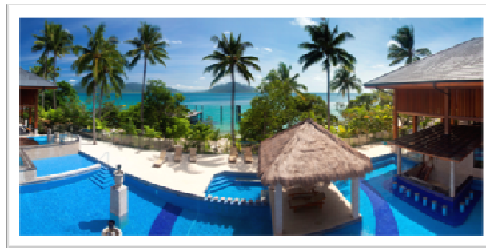
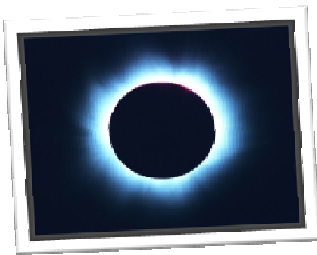




# Eclipse by Tropical Island

Featuring 2011 Nobel Laureate and Astronomer Dr. Brian Schmidt



*Indulge your tropical island fantasies during the total solar eclipse of November 14, 2012 and watch this event occur from an island paradise. An evening in Cairns with 2011 Nobel Laureate and astronomer **Dr. Brian Schmidt** will allow you to more fully appreciate this once-in-a-lifetime experience. On the day before the eclipse, we ferry you out to a **luxurious resort on Fitzroy Island** (the only accommodation on the island!), located on the inner Great Barrier Reef. There you can snorkel the reef, kayak around the island, wander the lush rainforest protected in a national park, and hike to the lighthouse for a spectacular view over the ocean of the early-morning eclipse. After your island adventure, view the **tropical rainforest canopy** from above on the Skyrail, get a taste of aboriginal culture in Kuranda. Wind your way back to Cairns via historic train through the emerald green Barron River Gorge. Join us on an adventure that will truly delight you.*

## Highlights:

- An island in the Coral Sea with one place to stay – your resort!
- Witness the eclipse from the island's lighthouse
- Swim and snorkel the inner and outer Great Barrier Reef
- Sample aboriginal culture and encounter Australian wildlife
- Meals, activities and lodging included

## Small World Journeys

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### **Day 1 (12 Nov): Arrival and Astronomy Presentation**

After transferring from the Cairns airport, you settle into your accommodation at the 3-star Cascade Gardens in Cairns. Your accommodation is at a breezy hotel in Cairns' restaurant and shopping district, and only two blocks from the waterfront and Esplanade. All rooms have ensembles and air-conditioning, flat screen TVs with Austar and tea & coffee making facilities while the hotel also offers WiFi access, guest laundry, and a tropical pool and spa.

As a special treat tonight, you have Nobel Laureate [Dr. Brian Schmidt](#) introducing you to total solar eclipses. By studying exploding stars, astrophysicist Dr. Schmidt helped discover the universe is expanding at an accelerating rate, for which he won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 2011. He has extensive public speaking experience, having given last year's Halley Lecture (named after Edmund Halley, as in the comet) at Oxford and appearing occasionally on ABC Television's *Catalyst*. Speaking *only* to Small World Journeys' guests, Dr. Schmidt will cover a variety of topics, conversing in layman's terms about astronomy and the significance of total solar eclipses. There will be time afterwards to chat with Dr. Schmidt with your eclipse-related questions.

**Accommodation:** Cascade Gardens Hotel

**Included:** Dinner

### **Day 2 (13 Nov): Ferry to Fitzroy Island, Great Barrier Reef Snorkeling and Island Exploration**

Today your tropical island fantasies are fulfilled! Your day begins with an air-conditioned catamaran ride to the outer Great Barrier Reef, a UNESCO World-Heritage site and one of the most biodiverse spots on the planet. On the way, you enjoy a reef presentation by a marine naturalist to help you understand the marine species you will find at the reef. Upon arrival, you dock at a floating pontoon, and an underwater universe greets you: clear turquoise waters host a 1,800 species of fish and 450 species of coral. With full use of snorkeling gear, you can expect to see hard and soft corals, turtles, and a variety of fish species including butterfly fish, parrot fish and the ever-popular clown fish, also known as "Nemo".

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A semi-submersible craft and glass bottom boat allow those who prefer not to swim to still enjoy viewing the marine life at The Great Barrier Reef, and a scenic 10-minute flight over the reef is available as an optional extra. SCUBA diving is also available for certified divers and an Intro Dive for those who would like to try diving with a dive instructor (*extra cost*).

