tells the sad story of how Aboriginal people were taken overseas and exploited in human circuses in the 19th century.

mungallaaboriginaltours.com.au
Tours

Torres Strait Heritage
Horn and Thursday Islands

Learn about the Torres Strait Islands with a 5th generation local family

Award winning Torres Strait Heritage operates the Garrison Town tour of Thursday Island, the In Their Steps World War Two tour of Horn Island, plus the Torres Strait Heritage Museum, the largest collection of its kind in the Torres Strait. The tours and museum explore the dynamic Torres Strait culture and history, the Pearling industry, Torres Strait artwork and artefacts, and the extensive World War Two history and the enormous involvement of the Torres Strait and its people in this conflict. Combining historical records and personal stories, Torres Strait Heritage offers a unique and personal cultural and historical experience.

torresstraitheritage.com

Walkabout Cultural Adventures
Daintree

A deeply personal and captivating encounter with Aboriginal culture and nature

There is no better way to experience the Daintree and region than on a personal guided tour with Walkabout Cultural Adventures. Gain wonderful insight into the marine life along the spectacular coastline and discover the waterfalls and hidden swimming spots of the rainforest. On these exclusive personalised tours, guests are taken on a journey through pristine natural rainforests, beaches and river systems, learning about significant Aboriginal sites. Guests are provided with a truly unique cultural and interpretive adventure tour, incorporating Kuku Yalanji Aboriginal culture, sightseeing, time-honoured spear throwing and hunting, and tasting traditional foods.

walkaboutadventures.com.au
Immerse yourself in Dreamtime Stories, Aboriginal Dance and Didgeridoo performances, a guided walk and an opportunity to get close to over 1000 native Australian wildlife. The full day tour begins at Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Burleigh Heads where guests are greeted with an introduction to the Yugambeh region and the Aboriginal history of the Gold Coast. Explore the coastal landscape on a guided tour of Burleigh Heads National Park, visiting many culturally significant sites. Following on from Jellurgal is Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, where visitors have the opportunity to cuddle a koala, feed a kangaroo, hold a baby crocodile or snake. The experience is heightened with an Aboriginal dance performance which celebrates the rich local culture, providing a taste of the Yugambeh language, dance and stories.

cws.org.au

At the Dreamtime Cultural Centre, visitors can view the remarkable Vanishing Culture of the Sandstone Belt display which depicts the traditional people of the Central Queensland Sandstone Belt and their culture, all presented in 34 metres of reconstructed sandstone caves. The Centre also features a Torres Strait Islander complex, which includes huts, a giant dugong and plants particular to the Torres Strait, and an Aboriginal traditional area with replica burial site, rock art, gunyahs and traditional ceremonial sites of the Darambal people.
dreamtimecentre.com.au
Dreamworld Corroboree
Coomera, Gold Coast

Discover real cultural depth to one of Queensland’s famous theme parks, and learn the creation story of the Gold Coast.

Dreamworld Corroboree is Australia’s first theme park attraction to present Indigenous history, stories, wildlife and activities in a permanent exhibition, theatre and performance space. Guests are invited to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Interpretation Officers and experience culture through immersive hands-on experiences including face painting, traditional fire making, music-making/playing, wildlife talks, traditional weapons demonstration and storytelling. Dreamworld Corroboree is the place to feel the magic of a didgeridoo and marvel at the award-winning cinematic production Creation Story of the Gold Coast, a story gifted from the local Yugambeh Language Group about the beginning of the Gold Coast.

dreamworld.com.au

Flames of the Forest
Port Douglas

Devour a locally sourced banquet while being captivated by traditional storytelling and mesmerising song.

