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# Yamba, Maclean & Byron Bay

## DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE BANGALOW, YAMBA

Depart from Brisbane today and travel down the coast stopping at **Cabarita Beach** for a tasty lunch overlooking the beautiful Azure Ocean. We will continue on through to **Bangalow** stopping for afternoon tea and time to stroll the main street of this historical town before arriving at **Yamba**. After check in, we will enjoy dinner this evening at one of the local clubs.

*(L,A/T,D) Overnight Yamba Sun Motel*

## DAY 2 – CLARENCE RIVER CRUISE

Today we board our ferry travelling first to the seaside village of **Iluka**, then we will continue travelling down the beautiful **Clarence River** enjoying a guided commentary about the history and local flora and fauna. We will enjoy a delicious lunch while on board. Learn of the pioneering history of **Harwood**. The crushing mill is the oldest surviving mill in Australia. We will then visit some sites around the Yamba Village before dinner tonight at your own arrangements.

*(B,L) Overnight Yamba Sun Motel*

## DAY 3 – MACLEAN, BROOMS HEAD, ANGOURIE

Breakfast, then we will travel down the highway to the picturesque village of **Brooms Head**, stopping for morning tea and soaking up the panoramic views. We will then travel to **Maclean**, known as the “Scottish Town of Australia”, many of its street signs are written in Gaelic as well as English. Australia’s oldest free Presbyterian Church and there is a large Scottish cairn constructed from rocks from around Australia and Scotland in the Herb Stanford Memorial Park. We will enjoy lunch and then travel on to **Angourie**, declared a National Surfing Reserve in 2007 and has a mixture of surfie shacks alongside palatial homes – an interesting place to explore. We will then travel back to our accommodation with time to freshen up before dinner this evening.

*(B,M/T,L,D) Overnight Yamba Sun Motel*

## DAY 4 – EVANS HEAD, WOODBURN, BYRON BAY

Following breakfast this morning we will depart for **Evans Head** following the river with its colourful fishing trawlers and pelicans. We will stop for

morning tea and then travel on through **Woodburn** and onward to **Byron Bay** stopping to enjoy some lunch in town. We will then travel on through to Brisbane.

*(B,M/T,L)*

**4 Days – \$699\***

*\*PP Twin Share, Single add \$195*

**2020 DEPARTURE DATE:**  
27 February

\*See back cover for tour conditions

# New England Historical Trail

Armidale > Glen Innes > Tenterfield

## DAY 1 – BRISBANE TO COFFS HARBOUR

Departing on our comfortable coach today and travel along the coastal highway. We will stop in at **Grafton** enjoying lunch at the “The Captains Table”, the world’s longest table cut from 1 piece of wood. We then continue on to **Coffs Harbour** and check in to our hotel with time to freshen up for dinner this evening at the restaurant.

*(L,D) Overnight Coffs Harbour Country Comfort*

## DAY 2 – DORRIGO, ARMIDALE

Breakfast, before calling into the seaside village of **Urunga** for our morning tea. Then to **Dorrigo** to visit the **Rainforest Centre** and **Skywalk** lookout which offers superb views over the national park. The Skywalk lookout is a 70m boardwalk that soars over the edge of the escarpment some 21m above the rainforest. Easily accessible, everyone can enjoy

the amazing panoramic views of the Rosewood rainforest basin and the double peak of McGraths Hump. Lunch at the historical **Dorrigo Hotel** before we make our way to Wollomombi and Ebor Waterfalls. Both falls offer spectacular views and scenic lookouts. Arriving in Armidale with time to freshen up before we enjoy a hearty dinner in the Manor Restaurant.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Armidale Cotswald Gardens*

## DAY 3 – HISTORICAL ARMIDALE

Following breakfast we will be joined by our guide for **The Guided Heritage Tour of Armidale**. You will be taken on an historical journey through Armidale’s history and taking in such places as **Booloominbah** and **Saumarez Historical Homesteads**, St Peters and St Marys Churches and other interesting locations whilst on our town tour. Following lunch at Saumarez, we make our way to the Armidale Folk Museum. The museum is housed in the magnificent

1863 Armidale Literary Institute and traces the history of New England. Dinner tonight at a local hotel.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Armidale Cotswald Gardens*

## DAY 4 – ABBEY OF THE ROSES

This morning we depart to **Glen Innes** and visit **The Australian Standing Stones**. From there we make our way to Tenterfield for a stop at the **Saddler Museum** before we arrive into Warwick and the **Abbey of the Roses Manor**. We enjoy a wonderful lunch and informative tour telling us about the beautiful old building which is steeped in local history. It was built in 1891 for the local nuns and in its heyday, it housed up to 23 nuns and up to 60 girls from the age of around 11 onwards. Then departing back to Brisbane arriving late afternoon.