At the end of the day, you are taken to the pristine Fitzroy Island – a green gem in a turquoise sea. The island was once connected to the Australian mainland before being separated by rising waters. Over time a fringing coral reef surrounded the island, providing a sheltered home for a variety of fish and coral species. The island is now protected as a national park, with 94% of the island covered in lush rainforest and surrounded by waters ripe for discovery.

Your accommodation is at the lovely eco-friendly Fitzroy Island Resort – the only accommodation on this tropical island. Your ocean suite at the resort features a large queen-size master bedroom, a spacious lounge area, ensuite bathroom with shower, hairdryer, kitchenette, lounge and dining area and private balcony, which are ideally located at the beachfront. The resort facilities include a contemporary restaurant, large pool with a pool bar and swim up bar, games room, resort mini supermarket and wellness area. You can spend the evening enjoying a cocktail at the island bar, listening to music, or watching a complimentary movie in the resort indoor cinema.

**Accommodation:** Fitzroy Island Resort

**Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **Day 3 (14 Nov): Total Solar Eclipse from Island Perspective**

In the early morning, you prepare for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity - the chance to see a [total solar eclipse](#) as the shadow of the moon passes over you. The Cairns region will be the best place in the world to witness this exciting event, and your position on an island at The Great Barrier Reef will allow for the best line-of-sight of this early morning eclipse.

For the best views, you can 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 and views of the Coral Sea are magnificent. Special solar eclipse glasses will allow you to view the eclipse when it commences. Totality will last just over two minutes after which the shadow will move out across unpopulated areas of the South Pacific.

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Afterwards you can wander the Secret Garden track, relax by the resort pool, or have fun on the giant marine trampoline! You can also discover the mosaic of wildlife—from mud whelks to birdlife and crustaceans—that depend on these tidal wetland systems. You are free take the trail to Nudey Beach -- a spectacular swimming spot once a hang out for “naturists”, but now appropriate for everyone.

**Accommodation:** Fitzroy Island Resort

**Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

***Please note:** guests should have at least a moderate level of fitness in order to ascend the track to the lighthouse on Fitzroy Island. Walk is 1.8 kilometres one way -- approximately 30 minutes with some steep sections.*

#### **Day 4 (15 Nov): Ferry to the Mainland, Skyrail Rainforest Cableway & Historic Train**

After breakfast, you are ferried from Fitzroy Island back to the mainland. Then you’re transferred to a historic train that travels along the Barron River Gorge, a track once used for carrying supplies to miners in the Tablelands. Brilliantly restored, the train still evokes the classic journeys of yesteryear. Informative commentary walks you through the points of interest and historical details of the ride. A highlight is Barron Falls, a massive set of cascades that tumbles into the gorge.

At the end of the train line lies the mountain village of Kuranda, where you are free to browse the local markets before transferring to Rainforestation Nature Park. Here you can watch aboriginal dancers perform, learn to properly throw a boomerang, and hear a demonstration of the didgeridoo. For those of you who have always wanted a photo with a koala – here’s your chance! You will have the opportunity to meet some Aussie animals up close and ride an amphibious Army duck through the rainforest.

Finally you experience Cairns’ premier eco-attraction and winner of numerous ecotourism awards – the Skyrail. You ride this unique rainforest cableway for a fantastic journey over Australia's World Heritage listed tropical rainforest canopy and deep into the forest. Spanning 7.5 kilometres over Barron Gorge National Park, the Skyrail experience includes a scenic cableway ride and stops

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at two rainforest mid-stations. You can descend from the cableway onto rainforest boardwalks, where interpretive information is provided through guided boardwalk tours, signage and an interpretive centre. This is a fantastic way to enjoy the rainforest while making the least impact possible. Your day ends with a transfer back to your Cairns hotel and a delicious meal on the waterfront.

**Accommodation:** Cascade Gardens Hotel

**Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **Day 5 (16 Nov): Departure or Trip Extension**

After breakfast, you can transfer to the airport for your trip home or extend your holiday with a few optional activities such as a guided day in the Highlands to explore parks and waterfalls, an aboriginal culture day, or ride a jungle canopy zip line. Alternatively, ask us about other destinations in Australia!