Showcasing a unique, tropics inspired menu accompanied by a selection of quality beverages and set amidst the candle lit rainforest under a black silk canopy with sparkling chandeliers, Flames of the Forest offers guests a distinctly different dining experience entwined with Indigenous culture. The Aboriginal Cultural Experience introduces two local Aboriginal brothers sharing their remarkable culture with guests throughout the evening. Their performance, unique to Flames of the Forest and staged within the natural, authentic backdrop of this spiritual culture, features traditional storytelling, didgeridoo and song.

flamesoftheforest.com.au
Thousands of years ago, Queensland’s Gold Coast was known by Aboriginal people as a feasting ground for hungry travellers, and a paradise of recreation and rejuvenation for visitors. While this is undeniably still the case, the Gold Coast is also fast gaining a reputation for quality Aboriginal experiences that showcase the culture of the local Yugambeh people.
Attractions

Gab Titui Cultural Centre
Thursday Island

Delve into Torres Strait Islander myths, legends and connection to sea and land

Gab Titui Cultural Centre is the Torres Strait’s first keeping place for historical artefacts and contemporary Indigenous art. Servicing 20 island communities and supporting more than 70 artists across the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area, Gab Titui’s art gallery and museum showcase a range of authentic Torres Strait artwork as well as important historical and cultural artefacts. Gab Titui’s Gallery Shop also offers a unique selection of craftwork and gifts and provides an outlet for Torres Strait artists to sell their work.

gabtitui.com.au

Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre
Burleigh Heads, Gold Coast

Visit famous Gold Coast landmarks with a traditional owner to learn about ancient sites and be enchanted by intriguing creation stories

Located at at Burleigh Headlands, Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Tours and Information Hub offers amazing and accurate insight into the spirituality and society of the Yugambeh Aboriginal people, one of the oldest living cultures in the world. Take a guided tour of Jellurgal (Burleigh Headland), where countless culturally significant sites, including an ancient midden, have played an important role in the lives of Aboriginal people, both socially and environmentally. At Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre, learn about the Aboriginal history and culture of the Gold Coast. Meet a traditional land owner, and hear the dreamtime stories associated with the creation of the mountain.

jellurgal.com.au
Attractions

Pamagirri at Rainforestation Nature Park
Kuranda, near Cairns

Discover ancient traditions kept alive in the rainforest of Kuranda

Let a Pamagirri Aboriginal Guide take you on a journey through the Dreamtime to discover Aboriginal customs and ancient traditions, kept alive in the rainforest of Kuranda. Experience the Pamagirri Aboriginal Dance Show in the Rainforest Amphitheatre, then join the Dreamtime Walk to learn to throw a boomerang, and watch spear throwing and didgeridoo playing. Also on offer is the Bush Tucka Walk, a new activity allowing guests to learn about the traditional plants and berries used by the rainforest Indigenous people for food and medicine, as well as learn about traditional weapons, artefacts and the huts used as shelter. Aboriginal Art Workshops are also available as part of a package or on request.
rainforest.com.au

Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA)
Brisbane

Experience ‘Everywhen, Everywhere’ and explore Indigenous culture

QAGOMA is located across two riverside buildings in South Bank’s Cultural Precinct. Both galleries present dynamic programs of Australian and international exhibitions, including permanent Indigenous Australian art displays that showcase the rich diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

QAGOMA’s Indigenous Australian Art collection has a strong focus on contemporary art, including paintings, sculpture, photography and video. Celebrating the collection is ‘Everywhen, Everywhere’, a free exhibition of major works exploring the history, ideas and art of our first peoples and cultures. Discover stories behind the art with our free, daily guided tours.
qagoma.qld.gov.au
Riverlife Mirrabooka allows visitors to share in rich Aboriginal culture presented by the Yuggera Aboriginal Dancers in natural bushland in the heart of Brisbane. Develop an awareness of the diverse aspects of contemporary Aboriginal culture by witnessing and participating in traditional song and dance passed down over many generations. Discover primitive fire starting techniques, Aboriginal musical instruments such as didgeridoos and clap sticks, and listen to educational talks that offer an insight into Aboriginal life and history of this ancient land. riverlife.com.au

Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park
North of Cairns

Enjoy hands-on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experiences where guest can see, touch, create, taste and try