*(B,L)*

**4 Days – \$799\***

*\*PP Twin Share, Single add \$195*

**2020 DEPARTURE DATE:**  
25 March

\*See back cover for tour conditions



# Turtle Hatching of Mon Repos

## DAY 1 – BRISBANE TO BUNDABERG

Today we depart for our short 4-day break to see the turtle hatchlings at Mon Repos. From Brisbane, our first stop is the **Eumundi Markets**. Here we can stretch our legs and purchase lunch if you wish, whilst having a look through the market stalls. This afternoon we drive through to Bundaberg, and check into our motel for the next 3 nights. This afternoon we will be visiting the **Mon Repos Turtle Centre**. Mon Repos is a very special place; it supports the largest concentration of nesting marine turtles on the eastern coast. Here we can learn about the Mon Repos turtles and their colourful history. After our visit we return to our motel and have an early dinner, as we will be returning to the Turtle Centre this evening. Our ranger guide will talk us through the turtle hatchlings, as they emerge from their nests and make their way to the water. Note: As turtles can hatch at any time Mon Repos ranger staff cannot always guarantee a sighting. Remember – we are viewing wild animals in their natural environment! However, our tour has 3 nights and we have left each night open to ensure we see the turtles.

**(D) Overnight Econo Lodge Park Lane, Bundaberg**

## DAY 2 – BURNETT RIVER CRUISE

This morning we head into Bundaberg where we'll join the **Bundy Belle** for a cruise along the beautiful **Burnett River**. From aboard this fully restored classic river ferry, we will see the bulk sugar terminal, the trawlers unloading their catch at the seafood processing plants and the Bundaberg marina. We'll enjoy the tranquillity of the river's lower reaches as we sit in comfort in the cabin or out on the deck. We have some time to purchase lunch before we visit **Bundaberg Barrel Brewed Drinks**. We take a look at the True Brew Experience Tour, which has interactive touch screens showing us how the ginger root is transformed into their delicious ginger beer. We can sample some of their 14 flavours with time to make purchases of our favourites before we head back to the motel in time for dinner and another turtle viewing if required.

**(B,D) Overnight Econo Lodge Park Lane, Bundaberg**

## DAY 3 – DISCOVER BUNDABERG BUNDY RUM DISTILLERY

This morning we arrive at the **Botanic Gardens** and visit the **Hinkler Hall of Aviation**, dedicated to the life of the famous aviator Bert Hinkler. We'll also enjoy a light lunch

here in the gardens before heading to the iconic **Bundy Rum Distillery** for a guided tour. This iconic Australian spirit has been rolled out of the production line for 110 years and today we are here for a guided tour. We'll look, feel and taste our way through the making process starting with the raw material molasses to the aromas of maturing spirit. Before returning to the motel for dinner and another turtle viewing if required.

**(B,L,D) Overnight Econo Lodge Park Lane, Bundaberg**

## DAY 4 – TIN CAN BAY TO BRISBANE

Following breakfast we will depart for **Tin Can Bay** for our lunch stop at the **Marina Bar and Grill**. This afternoon we re-trace our steps and head home after an enjoyable 4 day break. **(B,L)**

**4 Days – \$799\***

\*PP Twin Share, Single add \$195

**2020 DEPARTURE DATE:**

**4 March**

\*See back cover for tour conditions

# Melbourne Flower Show – 25th Anniversary

## DAY 1 – ARRIVE IN MELBOURNE

Welcome to our 4-day tour to the **25th Anniversary** of the **Melbourne International Flower Show**. We depart home this morning and make our way to Melbourne. On arrival, our coach will be waiting for us and we make our way into the **Docklands** and take a ride on the **Melbourne Star Observation Wheel**, where we will experience spectacular views over the city and beyond. Tonight we have a welcome dinner and get to know our fellow travellers.

**(D) Overnight Best Western Plus Travel Inn**

## DAY 2 – INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW

Following breakfast, we set off to explore marvellous Melbourne – it really is a grand place! Within the parks and gardens around the city centre are many gracious buildings such as the **Old Treasury Building**, the **Exhibition Building**, built for the Great Exhibition of 1880 and **The Shrine of Remembrance**. Late morning, we join **Yarra River Cruises** for a cruise on

the Yarra River. We pass by the Crown Casino and the famous Bolte and Westgate Bridges. Back on dry land we have some free time to purchase lunch if you wish before making our way to the Flower Show.

## 2020 Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show

This is a hallmark event for Victoria and is the most prestigious of its kind in Australia. Over 300 exhibits are "on show" representing horticulture, nurseries, landscape gardening, floristry and cut flowers. The show will simply take your breath away with the work of Australia's leading floral designers creating exquisite feature displays. We spend the afternoon at the Flower Show then return to our hotel for a free night.

**(B) Overnight Best Western Plus Travel Inn**

## DAY 3 – MORE OF MELBOURNE

This morning we visit the **Old Melbourne Gaol**. The precinct includes Melbourne's oldest prison, the historic Magistrate's Court and former Police City Watch House and has been the heart of crime, law and

order in Melbourne since the 1840s. Bushranger **Ned Kelly** and notorious gangster **Squizz Taylor** have spent time within its walls. Then we are off to **The Melbourne Cricket Ground** where we enjoy a **light lunch**, followed by a guided tour. Built in 1853 we take the opportunity to relive great sporting memories through a comprehensive tour of this marvellous stadium. Tonight's farewell dinner is at the **Crown Casino** in the **Kitchen Workshop** buffet restaurant.