**Included:** Breakfast



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## Eclipse by Island

**Per Person Price:** \$1795 AUD includes GST

Kids up to 14 years 50% off\*

**Single Supplement:** \$558 AUD

**Dates:** 12-16 November, 2012



### **What's Included:**

- All activities as described in the itinerary
- 2011 Nobel Laureate guest speaker and astronomer Brian Schmidt – *only* for Small World Journeys guests
- 2 nights at the 3-star Cascade Gardens Hotel, standard room (based on double occupancy)
- 2 nights at the 4-star Fitzroy Island Resort, ocean suite room (based on double occupancy)
- All breakfasts
- All lunches
- All dinners
- Mask, fins and snorkel rental on the reef trip
- Glass-bottom boat and semi-sub ride at the Great Barrier Reef
- Return ferry transfers
- A basic field guide of local flora and fauna
- Water bottle and cloth carry bag
- Special eclipse-viewing solar filter glasses
- Local emergency support 24 hours a day
- Background information and cultural etiquette tips
- 25-square metres of Daintree rainforest adopted in your name by the Australian Rainforest Foundation
- *Climate Care™* carbon-offsetting for a carbon-neutral trip

**What is NOT Included:** *Airfare to Cairns, airport transfers (about \$10-20 AUD one way), alcohol, Items of a personal nature (internet, phone, laundry etc.), alcohol, \$10 AUD marine park tax payable on board the boat, optional photo with koala, and optional SCUBA diving.*

*\*Children must share a room with adults and use existing bedding.*

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## SCUBA DIVING OPTIONS

**Certified SCUBA diving:** \$80 AUD for one dive and \$125 AUD for two dives.

Includes wetsuit and equipment hire.

**Intro Dive with a dive instructor:** \$125 AUD for one dive and \$190 AUD for two dives.

Includes wetsuit and equipment hire.

**“Sea Walker” Platform Helmet Dive:** Walk among the reef fish on a spacious underwater platform. The excitement of SCUBA diving but ideal for non-swimmers. \$140 AUD

**10-minute Scenic Reef Flight by Helicopter:** From your seat in the helicopter, you can be one of the privileged few that will take in the colours and formations that make the Great Barrier Reef as wondrous as it is. \$148 AUD per person. Minimum 2 people.

*All divers must fill out a diving medical form, and some medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes and certain medications may disqualify a guest from diving. Tell us if you are interested in SCUBA diving, and we will forward you the medical form in advance. If already certified, please remember to bring your certification card.*

## FITZROY ISLAND OPTIONS

Certified diving from \$65; Mask, snorkel and fins hire: \$15 per day; stinger suit hire \$15 per day; AquaJet hire from \$39; kayak hire from \$20 and kayaking tours from \$40.

## POST-TRIP OPTIONS

**Jungle Canopy Zip Line and Wildlife Sanctuary:** The ultimate jungle adventure! Fly between the treetops and over the rainforest canopy on a flying fox zipline. The day includes a visit to an open-air wildlife park where the crocs are huge and the kangaroos roam freely. \$199 AUD adults, \$152 kids

**Aboriginal Culture Adventure:** the Kuku Yalanji are the last rainforest tribal people to have retained their own language and customs – learn from an indigenous guide who will show you how to catch food the traditional way, cook up what you’ve caught, and share in an aboriginal art experience with an indigenous artist-in-residence. \$189 AUD adults, \$139 kids

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**Waterfalls and Crater Lakes:** In the company of a vivacious guide and a small group, explore the Highlands natural wonders. Swim in an ancient volcanic crater, glide down a natural waterslide in the jungle and see the magnificent Milla Milla Falls from behind its watery veil. \$199 AUD

**OTHER DESTINATIONS IN AUSTRALIA:** Ask us about continuing your Australian adventures in Melbourne and the Great Ocean Road, Sydney and The Blue Mountains, and The Red Centre/Uluru!

## THE START OF YOUR TRIP

**Gateway City:** Cairns, Queensland, Australia

**Getting to your hotel:** Please plan to transfer on your own to Cascade Gardens Hotel when you arrive at the Cairns airport. The transfer is approximately 10 minutes. You may take a taxi cab (immediately outside terminals; fare is about AUD \$18) or use Sun Palm Transport (airport shuttle bus service located in arrival halls at either terminal; fare is AUD \$10 per person to Cairns).