Explore the rich history of the world’s oldest living culture, dating back over 40,000 years. Whether visiting by day or night, enjoy a unique cultural experience with performance, dance, food and arts. By Day, learn how to throw a boomerang, gain an understanding of bush foods and hunting techniques. See live performances from the world famous Tjapukai Dance Troupe and the Torres Strait Island Dancers. Enhance the day at Tjapukai with a guided Bush Food Trail through the parklands and sample native jams or create personalised souvenirs with our Cultural Creations package. By Night, be immersed in the mystical stories of the dreamtime and be included in a Fire Ceremony with Buffet Dinner and a spectacular dance show. tjapukai.com.au
Cairns Indigenous Art Fair
Cairns

Celebrate Queensland’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and unique flair for the arts

Cairns Indigenous Art Fair offers an opportunity to experience the beauty and diversity of Australia’s two unique Indigenous cultures. Held over three days annually in July, the event is an unparalleled celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, dance, film and music. The Cairns Indigenous Art Fair offers more than visual art; it tells a bigger story about Queensland’s Indigenous people, and offers insight into these complex cultures.

ciaf.com.au

Laura Aboriginal Dance Festival
Laura, west of Cooktown

Witness the passing on of culture across the generations

The Laura Aboriginal Dance Festival celebrates the culture of the Aboriginal people of Cape York Peninsula through song, dance ceremony and performance. Held biennially in July, the festival is a very important element in the preservation and continuance of the unique culture of the region. Known as a meeting ground for the communities of Cape York, the Laura Aboriginal Dance Festival is highly regarded by Aboriginal people as a place where families meet new and old family members, make new acquaintances and exchange and pass on family histories.
lauradancefestival.com
Events

Quandamooka Festival
Moreton Bay, Brisbane

Feel the spirit of Quandamooka Country and see Moreton Bay through the eyes of the Quandamooka people.

Yura - Welcome! Feel the spirit of Quandamooka Country! The Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) is the Aboriginal cultural heritage body for the Quandamooka People of majestic Moreton Bay. The annual Quandamooka Festival from July to September has over 50 events that take place across the Brisbane and the Redlands, including Aboriginal cultural tours, traditional song and dance, music, art exhibitions, workshops, film nights, traditional food, markets, whale watching tours, storytelling, weaving, sand art, sporting events, speaker’s forums and much more. Also on offer are year-round Aboriginal land and sea tours of Quandamooka country with experienced Aboriginal guides, Elders and rangers. [quandamookafestival.com.au.qyac.net.au]

UMI Arts Big Talk One Fire
Indigenous Cultural Festival
Cairns

Feel the rhythmic beat of Island drums, the sound of clap sticks, and the visual glory of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art.

UMI Arts is the peak Arts and Cultural Organisation for Far North Queensland. Authentic products are displayed and sold at the UMI Arts’ Shop and Galleries, and a strong membership base designs and offers events and cultural packages that add to the dimension of the visitor experience of this vibrant and diverse tropical region. Annual events include the renowned Freshwater Saltwater Exhibition, Indigenous Arts Markets and Music Concerts. UMI Arts Big Talk One Fire Indigenous Cultural Festival is held each year in July and is a community celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. [umiarts.com.au]
Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a diverse and complex culture that traces its roots back at least 50,000 years; one of the longest of any society on earth.

Community values, traditions, family and connection to the land are particularly important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and this is reflected in the way they interact with guests and conduct their tourism businesses. Some cultural considerations may present unique planning challenges. However with a little knowledge, flexibility and understanding, it is possible to enjoy enriching cultural experiences whilst accommodating the values of your hosts.

Tourism creates sustainable employment in many areas where there are relatively few alternative opportunities. This enables families and communities to stay on their land, in areas where they have kinship ties. By supporting these entrepreneurs, visitors help to provide longevity for communities and contribute to keeping their culture alive.

To find out more go to [queensland.com](http://queensland.com)

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