**(B,L,D) Overnight Best Western Plus Travel Inn**

## DAY 4 – QUEEN VIC MARKETS DEPART MELBOURNE

After breakfast this morning we make our way to the **Queen Victoria Markets** – Australia's largest market. It's a vast and vibrant centre of trade and commerce and has served consumers' needs for more than 120 years. We then head to the Melbourne airport to connect with our flights for home to complete a fabulous 4 day tour to Melbourne. **Note: This tour can be combined with the VIC Art Silo Trail, see page 17.**

**(B) Return Flights Included Ex BNE, SYD, ADL**

**4 Days – \$1290\***

\*PP Twin Share, Single add \$195

\*Return Flights Ex BNE, SYD, ADL

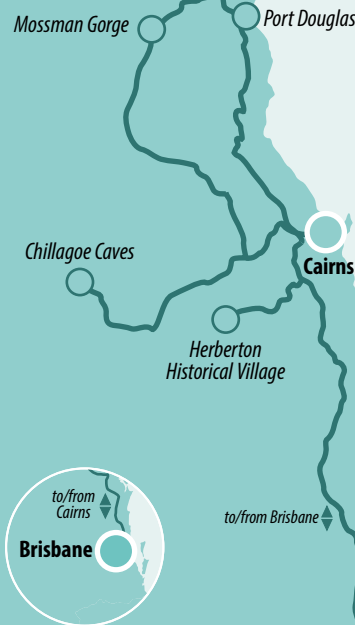
**2020 DEPARTURE DATE:**

**28 March**

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# Chillagoe Caves & Cairns

Chillagoe Caves > Cairns > Tablelands > Port Douglas > Herberton Village



## DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE

Depart on the **Spirit of Queensland Train** in your optional **Premium Economy Seats** or upgrade to **Deluxe RailBeds** with all meals included.

*(All meals on the train for RailBeds)*

## DAY 2 – CAIRNS WELCOME

This morning the train will pass through Townsville and then arriving in **Cairns** mid afternoon. You will be met by your tour host and coach driver and transferred to the motel, with time to freshen up before enjoying a welcome dinner at 6pm.

*Note: If not using the train service, please arrive in Cairns this afternoon and meet at the motel.*

*(D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

## DAY 3 – HERBERTON HISTORIC VILLAGE

Today we visit the **Herberton Historical Village**. The Historic Village is an outdoor museum presenting the story of Australia's pioneering past and has over 50 restored original buildings. Walking through the Village, visitors are given a sense of being in a Historical Township complete with chemist, school, bank, grocer's store, a jail, mechanic and more, making this museum the most significant in Queensland.

*(B,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

## DAY 4 – MOSSMAN GORGE DAINTREE RIVER CRUISE PORT DOUGLAS

Today we adventure into the **Mossman Gorge**. The Gorge has a very accessible and scenic section of the World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park.

Here the Mossman River tumbles its way over and around huge granite boulders that line the gorge, creating cool, clear freshwater swimming holes. We then make our way to the **Daintree River** for a River Cruise spotting crocs and other wildlife. Then into **Port Douglas** with time to explore the town before returning to Cairns via Palm Cove.

*(B,M/T,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

## DAY 5 – CHILLAGOE CAVES

Spectacular limestone caverns, passages and stalactites comprise of what is known as the **Chillagoe Caves**, a 400-million-year-old cave system located three hours west of Cairns in the **Chillagoe-Mungana Caves National Park**. We enjoy a guided tour of the caves including The Royal Arch Cave, one of the bigger caving systems in the area. The walk contains shafts of light that reveal ancient cave formations. Hand held lamps are provided, and visitors are required to stoop in a couple of sections. Then we tour Donna Cave. This cave features a beautiful formation in the shape of the Madonna. This is a 200 metre walk, steps included, where visitors are taken through electrically illuminated sections of the cave. For the more adventurous, The Trezkin Cave is 150 metres long and reveals a striking formation called "the chandelier". The cave's entrance also has stunning views of the Chillagoe landscape.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

## DAY 6 – BOTANIC GARDENS CAIRNS AQUARIUM

After breakfast we make our way to the **Cairns Botanic Gardens** for a tour. The gardens are the best example in Australia of the Tropical Flora. The extensive selection of tropical flora includes

some rare plants seldom found elsewhere in the world. Lunch is at the famous **Dundees Restaurant** followed by a visit to the **Cairns Aquarium**. As the only aquarium in the world dedicated exclusively to the habitats and species of Tropical North Queensland, with over 16,000 animals and unique opportunities to move up close to some of the world's most fascinating, elusive or deadly creatures. Then enjoy our farewell dinner tonight.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

## DAY 7 – DEPART CAIRNS

After breakfast this morning the group will depart to meet the Spirit of Queensland for your journey home from our Tropical Cairns Getaway.

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

*(B) Overnight Train*

*(All meals on the train for RailBeds)*

## DAY 8 – ARRIVE HOME

Today you will arrive at your home station after enjoying a charming rail journey from North Queensland with your newfound friends.