## FAQ'S

### What is a total solar eclipse?

When the moon passes between the earth and the sun and covers the sun, a solar eclipse occurs. This creates a shadow on the Earth, which moves in a narrow path across the planet. When a solar eclipse begins, it appears as though a bite is being taken out of the sun. In the last few minutes before the total eclipse, points of light around the moon appear, which are called Bailey's Beads. When the eclipse finally occurs, the sun is completely blocked out, with only a ghostly corona visible. This occurrence has been described as eerie and unearthly—animals become quiet, the temperature drops, and you are shrouded in darkness. You don't have to be an astronomer to appreciate a total solar eclipse, which is one of nature's greatest spectacles.

### Where will be the best place to view the eclipse?

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Our research has concluded that a viewing spot over the ocean at The Great Barrier Reef will provide a location with the least likelihood of coastal cloud cover and a direct line-of-sight of the eclipse. In Cairns, warm winds from the Coral Sea (the SE tradewinds) carry moisture-laden air towards the coast, and clouds form when it hits these mountains. Therefore, a viewing spot free from these coastal mountain effects is highly desirable.

It is fortunate that the eclipse occurs in the early morning when the least build up of cloud has occurred.

According to **The Astronomical Society of Australia**, “The best places to view are likely to be in the vicinity of Cairns in North Queensland. From Cairns any viewing spot selected should have an unobstructed view over the ocean so that a clear view of totality can be obtained with the Sun low in the eastern sky.”

Australian veteran eclipse chaser and climate researcher **Joe Cali** recommends, “Locate as far off the centre line as possible on the 2m 01-04s isochron, e.g. Fitzroy Island, to maximize the potential length of the diamond ring and Baily's beads without any loss of eclipse duration.”

**WARNING:** *Never look directly at the sun. All Small World Journeys guests will be provided with special eclipse-viewing glasses. The only time that the Sun can be viewed safely with the naked eye is when the moon completely covers the disk of the Sun during the total eclipse.*

### **What will the weather be like?**

It will be impossible to predict the weather or cloud cover for the day of the eclipse. However, we can consider seasonal averages. Cairns has a tropical climate, and it is highly likely there will be scattered to broken clouds on the morning of the eclipse. According to the **Australian Bureau of Meteorology's climate statistics for Cairns**, in November the mean number of clear days is 7.9, while the mean number of cloudy days is 7.6.

Taking into account the eclipse occurs in the early morning, chances are greater that the skies will be clear at that time of day. Please note that while we can hope for sunny skies, we cannot guarantee them!

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### **Is the eclipse on November 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>?**

Both are correct. In Universal Time, the total eclipse begins in northern Australia at 20:35:08 UT on November 13 (which is November 14 Australian time), and ends in the South Pacific at 23:48:24 UT on November 13.

### **What should I bring with me?**

We will provide you with a suggested packing list in your Confirmation Packet. Some things to remember are clothes appropriate for the tropics, rain jacket and sunscreen.

### **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.

Box jellyfish, irukandji and other jellyfish, collectively known as “stingers” breed along the coast in estuaries and are not commonly found at The Great Barrier Reef. Therefore, they do not pose a major threat to snorkelers or divers at the reef. As a precaution you can choose to hire a full body lycra suit from the reef boat or your resort (\$5-15 per day). Stingers are only a consideration between November and April/May.

### **Do I need a visa to visit Australia?**

All visitors to Australia need a visa, with the exception of visitors from New Zealand. An Australian entry visa, commonly known as an ETA (Electronic Travel Authority) will let you spend up to three months in Australia. In most countries it is easily obtained by the travel agent who issues your ticket, and should be free of charge. You can also get an ETA on line by visiting [www.eta.immi.gov.au](http://www.eta.immi.gov.au) There is no need for you to visit an Australian diplomatic office to submit an application, and you do not need a stamp or label in your passport. Upon check in at the airport, the airline agent will be able to confirm your ETA electronically. All visitors will also need a passport, valid for at least six months after the planned return date.

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## **Do I need to bring my own snorkelling or dive equipment?**

You may bring your own equipment if you wish; however mask, fins and snorkel are provided on the outer Barrier Reef trip for snorkelers and all dive equipment is included in the dive package. Mask, fins and snorkel are available for hire on Fitzroy Island for \$15 per day.

## **Why should I travel with Small World Journeys?**

### **LOCAL SUPPORT & KNOWLEDGE**

Our office is in Cairns – this means we are right around the corner for 24-hour support, to answer your questions, or if you have an emergency in the middle of the trip. Local knowledge means we know the restaurant owners who catch their own fish (and then deliciously prepare it for you!), where to buy the *real* indigenous-made souvenirs, and where the mobs of people will be on the morning of the eclipse (hint: we're not going there.)

