



Awesome Foursome Gulflander and Savannahlander Adventure

8 Days Tour Only	\$4699
Single room	\$700

10 Days with return Rail Fare	
QLD Pension Economy Seat <i>add</i>	\$50
QLD Pension Railbed <i>add</i>	\$446
Senior Railbed <i>add</i>	\$741
Adult Railbed <i>add</i>	\$852

2027 Tour Dates

01st - 10th May 2027
29th May - 07th June 2027
12th - 21st June 2027
26th June - 05th July 2027
10th - 19th July 2027
17th - 26th July 2027
24th July - 02nd August 2027
07th - 16th August 2027
14th - 23rd August 2027
21st - 30th August 2027
04th - 13th September 2027
18th - 27th September 2027
02nd - 11th October 2027
09th - 18th October 2027

Tour Highlights: Cairns, Atherton-Herberton Historical Steam Train, Undara Lava Tubes, Mount Surprise, Karumba & Barra Discovery Centre, Croydon Normanton & Gulflander Train, Terrestrial Gem Centre Georgetown, Forsayth, Cobbold Gorge, Savannahlander Train, Kuranda Village & Scenic Railway, Accommodation & meals as per itinerary, Coach touring & commentary, fully hosted by our friendly staff.

Day 1: Depart Brisbane in the afternoon on the **Spirit of Queensland train** for your overnight journey towards Cairns. Travel in an Economy Seat or upgrade to a Railbed.

Accommodation: Spirit of Queensland train

Meals: All meals for railbed passengers. Dining cart available for economy seat passengers at your own expense.

Day 2: Upon arrival at Cairns, you are greeted by your tour guide and coach driver and transferred to the DoubleTree by Hilton where you will have time to freshen up before enjoying the **Welcome Dinner**.

Accommodation: DoubleTree by Hilton, Cairns

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Note: If making your way to Cairns arriving today, please check in from 15:00pm.

Day 3: This morning we depart by coach on our journey across the **Atherton Tablelands**. Our first stop is the historical town of **Herberton** where we travel back in time as we enjoy a ride on a **1905 Peckett Steam train** and wooden passenger carriage! Learn all about rich tin mining history of the area and the important role the steam train played to keep the industry alive. We enjoy an included lunch at the historic Station of homemade sandwiches and cakes.

We pass through **Ravenshoe**, boasting the highest pub in Queensland, on our way to the **Undara National Park** for our afternoon **Archway Tour** of the **Lava Tubes**. About 190,000 years ago, there was a massive eruption and lava flowed from the Undara Volcano at a rate of about 1000 m³ every second. A lava flow this large could fill Sydney Harbour in six days. More than 50 caves have been found in the park with most too remote to see but we get to visit the 2 best examples with easy access.

Accommodation: Undara Village, Mt Surprise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 4: Today we start with a special **Bush Breakfast** experience in the great Australian outback before making our way along the Gulf Development Road to Croydon. We enjoy an included lunch by the banks of **Lake Belmore**, an aquatic jewel of the Gulf Savannah before continuing to **Karumba**.

Arriving in Karumba this afternoon we visit the interactive and state of the art **Barramundi Interpretive Discovery Centre** which provides the history, stories, lifecycle and habits of the Barramundi. Discover the wetlands and

mangroves and learn about the incredible birdlife and stunning southern Gulf flora.

This evening you can enjoy a cool drink at the **Karumba Waterfront Tavern** while watching the sunset over the remote Gulf of Carpentaria. We then enjoy an alfresco dinner of local **prawns, barramundi and beef**.

Accommodation: Ash's Apartments, Karumba

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 5: This morning we transfer from Karumba to Normanton Railway Station. Take a journey aboard the legendary **Gulflander** for a rail journey unlike any other! Also known as the 'Tin Hare', this legendary rail motor is one of the last great characters of the rail world. From wetlands and grasslands to arid Savannah territory, the Gulflander travels through countryside that most people will never see. This nostalgic rail journey is the perfect way to discover an area steeped in pioneering history and heritage.

Disembarking the train at **Blackbull Siding** and following **Morning Tea**, we board the coach for **Croydon** and an included lunch stop before making our way to **Forsayth** and check into our accommodation. This historic township was once paved in gold and a central part of the Etheridge Goldfields in the 1870s. Prospectors flocked to Forsayth, able to find Nugget gold on the ground without the need for expensive equipment and mining. Take the time to look around, as there may still be some to be found. There is time to refresh before our dinner this evening at the Goldfields Hotel.

