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**The Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Returns for a Second Year
Cairns & Great Barrier Reef, Australia
August 19-22, 2010**

The Cairns Indigenous Art Fair is an annual boutique art market for showcasing the vibrant traditional and contemporary art work by Aboriginal artists that are indigenous to the state of Queensland in the north-east of Australia.

In 2009, 10,000 people came to the inaugural Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, many left with a piece of art work, all left with memories of a unique event that merged an art market with a celebration of the Aboriginal culture.

Artist participation is by invitation only, and in 2009, the work of over 150 Aboriginal artists born or based in Queensland was sold and exhibited. The performance program of dance and music, along with the artists' talks and demonstrations and children's art station transformed the event from a traditional art market into a rich experience of Aboriginal art and cultures.

Local aboriginal tour operators have incorporated the Art Fair in their tours, giving visitors the opportunity to learn and experience the aboriginal culture, both in Cairns and the surrounding areas. Refer to the next page for a full list of operators

With the success of the event in 2009 and the impressive line up of artists this year, the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair is destined to become one of Australia's premier Aboriginal cultural events.

To find out more about the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, visit www.ciaf.com.au.

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Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Itineraries with Local Operators

Self Drive Day Tour options:

- Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park www.tjapukai.com.au
- Pamagirri experience at Rainforestation www.rainforest.com.au
- Kuku Yalanji Dreamtime Walks www.yalanji.com.au
- Spirit of the Rainforest Tour www.echoadventure.com.au
- Kuku Yalanji Cultural Habitat Tours www.bamaway.com.au/kukuYalanji

Note: Booked transfers and regional scheduled transport services may be accessed for the above.

Packaged Touring options:

- The Bama Way – Adventure North Australia: Wednesday 18/8 to Friday 20/8 The Bama Way followed by Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Saturday 21/8 and Sunday 22/8. See www.adventurenorthaustralia.com for a range of ready to book 1, 2 & 3 day tour options
- Dreamtime Journeys with Kookaburra Tours: Tuesday 17/8 to Thursday 19/8 Special CIAF Dreamtime Journey followed by Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Friday 20/8 to Sunday 22/8. Contact kookaburratours@bigpond.com for bookings.
- Cape York Turtle Rescue – Camp Chivaree, Mapoon: Saturday 14/8 to Thursday 19/8 (3 night option also available) Cape York Turtle Rescue followed by Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Friday 20/8 to Sunday 22/8 OR Friday 20/8 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair followed by Cape York Turtle Rescue Saturday 21/8 to Tuesday 24/8 (3 night) or Thursday 26/8 (5 night). See www.capeyorkturtlerescue.com

Stay and Relax option:

Daintree Eco Lodge and Spa: Combine a pre or post event stay in the ancient Daintree Rainforest with the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair. See www.daintree-ecolodge.com.au

Note: Can be accessed by self drive or booked transfers.