### TOUR OVERVIEW:

- 4\* Accommodation Cairns
- All meals as per itinerary
- Coach touring and commentary
- Chillagoe Caves Guided Tours
- Mossman Gorge, Daintree River
- Port Douglas, Palm Cove
- Herberton Historical Village
- Cairns Botanic Gardens & Aquarium
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

**\* 6 Days Tour Only – \$1390**

Single /Sole Use add \$290

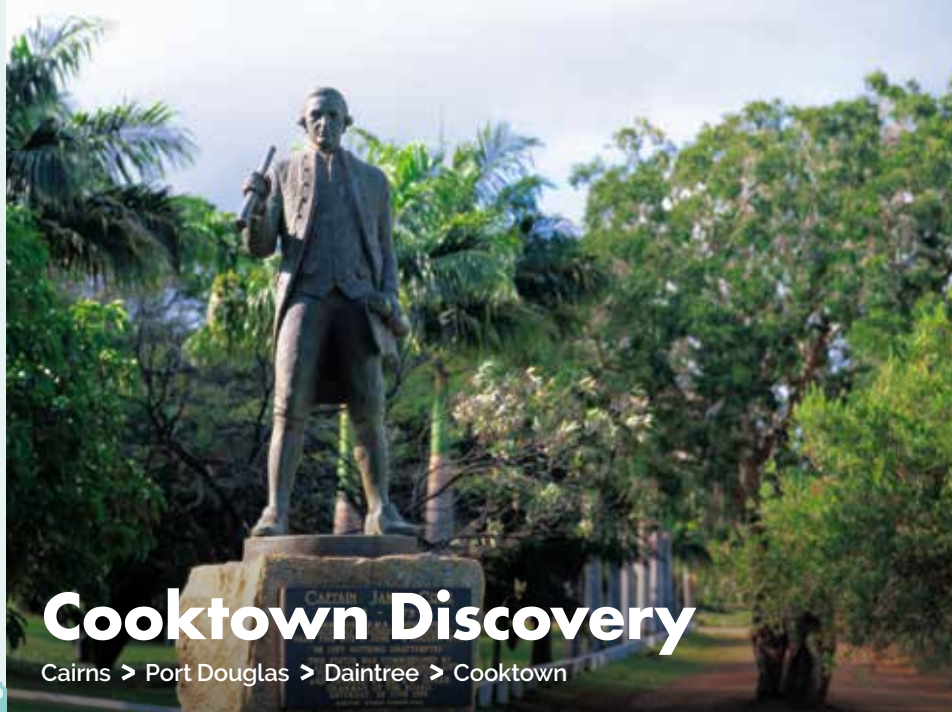
**\* 8 Days with Return Rail Fare**  
**QLD Pension Economy Seat – \$1440**  
**QLD Pension Deluxe RailBed – \$1790**  
**Seniors Card Deluxe RailBed – \$2060**

**2020 DEPARTURE DATE:**

10 July

\*See back cover for tour conditions





## Cooktown Discovery

Cairns > Port Douglas > Daintree > Cooktown

### DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE

Depart on the Spirit of Queensland Train in your **Premium Economy Seats** or upgrade to **Deluxe RailBeds** with all meals included.

*(All meals on the train for RailBeds)  
Applicable Discount Rail Fare applies*

### DAY 2 – CAIRNS WELCOME

This morning the train will pass through Townsville and then make its way along the picturesque **Cassowary Coast**, arriving in Cairns mid afternoon. You will then be met by our friendly tour host and transferred to **Cairns Queenslander**. You will have time to freshen up before enjoying dinner.

*(D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

### DAY 3 – MOSSMAN GORGE, DAINTREE RIVER CRUISE, PORT DOUGLAS

Today we adventure into the **Mossman Gorge**. Here the **Mossman River** tumbles its way over and around huge granite boulders that line the gorge creating cool clear freshwater swimming holes. We then make our way to the **Daintree River** for a **River Cruise** spotting crocs and other wildlife. Then into **Port Douglas** with time to explore the town before returning to Cairns via Palm Cove Village.

*(B,M/T, D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

### DAY 4 – CAIRNS TO COOKTOWN

Making our way north today via the **Atherton Tablelands** and through the towns of **Mareeba**, **Mount Molloy** and on to the **Palmer River Roadhouse** for our lunch stop. From here we pass the **Annan Gorge** and **Black Mountain**, on the last leg into Cooktown. Black Mountain, named by the local Indigenous people 'Place of Spears', is a mysterious pyramid of stones and is a natural geological formation thought to be 150 million years

old. The 'black' colouring comes from the lichen that covers the thousands of stones making up the mountain. On arrival we check in and have time to visit the **Cooktown Botanical Gardens** and learn how Cook and his crew survived on the local flora. Dinner tonight is at the Top Pub.

