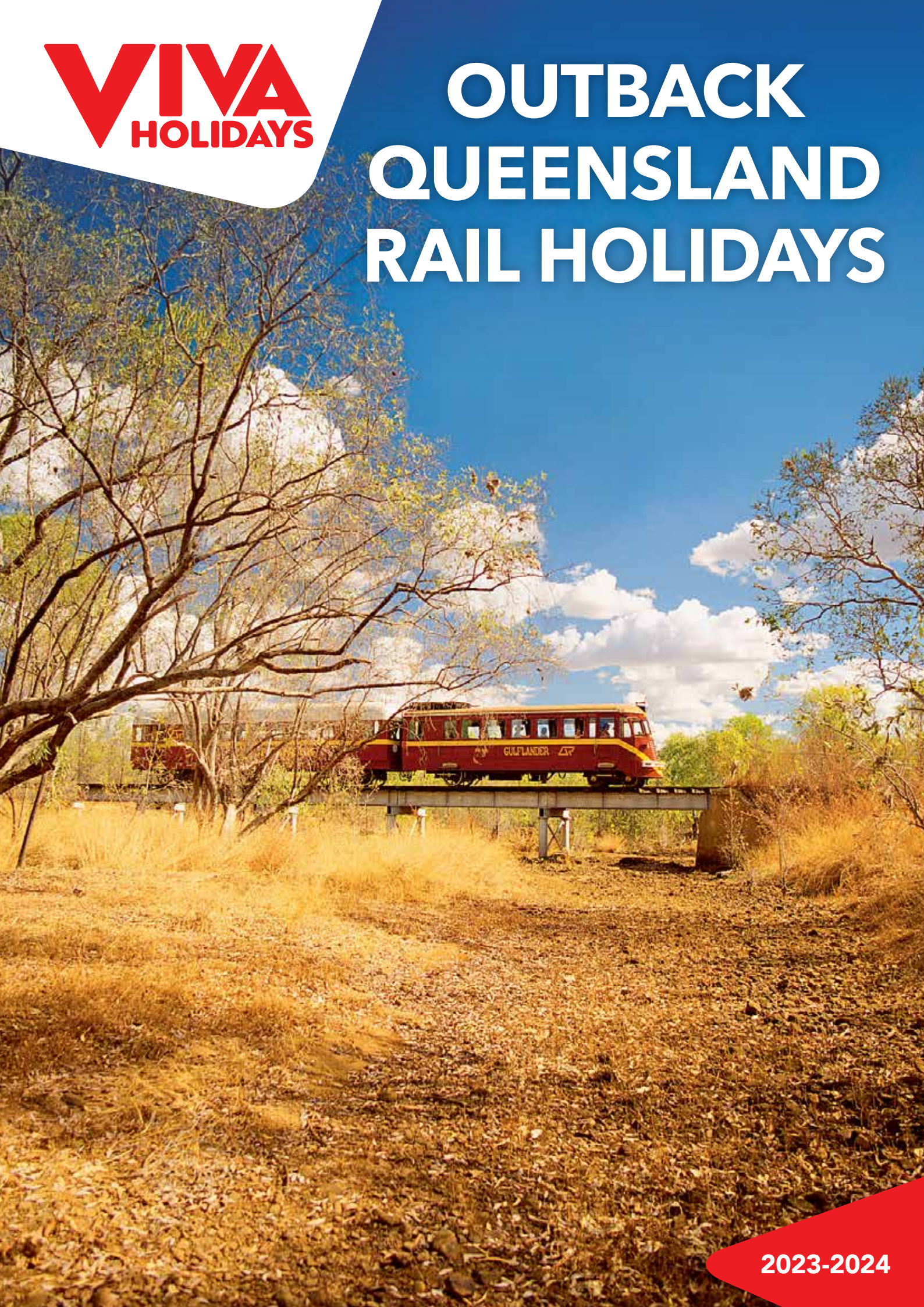


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Nogo Station Experience, Longreach, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland



Westlander

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Take the track less travelled
aboard the Inlander





PLANNING YOUR OUTBACK RAIL HOLIDAY

Queensland Rail Travel offers a choice of three rail journeys across Queensland's Outback and the iconic Gulflander, in the Gulf Savannah region. Journey from Brisbane to Longreach on the Spirit of the Outback. Venture inland on the Westlander from Brisbane to Charleville and from Townsville to Mount Isa on the Inlander. Step aboard the Gulflander and travel between Normanton and Croydon. On an Outback rail holiday, you can settle back into the comfort of your seat and feel the stresses of everyday life melt away as you embark on an unforgettable rail journey.

This brochure will provide you with all the information you need to plan your perfect rail holiday, including the specific features on board each train, timetables, as well as a range of holiday packages designed to showcase the very best of Queensland.

FULLY ESCORTED OUTBACK RAIL TOURS

Let our experienced tour leader take care of you on our fully escorted Ultimate Outback Queensland Adventure and Legendary Longreach, Winton and Barcy tours. Sit back, relax and watch the scenery go by as you journey on the legendary Spirit of the Outback. See pages 10 to 13 for full details.

LUGGAGE CHECK-IN

At attended railway stations, luggage check-in facilities open one hour prior to departure for 30 minutes. The onboard team will assist with luggage at smaller unattended railway stations.

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

The level of accessibility varies at stations across Queensland and on board the trains. Your travel agent will be able to provide you with additional information to assist in planning your journey.










CONCESSION FARES

On presentation of a current Australian state or territory Government Seniors Card, you will receive up to 50% off the full adult rail fare on Queensland Rail Travel's long distance services. Queensland Pension Concession Card holders are eligible to receive four Queensland Pension rail travel entitlements each calendar year, with a \$25 charge that applies for the use of each of the four entitlements. Meals and upgrades to Sleeper accommodation comes at an additional cost.

Queensland Pension entitlements are applied to travel in the following ways:

- Sleeper: Two one-way trips using two entitlements.
- Business Seat: Two one-way trips using two entitlements.
- Economy Seat: four one-way trips using one entitlement.

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Normanton railway station, Queensland



Take in the magnificent Big Red Sand Dune on the edge of the Simpson Desert, Queensland



Australian Age of Dinosaurs, Winton, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland / ©Sean Gilligan



Qantas Founders Museum, Longreach, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland

OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

Take an extraordinary rail journey into the sunburnt land of Outback Queensland. This is a region of vast landscapes, endless blue skies, country pubs and outback characters. Combine the nostalgia and charm of rail travel on the Spirit of the Outback, Westlander or Inlander with an outback adventure.

LONGREACH

In the legendary township of Longreach, be welcomed by the warm outback hospitality at a family-run homestead. Learn of the pioneering years through innovative museums, attractions and exhibitions at The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Qantas Founders Museum. Cruise along the Thomson River and take in a breathtaking sunset.

WINTON

Best known as the place that Banjo Paterson wrote Waltzing Matilda in 1895, Winton is also where Qantas was founded in 1920. A short distance from Winton, discover the 93 million year old fossils of Lark Quarry which captures the only recorded dinosaur stampede. Visit the Australian Age of Dinosaurs, home to the world's largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils.

SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND

Explore the heart of the Outback in Charleville, Roma and Quilpie. Cast your eyes to the sky in Charleville at the Cosmos Centre and Observatory. Roma is peppered with prehistoric sites and Aboriginal rock art. Situated in the far west, Quilpie is renowned for its opals and is often referred to as the home of the Boulder Opal.

FAR WEST QUEENSLAND

Between the Simpson Desert and the Sturt Stony Desert is Birdsville, best known for its famous pub and annual race meeting. Explore the rugged Simpson Desert by 4WD and venture to the top of Big Red at sunset. Stop at Boulia and see the Min Min Encounter, a theatrical experience based around the famed Min Min light phenomenon.



Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland



The Tree of Knowledge, Barcaldine, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland

BARCALDINE

Learn about Barcaldine's rich history at the Barcaldine and District Historical Museum and the Australian Worker's Heritage Centre. See the founding site of the Australian Labor Party at Barcaldine's Tree of Knowledge. Take a stroll along the Botanical Walk and discover why Barcaldine is known as the 'Garden City of the West'.

MOUNT ISA

Discover the colourful characters and rich history of Mount Isa. Take in the history and sights that make up this iconic outback mining town, including the unique Underground Hospital and Beth Anderson Museum. Join in the fun and excitement of the Mount Isa Mines Rodeo, held annually during August.



Cobb & Co Stagecoach Experience, Longreach, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland

SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK RAIL JOURNEY



Spirit of the Outback

SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK RAIL JOURNEY

The journey between Brisbane and Longreach offers a unique insight into the history and culture of Australia. Wonder at the ever-changing landscape, as the train makes its way into the very heart of the Queensland Outback.

Indulge in a private Single or Twin Sleeper, providing a comfortable seat during the day converting to a bed at night. Immerse yourself in the experience with exclusive access to the restaurant, where delicious meals are prepared by the onboard chef. Or choose to travel in an Economy Seat, with your choice of meals, light refreshments and drinks available to purchase throughout the journey.

Watch the Outback come to life as the Spirit of the Outback travels through spectacular scenery and the remote towns along the way.

FEATURES INCLUDE

- Servery to purchase souvenirs, meals and refreshments
- Large panoramic windows
- Drinking fountains
- Shower and toilet facilities

ECONOMY SEAT

- Comfortable reclinable seat with footrest, tray table and reading light
- One item of checked-in luggage and one carry-on item

SLEEPER

- Private cabin with spacious seat by day
- Converts to a lie-flat bed at night with linen, pillow, towel and amenities pack
- All-inclusive meals served in the Tuckerbox Restaurant
- Lounge car
- Cabins include a wash basin with mirror and small wardrobe
- Two items of checked-in luggage and one carry-on item

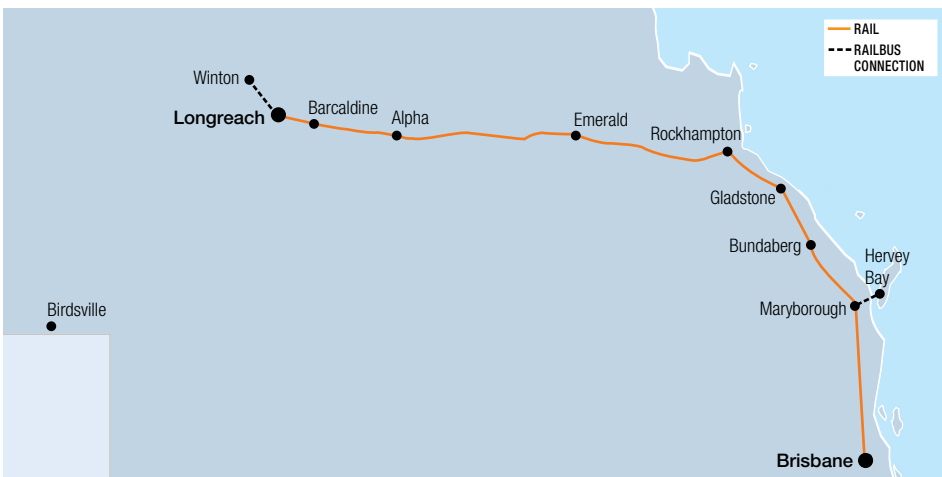


Sleeper by day



Sleeper by night

SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK RAIL JOURNEY



RAIL FARES

BRISBANE TO LONGREACH

Adult Economy Seat	\$141*
Senior Economy Seat	\$118*
Adult Sleeper	\$427*
Senior Sleeper	\$359*

BUNDABERG TO LONGREACH

Adult Economy Seat	\$120*
Senior Economy Seat	\$100*
Adult Sleeper	\$392*
Senior Sleeper	\$334*

ROCKHAMPTON TO LONGREACH

Adult Economy Seat	\$87*
Senior Economy Seat	\$73*

TIMETABLE

BRISBANE TO LONGREACH

Distance:	1325 kms
Duration:	26 hrs

Brisbane to Longreach (overnight)

Departs Brisbane on Tuesday evening and Saturday afternoon, travelling overnight through Bundaberg and Rockhampton, before heading west and arriving in Longreach on Wednesday night or Sunday afternoon.

