

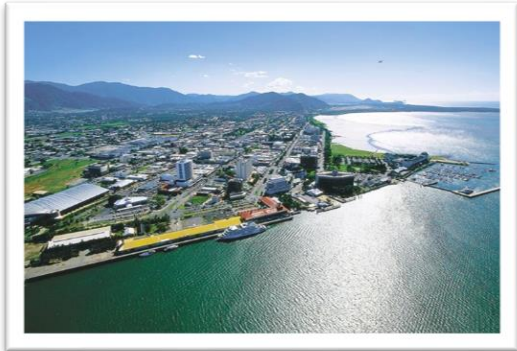
Summary of Trip Proposal A	
Trip:	Custom Trip – Proposal A
School:	Beaumaris Secondary College
Dates:	24 June – 2 July 2024
Proposal Date:	17 August 2023
Area of Study/ Educational Goals:	Well-rounded tour with a variety of educational and fun activities
Min/Max Numbers:	20 - 65 Students
Age of students during the trip:	14 – 15 years old
Anticipated teachers:	4 - 6 Teachers
Per Person Price:	Land Cost 20+ students: \$2902 AUD including GST Pricing based on a <i>minimum</i> of 20 students 1 teacher FREE for every 10 paying participants
Itinerary in Brief:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 1 – Arrival and Orientation, Future of the Reef Presentation • Day 2 – Outer Great Barrier Reef Snorkelling and Eye on The Reef Data Collection with Marine Biologist • Day 3 – Tree Planting & Daintree Rainforest Swimming Hole, Daintree Rainforest overnight • Day 4 – Rainforest Walk with Indigenous Guide, return Cairns • Day 5 – James Cook University Visit and Marine Workshop, free time afternoon • Day 6 – Rainforest Waterfall & Outback Cattle Station • Day 7 – Outback Cattle Station Activities, return Cairns & Fitzroy Island camping overnight • Day 8 – Fitzroy Island Inner Great Barrier Reef Snorkelling, and Turtle Rehabilitation Centre, return Cairns • Day 9 – Free Time and Depart
To book:	A non-refundable deposit of \$150 per person is required to secure your trip, based on estimated numbers. Final student payments, booking forms and waivers are due at 60 days prior to trip start.
Note:	Accommodation and activities in this proposal are subject to availability. Please tell us when you are ready to book and we will first confirm all availability.





Arrival in Cairns, Orientation and Transfer to Accommodation

Flight to Cairns: Welcome to the tropics! You are met at the airport by a Small World Journeys staff member who gives you an orientation & safety briefing. You are then transferred to your accommodation.



Accommodation: Your accommodation is a historic hotel in the absolute center of Cairns restaurant and shopping district, and only a few blocks from the waterfront. The hotel features an outdoor pool, guest laundry, and student rooms offer air conditioning, tv, tea and coffee making facilities, and ensuite bathroom.

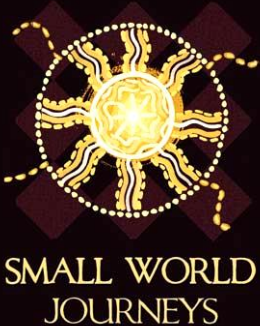


Future of The Reef Talk: In the evening you attend a unique presentation on the future of the Great Barrier Reef. Your marine naturalist teaches you the facts about the state of the reef, dispelling myths about bleaching and climate change, and relays the good, the bad and the ugly about reef tourism. During this talk, you learn the four key threats to the reef and how scientists are trying “assisted evolution” by breeding corals that are resistant to bleaching under higher temperatures. Perhaps most importantly, you gain

ten tips on how you yourselves can help save the reef and continue campaigning when you return home.



Meals Included: Dinner
Accommodation: Hides Hotel





Outer Great Barrier Reef Snorkelling and Data Collection with Marine Biologist & Indigenous Culture

Boat Ride to Reef: This morning your marine biologist presents what you are likely to see at the reef and introduces the *Eye on the Reef* program, which involves instruction on how to complete the Rapid Monitoring Survey.

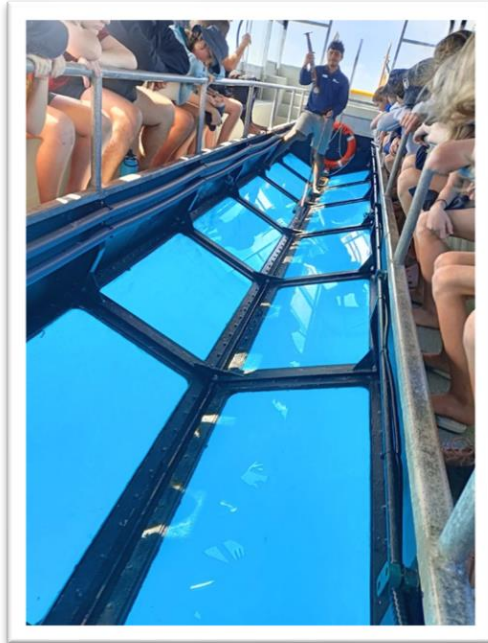
Snorkeling and Data Collection: Upon arrival, you dock at a floating pontoon, and an underwater universe greets you. During a guided snorkel tour with your marine biologist, you can expect to see a rainbow of hard and soft corals, turtles, and a variety

of fish species including butterfly fish, parrot fish and giant Maori Wrasse.

Data Collection & Service: Next you receive in-water training on how to conduct the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's Rapid Monitoring Survey. Your marine guide will point out key features of the reef ecosystem, answer any questions, and conduct a practice survey with group. Then during a timed snorkel session, you record your underwater

findings. Your guide and waterproof slates help you identify a host of marine life and calculate benthic zone coverage. Most importantly, you look for signs of coral bleaching and coral predators which greatly affect the health of the reef. Your data is then collected and contributes to the central reporting system used by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) to manage the long term sustainability of this UNESCO World Heritage area.





