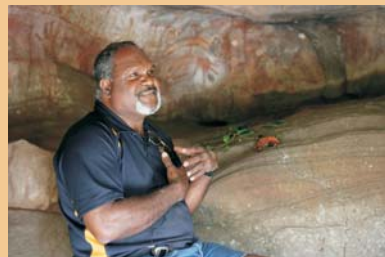


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On these magical, award-winning tours, Aboriginal Elder and story-keeper, Willie Gordon, takes you to his ancestral rock art sites, set in stunning countryside high in the hills outside Cooktown. Here he shares the stories behind the art, giving you an amazing insight into Aboriginal society and spirituality.

Rainbow Serpent Tour - This tour takes you to six rock art sites including an ancestral Birth Cave where Willie's father was born. Along the way you'll learn some of the survival techniques of the Nugal-warra people. An estimated 30 minutes bush walk on generally easy terrain. Departs Cooktown 7.45am. Duration 5.5 hours.

Departures Monday to Friday 1st April to 30th November

Self-drive options available. Closed footwear must be worn, Water provided. Cameras welcome.

"An experience I will never forget in my life time"
Richie Davis, NSW.

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THE BAMA WAY

See Tropical North Queensland through the eyes of the people who have been its custodians for thousands of years...

The word *Bama* (pronounced Bumma) is widely used throughout Cape York to mean an Aboriginal person, but in both Kuku Yalanji and Guugu Yimithirr, the word simply means 'person', regardless of nationality or race.

The Bama Way is an Aboriginal journey through S.E. Cape York – a journey along story-lines through coastal mangroves, rich rainforest and hilltop Savannah. We want to share some of these stories with you, to give you a greater understanding of our area's rich Aboriginal history and culture, and to add to your enjoyment whilst exploring our beautiful corner of Cape York.

The Bama Way map tells some of the region's history and explains the significance of some of the landmarks along the way. We have included the symbol of the Rainbow Serpent, or *Yirmbal*, on the map as this is the mythical being which represents the life-giving water which flows snake-like through the land, creating rivers and valleys, hills and creeks. In Aboriginal legend, the Rainbow Serpent lives at a waterfall, as shown by the rainbow which can always be seen there. For this reason most waterfalls are regarded as sacred sites.

We hope you will take the time to learn more from the traditional custodians on *The Bama Way* who own and operate the tours featured. Come and join us on an Aboriginal journey!

From and To rates shown are per Adult. Child reductions available.
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Approximate Scale

1 Cape Bedford & Elim (Dhiidhaarr)
This is the original location of the Lutheran Mission which was founded in 1876. Many Hope Vale people have a shack here and go fishing at weekends.

2 Hope Vale (Dyuubi)
Hope Vale was built in the late 1940s, and today has a population of about 1,500.

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3 4 Nugal & Wangaar-Wuri
Gapul da Guthay, Gaanhaal and Nugal are three of the landmarks which mark the boundaries of the Nugal clan lands. The Nugal rock art sites are in an area now known as **Wangaar-Wuri** or *White Person Playing*, named after a young girl the clan looked after for many years.

5 Cooktown (Gunggarra or Gungardie)
Some clans refer to Cooktown as **Gunggarra**, or *Place to the North*; others call it **Gungardie**, after the word *gun-gaar* - a type of crystal quartz found in the area which was used for cutting the chest skin for initiations.

6 The Border of Two Nations
The River Annan marks the boundary of two Aboriginal nations. The Guugu Yimithirr tribal lands lie to the north, and the Kuku Yalanji to the south. Each has its distinct language and culture.

7 Black Mountain (Kalkajaka)
This amazing rock formation is the symbol for the dreamtime story of the Flying Fox (Kambi). It's a special men's story, so can't be told here.

8 Helenvale (Warrkin), Rossville (Bindamuji)
This is an area of the Nyungkul clan, the clan of the Walker Family.

9 Russell Creek (Ngarrilmuril)
Ngarrilmuril stretches all the way to south of the Annan River, and is the boundary of the Nyungkul clan.

10 Ayton (Jajikal)
Many Nyungkul people were removed from their lands around Rossville and Helenvale to settle here.

11 Bloomfield Falls (Wujal Wujal)
This is a special place for the Kuku Yalanji Bama, so it is disrespectful to come here, unless accompanied by one of the traditional custodians. The nearby community of Wujal Wujal takes its name from the Falls.

12 Thompson Creek (Dikarrba)
Until the mid 1880s, this area was the location of the main camp for many Yalanji people. Then people were removed by the Lutheran Church and taken to the Bloomfield Mission at Wujal Wujal.

13 Cape Tribulation (Kulki)
There are many sacred sites in this area.

14 Daintree River
The Daintree River is home to the Julaymba Clan of the Kuku Yalanji Bama people.

KUKU YALANJI CULTURAL HABITAT TOURS

15 Cooya Beach (Kuyu Kuyu)
This special place is a traditional fishing ground of the Kuku Yalanji Bama. This unique coastal place has three diverse ecosystems - beach, mangroves and coastal reef - that are connected to each other by the ever-changing mudflats and tidal lagoons.

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The Walker family are members of the Kuku Yalanji people who have lived in this area for tens of thousands of years. Their traditional lands are part of the beautiful World Heritage rainforest area, and encompass the Bloomfield Falls after which Wujal Wujal is named. They will take you on a walk with a difference, giving you the opportunity to see this country through the eyes of its traditional custodians.

Bloomfield Falls Tours - The Walkers share some of their knowledge about this special place and explain why the Falls are of great cultural significance to the Yalanji people. You'll also receive a fascinating insight into the many different uses of the rainforest plants for food, medicine and ceremonial purposes. A short walk is included on uneven ground.

30 minute tours depart daily. Departure times are flexible.

"We would have just walked in, looked, and walked out. With you we saw a small part of your special world."
Terry & Mary Hilsz, Auckland.

WALKER FAMILY TOURS
Wujal Wujal
(07)4034 5020

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\$75-150

If you feel it's time to get native, join these Kubirri Warra brothers on one of their beach, mudflat and mangrove walks! Linc and Brandon follow the traditions of their ancestors who, for thousands of years, educated visitors about their country in order to ensure the survival of their Kuku Yalanji culture.

Coastal Beach Walks - Learn how to throw a spear, hunt whilst stalking and observing wildlife and country, and how to track coastal resources. 2 hour tour departs daily 9.30am and 1.30pm.

Night-spearfishing - A night-time fishing activity in traditional Kuku Yalanji cultural habitats. 2 hour tour departs daily 7.30pm. Maximum 3 people. Please note this tour is not suitable for children under 4 years.

Transfers available from Port Douglas.

"A wonderful once in a lifetime experience. Your hospitality is second to none!"
Lauren, Columbia, SC.

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