Longreach to Brisbane (overnight)

Departs Longreach on Monday and Thursday mornings, travelling the outback route towards the coast during the day before heading south through Rockhampton and Bundaberg during the night and arriving in Brisbane on Tuesday or Friday mornings.

For more information on the latest timetable and availability, please ask your travel agent. The RailBus connection service provides a transfer from Longreach railway station to Winton, your gateway to the prehistoric dinosaurs at Lark Quarry.

RAILBUS CONNECTION

LONGREACH TO WINTON

The RailBus will meet the Spirit of the Outback when it arrives at Longreach railway station for transfers to Winton. The RailBus journey to Winton takes two hours.

WINTON TO LONGREACH

The RailBus will depart Winton on Monday and Thursday mornings three hours before the departure of the Spirit of the Outback from Longreach, to ensure there is time for check in. The RailBus journey from Winton takes two hours.

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ULTIMATE OUTBACK QUEENSLAND ADVENTURE

7 DAY FULLY ESCORTED RAIL TOUR

- ✓ 6 Breakfasts
- ✓ 5 Lunches
- ✓ 5 Dinners
- ✓ Guaranteed Departures+

Winton, Queensland

ULTIMATE OUTBACK QUEENSLAND ADVENTURE 7 DAYS

Venture into the heart of the Queensland Outback on our fully escorted Ultimate Outback Queensland Adventure. Your journey begins when you board the Spirit of the Outback and travel through the ever-changing scenery and rugged landscape between Brisbane and Longreach. Follow in the footsteps of the early pioneers and get ready for the holiday of a lifetime.

Explore Australia's rich heritage and gain genuine insights into pioneer life on this fabulous outback quest. Meet fascinating local characters who will captivate and charm you with their stories of life in the Outback.

All the iconic outback experiences are covered on this trip of a lifetime! Visit the popular Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Qantas Founders Museum. Witness a stunning outback sunset as you cruise along the Thomson River and take an exhilarating ride on a restored stagecoach. Experience life on a station and follow the dinosaur trail to Winton.

Our experienced tour guide will be with you every step of the way so you can relax and fully immerse yourself in this incredible outback adventure.

Day 1 Tuesday: Brisbane to Longreach (D)

Be greeted by your tour leader at Roma Street railway station in Brisbane prior to boarding the Spirit of the Outback. Spend time getting to know your tour leader and fellow travellers over a refreshment in the Shearers Rest Lounge as you venture into the heart of the rugged Queensland Outback. You'll be captivated by the vast landscapes and historic towns between Brisbane and Longreach on this fantastic journey. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback.

Day 2 Wednesday: Longreach (BL)

In the morning, enjoy the scenery as the train passes through the open landscapes of Outback Queensland. Arrive into Longreach for the start of your Outback Queensland adventure. On arrival at Longreach railway station, transfer to your accommodation and get ready for tomorrow's adventure. Stay the next five nights at The Staging Post, Longreach.

Day 3 Thursday: Longreach (BLD)

Spend the day experiencing the real heart of outback life at Kinnon's historic Nogo Station. Marvel at the merino story in the historic shearing sheds. Experience the incredible station safari in an open-top, double-decker bus. Visit Captain Starlight's stockyards and enjoy a traditional saddlebag lunch under the gum trees.

This afternoon, visit the Qantas Founders Museum. Explore the Museum's artefact displays and interactive exhibits and learn about the history of Qantas. The Airpark Tour will take you behind the scenes of the DC-3, Boeing 747, Boeing 707 and Super Constellation. Return to your accommodation in time to freshen up before your Stonegrill® dining experience at The Welcome Home.

Day 4 Friday: Longreach (BLD)

Start the day with the Cobb and Co Stagecoach Experience. Hold onto your hat for the only stagecoach gallop in Australia! Afterwards, partake in home-baked scones and tea at the café before settling back in retro cinema seats for a classic Australian movie. Then enjoy the Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show with a billy-can lunch. Transfer back to your accommodation. Late afternoon, travel to the banks of the Thomson River for Starlight's Cruise Experience. Enjoy a hearty stockman's dinner around the campfire with bush poetry and the Starlight's Spectacular Sound and Light Picture Show.

Day 5 Saturday: Winton (BLD)

An early start this morning for a full day tour to Winton. Visit the Australian Age of Dinosaurs museum and Dinosaur Canyon and the Waltzing Matilda Centre. Enjoy lunch at the historic North Gregory Hotel and take a stroll down the main street before returning to Longreach. Dine at The Welcome Home restaurant this evening.

Day 6 Sunday: Longreach (BLD)

Today, visit the iconic Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame. You'll have plenty of time to explore the five galleries before lunch at the museum café. Return to your accommodation and enjoy dinner this evening at Harry's Restaurant.

Day 7 Monday: Longreach to Brisbane (B)

Your Ultimate Outback Queensland Adventure comes to an end with a transfer to Longreach airport for your flight back to Brisbane. Farewell your tour leader on conclusion of your tour at Brisbane Airport.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

ULTIMATE OUTBACK QUEENSLAND ADVENTURE



Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland

7 DAYS | BRISBANE TO BRISBANE

DEPARTS: May 2 • Aug 8 • Oct 24

Adult	From \$3819* [^] ⁺ per person twin share
Senior	From \$3751* [^] ⁺ per person twin share

HIGHLIGHTS

- Journey on the legendary Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach
- Board the only paddlewheeler west of the Great Divide and take in a spectacular outback sunset
- Go behind the scenes at the Qantas Founders Museum
- Explore the iconic Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Experienced tour guide for the duration of the tour

INCLUDES

- One way overnight travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach – Sleeper
- One way economy class airfare from Longreach to Brisbane
- Services of an experienced tour guide from day one to departure from Longreach Airport
- 5 nights 4 star accommodation in Longreach
- Meals as specified
- Cobb and Co Stagecoach Experience
- Nogo Station Experience with Kinnon host and Station safari
- Starlight's Cruise Experience with Campfire Dinner
- Starlight's Spectacular Sound and Light Picture Show
- Admission to Qantas Founders Museum and Airpark Tour
- Admission to Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs Tour including Dinosaur Canyon
- Admission to the Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Winton Discovery Town Tour
- All coach transfers in Longreach

[^]Prices valid 2 May – 24 Oct 23. Sole use prices also available. ⁺Guaranteed departures based on minimum of 2 passengers.



Shearers Rest Lounge



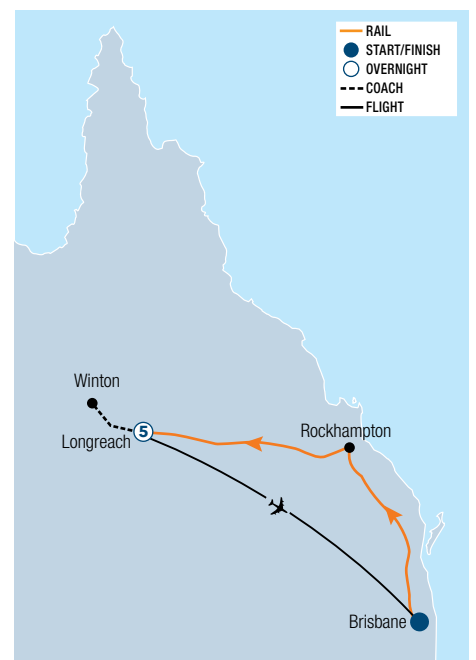
Qantas Founders Museum, Longreach, Queensland



Stockman's Hall of Fame, Longreach, Queensland



Nogo Station, Longreach, Queensland



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LEGENDARY LONGREACH, WINTON & BARCY

7 DAY FULLY ESCORTED RAIL TOUR

- ✓ 6 Breakfasts
- ✓ 5 Lunches
- ✓ 6 Dinners
- ✓ Guaranteed Departures+

Spirit of the Outback

LEGENDARY LONGREACH, WINTON & BARCY 7 DAYS

Experience the very best of Outback Queensland on our new, fully escorted, Legendary Longreach, Winton and Barcy tour. Your journey begins at Brisbane Airport for your Qantas flight to Longreach and includes all the must-see attractions, in addition to exclusive bucket-list experiences.

Watch a stunning outback sunset over plains where dinosaurs once roamed. Dine in a 100-year-old woolshed and hear stories from a fifth-generation grazier at Camden Park.

Cruise the mighty Thomson River at sunset and wander through the recently upgraded Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame. Be enthralled by performances from the Desert Dust Dancers at the corroboree grounds of the Desert Dreaming Centre.

There'll be plenty of time to reminisce about your outback experience as you travel the scenic route back to Brisbane on the Spirit of the Outback.

Our experienced tour leader will be with you every step of the way so you can relax and see a whole new side to Queensland's stunning Outback.

Day 1 Saturday: Brisbane to Longreach (D)

Meet your tour leader at Brisbane Domestic Airport for your flight to Longreach. You will be met on arrival at Longreach Airport for your transfer by coach to Barcaldine. Settle into your hotel and relax, before tonight's welcome dinner. Tonight, an evening of culture, laughter and cuisine awaits at the Desert Dreaming Centre corroboree grounds. Watch performances by the Desert Dust Dancers as you enjoy a three-course Trade Route Tucker dinner. Overnight at Barcaldine Country Motor Inn, Barcaldine.

Day 2 Sunday: Barcaldine to Winton (BLD)

Check-out of your accommodation and transfer to the Desert Dreaming Centre for breakfast. Afterwards, join a local guide on a walking tour of the town, including the Tree of Knowledge and a cultural workshop. Travel west to Ilfracombe and the historic Wellshot Hotel. Enjoy an authentic pub lunch and learn the art of the traditional coin toss before heading to Winton. On arrival, check into your accommodation and relax before tonight's dinner at Tattersalls Hotel. Stay the next two nights at Boulder Opal Motel, Winton

Day 3 Monday: Winton (BLD)

Today, visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre to learn the story behind Australia's unofficial anthem, followed by free time to explore the town. You're in Boulder Opal country now, so a visit to one of the opal stores on Winton's main street is a must.

Late afternoon, travel the short distance out of town to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs, perched high on a magnificent mesa. Enjoy an interpretive tour of the laboratory, the new March of the Titanosaurs display and Collection Room. Then, watch an exquisite outback sunset overlooking the plains where dinosaurs once roamed before enjoying a hearty barbecue feast under the stars.