Indigenous Culture: Part of your day is interacting with Traditional Owners, listening to a didgeridoo performance, sampling “bush tucker” and watching staff perform traditional dances. You also board a glass-bottom boat and a Traditional Owner discusses his sea country along with Traditional Uses of Marine Resources Agreements (TUMRAs).

Field Guide: *101 Animals of The Great Barrier Reef*, written by Dr. Martin Cohen, helps you to better understand the underwater world and is yours to keep.



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Accommodation: Hides Hotel



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Tree Planting and Daintree Rainforest & Rainforest Swimming

Native Tree Planting Service Work: Today with your guide you discuss loss of biodiversity and habitats for a range of species due to agriculture or development. Then with shovels and gloves, you plant native trees to moderate temperature and humidity and to create niches for other plants and animals. This area is a ‘hotspot’ for biodiversity so your service work here is helping to protect a buffer zone to a World Heritage area. By working with seedlings, digging, planting, and watering today, you get to meet some local volunteers, help the environment and contribute to the community.



Daintree Rainforest & Beach Eco-Lodge: Later you enter the magical Daintree Rainforest – the oldest continuously growing rainforest on earth. Your Daintree lodge boasts an attractive swimming pool, guest laundry, BBQ area, and a superb location in the rainforest but directly on the beach. As a recipient of a 2016 QLD Excellence in Tourism Award, and Trip Advisor’s *Certificate of Excellence* 2015, the lodge also uses grey water for irrigation, locally-sourced food for its restaurant, and recycles 80% of its waste. Students sleep in dorm-style cabins with ensuite, and the sounds of the jungle surround you.





Cape Tribulation and Swimming

Hole: Nearby is a crystal-clear rainforest swimming hole used by locals and a perfect place to cool off.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Accommodation: Cape Trib Beach House



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Thursday 27 June 2024

Day 4



Daintree Rainforest & Cairns

Daintree Rainforest Guided Walk & Return to Cairns



Rainforest Walk with Indigenous Guide: Today you discover the Daintree Rainforest at Mossman Gorge, an area important to the *Kuku Yalanji*. Beginning with a traditional smoking ceremony, you wander rainforest paths, discovering with your guide how these Aboriginal people found their way through dense rainforest, made shelter and learned which native plants were

tasty to eat and those that served as weapons and medicine. As your guide shares his stories, you learn how the seasons dictated life, what falls under men's and women's "business", how to make fire in the rainforest and how to make fish very easy to catch. You then sample billy tea and wattle seed damper (bread) made on the fire topped with jam from rainforest berries.



This afternoon you return to Cairns. Dinner tonight is of your own choice, you may wish to visit Cairns Night Markets for shopping and visit the food court, alternatively there are many easily accessible restaurant or takeaway options within a short walking distance of your accommodation.

Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: Hides Hotel



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James Cook University Marine Labs and Speaker, Free time afternoon



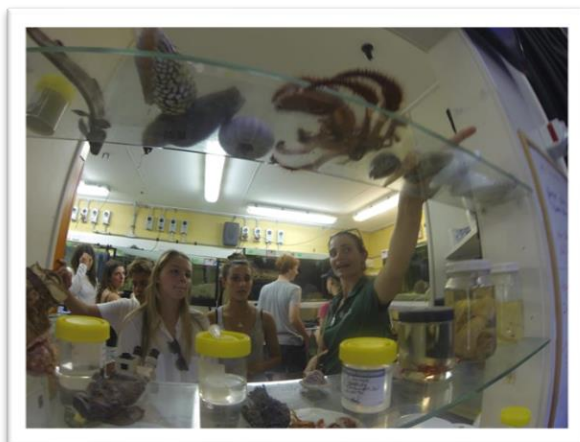
James Cook University Visit: JCU is Australia's highest-ranked university in environmental science and offers marine biology studies not found anywhere else.

Marine Labs & Aquarium: Popular with film crews, the marine labs here boast one of the world's best sites for capturing marine creatures

on camera. Sophisticated equipment in the tanks allows for observing and filming animal behaviour up close. JCU's unique circular tank allows for a simulated current and the careful study of jellyfish. You meet staff who are on the cutting edge of marine science research, learn how they "milk" fish for venom, and about the latest findings in anti-venoms.

Venomous Creatures & Mangrove Biome: Here you meet unusual and deadly creatures such as sea horses, baby crocodiles, cone shells, the lethal *chironex* jellyfish, and the extremely rare lung fish, found in captivity only at JCU. The cast

members of *Finding Nemo* live here too. You also investigate a working model of a mangrove biome, an important tool for studying effects on water quality and salinity as well as climate change mitigation.



Expert Speaker: Speakers may include famous venomologist Dr. Jamie Seymour, whose recent discovery that vinegar is not the best treatment for jellyfish stings has turned science on its head or Richard Fitzpatrick – “the shark wrangler” – a marine biologist and Emmy Award-winning cinematographer with more than 50 films for the BBC, National Geographic and Discovery Channel.



Free Time: Lunch is of your own choice today, after your JCU visit you have the afternoon free to explore Cairns City.

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: Hides Hotel



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Waterfalls, National Park and Outback Cattle Station

Today you enter Wooroonooran National Park—a diverse part of the UNESCO Wet Tropics World Heritage Area which hosts some of the oldest continually surviving rainforest in the world.