*(B,D) Cooktown Seaview Motel*

### DAY 5 – DISCOVER COOKTOWN FAMOUS LIONS DEN HOTEL ENDEAVOUR RIVER CRUISE

After breakfast, we will enjoy a town tour of Cooktown and head up to **Grassy Hill Lookout** for a look at fantastic views of Cooktown and its famous 'River of Gold'. It's then on to the **Captain James Cook Museum**, which is one of Queensland's best museums, showcasing the remarkable history of this amazing town. The museum follows the story of James Cook's enforced seven week stay at the **Endeavour River**, during which the first meaningful contact between Europeans and Indigenous Australians took place. Now that you have been enriched in Australia's true history, we then head down to the famous historical **Lions Den Hotel** for lunch and a refreshing drink. This is truly an Aussie icon built on the banks of the little **Annan River**, surrounded by 100-year-old mango trees. Following lunch we return and visit the **Cooktown Cemetery**. This is an amazing place to wander around to soak up the history. Graveyards act as a wonderful testimony to the colourful and varied lives of the locals. A stroll along Main Street is also a must with lots of places to explore including the Old Railway Station, the Cooktown History and Cultural Centre. There is also the odd watering hole that you might want to visit as well. We then depart for our **Sunset Dinner Cruise** on the **Endeavour River** and step back in time with an informative journey down this famous river.

*(B,D) Overnight Cooktown Seaview Motel*

### DAY 6 – COOKTOWN TO CAIRNS JACQUES COFFEE PLANTATION

Breakfast then depart and make our way back to Cairns. On the way we will visit the famous **Jacques Coffee Plantation**. The plantation is situated alongside the spring waters of Emerald Creek in Mareeba. On arrival we enjoy an informative tour and lunch. We then continue on to Cairns and check in with time to freshen up before our farewell dinner.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

### DAY 7 – DEPART FOR BRISBANE

Breakfast then depart by coach to meet the Spirit of Queensland for our relaxing journey home.

*(B, All meals on the train for RailBeds)*

### DAY 8 – ARRIVE BRISBANE TO HOME PORT

This morning you will wake to the breakfast service before arriving at your home port after enjoying your discovery of Cooktown.

#### TOUR OVERVIEW:

- All Accommodation
- All meals as per itinerary
- Coach touring and commentary
- Mossman Gorge, Daintree River Cruise
- Port Douglas Township, Palm Cove
- Mareeba, Mount Molloy, Black Mountain
- Palmer River Roadhouse
- Cooktown Museum & Cemetery
- Grassy Hill Lookout, Botanical Gardens
- Endeavour River Dinner Cruise
- Lions Den Hotel, Annan River
- Jacques Coffee Plantation

#### \*6 Days Tour Only – \$1490

\*PP T/S – Single /Sole Use add \$420

**\*8 Days with Return Rail Fare**  
**QLD Pension Economy Seat – \$1540**  
**QLD Pension Deluxe RailBed – \$1890**  
**Seniors Card Economy Seat – \$1725**  
**Seniors Card Deluxe RailBed – \$2160**

**2020 DEPARTURE DATES:**  
 3 July; 1 September

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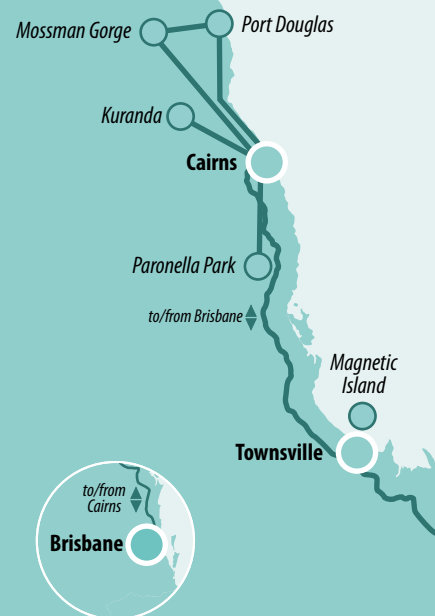






# Townsville & Cairns Combo

Magnetic Island > Paronella Park > Port Douglas



## DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE

Depart on the Spirit of Queensland Train in your optional **Premium Economy Seats**, or upgrade to **Deluxe RailBeds** with all meals included. **Note:** *If not using the Rail Service, we recommend you arrive in Townsville today for 1 night's pre-tour accommodation.*

**(All meals on the train for RailBeds)**

## DAY 2 – EXPLORE TOWNSVILLE

Following breakfast on the train, we arrive in **Townsville** this morning at **9.30am**. We will be met by our tour host and depart on our City Orientation Tour, including a stop at **Castle Hill**, the large red rock monolith right in the heart of Townsville that offers panoramic views from the lookout where you will have a lovely photo opportunity. Scenic drive along The Strand then make our way to the **Museum of TNQ** for a guided tour of the many exhibits including **HMAS Pandora**. We then enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

**(L,D) Overnight Madison Plaza, Townsville**

## DAY 3 – MAGNETIC ISLAND

Departing to board the ferry to **Magnetic Island** for our discovery coach tour of this beautiful Island. It only takes 25 minutes on a ferry to arrive in paradise. Magnetic Island sits within the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, but the landscape here is different to the usual tropical rainforest found on many of the Great Barrier Reef islands. Enjoying a lunch at **Horseshoe Bay** before returning to the mainland.