Day 4 Tuesday: Winton to Longreach (BLD)

Travel east along the Landsborough Highway to Longreach and the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame. Explore the fascinating themed galleries, a tribute to the pioneers and indigenous people of the Australian Outback. Enjoy lunch at the Birdcage Hotel and then transfer to your accommodation. Late afternoon, travel to Camden Park Station for a dose of outback hospitality by fifth-generation graziers, the Walker family. Enjoy sunset drinks and nibbles at Two Tree Hill followed by an exclusive dinner in the 100-year-old woolshed. Stay the next two nights at Longreach Motor Inn, Longreach.

Day 5 Wednesday: Longreach (BLD)

Visit the world-class Qantas Founders Museum, eloquently telling the story of the founding of Qantas. View marvellous interpretive and interactive exhibits, then join a guided Airpark Tour featuring the Boeing 707, DC-3, Super Constellation and the Boeing 747. Enjoy lunch at the museum before returning to your accommodation to relax. Late afternoon, transfer to the Thomson River and board the Longreach Explorer for the award-winning Drover's Sunset Cruise. Relax on the top deck with 360-degree views of this majestic outback waterhole and enjoy onboard nibbles at Sunset Bend, before tonight's farewell dinner at Harry's Restaurant.

Day 6 Thursday: Longreach to Brisbane (BLD)

After breakfast, transfer to Longreach railway station to board the Spirit of the Outback for your overnight journey back to Brisbane. Wonder at the ever-changing landscape as the train makes its way from the very heart of the Queensland Outback. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback.

Day 7 Friday: Arrive Brisbane (B)

Your Legendary Longreach, Winton & Barcy tour comes to an end with your arrival into Brisbane.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

LEGENDARY LONGREACH, WINTON & BARCY



7 DAYS | BRISBANE TO BRISBANE

DEPARTS: Jul 22 • Sep 23

Adult	From \$4699* [^] ⁺ per person twin share
Senior	From \$4631* [^] ⁺ per person twin share

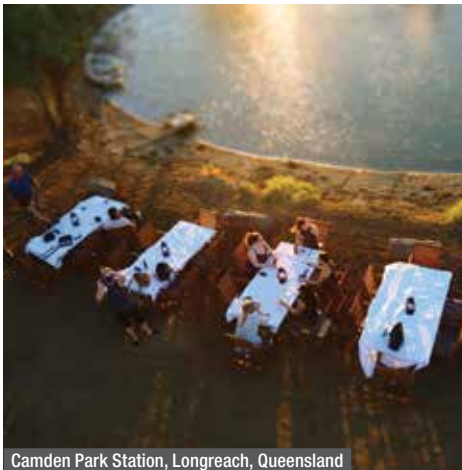
HIGHLIGHTS

- See a performance by the Desert Dust Dancers at the corroboree grounds of the Desert Dreaming Centre
- Enjoy an exclusive sunset dinner at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs
- Go behind the scenes at the Qantas Founders Museum and tour the legendary aircraft
- Cruise the majestic Thomson River
- Explore the fascinating themed galleries at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame

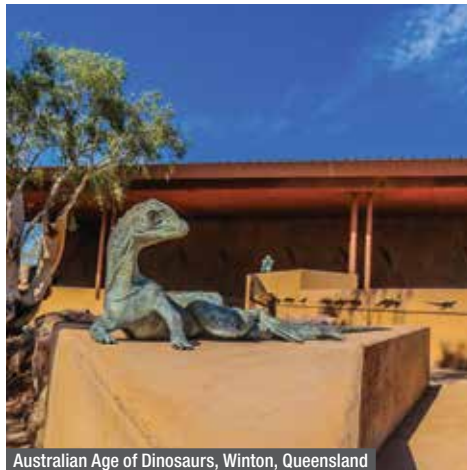
INCLUDES

- One way economy class airfare from Brisbane to Longreach
- One way overnight travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Longreach to Brisbane – Sleeper
- 1 night 3½ star accommodation in Barcaldine
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Winton
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Longreach
- Meals as specified
- Desert Dreaming Dinner and Performance
- Walking tour of Barcaldine including the Tree of Knowledge
- Admission to Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs: Sunset Tour and exclusive BBQ Dinner
- Admission to the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Camden Park Station Sunset Tour and Paddock to Plate Dinner
- Qantas Founders Museum entry and Airpark Tour
- Drover's Sunset Cruise
- Transport as specified in the itinerary and all coach transfers in Longreach
- Services of a professional tour leader and expert local guides/drivers

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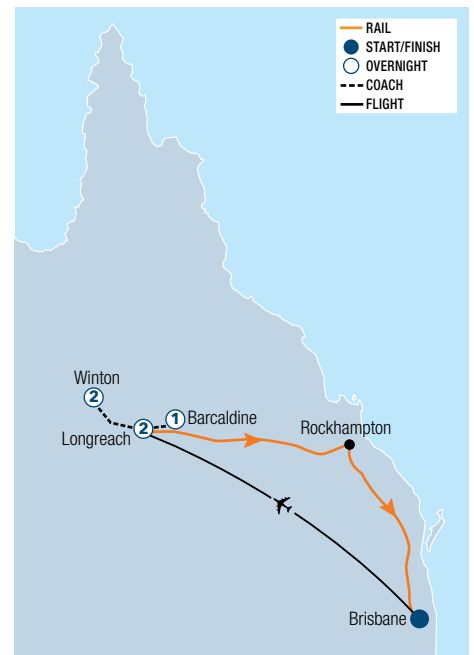
Camden Park Station, Longreach, Queensland



Australian Age of Dinosaurs, Winton, Queensland



Desert Dust Dancers, Barcaldine, Queensland



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SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK HOLIDAY PACKAGES



Thomson River, Longreach, Queensland



Camden Park Station, Longreach, Queensland



Carisbrooke Station, Winton, Queensland

OUTBACK ESCAPE 8 DAYS

Day 1: Brisbane to Barcaldine (LD)

Board your flight in Brisbane for your journey to Barcaldine. Meet your Savannah Guide Operator and transfer to your hotel. Tonight, enjoy an evening of culture, laughter and cuisine at the Desert Dreaming Centre corroboree grounds. See performances by the Desert Dust Dancers over a three-course Trade Route Tucker dinner. Overnight at Barcaldine Country Motor Inn.

Day 2: Barcaldine to Winton (BLD)

Take a town tour of Barcaldine and visit the Australian Workers Heritage Centre and heritage-listed Tree of Knowledge to hear about its fascinating history. Travel west to Ilfracombe and the historic Wellshot Hotel. Founded in 1891, Ilfracombe was a transport hub for Wellshot Station, which at the time held the largest number of sheep on any station in the world. Enjoy an authentic pub lunch at the Wellshot Hotel before heading to Winton. Dinner tonight will be at the popular Tattersalls Hotel. Stay the next two nights at Boulder Opal Motor Inn, Winton.

Day 3: Winton (BLD)

Learn the story behind Australia's unofficial national anthem at the Waltzing Matilda Centre; the only museum dedicated to a song. Lunch today will be at another iconic favourite, the North Gregory Hotel. Mid-afternoon, visit the Australian Age of Dinosaurs, perched high on a spectacular mesa. Join a guided interpretive tour of the laboratory and collection room before a special sunset barbecue overlooking the plains where dinosaurs once roamed!

Day 4: Winton to Longreach (BLD)

After breakfast, return to Longreach to explore the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and see the fabulous Stockman's Life Live Show. Late afternoon experience the warm hospitality of local graziers on a visit to Camden

Park Station. Join Outback Dan on a tour of his family property, sunset drinks at Two Tree Hill, followed by an exclusive dinner in their 100-year-old woolshed. Stay the next two nights at Longreach Motor Inn.

Day 5: Longreach (BLD)

Wander the world-class Qantas Founders Museum, eloquently telling the story of the founding of Qantas. Then join a guided Airpark Tour. Tonight, unwind on the Drover's Sunset Cruise with tasty onboard nibbles, then take your seat at Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show. Relax under the stars savouring a table service two-course camp oven themed dinner, as a talented outback entertainer performs live on the river stage.

Day 6: Longreach to Emerald (BLD)

Journey on the Spirit of the Outback to Emerald. Pass through Barcaldine, Jericho, Alpha and the gemfield town of Anakie. Arrive in Emerald in time for dinner. Overnight at Emerald Maraboon Motel.

Day 7: Emerald to Rockhampton (BLD)

Take a short drive to Miners Heritage in Rubyvale for an underground Sapphire mine tour to learn about the techniques used by pioneering gem miners. Next, visit Lake Maraboon, Queensland's second largest lake. Continuing east to Rockhampton, visit the Blackwater International Coal Centre for an insight into this billion-dollar industry. Tonight, in Rockhampton, enjoy a farewell dinner. Overnight at Mercure Hotel.

Day 8: Brisbane (BL)

Board the early Tilt Train, arriving in Brisbane mid-afternoon.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

8 DAYS | BRISBANE TO BRISBANE

DEPARTS: Apr 8 • Jun 24 • Jul 8 • Aug 5
• Sep 2, 16, 23 • Oct 14, 28

Adult/Senior

From \$4999*[^]
per person twin share

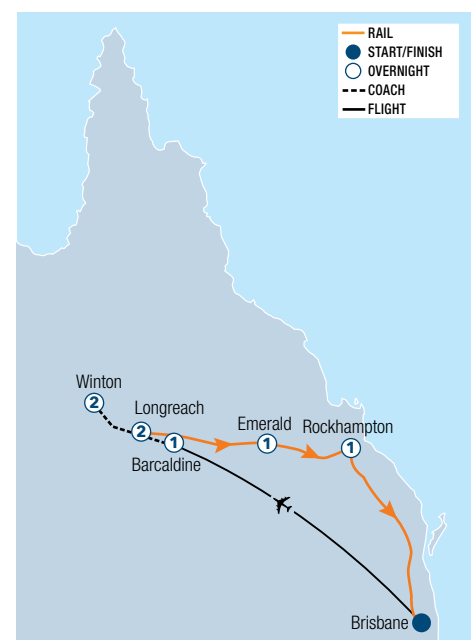
HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience Desert Dreaming Centre Dinner & Dance
- Barcaldine Town Tour & Tree of Knowledge
- Discover the Queensland's pioneering past at the Australian Workers Heritage Centre
- Learn about the hat collection at the Historic Wellshot Hotel
- Visit the Australian Age of Dinosaurs
- See the tree of knowledge of Barcaldine
- Enjoy sunset drinks at Camden Park Station

INCLUDES

- One way economy class airfare from Brisbane to Barcaldine
- One way daylight travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Longreach to Emerald – Economy Seat
- One way daylight travel on the Tilt Train from Rockhampton to Brisbane – Economy Seat
- 1 night 4 star accommodation in Barcaldine
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Winton
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation at Longreach
- 1 night 4 star accommodation at Emerald
- 1 night 4 star accommodation in Rockhampton
- Meals as specified
- Desert Dreaming Dinner & Performance
- Walking tour of Barcaldine
- Admission to Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Australian Age of Dinosaur Tour
- Longreach Town Tour
- Admission to Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Outback Stockman's Live Show
- Camden Park Station Sunset Dinner Tour
- Qantas Founders Museum Entry & Airpark Tour
- Drover's Sunset Cruise
- Miners Heritage, Rubyvale
- Blackwater Coal Mine Centre Tour
- Savannah Guides Operator driver and host
- All coach transfers

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SPRIT OF THE OUTBACK HOLIDAY PACKAGES



Australian Age of Dinosaurs, Winton, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland



Winton, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland



Carisbrooke Station, Winton, Queensland

WINTON ADVENTURE 7 DAYS

Day 1: Brisbane to Longreach (D)

Get to know your fellow travellers over a refreshment in the Shearers Rest Lounge as you venture into the heart of the Queensland Outback. You'll be captivated by the ever-changing landscapes on your journey between Brisbane and Longreach. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback.

