

Outback Queensland

10 Day
Tour



Depart: Tuesday 6th August 2024
Return: Thursday 15th August 2024

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Day 1 Tuesday 6th August	NEWCASTLE to MOREE	MT - L - D
Accommodation	Burke & Wills Motor Inn, Moree	

7am Depart Kings Depot. Welcome to our 10-day holiday exploring Outback Queensland. Be greeted with a smile as we board our touring coach. Sitback, relax and meet your fellow travellers as we head to Gunnedah where we have arranged lunch at the **Railway Hotel**. From here we travel to Moree. This district is well known for its artesian bore baths that are used by people from far and wide and renowned for relieving rheumatic and other muscular complaints. On arrival we can freshen up before dinner.

Day 2 Wednesday 7th August	MOREE to CHARLEVILLE	B - D
Accommodation	Mulga Country Motor Inn, Charleville	

This morning we head off right after breakfast to express to Charleville. Late this afternoon, we arrive into Charleville to freshen up for dinner, tonight we head out and visit Charleville's best-known attraction, the **Cosmos Centre**. The centre is an audio-visual extravaganza featuring hi-tech interactive displays that take you on an astronomical journey through the ages, unravelling many mysteries of our night sky. We will enjoy some nibbles and drinks before the open-air observatory and viewing of the outback night sky.

Day 3 Thursday 8th August	OUTBACK LEGENDS	B - L - D
Accommodation	Longreach Tourist Park, Longreach	

This morning we leave the Warrego Highway and meet up with the Landsborough Highway to continue our journey north. Stopping for breaks and our **picnic lunch**, we make our way through **Barcaldine** and **Ifracombe** where, time permitting we can, "wet the whistle" at the famous **Wellshot Hotel** or take a wander along the **Folk Transport Museum**. From here we head to our destination of **Longreach** where we can check in and freshen up before dinner.

Day 4 Friday 9th August	OUTBACK LEGENDS	B - L - D
Accommodation	Longreach Tourist Park, Longreach	

Today's adventure starts at the iconic **Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame** to experience the **Outback Stockman's Show**. The show encompasses the modern day aspects of being a stockman, as well as telling the tales of the past. We then head back into town and really step back in time – at **Kinnon & Co** in the main street. Their Station Store has an amazing range of traditionally made leatherwear and a treasure trove of historic nostalgia. We then take in the **Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show**. Laugh at the antics of Australia's most famous cattle duffer, Harry Redford or "Captain Starlight" – a mix of poetic story and Australian humour to create live theatre, outback style! It will be a lot of fun and we enjoy our **Billy Can lunch** as we watch. From here we uncover some national treasures at the **QANTAS Founders Outback Museum**. The historic photographs, memorabilia and multimedia displays bring the inspirational stories of one of the worlds pioneering airlines to life. Tonight, we head into town to the **Welcome Home Café**. Our outback adventure continues with the **Stone grill Dining** encounter that will be an experience for sure.

Day 5 Saturday 10th August	MEETING THE LOCALS	B - L - D
Accommodation	Longreach Tourist Park, Longreach	

We have some free time this morning before heading out for our special experience as we get an insight to the area through the eyes of local graziers and pioneer families. **Camden Station** is just out of Longreach situated on the vast open Mitchell grass plains it will give us an authentic insight into life on a cattle station in Outback Queensland. Returning to our accommodation with a bit of time at leisure we are then picked

up for a **sunset cruise** down the majestic Thompson River. As the sunset fades into starlight, we dock at **Smithy's Outback Dinner and Show** for a great night of food and live entertainment under the stars.

Day 6 Sunday 11th August	LONGREACH to EMERALD	B - L - D
Accommodation	Western Gateway Motel, Emerald	

Departing Longreach this morning we retrace our steps to **Barcaldine**, a town steeped in the history of the early pioneers' struggles - and the evolution of Australia as a nation. It was here that the famous shearers' strike of 1890 took place. The "**Tree of Knowledge**" monument next to the **Barcaldine Railway Station** marks the spot where the Australian Labour Party was formed. From Barcaldine, it's onto **Alpha** for our lunch. Alpha, known as "The Gateway to the West", is an interesting mix of historic and modern buildings, changed by fire, flood and progress over the years. It was established in 1884 to serve railway construction workers and is still an important station on the line to the Central West. Alpha, taken from the Greek word meaning - "the beginning" - is claimed by locals as the beginning of the west. We have our afternoon stop at the **Miners Heritage in Rubyvale** where we take an interesting underground tour. For those of us who don't want to go underground, there is a chance to fossick to find a treasure of our own or just sit and relax and enjoy a cuppa from the coach. The final leg of our journey today is to **Emerald**, the commercial hub of Central Queensland.

Day 7 Monday 12th August	EMERALD to ROMA	B - L - D
Accommodation	Roma Explorers Inn, Roma	

We uncover **Emerald** this morning including the National Trust listed Railway Station, which is well worth a visit. Distinguished by the semi-circular roof to the pillared portico, it is arguably one of the finest public buildings in the Central Highlands. Outside the Town Hall we'll see a 250 million years old **fossilised tree** unearthed from the banks of the Mackenzie River. From Emerald we head south to **Roma**, taking a look at Heroes Avenue where 93 bottle trees were planted memorialising the local men lost in the First World War. Each tree originally bore a brass plaque stating the name of the fallen soldier, however only one of these plaques survives and is on a cairn outside the post office. Before dinner this evening we head out for tonight's entertainment – **Roma's Big Rig Night Show**. The Night Show is an outdoor cinema with an interactive display depicting a traditional oil rig site. The show itself is thoroughly entertaining, giving an overview of the discovery of Oil and Gas in Roma and the progression of the industry in Australia.

