

PEDDELLS

THURSDAY ISLAND
TOURS



100% LOCALLY FAMILY OWNED SERVICE
LINKING CAPE YORK TO TORRES STRAIT SINCE 1980

DESTINATION THURSDAY ISLAND – TORRES STRAIT

Step aboard Peddell’s flagship 20 m MV Torres Magic for a day to remember cruising & touring Torres Strait with the locals. This fast, air-conditioned catamaran departs Seisia Jetty on Cape York and will deliver you in comfort and style to the heart of Torres Strait - Thursday Island. Known locally as T.I. Thursday Island is a natural show case for the region’s significant local maritime, military and pearling history. To visit this far flung government outpost is to uncover a town shaped by its cultural heritage and strategic location as it sits on the precipice of an international shipping channel, shares an international border with Papua New Guinea and offers safe harbour and resupply for vessels crossing the 40,000 sq km expanse that is Torres Strait. The minute you step ashore here you are

instantly transported to another world, an island where traditional languages have been preserved and cultural values sit alongside a relaxed tropical island lifestyle that blends effortlessly within a modern township. At just over an hours ferry ride from Seisia - Cape York, Thursday Island is closer than you might think. You will find Thursday Island incomparable with any other place you are likely to visit and adding this option to your Cape York itinerary will further enhance your experience and memories of this special part of the world.

THE STORY OF OUR COMPANY – A FAMILY TRADITION

With a background in the pearl shell export trade and boatbuilding industry, Thursday Island born Lesley and Jim Peddell recognised the growing demand from residents and visitors

for a ferry service linking Thursday Island with Cape York communities. In 1980 they combined their enterprising spirit, broad local knowledge base and experience to independently launch their first ferry. The service was recently taken to a new level of passenger comfort and safety with the launch of custom built and designed air-conditioned, fast catamarans MV Strait Magic and MV Torres Magic. With a passion for sharing the island’s local history Peddells also created a guided island bus tour to guarantee visitors an authentic experience and professional commentary by local guides. Visit Peddells gift store on the Jetty at T.I. to purchase a special keepsake such as local music, pearl shell pendants and much more. It is here you’ll most probably get a chance to meet Lesley, her daughter Christine and son-in-law Matt, the hands on owner operators at Peddells today.

OUR PASSENGER VESSELS

Peddells operates two fully equipped large purpose built aluminium catamarans, MV Torres Magic and MV Strait Magic. MV Strait Magic was custom designed, built in Cairns and launched in July 2000. Major specifications were that she would handle all varying weather conditions in Torres Strait whilst providing passengers with a smooth and comfortable ride. The formula was a huge success and in 2013 her sister ship, the 20 m MV Torres Magic was introduced into service. The vessels can reach Thursday Island from Seisia in about 1 hr 10 mins.



MV STRAIT MAGIC

Vessel Type	Catamaran
Length	17.2 metres
Engines	Cummins QSM II 298 KW x 2
Cabins	Bridge plus 1 main air-conditioned cabin with comfort seats
Extra facilities	Wide TV screens, Sun deck seating.

MV TORRES MAGIC

Vessel Type	Catamaran
Length	20.38 metres
Engines	YANMAR 6HYM 478 KW x 2
Cabins	Bridge, Captains quarters Upper and Lower Cabins - air-conditioned
Extra facilities	Kiosk, Nespresso Coffee machine, Free Wi-Fi, Wide Screens, Open Bow Seating arrangement, Sundeck seating, TV screens.

TOURING & SIGHTSEEING

With a population of approximately 3000, Thursday Island is the main township and port for Torres Strait. Today Thursday Island has sprung to life in its own right as the centre for governance, commerce and keeping place for the island's cultural heritage. Facilities & Services include; a variety of hotels, motels, self-contained holiday accommodation, art gallery, cultural centre, newsagency, bakeries, pharmacy, supermarkets, restaurants, cafés, pearl shop, souvenir stores, clothing retailers, hardware. Swimming pool, basketball stadium, football fields. Hospital and dental clinic. Choose to tour Thursday Island or add Horn Island to your itinerary. Horn Island is located just across the bay from T.I. and best known for its WWII history. Contact the friendly team at Peddells to arrange all your ferry and touring requirements today.