Day 2: Longreach to Winton (BLD)

Follow in the footsteps of the early pioneers as you travel through historic outback towns on your way to Longreach. Arrive into Longreach in the afternoon and travel by coach to your accommodation in Winton.

Enjoy dinner outback-style at the Tattersall's Hotel. Stay the next four nights at the Winton Outback Motel.

Day 3: Winton (BL)

Journey through Winton's mesa country to the Dinosaur Stampede where 3300 dinosaur footprints were preserved 95 million years ago. Visit Carisbrooke Station and discover the hidden treasures of the Merton Gorge and Lookout. See the Three Sisters, fossick for opal and learn how this vast landscape came to be and how the pioneers lived off the land.

Day 4: Winton (BD)

Travel to Bladensburg National Park and visit the old homestead and shearing shed. Wander through the Australian Age of Dinosaurs with the largest collection of Australian dinosaur bones in the world.

Check out how the fossils are looked after in the Fossil Preparation Laboratory, then take a trip to Dinosaur Canyon, where you can walk through four exhibits with life-size dinosaur replicas. Hear the history of dinosaur discoveries and digs as you walk through the canyon. Enjoy a memorable sunset from high up on a mesa with spectacular views over the surrounding landscape.

This afternoon, visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre. This museum is a fabulous celebration of our unofficial national song and the history of Winton.

Day 5: Winton (B)

Today you have time to wander around town and soak up the outback atmosphere. Spend time exploring the Waltzing Matilda Centre and learn about the history of Winton. Visit the Corfield and Fitzmaurice building which is a heritage listed building housing a wool industry display with history of the Shearers Strikes of the 1890's. There is a display about the opal mining industry centred on Opalton and an historic account of the Corfield and Fitzmaurice general merchants store.

One of the original homesteads in the Winton region, Bladensburg National Park is steeped in history but also has the rugged beauty of rock formations as well as diverse ecosystems for the region. Today visit the old homestead and shearing shed, Scrammy Gorge and Lookout and permanent water holes (weather dependent). Afternoon tea is provided. This afternoon, take a tour to Rangelands Station and walk through the Rangelands Rifts. Enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles at sunset.

Day 6: Longreach to Brisbane (BLD)

After breakfast, transfer by coach to Longreach for the journey to Brisbane. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback.

Day 7: Brisbane (B)

Arrive in Brisbane where your tour concludes.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

7 DAYS | BRISBANE TO BRISBANE

DEPARTS: Saturday (1 Apr – 22 Oct 23)

Adult	From \$2215* [^] per person twin share
Senior	From \$2049* [^] per person twin share

HIGHLIGHTS

- See the Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park
- Take in the natural beauty of Carisbrooke Station
- Tour the fossil preparation laboratory at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs
- Visit the old Homestead at Bladensburg National Park

INCLUDES

- One way overnight travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach – Sleeper
- One way overnight travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Longreach to Brisbane – Sleeper
- 4 nights 4 star accommodation in Winton
- Meals as specified
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs Tour, including Dinosaur Canyon and the Collection Room
- Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Tour
- Bladensburg National Park Half Day Tour
- Rangelands Sunset Tour
- Winton Historic Town Tour
- Admission to Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Admission to the Royal Open Air Theatre
- Admission to the Corfield and Fitzmaurice Sheep and Wool display
- Return RailBus connection transfers from Longreach railway station to Winton
- Savannah Guides Enterprise and accredited guide
- All coach transfers in Longreach

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SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK HOLIDAY PACKAGES



Starlight's Cruise Experience, Thomson River, Queensland



Starlight's Spectacular, Longreach, Queensland



Nogo Safari, Nogo Station, Queensland

8 DAYS | BRISBANE TO BRISBANE

DEPARTS: 18 Apr – 30 Oct 23

Adult	From \$3775* [^] per person twin share
Senior	From \$3638* [^] per person twin share

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a stagecoach ride on the old Longreach to Windorah mail route
- Board a paddlewheeler for a sunset cruise on the Thomson River
- Witness a shearer at work on historic Nogo Station
- Follow in the footsteps of dinosaurs as you walk through Dinosaur Canyon
- Be charmed by local bush theatre at The Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show
- Visit the iconic Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame

INCLUDES

- One way overnight travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach – Sleeper
- One way overnight travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Longreach to Brisbane – Sleeper
- 5 nights 4 star accommodation in Longreach
- Meals as specified
- Nogo Station Experience
- Admission to Qantas Founders Museum and Airpark Tour
- Cobb & Co Stagecoach Experience
- Starlight's Cruise Experience with 2 course campfire dinner
- Starlight's Spectacular Sound & Light Picture Show
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs Tour, including Dinosaur Canyon and the Collection Room
- Winton Town Tour
- Admission to Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Admission to Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- All coach transfers in Longreach

[^]Prices valid 18 Apr – 30 Oct 23. Sole use prices also available.

EXPLORE OUTBACK LONGREACH & WINTON 8 DAYS

Day 1: Brisbane to Longreach (D)

Depart on this fascinating rail journey between Brisbane and Longreach and gain an insight into the history and culture of early Australia as you travel through the heritage towns of Blackwater, Emerald and Barcardine. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback.

Day 2: Longreach (BL)

Enjoy a hearty breakfast in the Tuckerbox Restaurant and enjoy the journey to Longreach. On arrival, transfer to your accommodation. Stay the next five nights at The Staging Post, Longreach.

Day 3: Longreach (BLD)

Take your seat for the ride of your life at the only place in the world where you can experience what it's like to gallop in a Cobb & Co stagecoach. Enjoy morning tea before watching a classic Australian movie followed by the Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show. A Billy Can lunch is served during the show.

This afternoon, explore the main street of Longreach. Take in the architecture of the 1920's as you stroll through the heritage precinct. Wander back to your accommodation at your leisure.

Transfer to the Thomson River and board a historic paddlewheeler for a sunset cruise. Afterwards, enjoy a hearty stockman's dinner around the campfire with bush entertainment and the authentic Starlight's Spectacular Sound-and-Light Picture Show.

Day 4: Longreach (BLD)

Enjoy a country buffet breakfast at the Welcome Home before travelling to historic Nogo Station. Spend the morning exploring this working cattle and sheep station. Head to the shearing sheds and watch a champion sheep shearer at work while hearing about the merino wool stories from the past.

Next, board an open-top, double-decker bus to start your Station Safari. Venture across the sunlit plains to spot feral and native animals and see the stockyard ruins of the infamous cattle duffer, Captain Starlight. Look around Captain Starlight's bush camp and enjoy a saddle-bag lunch under the gum tree.

Transfer to the Qantas Founders Museum and join a guided tour of the 747 plane and Super Constellation. After the guided tour spend time discovering the many exhibits and learn about the pioneers of flight. Spend the afternoon relaxing at your accommodation before dinner at Ringers Restaurant, where you will be treated to a Stonegrill® Dining Experience.

Day 5: Winton to Longreach (BLD)

Travel west and spend the day exploring Winton. Visit the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum including the exciting Dinosaur Canyon and the Collection Room. Spend time at the Winton Opal Gems before enjoying lunch at the historic North Gregory Hotel. After lunch, visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre before returning to Longreach. Dinner is at The Welcome Home.

Day 6: Longreach (B)

Today visit the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and explore the five galleries of the museum. The galleries bring to life the rugged landscape of the Outback and recreate the story of the pioneering men and women who shaped the state.

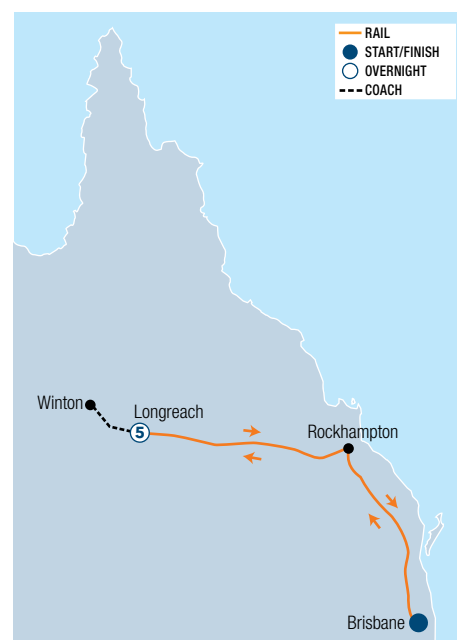
Day 7: Longreach to Brisbane (BLD)

After breakfast, transfer to the railway station for the return rail journey. Overnight on the Spirit of the Outback.

Day 8: Brisbane (B)

Your holiday concludes upon arrival into Brisbane.

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SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK HOLIDAY PACKAGES



Big Red Sand Dune, Simpson Desert, Queensland



Australian Age of Dinosaurs, Winton, Queensland



Birdsville, Queensland

BIRDSVILLE DESERT ADVENTURE 10 DAYS

Day 1: Brisbane (D)

Board the Spirit of the Outback train in Brisbane for your overnight rail journey to Longreach.

Day 2: Longreach (BLD)

Your Outback Queensland Adventure starts on arrival at Longreach railway station. You will be transferred to your accommodation for a welcome dinner and tour briefing. Stay the next two nights at Albert Park Motor Inn.

Day 3: Longreach (BLD)

Enjoy an orientation tour of Longreach this morning. Visit the world-class Qantas Founders Museum, eloquently telling the story of the founding of Qantas. Discover the inspiring stories of our pioneering heroes at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame. Late afternoon, enjoy tasty nibbles on the Drover's Sunset Cruise, followed by a two course table service dinner under the stars at Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show.

Day 4: Longreach to Boulia (BLD)

This morning, drive to Winton and visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre. Follow a spectacularly scenic drive from Winton to Boulia via historic Middleton Hotel, built during the Cobb & Co. era. It was originally a changing station where tired horses were replaced with fresh horses. Stop at Cawnpore Lookout to view the stark flat-topped beauty of the surrounding Lillyvale Hills, before arriving in Boulia, the capital of the Channel Country. Overnight at the Australian Hotel or Desert Sands Motel.

Day 5: Boulia to Birdsville (BLD)

This morning, visit the Min Min Encounter, a tribute to the famed mysterious Min Min light phenomenon. Explore the Stonehouse Museum, one of the first homes built in Western Queensland and see the impressive Marine Reptile Fossil exhibit. Witness spectacular 360 degree views from the Vaughan Johnson Lookout. Explore the remote town of Bedourie, located on a sand dune and overlooking the Eyre Creek floodplain. See the historic Royal Hotel, built in the 1880s with adobe bricks and still very much in its original condition. Visit the Carcory Ruins, a heritage-listed homestead built in 1877 and abandoned after years of drought. Keep a lookout for a rare stand of Waddi Trees found in only a few places in the world. Arrive in Birdsville late afternoon and stay the next two nights at the Birdsville Hotel.