Day 8 Tuesday 13th August	ROMA to TOOWOOMBA	B - L - D
Accommodation	James Street Motor Inn, Toowoomba	

Leaving Roma today we head to another outback town with many interesting stories. Here we explore the **Miles Historical Village**. The authentic and carefully restored original building from the 19th and 20th centuries will showcase every aspect of country life from yesteryear – no dishwashers or washing machines here! At the War Memorial Collection, be captured by the heartfelt stories displayed in graphic panels, audio and visual exhibits and informative texts. Our lunch stop today is at **Jimbour Homestead**. Jimbour Station is one of the oldest stations on the Darling Downs and the heritage listed Jimbour Homestead is perhaps the grandest country home ever constructed in Queensland. The house is built on a lavish scale with spacious rooms and high ceilings. It was designed with the best modern conveniences of the time with gas and water on tap. We have lunch on arrival, followed by a guided tour of the house, then make our way to **Toowoomba** for our overnight stay.

Day 9
Wednesday 14th August

TOOWOOMBA to TENTERFIELD

B - L - D

Accommodation

Henry Parkes Motor Inn, Tenterfield

Farewelling Toowoomba we head to Stanthorpe to visit the **Granite Belt Christmas Farm**. Renowned for bringing the 'Christmas Spirit' alive all year round, we are welcomed by our wonderful host and given a short talk explaining how the farm works and the uniqueness of this magical industry. Mrs Claus may even have some of her festive sweet treats on hand for us to sample. For lunch, we travel to nearby **Jamworks**, on the other side of Stanthorpe. Here we can try a wide range of jams and chutneys all made using only the freshest and best quality ingredients. We continue to **Tenterfield** and taken on a **sightseeing tour**. It was here in October 1889 that Sir Henry Parkes made his famous Tenterfield Speech (at the school of arts) which set in motion the popular movement resulting in the Federation of Australia. Settling into our motel we freshen up for dinner.

Day 10
Thursday 15th August

TENTERFIELD to NEWCASTLE

B - L

Today it is time to head home. We travel via Armidale and the pretty town of Uralla, stopping for lunch at the **Alternate Root**. Mid-afternoon we arrive home with many wonderful memories from our touring throughout the QLD Outback.

6pm Estimated time of return to Kings Depot.

COST INCLUSIONS:

- 5 Star coach travel
- Experienced coach driver.
- Quality accommodation
- Attractions as per listed on itinerary.
- Meals as per code below

Breakfast	B	(9)
Morning Tea	MT	(1)
Lunch	L	(9)
Dinner	D	(9)

COST:

\$4400.00 per person *Twin/Double share accommodation*

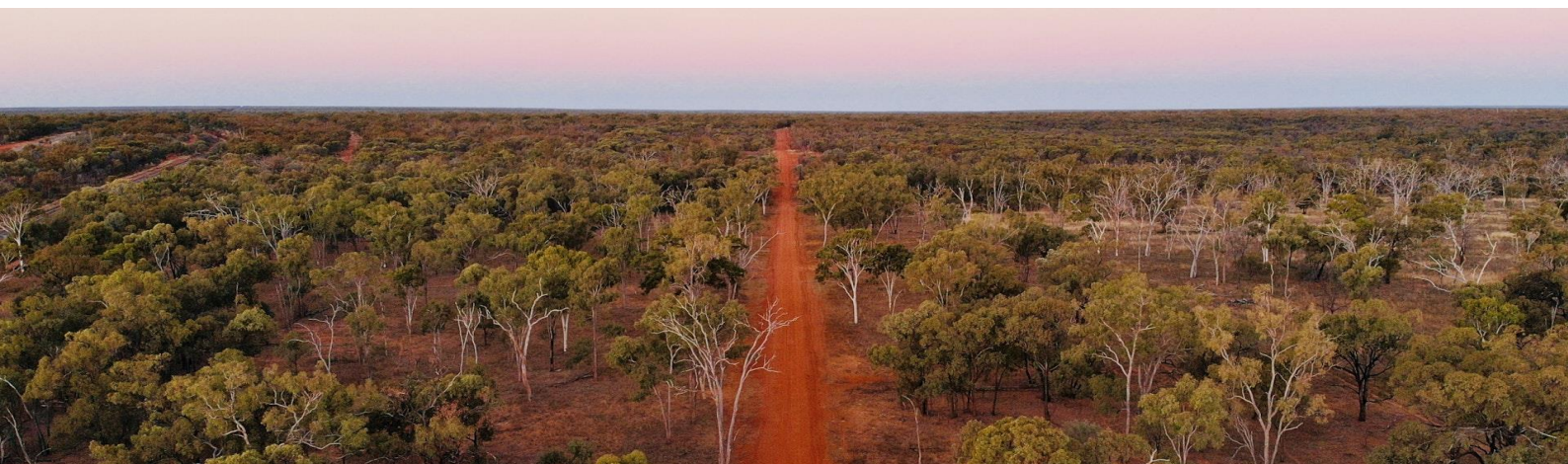
\$990.00 per person *extra charge for a single supplement*

NON - REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT:

\$500 per person *due within 5 days of your booking*

FULL PAYMENT DUE:

Thursday 6th June 2024



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