Josephine Falls: One of the most picturesque places in the entire Wet Tropics! You take an easy walk through the jungle, listening for the call of the king parrot and the bowerbird and emerge at Josephine Falls, where Josephine Creek plunges down a gorgeous set of cascades. Below the falls, boulders surround a fun swimming hole and a natural water slide down a smooth sloping rock face.



Outback Cattle Station and Wildlife: As you cross the Great Dividing Range, you enter outback country, where the dirt turns red and gum trees prevail. Here you are welcome guests at a traditional working cattle

station and homestead, opened to your group. On arrival, you hop in the hay truck to trace a route through the station--much of which has been set aside for as a sanctuary for wildlife—and look for the kangaroos and crocodiles that roam the property.





Boomerang Throwing: Yes, they actually come back to you! Your guide teaches you the significance of the boomerang and how they were cleverly used for hunting. You learn proper throwing technique and what makes them return.

Aussie BBQ and Stargazing: After a classic BBQ, you have a fire under starry outback skies. From this remote outback station, views of the stars are phenomenal. Students sleep in single-gender dorm-style bunk houses, while teachers sleep in separate cabins tonight.



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Accommodation: Outback Cattle Station



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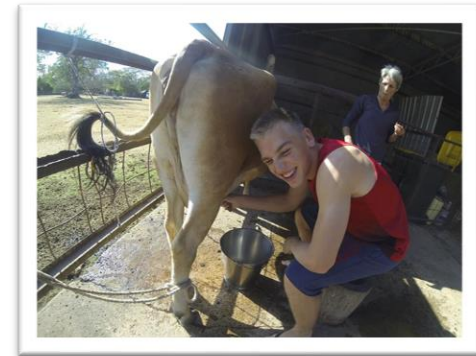
Day 7



Outback & Fitzroy Island

Outback Cattle Station and Island Camping

Cow Milking, Animals and Whip Cracking: This morning you get a sample of true outback life on a cattle station, breaking into small groups, you can visit the goats and chickens, learn how to milk the cows and crack a whip properly in true cowboy style. You also take a walk back through time on the homestead to the age of the early Australian pioneers, and you can touch the old furniture, trinkets and memorabilia all well-preserved by the family.



Later this morning you return to Cairns, and then to Fitzroy Island for overnight camping.



Ferry Ride: This afternoon you are ferried to the pristine Fitzroy Island. A fringing coral reef surrounds the island, part of the inner Great Barrier Reef, providing a sheltered home for a variety of fish and coral species.

Camping at Water's Edge: Your campground is beautifully situated only steps from the water where you set up your tents. There is a BBQ and covered pergola area for eating an ablutions block with toilets and cold showers. There is also a small store and Foxy's Café.



Accommodation: Fitzroy Island Campground

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



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Fitzroy Island Great Barrier Reef & Turtle Rehabilitation Centre



Lighthouse Hike: This morning if you rise early and are up for a challenge you can choose to walk a gorgeous but steep rainforest track that gives way to dry open forest and scenic vistas. At trail's end stands a historic lighthouse where views of the sparkling Coral Sea stretch to the horizon. For an extra challenge, push on to the summit of the island for 360-degree views.



Guided Snorkelling: With full use of snorkel gear for the day, you can walk right into the water to explore the magnificent reef system that surrounds the island. Your

marine naturalist leads you to underwater examples of biodiversity, parasitism, and commensalism as well as examples of the reef's most interesting features.

Activity Addressing Contemporary & Traditional Protected Area Management: A lunchtime mapping activity also helps students with their geography skills and to understand management strategies for the reef, both present and past. Students are led into a discussion about how

the area has been traditionally managed by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people for over 60,000 years, addressing topics such as sustainable fishing, use of totems and Traditional Owner stewardship. Students are encouraged to consider and discuss what challenges there might be in



using only traditional management practices today, considering the present day uses of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Contemporary management of the area is also looked at in detail, as well as the zoning plan released in 2003 by the Australian Government.



Turtle Rehabilitation Centre: During your visit you also visit the island's Turtle Rehabilitation Centre where a collection of volunteers help save sick and injured sea turtles by looking after them until they are ready to be released back into the ocean.

Human Impacts & Water Quality Testing: Students are introduced to an activity that has them evaluating the island's human impacts throughout the day, and are asked to fill in a "report card". Finally, you learn to measure water quality using chemical tests. Small World Journeys collects these tallies from each group that visits Fitzroy Island so we can log this data,

analyse the results over time, and look for any long-term trends.

You are ferried back to Cairns this afternoon.



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Accommodation: Hides Hotel

Tuesday 2 July 2024

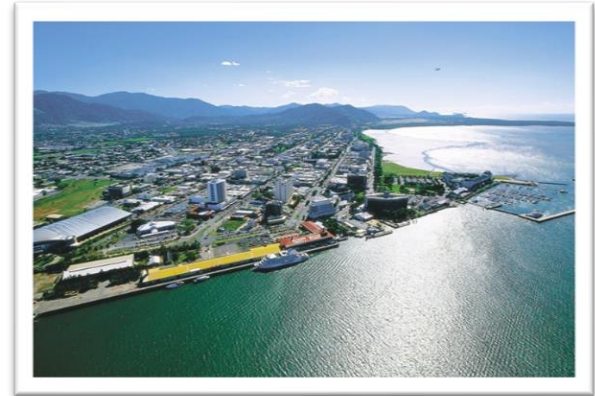
Day 9



Cairns

Free Time and Departure

This morning after breakfast you have some time to do some last-minute shopping. Then eventually all good things must come to an end and you are transferred back to the Cairns Airport for your flight home.



Meals Included: Breakfast

Small World Journeys reserves the right to change the order of activities for logistical reasons. Prices are valid for travel until 31 July, 2024.



