



Cocos Islands Art Retreat Itinerary

29th October to 5th November 2011

Please note all times and activities for each day may change at any time due to any unforeseen conditions. Each morning your tour leader will advise participants of the activities that will be taking place that day. Each evening your tour leader will confirm the time and place of meeting for the days activities. All participants are responsible for being ready at the bus departure point at the advised time.

Some meals are provided as part of your package. Meals that are included are denoted with (B), (L), or (D) symbol.

DAY 1 SATURDAY 29th October

- 9.00 Check-In for flight at Perth International Airport with Virgin Blue Airlines
- 11.00 Flight departs from Perth, via Christmas Island to Cocos (Keeling) Islands
- 16.00 Flight arrives at Cocos (Keeling) Islands
- 16.30 Airport Meet and Greet with Tour Leader and transfer and check in to accommodation
- 17.30 Tour of the Big Barge Art Centre and meet the artists and tour leader
- 18.00 Sunset drinks and supper at idyllic ocean side foreshore (Trannies Beach) (D)
- 20.00 Transfer back to accommodation for the night

DAY 2 SUNDAY 30th October

- 7.00 Meet for motorised Canoe Safari Tour of southern islands, to explore and collect flotsam and jetsam for mixed media workshop – Includes packed coffee and breakfast (B)
- 11.00 Return to West Island and back to accommodation
- 12.00 Café voucher available for lunch at Dory's Café (L)
- 13.00 Bus departs to The Big Barge Art Centre loft art studio for mixed media workshop, working with thongs and beach drift materials
- 16.00 Return to accommodation for free time until dinner
- 18.00 Tropika restaurant is open for dinner for retreat guests, dinner not included

DAY 3 MONDAY 31st October

- 7.00 Tropika restaurant is open for breakfast for retreat guests, breakfast is not included
- 9.00 Bus departs to The Big Barge Art Centre loft art studio for creative workshop continuing with mixed media materials
- 12.00 Packed lunch from Dory's café at art centre (optional time for a swim) (L)
- 13.00 Open studio time to continue working on artwork or individual pursuits
- 16.00 Bus back to accommodation for free time
- 18.00 B.Y.O (meat, salad, rolls and drinks) for lagoon view barbecue at sandy foreshore (Yacht Club) – see below for supermarket opening hours or if staying in self contained bring your food from Perth on the flight (supermarket receipt will be required)
- 20.00 Back to accommodation for the night

DAY 4 TUESDAY 1st November

7.00 Tropika restaurant open for breakfast for retreat guests, breakfast is not included
9.00 Meet for Glass Bottom Boat tour of inner lagoon and the stunning Prison and Direction islands. Cruise over the breathtaking coral and use drawings and quick sketches to capture images for use in lino printing workshop. Also venture out beachcombing to find some things at back of Direction Island for thong stamping
12.00 Packed lunch from Dory's café at Direction Island (L)
13.00 Creative lino print workshop at Direction Island, carve your lino ready for printing at the studio
15.00 Return to West Island and back to accommodation for free time to relax and explore
18.00 Tropika restaurant open for dinner for retreat guests, dinner is not included

DAY 5 WEDNESDAY 2nd November

7.00 Tropika restaurant open for breakfast for retreat guests, breakfast is not included
9.00 Bus departs to The Big Barge Art Centre loft studio for lino printing and thong stamping workshop using lino tiles created from previous day
12.00 Packed lunch from Dory's café at The Big Barge Art Centre (optional time for a swim) (L)
13.00 Open studio time to continue working on artwork or individual pursuits
15.00 Transfer to accommodation
15.30 Bus to jetty to catch ferry to Home Island for Cultural Tour to learn weaving from local artists followed by traditional Malay Dinner (D)
20.30 Ferry returns to West Island and back to accommodation for the night

DAY 6 THURSDAY 3rd November

7.00 Tropika restaurant open for breakfast for retreat guests, breakfast is not included
9.00 Bus departs to The Big Barge Art Centre loft studio for creative workshop in weaving and coiling using local natural materials and beach drift rope
12.00 Packed lunch from Dory's café at The Big Barge Art Centre (optional time for a swim) (L)
13.00 Open studio time to work on artwork or individual pursuits
16.00 Bus back to accommodation for free time
18.00 Tropika restaurant open for dinner for retreat guests, dinner not included.

DAY 7 FRIDAY 4th November

7.00 Tropika restaurant open for breakfast for retreat guests, breakfast is not included
9.00 Bus departs to The Big Barge Art Centre loft art studio for creative workshop in chosen areas of continued practice. Incorporating techniques of binding, stitching of rope or natural materials
12.00 Packed lunch from Dory's café at The Big Barge Art Centre (L) (Optional time for a swim)
13.00 Open studio time to continue working on artwork or individual pursuits
16.00 Bus back to accommodation for free time
18.00 Bus departs to barge deck for sunset drinks and farewell celebration dinner, with a showing of finished works to group (D)
20.00 Back to accommodation for the night

DAY 8 SATURDAY 5th November

7-8.00 Tropika restaurant open for breakfast for retreat guests, breakfast is not included
10.00 Check out of accommodation
10.00 Bus departs to The Big Barge Art Centre for packing up of artworks for travel
12.00 Bus back to town for lunch at Dory's café (L)
14.00 Check in for flight at Cocos Islands with Virgin Blue Airlines at luggage
16.40 Flight departs Cocos (Keeling) Islands
22.20 Flight arrives into Perth International airport