



Top End Touring

Rocked by spirit figures

THE Quinkan rock art near Laura is Queensland's most extensive collection and is rated by UNESCO as one of the top 10 rock art regions in the world.

Spirit figures and totems including crocodiles, echidnas and kangaroos remain entrapped in the spectacular sandstone escarpments. Some of the eerie images date back over 30,000 years.

The rock art is regarded as an amazing insight into Cape York at another time in history. It has been the subject of archaeological study, children's picture books and treasured paintings.

Now a safari camp has been established in the heart of the rock art area.

Jowalbinna Rock Art Safari Camp, nestled in a green eucalypt valley, offers cabins and camping and the chance to enjoy wildlife, safe creek swimming, rock art tours and self-guided walks.

The camp is a 36km four-



ROCK ON – See Queensland's most extensive rock art collection.

wheel drive from Laura, and caravans can be left at nearby Lakeland. You can either drive yourself via the Daintree and Cooktown or visit on a Wilderness Challenge safari.

Details on 1800-354-486, (07) 4035-4488 or www.jowalbinna.com.au



CAPTAIN Cook Cruises has released 14 new dates from April through to November for its popular seven-night Cape York Cruise aboard *MV Reef Endeavour*.

The cruise visits remote parts of Far North Queensland including the most northern tip of mainland Australia.

Onboard specialists

include a marine naturalist, dive master, indigenous guide and marine pilots.

The cruise explores a different destination every day, including Cape York, Torres Strait and Thursday Island, the exclusive Lizard Island and Morris Island inhabited by green and hawksbill turtles.

There are opportunities to snorkel over reefs on the edge of the continental shelf, visit historic Cooktown and discover galleries of rock art with a Stanley Island elder

Early Booking Saver fares start from \$2352 per person twin share ex-Cairns.

Details on 1800-804-843 or www.captaincook.com.au