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Beaumaris Secondary College 2024 – Custom Trip Proposal A

Trip Length: 9 days / 8 nights

Begins/Ends: Cairns, Queensland

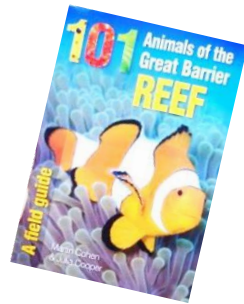
Land Cost 20+ students: \$2902 AUD including GST

Pricing based on a *minimum* of 20 students

1 teacher **FREE** for every 10 paying participants

Trip Fees Include:

- All activities as described in the itinerary
- Cairns airport transfers
- Transportation to activities where required
- Small World Journeys land guide for 5 Days
- Marine naturalists for 2 Days
- Additional specialty guides and educators
- 5 nights at Cairns central hotel (3 or 4 share rooms with private bathroom)
- 1 night outback cattle station (basic single gender dorm-style rooms with shared bathrooms)*
- 1 night Daintree Rainforest cabins (4 or 5-share dorm-style rooms with private bathrooms)*
- 1 night Island camping
- All continental breakfasts
- 6 lunches
- 7 dinners
- Snacks
- Mask, fins, and snorkel hire for Great Barrier Reef trips
- *101 Animals of the Great Barrier Reef* field guide for each student
- BPA-free reusable water bottle and cloth shopping bag
- National Park and Marine Park taxes and levies
- 5 metres square Daintree rainforest plot adopted in your group's name through Rainforest Rescue
- Coral adoption through Reef Restoration Foundation & updates on coral



Two teacher rooms (private twin or triple share rooms with ensuite) are included in the trip price. A supplement of **\$900 AUD is charged if an additional private room is required. If teachers are happy to share a room, no additional costs are incurred.*

Trip Fees Exclude:

- Return airfare
- Personal expenses (phone, laundry, internet, etc.)
- Wetsuits on reef days



Feeling Good About Your Small World Trip

- **AWARD WINNER:** We won the 2018 and 2019 Queensland Tourism Industry Council's GOLD award in Specialised Tourism Services.
- **SAFETY:** We have emergency plans for every location we visit. Our guides have **Working With Children approval** (QLD "Blue Card") and Senior First Aid/CPR certifications
- **GIVING BACK:** We donate **5% of our annual nett profits** to local not-for-profit organisations like the Turtle Rehab Centre and *Rosie's Friends on the Street*. Our staff are also compensated when they volunteer for the community.
- **HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT:** Our office runs on **100% renewable energy**, and we pay to offset the carbon emissions from your trip
- **PRICE GUARANTEE:** Once you have paid your deposit, the price of your trip will not increase for any reason
- Small World Journeys received the **2021 Sustainability Award** at the Cairns' Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards



*"All our students enjoyed the activities and not only was there a variety of them but they learnt so many new things without even realising. It is a credit to you all there that you were able to put together such a camp that had to cater for such a variance in ages. All the students were able to participate fully and they could do it together, despite the age differences. A special thank you must be given to Rick [Small World Journeys guide] who, again, is so warm and genuine that the students immediately take to him. His knowledge and the way he imparts it is amazing. You, and your whole company, are so professional, helpful and wonderful that **I do not think we can look at any other operators and so will have to keep coming to Cairns!** Your help behind the scenes and in planning is fundamental to the success and I thank you again"*

–Debbie Douglass, teacher, Newman High School, Newman WA (May '18)



FAQs

What is Small World Journeys?

Small World Journeys is an educational tour operator. We have been operating since 2008. We offer multi-day adventures that include expert instruction by our guides, meals, accommodation, ground transport and lots of goodies.



What is your safety record?

We have had hundreds of students travel with us, and our safety record is excellent. Ask us for teacher references specifically regarding safety.

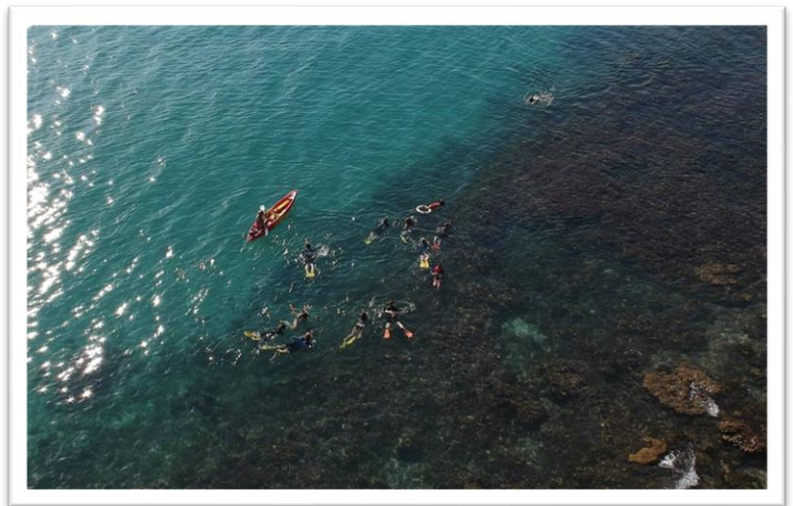
Safety is absolutely our number one concern at all times. We carry a first aid kit in our vehicles, as well as on the guide's person when in remote areas. We do everything in our power to make sure each trip is as safe as it can possibly be.

Do you do risk assessments?

Yes. We evaluate and re-evaluate the safety of each of our destinations and activities, and we always reserve the right to modify or cancel an itinerary if the guide feels that conditions are unsafe. We will gladly provide a risk management assessment specific to your trip on request. Small World Journeys' staff also adhere to a comprehensive Risk Management Strategy.

