

# GUURRBITOURS



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### Tour code: RSSD Rainbow Serpent Tour – self-drive

**Departs:** 8.30am Guurrbi Meeting Point (outside Hope Vale)

**Returns:** 12.30pm Guurrbi Meeting Point

**Estimated driving time from Cooktown:** 45 minutes.

#### *Wanhtharra - Welcome to Guurrbi Tours!*

On the Rainbow Serpent Tour, Nugal-warra Elder and story-teller, Willie Gordon, takes you through a dramatic landscape to six rock art sites, including the Rainbow Serpent Cave and an ancestral Birth Site. Here he explains the significance of the paintings and the stories behind the art, giving guests a unique understanding of Aboriginal philosophy and spirituality. Along the way you will learn some of the traditional survival techniques of the Nugal-warra people, which have ensured their survival for tens of thousands of years.

Those self-driving to the Nugal rock art sites will be provided with a map to the Guurrbi Tours' Meeting Point outside Hope Vale, where they will be met by Willie. (Please note that the sites are not signed, and can only be visited with a Nugal-warra guide.) From the meeting point Willie guides you along an off-road track to the entrance of the sites, where you leave your vehicle and continue on foot. The tour includes an estimated 30-minute bush walk. There is a short climb to two of the sites, but generally the terrain is easy.

#### **Pre-tour instructions for self-drive clients:**

- Your map with directions to the Guurrbi Meeting Point should be collected from Cooktown Motel Pam's Place, corner of Boundary & Charlotte St, Cooktown (overlooking the roundabout) prior to departure. Ph. 07 4069 5166.
- Visitors should allow **45 minutes** for the drive from Cooktown to the Guurrbi Meeting Point.\*
- Part of the drive is on unsealed roads, and whilst normally accessible to all vehicles with a reasonable road clearance, please be aware that it can get slippery during or after wet weather.  
Note: if renting a vehicle it is advisable to check your insurance extends to off-road driving.
- Customers are advised not to carry alcohol in their vehicles, as the rock art site is located in an area for which alcohol restrictions apply.

#### **What to bring:**

Sunscreen, hat and insect repellent. **Closed footwear MUST be worn!** Cameras are welcome. Water is provided.

**Children & Infants:** Please note that parents/carers are responsible for their children's safety on the tour, and for ensuring that children stay with the group and do not wander off the walking track. For safety reasons we do not permit infants 'in arms' on the tour. We can, however, supply a baby carrier for the duration of the tour at no extra charge. This must be reserved at the time of booking, and is subject to availability.

\* Clients staying at **Mungumby Lodge**, Helenvale, should allow an additional **35 minutes** for the drive into Cooktown.

**Further information & Booking Conditions** – [www.guurrbitours.com/site/faq](http://www.guurrbitours.com/site/faq)

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