**(B,L) Overnight Madison Plaza, Townsville**



## DAY 4 – PARONELLA PARK

Departing Townsville this morning, we make our way to **Paronella Park**. The Park is a magical and unforgettable place nestled amongst heritage gardens and 13 acres of lush tropical rainforest. We will tour through the **Castle Ruins** before making our way to Cairns.

**(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander**

## DAY 5 – SKYRAIL, KURANDA ATHERTON TABLELANDS

We board the **Skyrail** that makes its journey up and over the **Rainforest** below. Then arriving in colourful and quirky **Kuranda**. The village in the rainforest has earned a reputation as the arts and crafts nexus of Tropical NQ. You will have time to wander through the markets before we meet our coach and travel to **Mareeba** on the **Atherton Tablelands** arriving at the **Australian Coffee Plantation**. The Plantation is situated alongside the spring waters of Emerald Creek and is furnished with 25,000 young and fully producing Arabica Coffee trees. After enjoying a coffee and tasty alfresco lunch, we will tour the plantation. We will then make our way back to Cairns in time for our dinner this evening.

**(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander**

## DAY 6 – MOSSMAN GORGE DAINTREE RIVER CRUISE PORT DOUGLAS

Today we adventure into the **Mossman Gorge**. The Gorge has a very accessible and scenic section of the **World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park**. Here the **Mossman River** tumbles its way over and around huge granite boulders that line the gorge creating cool clear freshwater swimming holes. We then make our way to the **Daintree River** for a **River Cruise** spotting crocs and other wildlife. Then into **Port Douglas** with time to explore the town before returning to Cairns via **Palm Cove**.

**(B,M,T,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander**

## DAY 7 – DEPART CAIRNS

Breakfast then depart by coach to meet the Spirit of Queensland Train for our relaxing journey home.

**Note:** *If not using the rail service, please check out by 10am and enjoy your holiday.*

**(B, All meals on the train for RailBeds)**



## DAY 8 – ARRIVE BRISBANE

This morning you will wake to the breakfast service and pass through Proserpine and on to Brisbane. You will arrive at your home station after enjoying a charming rail journey from North Queensland with your newfound friends.

### TOUR OVERVIEW:

- 4\* Accommodation & meals as per itinerary
- Coach touring with commentary
- Ska rail & Atherton Tablelands
- Mossman Gorge & Daintree River Cruise
- Port Douglas Township & Palm Cove
- Paronella Park Castle Ruins & Tour
- Townsville, Castle Hill & The Strand Tour
- Magnetic Island Ferry & Day Tour
- Museum of TNQ Tour & Lunch
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

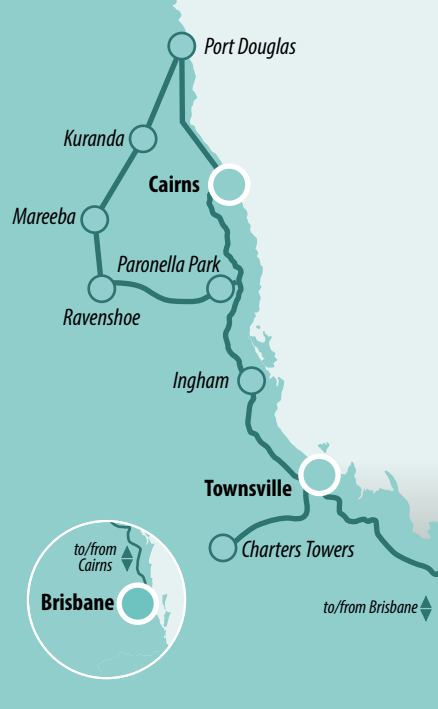
### \*6 Days Tour Only – \$1340

\*PP T/S – Single /Sole Use add \$320

\*8 Days with Return Rail Fare  
**QLD Pension Economy Seat – \$1390**  
**QLD Pension Deluxe RailBed – \$1740**  
**Seniors Card Economy Seat – \$1575**  
**Seniors Card Deluxe RailBed – \$2010**

**2020 DEPARTURE DATES:**  
 26 June; 24 August

\* See back cover for tour conditions



## Iconic Pubs of North Queensland

Cairns > Port Douglas > Yungaburra > Malanda > Paronella Park  
> Iconic Pub with No Beer > Townsville > Charters Towers

### DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE

Depart on the Spirit of Queensland Train in your optional **Premium Economy Seats** or upgrade to **Deluxe RailBeds** with all meals included.

*(All meals on the train for RailBeds)*

### DAY 2 – CAIRNS WELCOME

Arriving in Cairns mid afternoon. You will be met by your tour host and coach driver and transferred to the motel, with time to freshen up before enjoying a welcome dinner at 6pm. **Note:** If not using the train service, please arrive in Cairns this afternoon and meet at the motel.

*(D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

### DAY 3 – 1878 COURT HOUSE HOTEL PORT DOUGLAS, DAINTREE CRUISE

Today we make our way north and visit the **Mossman Gorge**. We then make our way to the **Daintree River** for a **River Cruise** spotting crocs and other wildlife. Then into **Port Douglas** with time to explore the town and the **1878 Court House Hotel**. The Courty, as it has become affectionately known, is the oldest pub in Port Douglas and one of the most iconic pubs in Australia. You can enjoy a refreshing drink here and lunch if you wish, or stroll the main street and discover the many food outlets.