What if my child gets COVID whilst on the trip?

We have a COVID Safe Plan to minimise the risk of getting COVID whilst students are on a trip with us. We also carry Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) to test any student who has symptoms. If a student tests



positive to a RAT, then we will arrange to take that student for a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test at a clinic or a hospital. At that point, we will discuss with the parents their preferred course of action. At the time of writing, it is no longer a Queensland requirement that people who are COVID positive must isolate from others; however we highly recommend isolating until a negative test is returned.

What kind of food will we have?

We understand how important food is to young people – and heaps of it!

A typical breakfast will be a continental breakfast including juices, cereals, toast & jams (and optional vegemite!) and a typical packed lunch will be a meat and salad sandwich, drink, chips, biscuits and a piece of fresh fruit. Café lunches and dinners will vary, but we place a big emphasis on variety and healthful options.

Best of all, we carry our snack box when we travel to ensure that no one is ever hungry. Self-catering options are available for those who would like to prepare group meals. Most student groups request all meals be included in their trip.



Where will we sleep?

We choose accommodation for our educational groups that is safe and clean. Options range from sleeping in tents at well-appointed campgrounds to budget hotels and youth hostels – selected according to your budget and itinerary. At some accommodation it is possible to cook group meals yourselves.

Whenever possible, we use locally-owned accommodation options to keep income in the community.



We have a 24-hour mobile number that parents may ring at any time during their child's trip if there is an emergency, and we will also provide the group coordinator with contact details of where the group is staying each night.

What about sharks or jellyfish?

The ocean is home to sharks, but the ones you may encounter at the Great Barrier Reef are small and pose little threat to swimmers. In fact, divers and snorkelers often consider themselves lucky to spot one of these shy, magnificent creatures.

Australia's famed Great White sharks prefer cold water, and therefore are not found at the Great Barrier Reef.

Stingers, also known as box jellyfish, breed in estuaries and are rare at The Great Barrier Reef. Therefore, they do not pose a big threat to snorkelers or divers. Stingers are only a consideration on the beaches between November and April, and most of the local beaches have stinger nets so that people may still swim.



How do we travel?

You travel in comfortable well-maintained air-conditioned vehicles with a seat belt for every passenger. We have a 13-seat mini bus for small groups and a Toyota Coaster bus for groups larger than 13 participants. If the group is larger than 24, we hire additional vehicles. Our guides all have a state-issued Driver's Authority (DA) and must have a special bus license to drive our vehicles.



What do we need to pack?

A Suggested Packing List will be sent to every group organiser so students will be able to adequately prepare for their trip.

When is the best time to visit Cairns - What is the weather like?

Cairns is a tropical place, and outdoor activities can be enjoyed year-round. In our summer (December-February), the weather is at its warmest and wettest. You can expect hot days with occasional tropical storms, producing lush green hillsides and plenty of waterfalls. Average temperatures are 23-31 degrees Celsius/73-87 Fahrenheit.

In our winter (June-August), the climate is at its most mild, with warm days, cool nights, and little rainfall. Average temperatures are 18-26 degrees Celsius/64-78 degrees Fahrenheit.

What qualifications do your guides have?

Our Cairns guides have a government-issued "Blue Card" that is only given after an extensive background check, and allows them the ability to work with children. Each guide also has a Senior First Aid and CPR certification and government-issued Driver's Authority.

Many of our educational adventures guides have higher degrees in environmental science, marine biology or experiential education, and there is one thing which unites them: a love for teaching young people about the outdoors.

We choose guides with extensive experience having worked with young people. We will take into consideration your educational objectives and assign one of our guides who will be the best match for your group.

What kind of insurance do you have in place?

Small World Journeys has public liability insurance up to \$20,000,000 and is required for us to maintain our commercial permits for the national parks.

What happens if a student cancels?

If an individual student cancels from a trip within 30 days of the trip departure, no refunds are given. For this reason, we strongly encourage all parents to purchase trip cancellation insurance in order to protect against unforeseen circumstances which are the main cause for student cancellations.





For details on cancellations of the entire group, please see our [Terms & Conditions](#) below.

How does Small World Journeys incorporate our educational objectives?

We work directly with the teacher organiser or group leader to understand the goals of the trip. Then we suggest activities and learning opportunities to match these objectives.

For example, a group may be interested in learning more about marine biology. In this case we will facilitate some fun classroom time dedicated to marine science in Cairns, then a couple of days at the Great Barrier Reef with our marine biologist guide. We can include such things as reef field guides for each student, and mini-lectures after snorkel time. A SCUBA certification course may also be appropriate. Alternatively, we might suggest a few days at an island research station, during which students have classroom and snorkel time, as well as a service project monitoring coral bleaching on the reef.

Whether it is marine science, aboriginal culture, rainforest ecology or another topic, we will work with each group to ensure an educational yet fun experience for all.

What makes us "eco-friendly"?

An eco tour, in our opinion, is a trip in which everyone benefits: the community, the environment, you and us. Simply by joining one of our trips, you will be supporting carbon offsetting, Rainforest Rescue's Adopt-A-Square initiative, aboriginal cultural ventures and locally-owned businesses who are working towards a more sustainable future in tourism. As our guest, you are supporting us as well. Thank you!



Why should we purchase travel insurance?

We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance for your protection. Should a participant need to cancel their trip for any reason, our cancellation policy applies. However, travel insurance protects any loss they may experience should s/he or an immediate family member become ill or sustain an injury that prevents them from going on the trip.