Day 6: Birdsville (BLD)

Join your guide for a town tour of Birdsville. See local Aboriginal artwork at the Wirrari Centre then stand on the famous Birdsville Racetrack which hosts the annual 'Melbourne Cup of the Outback'. See the Burke and Wills Tree, said to mark one of Burke and Wills' final campsites. Take a stroll to Pelican Point Billabong with its abundant

birdlife and tuck into a locally made pie at the Birdsville Bakery. Tonight, toast the glorious outback sunset from atop Big Red, a 40-metre-high sand dune marking the symbolic eastern edge of the Simpson Desert.

Day 7: Birdsville to Windorah (BLD)

Today, set off to see the Dreamtime Serpent Indigenous artwork, an impressive hillside installation created with gravel and gibbers. Visit Betoota, originally established to collect cattle tolls and later as a Cobb & Co change station. Take in spectacular views from Deon's Lookout and see the JC Hotel Ruins, once part of the township site of Canterbury. Arrive in Windorah, said to be the only place in the world where two rivers form a creek! Late afternoon, take a short trip out of town to toast the sunset from beautiful windswept red sandhills. Have your camera ready! Overnight at Western Star Hotel, Windorah.

Day 8: Windorah to Quilpie (BLD)

Drive south along Kyabra Road to Eromanga, the furthest town from the sea and home to Australia's largest dinosaur. Get up close to a 95-million-year-old dinosaur bone on the Australian Dinosaur Giant's Tour at the Eromanga Natural History Museum. Wander the Interpretive Corridor and see the Multi-Media Theatre Experience. Tonight, settle in for the Quilpie Night Show screened under the stars; an engaging tell-all story of how Quilpie came to be. Overnight at Quilpie Motor Inn.

Day 9: Quilpie to Charleville (BLD)

This morning, en route to Charleville, pass through Cooladdi, one of the smallest towns in Australia to retain its own postcode. On a tour of the Charleville Bilby Experience, see cute bilbies during their night-time activities in their nocturnal house. Tonight, see the incredible night sky brought into focus with the help of powerful Meade telescopes at the Cosmos Centre. Overnight at Mulga Country Motor Inn, Charleville.

Day 10: Charleville to Brisbane (BL)

On your guided tour of the United States Army Air Force top secret base, you'll visit intriguing historical sites, understand why they chose Charleville and learn about the highly classified computerised bomb aimer. Then, at the Royal Flying Doctor Service Museum, gain a better understanding of one of the Outback's most iconic services. Step inside the famous Hotel Coronas, built during Charleville's wool industry boom. Join a guided tour with exclusive access to normally restricted areas of the hotel. Hear the rags to riches story of local character Harry Coronas, followed by lunch in the hotel dining room. This afternoon, transfer to Charleville Airport for your flight to Brisbane where your tour concludes.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

10 DAYS | BRISBANE TO BRISBANE

DEPARTS: May 6 • Sep 2

Adult	From \$5995* [^] per person twin share
Senior	From \$5929* [^] per person twin share

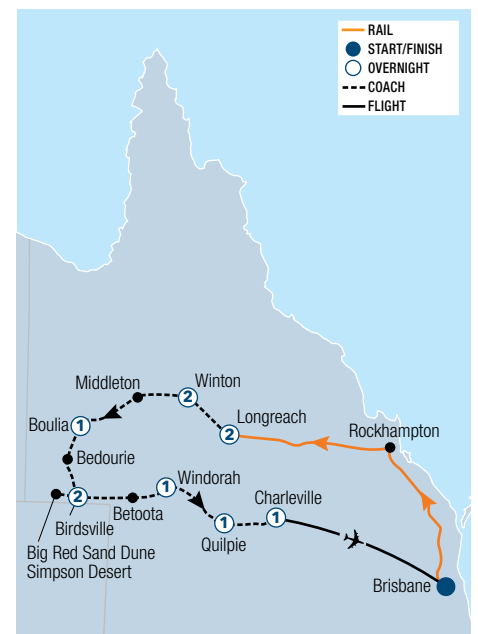
HIGHLIGHTS

- Browse the Qantas Founders Museum to learn the history of Australian aviation
- Take in the bygone days at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Stroll through Betoota Ghost Town
- Enjoy a sunset drink on top of Big Red
- Visit the iconic Birdsville Track
- Stop by Boulia's Min Min Encounter

INCLUDES

- One way overnight travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach – Sleeper
- One way economy class airfare from Charleville to Brisbane
- 2 nights 3½ star accommodation in Longreach
- 1 night 3½ or 4 star accommodation in Boulia
- 2 nights 3½ star accommodation in Birdsville
- 1 night 3½ star accommodation in Windorah
- 1 night 3½ star accommodation in Quilpie
- 1 night 3½ star accommodation in Charleville
- Meals as specified
- Admission to Qantas Founders Museum
- Admission to Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Drover's Sunset Cruise
- Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show
- Wirrari Centre and Inland Hospital Ruins
- Min Min light encounter and Boulia
- Heritage Complex
- Admission to Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs Tour
- Travel by quality 4WD coach
- Savannah Guides Master Operator driver and host
- All coach transfers

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WESTLANDER RAIL JOURNEY



Westlander

WESTLANDER RAIL JOURNEY

Venture across Queensland's South-West Outback aboard the Westlander. This scenic journey from Brisbane travels across the Great Dividing Range, through the rich farmlands of the Darling Downs to western towns of Dalby, Roma and Mitchell, before reaching Charleville. Travel in the comfort of an Economy Seat and relax in the lounge carriage. Escape the city and enjoy the adventure of an outback rail journey.

FEATURES INCLUDE

- Lounge car
- Large panoramic windows
- Drinking fountains
- Shower and toilet facilities

ECONOMY SEAT

- Comfortable reclinable seat with footrest, tray table and reading light
- Complimentary snacks packs served at meal times
- One item of checked-in luggage and one carry-on item



Economy Seat



Eromanga, Queensland



Hotel Charleville, Charleville, Queensland

RAIL FARES

BRISBANE TO ROMA (VICE VERSA)

Adult Economy Seat	\$65*
Senior Economy Seat	\$54*

BRISBANE TO CHARLEVILLE (VICE VERSA)

Adult Economy Seat	\$90*
Senior Economy Seat	\$75*

TIMETABLE

BRISBANE TO CHARLEVILLE

Distance:	777 kms
Duration:	17 hrs

Brisbane to Charleville (overnight)

Departs Tue, Thu

Brisbane	7:15pm
Roma	6:15am
Arrive Charleville	11:45am

Charleville to Brisbane (overnight)

Departs Wed, Fri

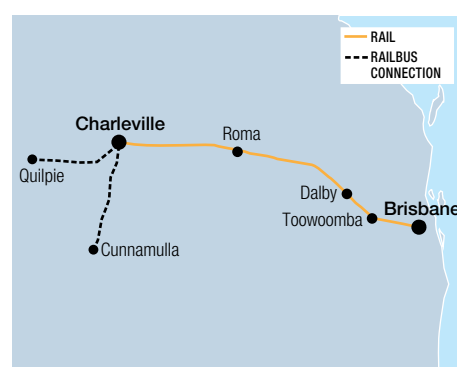
Charleville	6:15pm
Roma	11:35pm
Arrive Brisbane	11:25am

Timetable is correct at time of printing and is subject to change without notice. The RailBus connection provides a transfer from Charleville to Cunnamulla and Quilpie.



Cosmos Centre, Charleville, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland



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Arch Rock, Carnarvon Ranges, Queensland

ROMA EXPERIENCE 5 DAYS

Day 1: Brisbane to Roma

Board the Westlander and journey overnight to Roma.

Day 2: Roma

Arrive in Roma and make your own way to your accommodation. After checking in, spend the morning at leisure exploring this outback town. In the afternoon join the Big Rig Ultimate experience tour. Take a journey through time and learn about Australia's first discovery of petroleum and the exploration of oil and gas. This evening, enjoy a sound and light journey to learn of the entertaining triumphs of the men and women of Roma. Stay the next two nights at Roma Central Motel.

Day 3: Roma (B)

This morning, share a few hours with a Roma local for an insight into the colourful history and present-day activities in and around this outback town. Visit hidden treasures like Heroes Avenue, the Biggest Bottle Tree and the Roma Bush Gardens.

Day 4: Carnarvon Ranges (BL)

Today, head to the Carnarvon Ranges for a full day guided tour. With exclusive access to a large privately-owned cattle property nestled in the Carnarvon Ranges, this is a great introduction to Outback Queensland. Explore secluded gorges, amazing rock formations and unique Aboriginal rock art. Late afternoon, make your own way to Roma railway station for your journey back to Brisbane aboard the Westlander.

Day 5: Brisbane

Arrive into Brisbane late morning, where your tour concludes.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch)

5 DAYS | BRISBANE TO BRISBANE

DEPARTS: Tuesday (4 Apr – 3 Oct 23)

Adult	From \$775* [^] per person twin share
Senior	From \$735* [^] per person twin share

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend the day exploring the Carnarvon Ranges
- Visit the Roma Cattle Sale Yards
- Enjoy an evening light and sound show

INCLUDES

- Return travel on the Westlander from Brisbane to Roma – Economy Seat
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Roma
- Meals as specified
- Discover Roma Half Day Tour
- Big Rig Ultimate Experience Tour
- Full day Discover Carnarvon Ranges Tour

[^]Prices valid 4 Apr – 3 Oct 23. Sole use prices also available.



Cosmos Centre, Charleville, Queensland

CHARLEVILLE STARS AND SECRETS 5 DAYS

Day 1: Brisbane to Charleville

Board the Westlander this evening and journey to the outback town of Charleville.

Day 2: Charleville

Arrive in Charleville mid-morning and make your own way to your accommodation. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring Charleville, the heart of the Mulga Lands in Outback Queensland. Stay the next two nights at The Rocks Motel.

Day 3: Charleville (L)

With an expert guide, join the Magnificent Seven tour which takes in all the top attractions Charleville has to offer. See endangered bilbies in the nocturnal house and take a guided tour of the former WWII secret military base to learn about the region's war history. Visit the Cosmos Centre and view entertaining and educational presentations in the planetarium. View the sun through a state-of-the-art telescope then in the evening sit back

and gaze up at the stars and planets while you learn about the amazing outback night sky.

Day 4: Charleville to Brisbane

Today, take a leisurely stroll around town. Visit Historic House Museum and see displays of a by-gone era. Learn all about Cobb & Co Coaches and the impact they had in the town (own expense). Spend time at the Royal Flying Doctors Service Visitors Centre and gain an insight into this iconic outback service. Make your own way to Charleville railway station for the overnight journey back to Brisbane on the Westlander.

Day 5: Brisbane

Arrive into Brisbane late morning, where your tour concludes.