THURSDAY ISLAND HISTORIC & SCENIC TOUR

Discover Thursday Island's hidden past on Peddells comprehensive bus tour while enjoying an entertaining and educational commentary along the way with expert local guides. Visit Green Hill Fort and its refurbished underground tunnels and rooms which house the Torres Strait Historical Museum. The museum's carefully curated displays are based around the three main Thursday Island historical industry themes; Pearlling, Shipping and Military. Built in response to a Russian war scare, this is one of the most intact nineteenth century forts remaining in Australia and was manned during both WWI and WWII. The Fort's now silent 6 breach loading guns jut menacingly over T.I. harbour. Green Hill also boasts magnificent panoramic views to Horn, Prince of Wales, Hammond and Friday Islands, Prince of Wales Shipping Channel and on a clear day, mainland Australia - so be sure to bring your camera!

Your tour will also stop by the striking Japanese Pearl Divers Memorial at Thursday Island's historic cemetery where it sits among the many ornate tombstones overlooking Hammond Island to the north. A scenic drive around the island takes you by the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church circa. 1886, the island's three schools, hospital, residential areas, a mangrove forest and thriving fruit bat colony plus the Quetta Memorial Cathedral. The latter being a memorial to the S.S. Quetta, a British India steamship wrecked just a few hours steam from Thursday Island on a calm moonlit night in 1890.

Experience Thursday Island's most in depth tour in air-conditioned comfort on board fully licensed coaches. Learn of the island's rich cultural heritage, military and pearling history, hear stories of tenacious pearl divers and tragic ship wrecks. Receive our complimentary T.I. Guide Book, map and a free postcard. Admission to the Green Hill Fort museum included in your tour.



HORN ISLAND WWII TOUR

With a population of about 700 this island is a short ferry ride across the harbour from Thursday Island and played a pivotal role as a strategic airbase during WWII. Your tour here includes a visit to a private museum and a guided bus tour to significant WWII sites and relics. WWII enthusiasts will especially relish an opportunity to add this option to their Thursday Island Tour visit. The 2 Island Tour is a purely touring day, for extra time on Thursday island to shop we recommend an overnight stay. There are accommodation houses on T.I. and Horn Is. advance bookings recommended.



MEET OUR MASCOT PADDLES

Meet our Mascot 'Paddles', she is a gorgeous Moorish Idol fish that lives in our reef waters and is believed to be the bringer of happiness. She is the 'P' in the Peddells logo where she is seen with her mate Malu another dashing idol. Idol fish mate for life but are also happy single or within a school. Paddles reminds us that 'Happiness' is the magical ingredient in our island lifestyle whether at work or play.

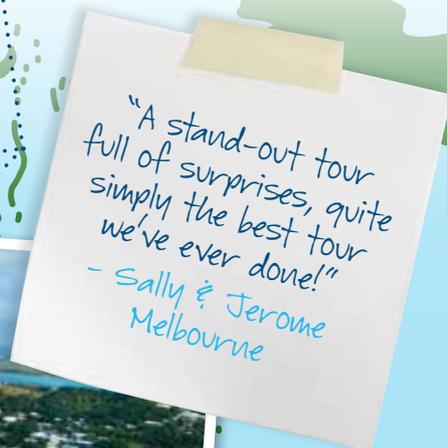
DISCOVER THURSDAY ISLAND WITH THE MOST EXPERIENCED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE LOCAL GUIDES CHRISTINE & SUE.



My name is Sue and I have been a professional Thursday Island guide since 2003. I have a deep passion for my job and my region and my aim is to accompany visitors to help them discover the secrets of these islands and respect for the surrounding treacherous seas. My tours are always a perfect mix of knowledge, culture, fun, laugh, care of details, professionalism, flexibility and passion, passion and more passion. I'm just as passionate about my hobbies fishing and karaoke and a loyal follower of St. Kilda in the AFL and Manly in the NRL.



My name is Christine, I was born and raised on Thursday Island and am proud to also have traditional family ties to the Torres Strait islands. My passion for local history has become part of my daily work for the last 20 years plus. As a guest on my tour you will discover the natural beauty, history, culture and lifestyle that lies beyond Cape York through an authentic local view point. My hobbies include yoga, outrigger canoeing and travel. My husband is originally from Penrith NSW, our 10 year old son was born on T.I. and relishes the freedom of island living.



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- Child Fare is 5 – 14 yrs inclusive
 - Reservations required for four years and under
 - Cancellation not made 24 hrs in advance are non-refundable
 - Cancellations **made 24 hrs or more in advance** attracts a 30% fee of the total booking cancelled.
 - Ferries depart Seisia Jetty on Cape York and Engineers Jetty Thursday Island
 - Boarding is 15 minutes prior to departure
 - Luggage limits apply 1 x 20 kg bag – O,H.& S.
 - Please refer to our website for full terms.



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