SMALL WORLD JOURNEYS TERMS & CONDITIONS

PLEASE ENSURE ALL PARENTS ARE GIVEN A COPY OF THESE TERMS & CONDITIONS

BOOKING

IF YOU ARE A TEACHER BOOKING A GROUP TRIP (or an individual on that trip)

The booking of any trip requires a **\$150 AUD per person non-refundable deposit**. This amount is based on estimated participant numbers and comes off the total balance due. Until this deposit is received, no trip is confirmed. We advise you not to make any travel plans or book flights until you have received our confirmation.

For student groups, we must then receive the following:

- 1) **BOOKING FORM** (accessed on our website) **NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIP**
- 2) **SIGNED RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND INDEMNITY FORM (also accessed on our website) Parents must read and e-sign before any money is collected from parents. NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIP**

We urge you to check the details we send you carefully and to contact us immediately if there is any incorrect information.

Please note that before we can accept your booking it is a mandatory requirement that you accept these terms and conditions.

If you are the parent/guardian of a minor student, you will need to e-sign the **Release, Discharge and Indemnity Form BEFORE remitting any payment to Small World Journeys**. You are agreeing to the terms and conditions of this agreement and that it is a legally binding agreement between Small World Journeys and you.

If you are an adult participant, you understand that you are entering into this agreement electronically and that by clicking "Submit Form", you are agreeing to the terms and conditions of this agreement and that it is a legally binding agreement between Small World Journeys and you. You must agree to these terms and conditions **BEFORE remitting any payment to Small World Journeys**.



PAYMENT

At time of booking.....\$150 per person non-refundable deposit

60 days prior to departure..... Balance is due

If you sign up for a trip within 60 days of trip departure, full payment is due at the time of booking. If your payment is not received when due, Small World Journeys reserves the right to consider the reservation cancelled and you will be forfeiting your deposit.

We accept direct deposits, Australian bank cheques, and international cheques in Australian dollars or international wire transfers in Australian dollars. Our bank details are listed on your invoice. We also take payments on line with **MasterCard and Visa** but please note group payments by these credit cards will attract a **1.5% surcharge**.

CANCELLATIONS

IF YOU CANCEL

Accidents happen; emergencies occur. For this reason we strongly recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance will protect you should an emergency happen that prevents you from participating on your Small World Journeys trip.

If it is necessary for you to cancel your trip, you must notify us in writing by email or letter immediately. If we are unable to find a suitable alternative trip or trip date, we will refund you the cost of your trip less the following, per person charges:

61 days or more prior to departure.....\$150 per person

60-31 days prior to departure.....50% of total price

30 days or less prior to departure.....No Refund

Your refund will be calculated on the day we receive your written cancellation.

TRANSFERS

- If you postpone your trip more than 60 days prior to trip departure date we will be happy to transfer 100% of your monies paid to another Small World Journeys trip or different departure date within 12 months of the original trip start date. If canceling, the cancellation fees above apply.



- From 31 to 60 days prior to departure—50% of the cost of Small World Journeys scheduled trip is non-transferable and non-refundable.
- Less than 30 days prior to departure – all amounts paid to Small World Journeys scheduled trip are non-transferable and non-refundable.

CHANGES TO ITINERARY

Once you have accepted our formal itinerary proposal, we will require a \$150 per person deposit fee to secure your trip booking. **If you want to make further changes after the itinerary has been finalised**, we will at this point require a non-refundable **\$50 AUD Change Fee** for every itinerary change you ask from us. We reserve the right to refuse repeated itinerary changes once the final itinerary has been agreed upon and the admin fee has been paid.

FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS:

IF WE CANCEL YOUR TRIP

Small World Journeys may cancel a trip due to logistical or operational issues, insufficient sign-ups or any other cause that makes the trip unfeasible for us to operate. If we do not find an alternative for you that is acceptable, you are entitled to a full refund and that will constitute full settlement.

We may also cancel departures if forced to do so by circumstances such as war, civil or political unrest or what is commonly referred to as **FORCE MAJEURE**.

Force Majeure

In the case of Force Majeure (meaning a circumstance beyond Small World Journeys' reasonable control including, but not limited to, war or threat of war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, disease, industrial or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, fire and strikes), Small World Journeys will not be liable for any delay, change or cancellation of trips.

Small World Journeys normally makes significant payments to its suppliers (hotels, outfitters, etc.) far in advance of the scheduled departure date. If a trip is cancelled due to force majeure, Small World Journeys will promptly refund the portion of the trip cost not already advanced to suppliers. Small World Journeys may, in its discretion, recover from its suppliers a refund of money paid in respect of any trip cancelled due to Force Majeure. Where this occurs, a refund will be given. Otherwise, Small World Journeys will not be liable to refund money paid in respect of a cancelled trip.



Please note Small World Journeys is also not responsible for expenses incurred while preparing for a cancelled trip (e.g., nonrefundable advance purchase air tickets, special equipment, visa fees, loss of enjoyment, etc.) or for any additional arrangements made before or after the cancelled trip.

REFUNDS

Prices are quoted as a package, and in many cases are based on group participation. Therefore, Small World Journeys does not give refunds for unused services, activities or meals. Additionally, no refund will be given if you voluntarily leave a trip for any reason after the trip has begun. Refunds will be at the discretion of Small World Journeys should you be forced to leave a trip for any reason. No refunds will be given to a participant in a group who cancels less than 30 days prior to the trip (please consider travel insurance for this reason)

PRICING

We reserve the right to change our prices without prior notice, due to factors beyond our control. Price increases are not passed on to participants who have already paid a deposit, **unless the trip is postponed to a new tourism year (which starts 1 April).**

Pricing is based on the age of the students when they will be travelling with Small World Journeys.

