SUGGESTED COOKTOWN ITINERARY BY HILLCREST GUEST HOUSE

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Check into the Hillcrest Guest House at 2:00pm

Check into the Hillcrest and be sure to pick up a map of town from our friendly staff. This will show you where all the must-see places are in Cooktown.

James Cook Museum

The James Cook Museum is housed in a 19th Century convent building. The Museum showcases several aspects of Cooktown's vast history including; the story of Captain James Cook's enforced seven week stay at the Endeavour River which in turn established contact between Europeans and Indigenous Australians; to the days of the Palmer River gold rush, and in addition, the display of well-preserved relics from some of Cooktown's earliest residents. Not to forget the cannon and anchor from James Cook's very own 'Endeavour' ship.

ADDRESS	Cnr Helen & Furneaux Street, Cooktown 4895 QLD
OPEN	Normal Hours: Daily 9.00am to 4.00pm
CLOSED	Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day. Closures may occur in extreme weather events.
PHONE	07 4069 5386
E-MAIL	jamescookmuseum@nationaltrustqld.org
ENTRY FEES:	Adult - $10, Child - $3, Seniors/Concession - $8, Families - $23 (2 adults + 2-3 Children under 14 yrs) Trust Members - Free Groups by appointment

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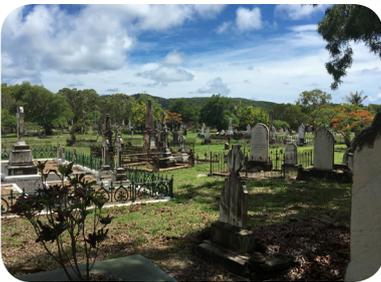130 Hope Street, Cooktown QLD 4895 Australia
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The stories of some people shared by the James Cook Museum come to life in the Cooktown cemetery. You can walk amongst the graves of many nationalities, religions and cultures of which are separated by denominational divisions (Roman Catholic, Protestant, Chinese and Jewish sections). This layout was typical of late nineteenth century planning with the diversity in architecture and wide range of materials used to create headstones signifying differences in; wealth and religious groups. Almost all Chinese or Aboriginal graves are not marked despite many burials of both races being recorded.

The stories that unfold within the boundaries of the Cooktown cemetery bear witness to the tragedies, triumphs and mysteries experienced by the people in the times of the gold rush era, and early settlement of the township, with the oldest grave dating back to 1874.

Grassy Hill – watch the sunset over the Endeavour River with some cheese and crackers

Grassy Hill is marked the site of Captain James Cook's landing of the 'Endeavour' ship in 1770. Captain James Cook and his crew camped beneath this hill from 13th June to 4th August 1770 to repair the 'Endeavour'. Upon climbing Grassy Hill, Captain James Cook was able to survey the ocean for a safe passage to sail through the surrounding reefs, after the ship was repaired.

Grassy Hill is one of the few places in Australia where you can watch the sun rise and the sun set. The views today are still as breathtaking as in 1770, making Grassy Hill one of Cooktown's most popular attractions.

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Grassy Hill Lighthouse

Cooktown was established in October 1873 as the Palmer River gold rush engulfed the town. As Cooktown boomed during this time it became a flourishing port in the 1880's.

The first lights in and out of the port were leading lights set on sheds on the wharves. In May 1874 a signal staff was erected upon Grassy Hill to announce incoming ships, and a small cottage was constructed 1878-79 for the signalman. These were both present when the position of the new light was fixed.

In 1987 the Government threatened to decommission the lighthouse. Residents of Cooktown were determined to save the historical facility and with the support of media attention, a successful petition and public outcry, the lighthouse and its surrounding area were 'sold' to the Cooktown people for $100 in 1988.

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