



## **Treat yourself!**

By spending locally, you're directly supporting our community's economic and social well-being Seek out local gifts and take home treasures woven with stories of your wanderings.

After a healthy dose of Holiday Gift Shopping, Visit a Local Coffee Shop to soak up some island community vibes.

## Embrace our traditions, customs and lifestyle

**Respect** that some things are not meant to be shared. "Indigenous people have the right to keep secret their sacred and ritual knowledge in accordance with customary laws". Our guides respect this law and observe local customs.

**Understand** that during events of celebration or cultural significance, the community will focus on the event and other business may be postponed.

**The Kaurareg People** are the traditional owners of the land and seas surrounding Thursday Island, (traditional name Waiben.

Languages: Torres Strait Creole is the dominant language spoken on Thursday Island, followed by Kalau Lagau Ya, although english is also commonly spoken.

The development of Torres Strait Creole, also known as Ailan Tok or Yumi-platok, is composed of a mixture of the standard Australian English and the local Torres Strait Islander languages, each island has its own locally based Creole.

Our island's story is intertwined with the rich cultural history of Torres Strait, a place that has to be experienced first hand, an essential experience and must see for visitors, an island township a close knit community showcasing the region's traditions and culture through art and dance at local cafes, public art, galleries and private studios.

Be brave! learn some Language as well as creole phrases, you will find, it breaks the ice and is genuinely appreciated

Thank you: Essau
Yes: Wa
Are you OK?: Wis Wei U
I'm OK: I rite
Sorry: Yar gar
Kai kai: Eat/Food
I don't understand Mi no sabi

## Here are some tips and requests to keep your TI Tour on track

Switch off phones during commentary

Do not apply sunscreen, perfumes on board

No Audio or visual recording of tour guides

Do not pick up living or dead plant matter

No food or drink to be consumed onboard

Pre Tour Comfort Stop



Scan for map of Thursday Island