ITINERARIES & CHANGES

We will take every measure to ensure the accuracy of the website, promotional literature, itineraries and prices, but conditions can change and errors can occur. Circumstances beyond our control may also necessitate changes to our itineraries. In this case, guests should refer to the tour itinerary included on the trip website (details on logging in to the trip website portal will be emailed to you or your organising teacher). Changing conditions in the field may also necessitate itinerary modifications after the trip has departed.

PRE-TRIP MATERIALS

Once you have signed up for a trip, Small World Journeys will send you a link to a special website with additional information to help you prepare for your trip.

You will have access to a special website with the following information:



- General Information document which includes visa, travel agent and travel insurance information, reading list, information on climate, cultural etiquette, and other helpful information
- Suggested Packing List
- Videos and other educational resources

COMPLAINTS

Small World Journeys takes guest satisfaction and feedback quite seriously. This is why we give every guest who travels with us an Evaluation Form so that he or she may give us honest feedback, and if applicable, lodge a formal complaint with Small World Journeys.

Before you enter the state of Queensland, and as a condition of booking, we ask you to read our Complaints Policy, found in our Terms & Conditions document. We will provide a copy of this Policy in your first language if requested.

Should you have any complaints about any aspect of Small World Journeys' operations or our suppliers, please inform us in writing. We will address your complaint in a prompt and professional manner within 5 working days of having received the complaint, and if appropriate, take remedial action.

You may contact us by email: info@smallworldjourneys.com.au or by post: PO Box 6267, Cairns, QLD 4870. If you are dissatisfied with the conduct of Small World Journeys, you may contact the Commissioner of the Office of Fair Trading on 131 304 or via email at www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au/complaint-general.htm.

At no point will this dispute resolution process affect you from exercising your rights to other legal remedies.

INSURANCE

We strongly recommend you purchase insurance coverage to protect you in the event of trip cancellation, protection to baggage, possessions and valuables and to cover against personal accident. Travel insurance should cover you if you become sick or injured before your trip, thus preventing you from travel.

For more information on travel insurance, please contact our travel agent [Sandy Siriani at MTA Travel](#) Ph: 0408 006 921 or by email: ssirianni@mtatravel.com.au

We will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or theft of your baggage, possessions or valuables under any circumstances.



RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CLIENT

You are responsible for:

1. Choosing a trip appropriate to your physical abilities and interests. Guests are responsible for being in sufficiently good health to participate on their trip and may be required to obtain a medical practitioner's clearance. Once a trip has been confirmed medical circumstances will not be considered as exceptions to our cancellation policy. Small World Journeys takes no responsibility regarding medical advice, medications or vaccinations that you or your doctor feel is necessary for your safe participation. All journeys are undertaken at your own risk and we reserve the right to refuse your participation in a particular activity or a complete journey if we believe it is for your own safety and the safety of other passengers.
2. Providing Small World Journeys with correct information regarding your personal details. This includes name, address, email, medical conditions and flight details. We will not be responsible for losses incurred due to incorrect, incomplete or inaccurate information.
3. Providing Small World Journeys with a signed **Release, Discharge and Indemnity Waiver** prior to trip departure (You will not be permitted to join a trip without this information on file)
4. Studying the pre-departure information sent to you, and arriving at the trip start with the recommended clothing and gear as specified on the Packing List.
5. Respecting the laws and customs of Australia.
6. Following the leader's directions in accordance with environmental guidelines and regulations. This includes abiding by Leave No Trace Environmental Ethics as instructed by the trip leader.
7. Respecting the rights and privacy of other trip members. Any cause of danger, distress or annoyance to the group will be acted upon. You may be asked to leave a trip if the guide feels that your continuing participation may prove detrimental to yourself or to the safety or well-being of other guests. Any expenses incurred from removal from a tour will be your responsibility.
8. *(If you are travelling to Australia from overseas)* Having a valid passport for international travel. Your passport should be valid for at least six months beyond the date which you expect to return home. You are responsible for arranging visas or travel permits, if applicable. We regret we cannot accept any liability if you are refused entry to Australia.
9. *(If you are travelling to Australia from overseas)* Appreciating that in Australia, level of service, local customs, etiquette, food, living standards and accommodation may differ from those in the your home country. In Cairns especially, the pace of life and service can differ significantly from other Westernized nations.
10. Informing Small World Journeys if--either whilst ON the trip or any time in the two weeks prior to the trip--you are feeling unwell; if you have any flu-like



symptoms; if you have been exposed to anyone known to be infected with COVID-19, if you have been advised to self-isolate; or if you suspect you may have COVID-19. You will then be recommended not to attend the trip until you test negative for COVID-19.

11. You also need to inform Small World Journeys if you are considered vulnerable or "at-risk" to COVID-19. Vulnerable customers (those who identify as 'at-risk') are recommended not to attend the trip. Vulnerable (those who are considered "at risk") customers who are comfortable participating on the trip are advised to take your own additional safety precautions, understanding that Small World Journeys cannot *guarantee* your safety.

Parents will be asked to read and understand the following waiver, release & indemnity:

In consideration of Small World Journeys Pty Ltd, ATF SWJ Family Trust, trading as Small World Journeys (referred to as "**SWJ**") permitting me to participate in the activities, including transit to or from the activities or instruction in the activities (such participation, instruction and transit referred to as "**Activities**"), I acknowledge and agree as follows:

Risk Warning & Acknowledgement

1. I acknowledge that the services provided may involve travel and activities undertaken offshore or in remote locations where medical treatment and evacuation may be delayed or unavailable.
2. The Activities comprise sporting activities or similar leisure time pursuits and I am participating in the Activities for the purpose of enjoyment, leisure or recreation. I acknowledge that the Activities may be dangerous and involve a significant degree of physical exertion or physical risk. I voluntarily choose to participate in the Activities, fully accepting that the materialisation of those risks may cause personal injury, death, property damage or economic loss.
3. The business of SWJ involves the coordination, packaging and supply of tourism and recreational services which may be provided by an independent contractor who is not an agent of SWJ. I have not relied on nor has SWJ given any representation or warranty (whether express or implied) about the quality of the services of the independent contractor. I solely rely on the skill, judgment, expertise and explanation and advice about risks of the Activities of the independent contractor in respect of the service provided by an independent contractor.