*(B,M/T, D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

### DAY 4 – 1910 YUNGABURRA HOTEL 1911 MALANDA HOTEL

Today, our first stop is **Mareeba** where we visit the **Heritage Museum** which is host to a wide variety of incredible exhibits. Enjoy a morning tea here before we make our way to the 500-year-old **Curtain Fig Tree**. Then visit the **Yungaburra Hotel** for our lunch stop. The hotel is the pride of the **Atherton Tablelands**, attracting visitors with its Federation architecture and displays of historic photographs. We then make our way to **Malanda** and check into our accommodation before dinner at the **Malanda Hotel**, which is the largest wooden hotel in Australia.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Malanda Lodge Motel*

### DAY 5 – HIGHEST PUB IN QLD 1935 PARONELLA PARK NIGHT TOUR

Today we visit the historic **Ravenshoe Hotel**. Formally the **Tully Falls**, it was built in 1927 and the pub boasts to be **Queensland's highest**. We then make our way to **Mungalli Creek Dairy** which is famous for its products. Time for lunch here before stopping off at

the **Mamu Tropical Skywalk** providing spectacular panoramic views of World Heritage rainforest. Then into **Innisfail** and check in before we visit **Paronella Park** and experience the evening with **The Darkness Falls Tour**. Even if you have been here before, this is a totally different way to see the park.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Barrier Reef Motel*

### DAY 6 – ICONIC 'PUB WITH NO BEER'

**Lees Hotel** in Ingham (formerly the Day Dawn Hotel) is the original **'Pub With No Beer'**, made famous by Australia's favourite son and country singer **Slim Dusty** in 1957. The hit song was based on the poem by local Ingham poet **Dan Sheahan** who rode into the pub one morning in 1943 to have a nice cold beer and discovered that a convoy of American servicemen had come through the previous day and drunk the Pub dry! In recognition of the historic event, in 2005 **Lees Hotel** became the only **Heritage Listed Iconic Hotel in Queensland**. We enjoy a lunch here before making our way into Townsville.

*(B,L) Overnight Madison Plaza Hotel*

### DAY 7 – 1888 AUSTRALIAN HOTEL TOWNSVILLE

This morning we make our way up to **Castle Hill** for stunning views from the lookout. Then visit the **Queens Gardens** to wander through the lush displays. Lunch today is at the famous **Australian Hotel** which was first opened in 1888 and one of the most well known guests was **Errol Flynn** who often stayed. Returned to her former glory in January 2008 she still holds iconic status in Far North Qld. Please feel free to settle in at the pub for the afternoon if you wish.

*(B,L) Overnight Madison Plaza Hotel*

### DAY 8 – 1887 COMMERCIAL HOTEL HISTORICAL CHARTERS TOWERS

Driving through the streets of **Charters Towers** is like viewing a living montage of Australian history and heritage. Our tour of **Charters Towers** includes a visit to the **Miners Cottage** which houses a collection of goldfields memorabilia. We will also visit the **Zara Clarke National Trust Museum** which reflects **Charters Towers'** golden and military past. We visit the **1887 Commercial Hotel** for lunch, one of the landmark hotels from the goldfields era. This evening we embark on the **Ghosts of Gold Heritage Movie**, where the ghosts of the gold rush era tell their tales as the evening settles in.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Park Motel, Charters Towers*

### DAY 9 – 1865 EUREKA HOTEL

**Hervey's Range** today enjoying the fantastic scenic views along the way. We will stop at the Historical **Hervey's Range Heritage Tea Rooms** for lunch which is a heritage-listed property and holds a special place in the history of North Queensland, beginning its life in 1865 as the **Eureka Hotel**. Believed to be the oldest known building in North Queensland, this log cabin was the local watering hole for the bullock teams and **Cobb and Co Coaches**. Then making our way back into Townsville to meet the train home. **Note:** If not using the train service, your tour completes in Townsville at 2pm.

*(B,L) Overnight Spirit of Queensland*

### DAY 10 – ARRIVE BRISBANE

Today the Spirit of Queensland will finish the journey arriving at your home port with cherished memories of the Iconic Pubs of North Queensland.