NOTE: Try a **Goldfields Ale** which is uniquely brewed especially for the Goldfields Pub

Accommodation: Finnegan's Rest, Forsayth

Meals: Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch & Dinner

Day 6: Following breakfast this morning you will be transferred by 4WD Coach to **Cobbold Gorge** where you will be amazed as you delve into a geological process which began 700 million years ago. This is an unforgettable highlight of your trip to outback Queensland. The tour begins with an informative insight to the geology of the rugged sandstone formations, followed by a guided **bushwalk to the top of the escarpment**, with the reward of a magnificent view of the gorge below. Then make your way over the newly constructed **Glass Bridge** for an unforgettable view below into the Gorge. Then glide on custom-made, **electric powered boats** in almost eerie silence ensuring minimal disturbance to the wildlife. There's every chance of seeing one of the large population of resident freshwater crocodiles.

A delicious **Plowman's buffet lunch** is included before some free time to take a dip in the infinity pool or the optional Helicopter ride.

This afternoon we are transferred back to Forsayth in time for our hearty dinner.

NOTE : The Escarpment and Glass Bridge Walk is 2.5klm and requires a good level of fitness to complete. There is a lovely cool spot to sit by the river if you don't wish to participate in the bridge walk. The cruise boats are easily accessible and a great way to appreciate the magnificence of the gorge.

Optional Extra: Helicopter Ride over Cobbold Gorge:

15-minute scenic Helicopter flight \$205.00 p.p (minimum 2 pax, maximum 3 pax per flight)

30-minute scenic Helicopter flight \$385.00 p.p for 2 pax, \$305.00 p.p. for 3 pax

*to be booked at Cobbold Gorge

Accommodation: Finnegan's Rest, Forsayth

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 7: The Savannahlander affectionately known as the Silver Bullet, travels between Forsayth & Mt Surprise and is one of the great rail experiences through the Outback. Stopping at Einasleigh there is time to visit **Copperfield Gorge**. With its breathtaking basalt cliff walls that drop into the sandy riverbed below, revealing the lava flow layers that travelled all the way from Undara. Lunch today is at the **Einasleigh Hotel** before travelling through to Mount Surprise.

Arriving at our accommodation, we enjoy a beverage or two as we enjoy the last sunset over the outback, with time to freshen up for dinner.

Accommodation: Discovery Parks, Mount Surprise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 8: After our breakfast, we say our goodbyes to the outback in exchange for the lush tropical rainforests of the **Atherton Tablelands**. We stop along the way at **The Humpy** in Tolga, to taste the local FNQ produce before arriving at the village of **Kuranda**. There is time to wander the historic village and purchase lunch if you wish before our special journey back into Cairns. We join the **Kuranda Scenic Railway** for our **Gold Class** Train experience with afternoon drinks and nibbles included.

Arriving in Cairns, there is time to freshen up for our farewell dinner. A fitting way to end an incredible adventure to the outback!

Accommodation: DoubleTree by Hilton, Cairns

Meals: Breakfast, Afternoon Tea & Dinner

Day 9: This morning we transfer to Cairns Train Station for your departure on the **Spirit of Queensland**. Travelling overnight to your home destination, enjoying the company of your new found friends.

Note: If not using the rail service, please check out by 10am and enjoy the rest of your holidays.

Return Rail can be pre-arranged for a later date upon availability. Extra nights in Cairns can be pre-arranged.

Accommodation: Spirit of Queensland train

Meals: All meals included for railbed passengers, dining cart available for economy seat passengers at your own expense.

Day 10: Today the Spirit of Queensland will finish the journey arriving into Brisbane in the morning with cherished memories of both the Australian Outback and the vast Gulf Region of Australia.

Health and Fitness

This is a **Moderate Paced Tour**– Medium level of fitness required.

Travelers must be able to meet the below fitness level requirements or have a carer who is available to assist. GVH Staff are not able to assist with those who have reduced mobility or other health problems. It is Your responsibility to arrange for such a carer if so required:

- Participate in guided walking tours with time to rest every 20 minutes
- Participate in walking tours on uneven ground, including bush tracks and sand
- Get on and off multiple transport types unaided including train, coach and boat
- Manage you own luggage or with the help of your own carer
- Not suitable for guests needing wheelie walkers or wheelchairs

GVH reserves the right at its discretion to exclude from a tour or to terminate the travel arrangements during the course of the tour without refund, of anyone who is unable to cope with the requirements of the tour, including using coach steps for embarking and disembarking or needing services or facilities that are not available. We will not be held liable for any termination of your travel arrangements or additional expenses incurred. Please be aware that some outback locations may experience high temperatures.