Waiver & Release

4. Section 139A of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* permits SWJ, as a supplier of recreational services, to ask you to agree that the statutory



guarantees under the Australian Consumer Law do not apply to you (or a person for whom or on whose behalf you are acquiring the recreational services).

5. To the greatest extent permitted by law (including section 139A of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*) I unconditionally release, discharge and agree not to sue SWJ in respect of all liabilities, claims and causes of action that may arise from any act, omission, default, failure or error on the part of SWJ (including any negligent act, omission, default, failure or error) occurring wholly or partially and whether before, during or after the Activities.
6. To the greatest extent permitted by law (including section 139A of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*) I indemnify and will keep indemnified SWJ from any liability, claim or cause of action that may be brought against SWJ as a result of or in connection with any act, omission, default, failure or error on the part of SWJ (including any negligent act, omission, default, failure or error) occurring wholly or partially and whether before, during or after the Activities.
7. To the greatest extent permitted by law (including section 139A of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*), in the event of my death, caused wholly or partially by the Activities, my estate and my personal representatives, executors or administrators indemnify and will keep indemnified SWJ from any liability, claim or cause of action that may be brought against SWJ by my personal representatives, executors, administrators, dependants or any other person entitled to claim damages in respect of my death.
8. Clauses 5, 6 and 7 are limited to liability for:
 - 8.1. death; or
 - 8.2. a physical or mental injury (including the aggravation, acceleration or recurrence of such an injury); or
 - 8.3. the contraction, aggravation or acceleration of a disease; or
 - 8.4. the coming into existence, the aggravation, acceleration or recurrence of any other condition, circumstance, occurrence, activity, form of behaviour, course of conduct or state of affairs:
 - 8.4.1. that is or may be harmful or disadvantageous to you or the community; or
 - 8.4.2. that may result in harm or disadvantage to you or the community.
9. I have read and understood the matters set out in this document and affirm that I am over the age of 18 and legally competent to give this waiver, release and indemnity. I understand that this document is contractual in nature, has legal effect and is not merely a warning nor provided for information purposes. I have signed this document of my own free will and without any



representation or inducement by SWJ, its agents or employees. I acknowledge that SWJ has relied on this document in allowing me to participate in the Activities.

10. Where this document is signed for a participant under 18 years of age, then the parent/guardian signing this document covenants in terms of clauses 5 to 9, and 11, in respect of any claim, liability or cause of action that arises out of or is incidental to the child's participation in the Activities.
11. I agree that the law of the State of Queensland, Australia, will apply to my participation in the Activities and the contract concluded by my signing this document, irrespective of where I sign this document. The courts of Queensland, Australia, and courts of appeal from those courts will have jurisdiction to determine any claim or dispute arising out of my participation in the Activities and this document and I submit to that jurisdiction.

Photographs

12. I give to SWJ and its directors, officers, proprietors, employees, representatives or agents the irrevocable right and permission to take photographs of me and/or my child for use in any publication such as advertising, direct mail, brochures, newsletters and magazines advertising SWJ's business and to use those photographs in electronic versions whether on the world wide web or in other electronic forms of media.
13. I waive any right to inspect or approve proofs or finished photographs or printed or electronic material displaying images of me and/or my child and indemnify and agree to keep indemnified SWJ, its directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents against any liability, claim or cause of action that may be brought against SWJ by me in respect of such publication.

Please do not pay your deposit if you are not in agreement with this waiver, release & indemnity.

RESPONSIBILITY OF SMALL WORLD JOURNEYS

LIMIT OF LIABILITY

Small World Journeys will take all reasonable steps expected of a tour operator to ensure your safety and well-being.

Some days or activities and certain trips listed in this catalog are operated by local tour operators contracted with Small World Journeys. We assume no liability or responsibility in connection with any injury, death, loss, accident, damage,



cancellation, delay or inconvenience to person or property which may result through the acts of any company or person engaged in carrying out arrangements of the trip or resulting directly from the following: acts of God, detention, annoyance, terrorism, thefts, pilferage, force majeure, civil disturbances, government restrictions or regulations, strikes, delays and expenses arising from quarantine, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, discrepancies or change in transit or hotel services beyond the control of Small World Journeys.

Extreme care is taken in the contracting of all services, however we cannot be responsible for the errors or omissions of the suppliers or services. In the unlikely event that a supplier fails to honour their contract with us, we reserve the right to alter, change or cancel such services which are outlined in our website and promotional material. If and when such a change occurs, we will attempt to substitute a comparable service. However, we will not be liable for any difference in the quality or enjoyment.

Small World Journeys reserves the right and trip participants agree to allow Small World Journeys to take photographic or film records of any of our trips and trip participants, and may use any such records for promotional and/or commercial purposes. You acknowledge that during the trip which you are choosing to participate in you are subjecting yourself to certain risks including, but not limited to: forces of nature, travel in remote areas and wilderness terrain, and transportation by coach. You recognise that such risks may be present at any time during the trip.

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Payment of your deposit represents your acceptance of the above terms and conditions.