(L = lunch)

5 DAYS | BRISBANE TO BRISBANE

DEPARTS: Tuesday (1 Apr – 11 Dec 23, 16 Jan – 31 Mar 24)

Adult	From \$619* [^] per person twin share
Senior	From \$589* [^] per person twin share

HIGHLIGHTS

- Go stargazing at the Cosmos Centre observatory
- Join a WWII tour of Charleville's wartime history
- Enjoy a self-guided tour around the town

INCLUDES

- Return travel on the Westlander from Brisbane to Charleville – Economy Seat
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Charleville
- Meals as specified
- Full day Charleville's Magnificent Seven Tour

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WESTLANDER HOLIDAY PACKAGES



Quilpie, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland



Lyn Barnes Gallery, Quilpie, Queensland



Leahy House, Thargomindah, Queensland

SOUTHWEST OUTBACK EXPLORER 10 DAYS

Day 1: Brisbane to Charleville

Board the Westlander this evening and journey to the outback town of Charleville.

Day 2: Charleville (LD)

Arrive in Charleville midmorning where you will be met by your local guide and transferred to the Cosmos Centre. Join the Astronomy by Day tour which brings space to you in this technological state-of-the-art interactive area. Learn about the biggest and most important star in our Solar System the sun. Your guide will give you the history of the sun's life cycle and size. Overnight at Cosmos Country Motor Inn, Charleville.

Day 3: Charleville to Cunnamulla (BLD)

Travel to Cunnamulla, visit the Artesian Time Tunnel at the Cunnamulla Fella Visitor Centre. Discover the home of ancient animals and Australia's largest dinosaurs that roamed the Eromanga Inland Sea many millions of years ago. You will experience an old opal mine and hear about the "Yowah Nut" and the early days in the opal fields. Overnight at Club Boutique Hotel, Cunnamulla.

Day 4: Cunnamulla to Thargomindah (BLD)

After breakfast journey to Thargomindah. On the way, visit the town of Eulo. Enjoy a coffee at the new Eulo Store and ask the locals about the recent Megafauna discoveries – giant wombats, no less! Continue onto Yowah, home to a variety of opal galleries. Join a town tour and learn about opal fossicking. Overnight at Oasis Motel, Thargomindah.

Day 5: Thargomindah to Eromanga (BLD)

After breakfast visit the attractions of Thargomindah including the Leahy House, the old Thargomindah Hospital and the Hydro Power Plant. After lunch, journey to Eromanga. Stay the next two nights at Eromanga Natural History Museum.

Day 6: Eromanga (BLD)

Spend the morning exploring the Eromanga Natural History Museum and meet Australia's largest dinosaur, Cooper. After the Australian Dinosaur Giants Tour ends join the fossil technicians in the workshop and get hands on with an hour of preparing fossils. You could be working on a 90-million-year-old Dinosaur or a 100,000 year old Megafauna. Visit Kyabra Waterhole where you will be treated to an afternoon tea picnic.

Day 7: Eromanga to Quilpie (BLD)

Journey to Quilpie and embark on a town tour and visit Baldy Top Lookout, Powerhouse Museum and St Finbarrs' Opal Alter. After lunch, check in to your accommodation before joining celebrated outback artist Lyn Barnes at her boutique gallery for sunset drinks. Overnight at The Quilpie Motor Inn.

Day 8: Quilpie to Charleville (BLD)

After breakfast, take a tour of a date farm and learn about water conservation and the growing of dates. Enjoy a delicious date loaf for morning tea. Journey to Charleville and see Australia's iconic bilbies in their nocturnal house and learn about the plight of the bilby. In the evening view the outback wonders of the night sky at the Big Sky Observatory. Overnight at The Rocks Motel, Charleville.

Day 9: Charleville to Brisbane (BL)

After breakfast, join the Top Secret WWII tour of Charleville's wartime history and discover the secrets of this vital airbase. In the evening, board the Westlander for your rail journey to Brisbane.

Day 10: Brisbane

Arrive in Brisbane where your tour concludes.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

10 DAYS | BRISBANE TO BRISBANE

DEPARTS: Aug 3 • Oct 5

Adult **From \$5075*[^]**
per person twin share

Senior **From \$5045*[^]**
per person twin share

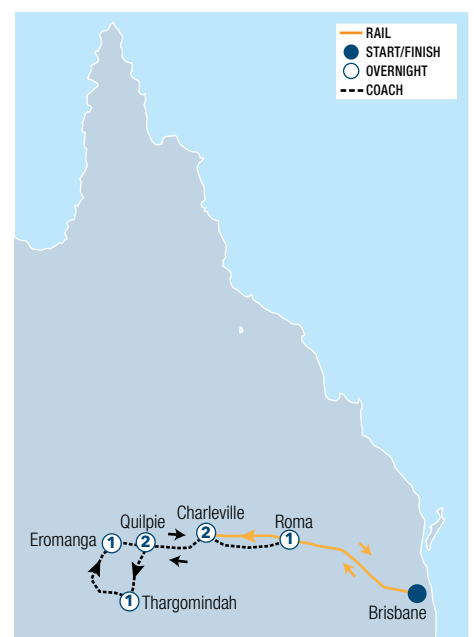
HIGHLIGHTS

- Try your hand at opal fossicking
- Visit the Cosmos Centre observatory
- Explore the Eromanga Natural History Museum
- See an old opal mine
- Spend time on a working date farm
- Visit the Thargomindah Great Artesian Basin
- Take in an art show in Quilpie

INCLUDES

- Return travel on the Westlander from Brisbane to Charleville – Economy Seat
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Charleville
- 1 night 4 star accommodation in Cunnamulla
- 1 night 4 star accommodation in Thargomindah
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Eromanga
- 1 night 4 star accommodation in Quilpie
- Meals as specified
- Tours as per itinerary
- Admission to attractions as per itinerary
- Travel by coach
- Savannah Guides Master Operator driver and host

[^]Prices valid 3 Aug – 5 Oct 23. Sole use prices also available.



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Lake Moondarra, Mount Isa, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland

INLANDER RAIL JOURNEY

If taking the path less travelled appeals to your adventurous side, then step aboard the Inlander and journey from the tropical city of Townsville to the prominent mining hub of Mount Isa. Wonder at the rugged yet beautiful inland scenery on your journey past Charters Towers, through the Great Dividing Range and into the landscapes of the northern Outback.

FEATURES INCLUDE

- Lounge car
- Large panoramic windows
- Drinking fountains
- Shower and toilet facilities

ECONOMY SEAT

- Comfortable reclinable seat with footrest, tray table and reading light
- Complimentary snack pack served at meal times
- One item of checked-in luggage and one carry-on item



Mount Isa, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland

MOUNT ISA DISCOVERY 6 DAYS

Day 1: Townsville to Mount Isa

Travel overnight from Townsville to Mount Isa on the Inlander. This historic journey takes you past Charters Towers over the Great Dividing Range and through the mining towns of Hughenden and Julia Creek.

Day 2: Mount Isa

Arrive into Mount Isa and transfer to your accommodation. Take a transfer to the underground hospital and uncover the story behind Australia's first and only underground hospital. Stay the next three nights at Sunset Tourist Park.

Day 3: Mount Isa (B)

Today discover the past and present of Mount Isa with a visit to Outback at Isa. Experience life as an underground miner on the Hard Times Mine tour and explore the interactive mine museum. Enjoy an interpretative city tour taking in the history and sights that make up the iconic city of Mount Isa.

Later, visit the Irish Club and Mount Isa Mines 'stack'. Explore the Isa Experience Gallery, Outback Park and Fish Hatchery Project before travelling to picturesque Lake Moondarra to take in a spectacular sunset by the water's edge.

Day 4: Mary Kathleen Uranium Mine (B)

Spend the morning at leisure before embarking on an afternoon tour of the old Mary Kathleen Uranium Mine. Explore the ghost town of Mary Kathleen and see the old mine pit which is now a sparkling blue turquoise dam.

Day 5: Mount Isa to Townsville (B)

Transfer to Mount Isa railway station for the overnight journey to Townsville on board the Inlander.

Day 6: Townsville

Arrive into Townsville late morning, where your tour concludes.

(B = breakfast)

RAIL FARES

TOWNSVILLE TO MOUNT ISA (VICE VERSA)

Adult Economy Seat	\$108*
Senior Economy Seat	\$90*

TIMETABLE

TOWNSVILLE TO MOUNT ISA

Distance:	977 kms
Duration:	21 hrs

Townsville to Mount Isa (overnight)

Departs Wed, Sat

Townsville	12:40pm
Arrive Mount Isa	9:35am

Mount Isa to Townsville (overnight)

Departs Sun, Thu

Mount Isa	1:30pm
Arrive Townsville	10:10am

Timetable is correct at time of printing and is subject to change without notice.



6 DAYS | TOWNSVILLE TO TOWNSVILLE

DEPARTS: Wednesday (1 Apr – 31 Jul, 16 Aug 23 – 31 Mar 24)

Adult	From \$1119*[^] per person twin share
Senior	From \$1085*[^] per person twin share

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain an insight into the life of a miner
- Take in the sunset on the shore of Lake Moondarra
- Enjoy a comprehensive city tour of Mount Isa

INCLUDES

- Return travel on the Inlander from Townsville to Mount Isa – Economy Seat
- 3 nights 3 star accommodation in Mount Isa
- Meals as specified
- Full day Mount Isa Discovery Tour
- Half day Mary Kathleen Uranium Mine Tour
- Return coach transfer from Mount Isa railway station to accommodation

[^]Prices valid 1 Apr – 31 Jul, 16 Aug 23 – 31 Mar 24. Sole use prices also available.





Admire the towering 30 foot cliffs as you cruise along the waterways of Cobbold Gorge, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland



Savannahlander



Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland

Undara Experience, Mount Surprise, Queensland

GULF SAVANNAH

Venture deep into Gulf Savannah Country and discover where the Outback meets the sea. Rugged by nature, the Gulf Savannah is home to great fishing, pioneer heritage and unique landscapes. Travel in the footsteps of the early explorers and drovers as you experience this fascinating region on the Gulflander and Savannahlander.

NORMANTON & CROYDON

Established as a Gold Rush port, Normanton is the Gulf Savannah's largest town. Stop by the Victorian era Normanton railway station or venture just out of town and visit Burke and Wills Camp 119 to learn of this ill-fated expedition. Explore the historic gold mining township of Croydon. Peek into pioneering history as you wander through Croydon's Heritage Precinct and visit the courthouse which dates back to 1887.

KARUMBA

Situated on the Gulf of Carpentaria, Karumba is Australia's commercial prawning and Barramundi capital. Take a tour of the Barramundi Discovery Centre and learn about its live breeding program or take a cruise through the Port of Karumba estuary. Enjoy some of Australia's best seafood as you watch the sun sink into the Gulf of Carpentaria at Karumba.

SAVANNAH COUNTRY

Embark on a rail trip from Cairns to the remote heart of Queensland's Gulf Country on the Savannahlander. On this unique rail journey, spend time exploring the historic outback towns of Almaden, Mount Surprise and Forsyth at a relaxed pace. Marvel at the spectacular sheer walls of Copperfield Gorge near Einasleigh or head to the Gold Rush settlement of Georgetown, with its historic buildings.