### **ECO-CREDENTIALS**

Being an “eco” tour operator means more to us than just offering walks outdoors. It means we pay to offset the carbon emissions from your trip, give a percentage of profits to local environmental and community organizations, plant trees, recycle, and participate in the Australian Rainforest Foundation’s Adopt-a-Square program. See [10 Reasons Why We’re Eco](#) on our web site for more on what we do for our environment and community.

### **HUNDREDS OF HAPPY GUESTS**

We could tell you that we provide highly professional customer service, respond attentively and consistently exceed our guests’ expectations. But don’t believe us! Read some of [our testimonials](#) on our website or ask us for references from past guests who are willing to tell you all about their experience with Small World Journeys.

### **GOODIES!**

You get a Small World Journeys water bottle, a cloth carry bag, a regional field guide, eclipse-viewing glasses, and a 25-square metre of Daintree rainforest adopted in your name, plus a certificate detailing where your rainforest square is located. Plus you get an unforgettable trip too.

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## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### BOOKING

Once we have received your:

- a) **Booking Form** ([http://www.smallworldjourneys.com.au/booking\\_form.html](http://www.smallworldjourneys.com.au/booking_form.html))
- b) **Release, Discharge and Indemnity Form** and
- c) **Deposit**

we will, subject to availability, confirm your trip by sending you a booking confirmation. This will normally be done within 48 hours and by email. We advise you not to make any international travel plans until you have received our confirmation. 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. 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.

### PAYMENT FOR SPECIAL ECLIPSE DEPARTURES:

At time of reservation.....\$500 non-refundable deposit due per person  
90 days prior to departure.....Balance is due

If you sign up for a trip within 90 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 canceled and you will be forfeiting your deposit.

We accept MasterCard, Visa, Australian bank cheques, and international cheques in Australian dollars. Please contact us for our bank details if you wish to pay by direct deposit or international wire transfer.

### 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.

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If it is necessary for you to cancel your trip, you must notify us in writing by email, fax 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:

For **Special Eclipse Departures**, we will refund you the cost of your trip less the following charges:

**91 days or more prior to departure**.....\$500 deposit

**90-61 days prior to departure**.....50% of total price

**60 days or less prior to departure**.....No Refund

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

## IF WE CANCEL

Small World Journeys may cancel a Small Group departure due to logistical or operational issues, insufficient sign-ups or any other cause that makes the trip unfeasible for us to operate. We will advise you of such cancellations *at a minimum* of one month prior to departure. At that time we will endeavour to find an alternative trip for you. 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.

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## 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 refunds 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.

## TRANSFERS

For Special Eclipse Departures: due to the special nature of these adventures, transfers will not be possible.

## 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.

## 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 in the Pre-Departure packet with the updates. Changing conditions in the field may also necessitate itinerary modifications after the trip has departed.

## VIEWING THE ECLIPSE

We have made every effort to select the locations with the highest probability of actually being able to view the eclipse. However, please understand that Small World Journeys cannot control the weather and therefore cannot *guarantee* the observation of the total solar eclipse. Cloud cover or other unforeseeable weather conditions may prevent you from viewing this event.

## PRE-TRIP MATERIALS

Once you have signed up for a trip, Small World Journeys will send you additional information to help you prepare for your trip. Please note we send correspondence by email to cut down on paper usage. *If you wish to receive correspondence by mail, please advise us upon booking.*

We will send you the following:

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**Confirmation Packet:** General Information document which includes climate, visa, and travel insurance information, reading list, and other helpful information; Suggested Packing List, our Responsible Tourism document and Responsible Travel Policy.

**Pre-Departure Packet:** Last-minute information on the trip, detailed itinerary, rendezvous instructions, and emergency numbers--sent approximately 2 weeks prior to your scheduled departure date.

## 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.

### Small World Journeys Independent Journeys

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](mailto:info@smallworldjourneys.com.au), by fax: + 61 7 4032 1590 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](http://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.

For more information on travel insurance, go to: [http://www.smallworldjourneys.com.au/travel\\_insurance.html](http://www.smallworldjourneys.com.au/travel_insurance.html)

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:

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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. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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). This can be signed electronically by ticking the applicable box on the Booking Form.
5. 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.
6. Respecting the laws and customs of Australia.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.

## **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.

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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.

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.

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.

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



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