

## Information on Tours

All tours, will leave from the Mackay Grande Suites

### ***Hibiscus Coast Highlights- Cape Hillsborough area 8.30am – approx. 3pm includes morning tea and lunch***

Today we will cover most of the attractions in the Cape Hillsborough area including Port Newry, (where you'll hear about the history of the Newry and Rabbit Islands), a leg stretch at Seaforth Beach, morning tea at Cape Hillsborough Resort, and a Boardwalk through the Melaleuca woodland (where the story will be told about the Jupira people who lived and looked after the land). Enjoy a Woodfired pizza & salad lunch at the Old Station Tea House. Visit 'That Sapphire Place' which is found next to the Leap Hotel where cutting and polishing of Sapphires may be observed and the story and history of the area will be told.

### ***Historical Mackay Highlights – Greenmount Homestead, Botanical Gardens, City Heart and Mackay Harbour approx. 9am – 2.30pm includes morning tea.***

Travel first to Greenmount Homestead one of Mackay's most valuable heritage attractions. A restored farm held in trust including the 1915 Queenslander homestead that houses a collection of historical items. Return to the Mackay Botanical Gardens for morning tea (tea/coffee, assorted sandwiches and sweets) at the Lagoons Café. Continue to the City Heart for a Heritage Walk before heading to the Mackay Harbour where a talk on the history of Pine Islet Lighthouse will be given. Lunch (*at own cost*) is available at one of the several restaurants including fish & chips, Thai cuisine, Pub fare.

### ***Rainforest Delights – Finch Hatton & Eungella full day 8.30am – approx. 4.30pm includes morning tea and lunch.***

Pick up at 8.30am, we will travel through the Pioneer Valley to Finch Hatton for a morning tea – Billy Tea and Damper. After morning tea we will take a steady commentary walk to the Araluen Falls at Finch Hatton Gorge. A full BBQ lunch will be waiting upon your return. After lunch we will travel up to the Sky Window taking in the views of the Pioneer Valley, then onto Broken River for

Platypus spotting and the opportunity for those who would like to purchase afternoon tea at the Platypus Lodge Café.

***Coffee & Crocodiles – Coffee Plantation, Proserpine River Croc Tour & Airlie Beach 8am – 5pm includes morning tea and BBQ lunch***

Departure time approx. 8:00am. Heading north to Proserpine (125km) we stop first at Whitsunday Gold Coffee Plantation and enjoy a 45 min tour beginning first with morning cuppa with some delicious treats. Next we embark on a boat cruise on the Proserpine River for our Croc Tour and after enjoy a Barbeque Lunch. Then drive into Airlie Beach for some free time to wander about, taking in some retail therapy, before departing Airlie Beach at a time TBC.

***Sugar & Coal ½ day Tour – Sarina Sugar Shed, lookout over Hay Point Coal loading facilities with commentary. 8am departure returning at approx. 1pm***

Departing Mackay at 8am travelling to the award winning Sarina Sugar Shed – Australia's only miniature sugar mill and distillery that produces its own syrup to produce hand crafted rum. The guided tour includes a short movie and mini-cane plantation and outdoor displays where you will see the indoor miniature mill and distillery in action and enjoy a tasty treat! Sarina Sugar Shed is set in the 'Field of Dreams' Parkland – a family friendly picnic area with Sarina Art Gallery, Sarina Tourist Art and Craft Centre & Museum. Next, drive via Sarina Beach to the Port of Hay Point lookout to see one of the biggest and most efficient coal loading ports in the world and the two separate coal terminals – Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal and Hay Point Services Coal Terminal.