NATURAL WONDERS

The Gulf Savannah region is blessed with awe-inspiring geological wonders. Take the opportunity to silently cruise through the breathtaking sandstone escarpments of Cobbold Gorge on a solar-powered boat or walk across the gorge's glass bottomed bridge. Hike into the world's oldest and longest volcanic lava tubes formed 190,000 years ago at Undara Volcanic National Park.



Gulflander

GULFLANDER RAIL JOURNEY

Discover the incredible Gulf Savannah country aboard the Gulflander, a legendary rail journey unlike any other. The Heritage-listed Normanton to Croydon line is an icon of the Outback, an isolated railway line affectionately said to go from 'nowhere to nowhere' and to this day, retains its patented steel sleepers, laid between 1888 and 1891.

FEATURES INCLUDE

- Informative Savannah guide driver trip commentary
- Morning tea refreshment at Blackbull Siding (on selected journeys)
- Hear stories about the interesting station names along the way including Critters Camp
- Stop to deliver the mail at Haydon Mail stop (subject to availability)
- Souvenir trip guide
- Drinking water and toilet facilities



Savannahlander, Mt Surprise railway station, Queensland

RAIL FARES

NORMANTON TO CROYDON (VICE VERSA)

Adult Economy Seat	\$82*
Senior Economy Seat	\$48*

INCLUDES

- Morning Tea

TIMETABLE

NORMANTON TO CROYDON

Distance:	152 kms
Duration:	5 hrs

Normanton to Croydon

Departs Wed

Normanton	8:30am
Arrive Croydon	1:30pm

Croydon to Normanton

Departs Thu

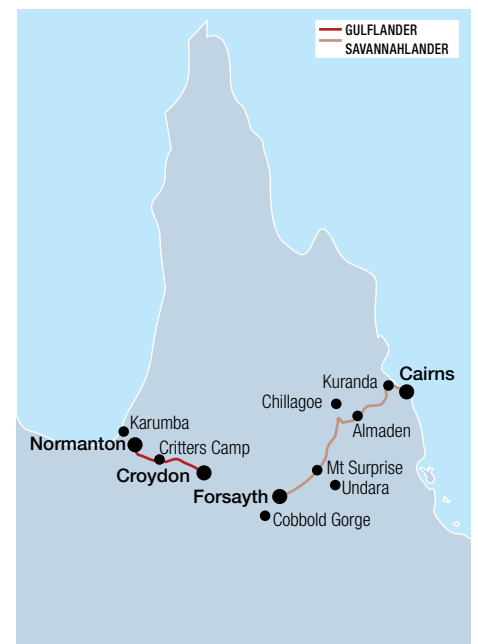
Croydon	8:30am
Arrive Normanton	1:30pm

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SAVANNAHLANDER RAIL JOURNEY

Experience the heritage and rugged natural beauty of the Savannah Country as you travel from Cairns to Forsyth on the Savannahlander.

Departing once a week from March to November, the Savannahlander stops overnight at three different outback towns – Almaden, Forsyth and Mount Surprise.



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GULF SAVANNAH HOLIDAY PACKAGES



Gulflander



Cobbold Gorge Tours, Forsyth, Queensland



Undara Experience, Queensland

GULF SAVANNAH EXPERIENCE 7 DAYS

Day 1: Cairns

Arrive in Cairns and make your own way to your accommodation. If time permits, take a self-guided tour around Cairns. Stroll along the Esplanade, soak up the outdoor lifestyle at the many restaurants and cafes or spend time exploring the Cairns Aquarium (own expense). Overnight at Cairns Plaza Hotel.

Day 2: Cairns to Karumba (B)

An early start this morning for a full day of travelling by coach to Karumba. Travel over 700 kilometres, as you journey along the Savannah Way. Heading west from Cairns, wind your way up the Kuranda Range onto the Atherton Tablelands and then onto remote, untamed reaches of the Outback. Pass through Mount Surprise and Croydon before arriving in Karumba late afternoon. Stay the next two nights at Ash's Holiday Units, Karumba.

Day 3: Karumba (B)

The town of Karumba is a popular Barramundi fishing port on the Gulf of Carpentaria. Spend the morning at leisure. Choose to take a cruise through the Port of Karumba estuary or try your luck with a fishing tour (all own expense).

In the afternoon transfer to the Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre and join a behind the scenes tour. Get to see the hatchery operations and learn about the species of the Southern Gulf strain of Barramundi.

Day 4: Karumba to Forsyth (BLD)

After breakfast, transfer to Normanton railway station for your journey to Croydon onboard the Gulflander. Take in the diverse Gulf landscape and its rich history as you travel along the Heritage-listed Normanton to Croydon line. Make a stop at Blackbull Siding for morning tea. Arrive in Croydon and enjoy lunch at the

Croydon Hotel before transferring to Forsyth. Stay the next two nights at Finnigan's Rest, Forsyth.

Day 5: Cobbold Gorge (BLD)

Transfer from Forsyth to Cobbold Gorge. After lunch, tour the gorge in an electric boat and take an interpretive walk to explore the ancient geology with an expert guide. Cross over Australia's first fully glass bridge and take in the view of the gorge's impressive sandstone walls.

Day 6: Forsyth to Mount Surprise (BD)

Depart on the Savannahlander from Forsyth. The train travels through the Einasleigh Ranges before arriving at Mount Surprise. Arrive at Mount Surprise and join an afternoon tour of the Undara Lava Tubes. Overnight at Bedrock Village, Mount Surprise.

Day 7: Mount Surprise to Cairns (B)

This morning rejoin the Savannahlander. Along the way, stop at Bullock Creek Café for a morning tea break (own expense) and then onto Almaden in time for lunch (own expense).

After lunch, the Savannahlander will travel through World Heritage-listed rainforest, stopping briefly at Kuranda and Din Din (Barron Falls) before travelling down the range to Cairns where your tour concludes.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

7 DAYS | CAIRNS TO CAIRNS

DEPARTS: Apr 2, 9, 23 • May 14, 28
• Jun 18, 25 • Jul 2, 23 • Aug 20, 27 • Sep 3, 10, 17 • Oct 8, 15, 22

Adult **From \$2310*[^]**
per person twin share

Senior **From \$2239*[^]**
per person twin share

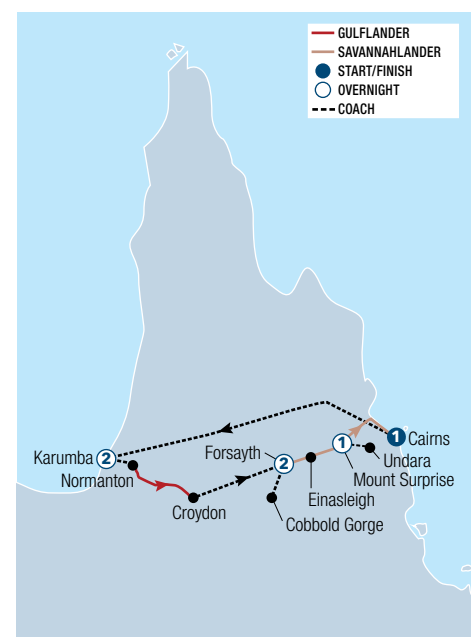
HIGHLIGHTS

- Step aboard the iconic Gulflander and Savannahlander trains
- Enjoy a magnificent Gulf sunset in Karumba
- Wander through Croydon's heritage precinct
- Tour the old goldfield town of Forsyth
- Cruise through Cobbold Gorge on a solar powered boat
- See the rugged sandstone formations of Cobbold Gorge as you walk across the glass bridge
- Explore the oldest standing lava tubes on earth at Undara
- Learn the rich history of Aboriginal culture

INCLUDES

- One way travel on the Gulflander from Normanton to Croydon
- One way travel on the Savannahlander from Forsyth to Cairns
- 1 night 3½ star accommodation in Cairns
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Karumba
- 2 nights 3 star accommodation in Forsyth
- 1 night 3 star accommodation in Mount Surprise
- Meals as specified
- Karumba Hatchery Behind-the-Scenes Tour and Hand Feeding Experience
- 1 hour Forsyth By Night Tour
- 3 hour Cobbold Gorge Boat Cruise
- Afternoon Undara Lava Tubes Tour
- One way coach transfer from Cairns to Karumba
- One way coach transfer from Karumba to Normanton
- One way coach transfer from Croydon to Forsyth
- Return coach transfer from Forsyth to Cobbold Gorge
- Return coach transfers from Mount Surprise to Undara

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GULF SAVANNAH HOLIDAY PACKAGES



Cobbold Gorge, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland



Barramundi Discovery Centre, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland



Gulflander, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland

9 DAYS | CAIRNS TO CAIRNS

DEPARTS: Aug 2, 9, 16 • Sep 13 • Oct 4

Adult/Senior

From **\$4249***[^]
per person twin share

HIGHLIGHTS

- Step aboard the Gulflander and Savannahlander trains
- Explore the Herberton Historic Village
- Take a sunset cruise on the Gulf of Carpentaria
- Stop at the historic Burke and Wills' northernmost Campsite
- See the spectacular sandstone escarpments of Cobbold Gorge
- Visit the world's longest and largest lava tubes at Undara

INCLUDES

- One way travel on the Savannahlander from Mount Surprise to Forsyth
- One way travel on the Gulflander from Normanton to Croydon
- 1 night 3 star accommodation in Atherton
- 1 night 3½ star accommodation in Georgetown
- 2 night 3 star accommodation in Karumba
- 1 night 3 star accommodation in Normanton
- 1 night 3 star accommodation Forsyth or Cobbold Gorge
- 1 night 3 star accommodation in Cobbold Gorge
- 1 night 2½ star accommodation in Undara
- Meals as specified
- Herberton Historic Village
- Karumba Sunset Cruise
- Cobbold Gorge Cruise
- Undara Lava Tubes Tour
- Air-conditioned vehicle

[^]Prices valid 2 Aug – 4 Oct 23. Sole use prices also available.

GULF SAVANNAH WANDERER 9 DAYS

Day 1: Cairns to Atherton (LD)

An early start this morning as you travel up the Kuranda Range to the Atherton Tableland and on to Herberton. Explore the Historic Village of Herberton. The award-winning attraction is more than a vintage precinct – it's a tangible buzz of things past with over 50 original buildings with intact interior displays, original machinery and vehicles, plus thousands of antique items and period memorabilia. Overnight in Atherton.

Day 2: Atherton to Georgetown (BLD)

This morning, head west on the Kennedy Highway to Mount Surprise, where you'll enjoy lunch and a snake show. Travel aboard the Savannahlander train as it tracks towards Einasleigh. Enjoy a beer in the pub or check out Copperfield Gorge, before the train departs for Forsyth. Overnight in Georgetown.

Day 3: Georgetown to Karumba (BLD)

Enjoy morning tea on the shore of Croydon's Lake Belmore before lunch in Normanton. See its famous landmarks, the "Purple Pub", historic Burns Philp General Store and a replica of Krys, the 8.63m crocodile. Continue to Karumba for a spectacular Gulf sunset. Stay the next two nights at Karumba Lodge.

Day 4: Karumba (BLD)

After a leisurely breakfast take a cruise on the Gulf of Carpentaria. This afternoon spend time at the Barramundi Centre with a guided Feed-A-Barra tour. Tour the brand-new hatchery for an educational, entertaining and engaging experience. This afternoon, head out to Sunset Point for happy hour. Dinner at Karumba Lodge.

