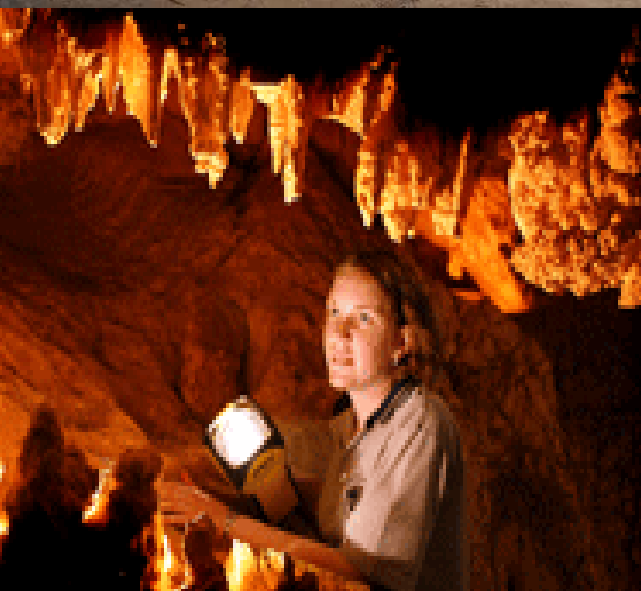
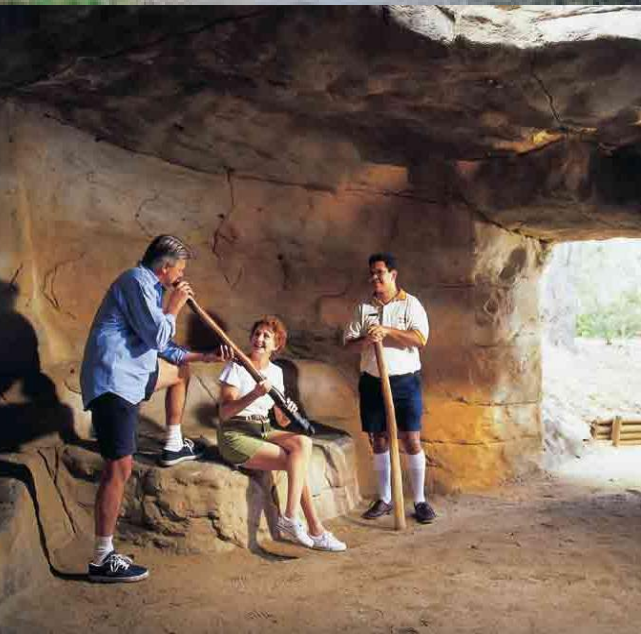


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# Rockhampton

*Real* Natural Environment Tour



## **Tropic of Capricorn Spire**

Rockhampton straddles the Tropic of Capricorn, and the spire marks the spot where you leave the temperate zone and enter the tropics. It provides a great photo opportunity and the visitor information centre, located at the Spire, offers a certificate of your visit.

## **Early Birds**

(10 minute drive from the city centre)

Early morning is the best time to visit the Lakes Creek Bird Observatory or the Yeppen Yeppen Lagoon. You'll spot herons, egrets, wild ducks, wader feeders and at certain times of the year, brolgas and magpie geese.

## **Dreamtime Cultural Centre**

(10 minute drive from the city)

(Tour 10:30am and 1:00pm Mon-Fri)

This unique centre is on Darambal land, nestled amidst 30 hectares of natural bush. Here you'll learn the history of the region's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities (allow two hours for the tour). The centre also showcases indigenous artefacts and displays. A must-see is the unique film about the tribes of the Carnarvon Gorge and their ancient rock art.

## **Capricorn Caves**

(15 minute drive from Dreamtime Cultural Centre)

These incredible above ground caves, discovered in 1882, offer daily tours. Your guide will reveal amazing limestone formations, and the more adventurous can explore by candlelight. The Summer Solstice - mid December to mid January - is a special natural event not to be missed. Sunlight penetrates deep in the Belfry Cave to create spectacular visual effects. The caves have wheelchair access.

## **Mt Etna Park Bat Cleft**

(5 minute drive from Capricorn Caves)

From December to February, a visit to the Bat Cleft within Mt Etna Caves National Park is a must. The dusk flight of thousands of endangered Bent Wing Bats is a fascinating spectacle. The bats are no bigger than your thumb and this is the ONLY place in the world where you can witness this natural event. Enjoy an evening meal at the nearby Caves Pub while you wait for the skies to dim!

## **Mt Archer**

### **Environmental Park**

(20 minute drive from Mt Etna Park)

Reward yourself with some spectacular views of the city from the summit of Mt Archer. It's an easy drive to the lookout where you can picnic at one of the excellent BBQ areas or take a short walk along one of the marked trails.