Day 5: Karumba to Normanton (BLD)

After breakfast, visit Burke & Wills Camp #119, the most northerly campsite of the ill-fated expedition of 1860. It's then on to Normanton for lunch, followed by a visit to the Mutton Hole Wetlands for crocodile and bird watching. Overnight at Normanton.

Day 6: Normanton to Cobbold Gorge (BLD)

This morning, depart from Normanton's famous Victorian architecture railway station. All aboard the historic Gulflander RM93 train, for a ride through the savannah landscape across the Norman River to Critters Camp. On to Black Bull Siding, then the old gold mining town of Croydon. This afternoon, visit Georgetown and Forsyth on the way to Cobbold Gorge. Overnight at Cobbold Gorge or Finnigans Rest at Forsyth.

Day 7: Cobbold Gorge (BLD)

Cruise the secluded waterway of Cobbold Gorge. There is ample time to enjoy this beautiful area. Overnight at Cobbold Gorge.

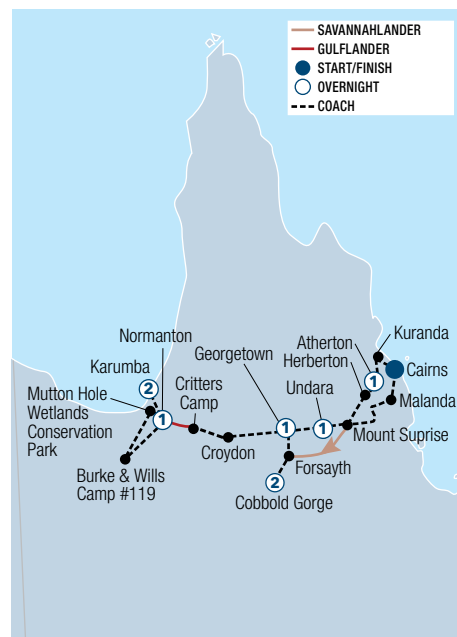
Day 8: Cobbold Gorge to Undara (BLD)

Today, travel via Einasleigh and Mount Surprise to the famous Undara Lava Tubes. Enjoy campfire entertainment after dinner before retiring to restored antique railway carriages or Pioneer cabins. Overnight at Undara.

Day 9: Undara to Cairns (BL)

After a bush breakfast, an experienced Savannah Guide will meet you for a tour of the world's largest, longest and most accessible lava tube system. Continue the scenic drive over the Tropical Tablelands past the Wind Turbines at Ravenshoe, stopping off at the magnificent Curtain Fig Tree, before returning to Cairns where your tour concludes.

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GULF SAVANNAH HOLIDAY PACKAGES



Undara Experience, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland



Karumba, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland



Cobbold Gorge, Queensland

Courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland

GULF SAVANNAH ADVENTURE 14 DAYS

Day 1: Brisbane to Rockhampton (LD)

This morning, board the high-speed Tilt Train to Rockhampton. Meet your tour guide and transfer to your hotel before tonight's welcome dinner. Overnight at Mercure Hotel, Rockhampton.

Day 2: Rockhampton to Emerald (BLD)

Today visit the ancient Capricorn Caves before heading west to Blackwater and then on to Emerald. Enjoy sunset nibbles and drinks at Lake Maraboon. Overnight at Emerald Maraboon Motel.

Day 3: Emerald to Barcaldine (BLD)

Following breakfast, board the Spirit of the Outback to Barcaldine. On arrival, transfer to your hotel. Tonight, enjoy the Desert Dreaming Indigenous cultural dinner and show. Overnight at Barcaldine Country Motor Inn or Landsborough Lodge.

Day 4: Barcaldine to Longreach (BLD)

This morning, visit the Australian Workers Heritage Centre with its rich tapestry of exhibits capturing the spirit of our nation's workers. Continue to Ilfracombe for a traditional pub lunch at the historic Wellshot Hotel before travelling to Longreach. Late afternoon, join the Drover's Sunset Cruise followed by Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show. Stay the next three nights at Longreach Motor Inn.

Day 5: Longreach (BLD)

Visit the world-class Qantas Founders Museum and learn about the founding of Qantas. After lunch, enjoy free time to explore downtown Longreach. This evening, return to the Qantas Founders Museum for an exclusive dinner and the Sound and Light Show.

Day 6: Longreach (BLD)

Explore the fascinating themed galleries at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and watch the exciting Stockman's Life Live Show. Late afternoon, join Outback Dan for a tour of his property, sunset drinks at Two Tree Hill, followed by an exclusive dinner in the 100-year-old woolshed.

Day 7: Longreach to Richmond (BLD)

Travel north-east via Muttaborra to Hughenden. See Hughie the Muttaborrasaurus before continuing to Richmond. Visit Kronosaurus Korner to see the most complete marine reptile fossils in the world. Overnight Ammonite Inn or Lake View Caravan Park.

Day 8: Karumba (BLD)

Head north along the Burke Developmental Road to the Burke & Wills Roadhouse. In Normanton, take a selfie with Krys, the life-size crocodile statue. See the Purple Pub and the heritage-listed Burns Philp General Store. Arrive in Karumba in time to capture your first Gulf sunset. Stay the next two nights at End of the Road Motel.

Day 9: Karumba (BLD)

Visit the Barramundi Discovery Centre and feed a barramundi. Free time after lunch to explore the town. Late afternoon, cruise the Gulf of Carpentaria to a remote sand island and toast the sunset. Feast on fresh seafood as spectacular twilight hues colour the skies.

Day 10: Karumba to Cobbold Gorge (BLD)

Travel to Normanton for a nostalgic rail journey on the famous Gullflander, affectionately called the 'Tin Hare'. Visit the historic gold mining towns of Croydon and Georgetown and see the impressive mineral collection display at the TerrEstrial Centre. Arrive at Cobbold Gorge in time for sunset drinks. Stay the next two nights Cobbold Gorge Resort.

Day 11: Cobbold Gorge (BLD)

Enjoy a tour of the magnificent sandstone gorge. On a guided cruise, glide between towering cliffs in a specially designed, electric-powered punt. Join an optional walk to the top of the escarpment for views of the gorge below from the glass bridge!

Day 12: Cobbold Gorge to Mount Surprise (BLD)

Enjoy smoko at the Einasleigh pub with its quirky furniture collection and see the impressive rock formations of Copperfield Gorge. Take a scenic drive to Mount Surprise before heading to the Undara Experience and a guided tour of the incredible Undara Lava Tubes. Overnight at Undara Experience.

Day 13: Mount Surprise to Cairns (BLD)

Travel to Woodleigh Station and tour the original homestead. Travel the Kennedy Highway to the lush Atherton Tablelands and Dimbulah and board the Savannahlander for a unique outback rail experience. Enjoy Happy Hour and spectacular views on the descent into Cairns. Overnight at Rydges Esplanade Resort.

Day 14: Cairns (B)

Your tour concludes after breakfast.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

14 DAYS | BRISBANE TO CAIRNS

DEPARTS: Apr 24 • May 8, 22 • Jun 19
• Jul 17, 31 • Aug 14, 28 • Sep 11

Adult/Senior

From **\$9999***[^]
per person twin share

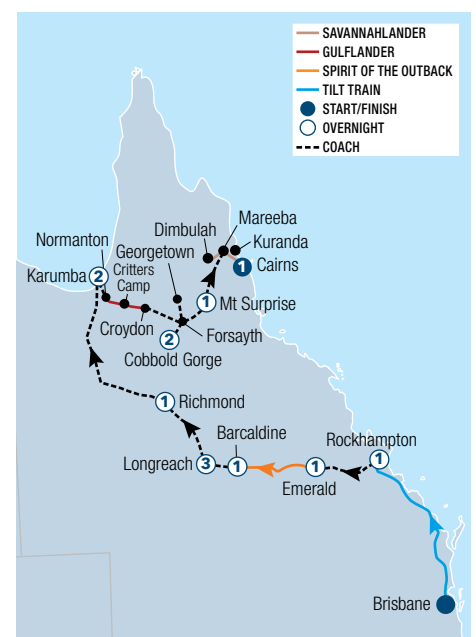
HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel aboard the Gullflander and Savannahlander trains
- Visit the ancient Capricorn Caves
- Experience Desert Dreaming Aboriginal Cultural Dinner
- Enjoy a magnificent Gulf sunset in Karumba
- Explore the oldest standing lava tubes on earth at Undara

INCLUDES

- One way travel on the Tilt Train from Brisbane to Rockhampton – Economy Seat
- One way travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Emerald to Longreach – Economy Seat
- Gullflander and Savannahlander scenic rail tours
- 1 night 4 star accommodation in Rockhampton
- 1 night 4 star accommodation in Emerald
- 1 night 4 star accommodation in Barcaldine
- 3 nights 4 star accommodation at Longreach
- 1 night 4 star accommodation at Richmond
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Karumba
- 2 nights 4½ star accommodation in Cobbold Gorge
- 1 night 4 star accommodation in Mount Surprise
- 1 night 4½ star accommodation in Cairns
- Admission to Qantas Founders Museum
- Admission to Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Sand Island at Sunset Cruise
- Barramundi Discovery Centre
- Cobbold Gorge Tour
- Undara Lava Tubes
- Travel by luxury 4WD coach
- Savannah Guides Master Operator driver and host
- All coach transfers (excluding arrival and departure transfers)

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HOW TO BOOK

Contact your ATAS travel agent and request a reservation. All verbal quotes provided are an estimate only and subject to change until confirmed in writing.

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Anything not specifically indicated as being an inclusion.

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Deposit

A minimum non-refundable deposit of \$55 per person is payable within 7 days of confirmation of your booking. You will be notified at the time of booking if any additional deposit is required.

Final Payment

Final payment of your holiday cost is required no later than 30 days prior to departure (125 days for the Ultimate Outback Queensland Adventure Tour and Legendary Longreach, Winton & Barcy Tour) or by sale end date or by the payment deadline specified in individual package conditions, whichever is earlier. Some services may require full payment at the time of booking. For bookings made less than 31 days prior to travel (126 days for Ultimate Outback Queensland Adventure Tour and Legendary Longreach, Winton & Barcy Tour), full payment of holiday cost is required at the time your booking is confirmed.

Please ensure payments are made by the due dates. If this does not happen, our system will automatically cancel the booking without notice or liability to you.

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FEES

Amendment Fees

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Late Booking Fees

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Prior to Final Payment

Your deposit is forfeited.

After Final Payment

There will be no refund of your deposit, in addition to any fees imposed by the Supplier, which may be up to 100% of monies paid.

After Travel

There will be no refund if you cancel your booking once travel has commenced. There will be no refund for unused services, except for OPEN DATED services where the service was not booked with the Supplier. Requests for refunds received more than 6 months after departure date will not be accepted.

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We strongly recommend you take out appropriate travel insurance to cover your travel arrangements.

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The following checked-in luggage limits apply (not exceeding 20kg and 180 linear cm per piece):

Economy Seat – one item per person; Business Seat, Sleeper and Railbeds – two items per person. An additional fee will apply to excess luggage (subject to approval).

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