#### TOUR OVERVIEW:

- Accommodation & meals as per itinerary
- Coach Captain & commentary
- 1878 Court House Hotel Port Douglas
- Daintree River Cruise & Mossman Gorge
- Atherton Tablelands & Curtain Fig Tree
- 1910 Yungaburra & 1911 Malanda Hotel
- Highest Pub in QLD & Paronella Park
- The Pub with No Beer, Ingham
- Townsville & Australian Hotel
- Charters Towers & The Commercial Hotel
- 1865 Eureka Hotel & Harvey's Range
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

#### \*8 Days Tour Only – \$1990

\*PP T/S – Single /Sole Use add \$520

**\*10 Days with Return Rail Fare**  
**QLD Pension Economy Seat – \$2040**  
**QLD Pension Deluxe RailBed – \$2370**  
**Seniors Card Economy Seat – \$2225**  
**Seniors Card Deluxe RailBed – \$2580**

**2020 DEPARTURE DATES:**  
 28 April; 25 July; 19 September

\*See back cover for tour conditions



# Ultimate Coastal Queensland

Port Douglas & Daintree River > Cairns & Green Island > Townsville & Magnetic Island > Airlie Beach & Whitsunday Islands



## DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE

Depart on the **Spirit of Queensland** Train in your Premium Economy Seats or upgrade to **Deluxe RailBeds** with all meals included plus pamper pack with the evening bed turndown.

*(All meals on the train for RailBeds)  
Applicable Discount Rail Fare applies*

## DAY 2 – CAIRNS WELCOME

This morning the train will pass through Townsville and then make its way along the picturesque **Cassowary Coast**, arriving in **Cairns** mid afternoon. You will then be met by our friendly tour host and will be taken on a **Cairns City and Sites** tour before we check into the **Cairns Queenslander**. You will have time to freshen up before dinner this evening at our accommodation.

*(D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

## DAY 3 – MOSSMAN GORGE DAINTREE RIVER; PORT DOUGLAS

Today we adventure into the **Mossman Gorge**. The Gorge has a very accessible and scenic section of the **World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park**. Here the **Mossman River** tumbles its way over and around huge granite boulders that line the gorge creating cool clear freshwater swimming holes. We then make our way to the **Daintree River** for a **River Cruise** spotting crocs and other wildlife. Then into **Port Douglas** with time to explore the town and purchase lunch if you wish, before returning to Cairns in time for dinner this evening.

*(B,M,T,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

## DAY 4 – GORGEOUS GREEN ISLAND

Breakfast, then we will depart for a great day on **Green Island**. A visit to the **Great Barrier Reef** is the most popular thing to do whilst in Cairns. **Green Island** is a beautiful coral cay on Australia's Great Barrier Reef with unique island rainforests, surrounded by white sandy beaches, magnificent coral reefs and abundant marine life. We will cruise out to the Island in luxury on a large, comfortable, air-conditioned 35 metre catamaran. On arrival, we will enjoy a **glass bottom boat cruise** so you can view the beautiful Barrier Reef without getting your feet wet. For those of you that want to be a bit more adventurous, you will have time to snorkel later in the day. We will also enjoy a **delicious buffet luncheon** on board.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

## DAY 5 – CAIRNS TO TOWNSVILLE PARONELLA PARK

Depart Cairns and on to Townsville. This section of highway, known as the **Great Green Way**, provides the most memorable scenery in Australia with mountains wrapped in rainforest, splendid waterfalls, magnificent fertile farmlands and breathtaking **Coral Sea** views. Passing through **Innisfail**, and then into **Paronella Park** for our guided tour of the castle ruins followed by lunch. Arriving in **Townsville** mid afternoon, then depart on our **Townsville Discovery** tour including **Castle Hill**, offering an iconic centrepiece for the city and spectacular scenic views.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Townsville Madison Plaza*

## DAY 6 – MAGNETIC ISLAND

Today we explore beautiful **Magnetic Island**. We will take a tour and see the natural beauty of the island which is home to Northern Australia's largest colony of koalas living in the wild. Two thirds of **Magnetic Island** is **National Park** with secluded but easily accessible bays and golden beaches. We enjoy a delicious lunch at the famous **Marlin Bar** before returning to the mainland.

*(B,L,) Overnight Townsville Madison Plaza*

## DAY 7 – TOWNSVILLE TO AIRLIE BEACH

Departing **Townsville**, we make our way south passing through the town of **Ayr** which is prime sugar country. The spectacular **Burdekin River Bridge** is the district's best known landmark and is the longest crossing of its type in the country. Known as the **Silver Link**, it is the only bridge in Australia built without a firm foothold. Then on to **Bowen** which of course is famous for the **Bowen Mango**, contributing one-third of the nation's mangoes. It is also home to **The Giant Mango**. After our stop, we then continue on the **Airlie Beach** arriving in time to discover the township before check in and time to relax before dinner.

*(B,D) Overnight Airlie Beach Colonial Palms*

## DAY 8 – WHITSUNDAY ISLAND CRUISE

Following breakfast we will transfer to the Port of Airlie and cruise through the **Whitsunday Islands National Park** seeing the remote bays, islands and beaches. We step ashore at **Whitehaven Beach** which has been voted the best beach in the world. We then visit

**Hamilton Island** and enjoy lunch and some free time to explore before departing back to Airlie Beach.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Airlie Beach Colonial Palms*

## DAY 9 – AIRLIE BEACH DISCOVERY; LAKE PROSERPINE; DEPART HOME

Today you will have time to relax and enjoy some free time in Airlie Beach. Soak up the laid-back, tropical atmosphere. Stroll through the boutiques, cafes and shops of the main street, relax by the lagoon or head to the **Sailing Club** for a nice cool drink. This afternoon, we visit **Lake Proserpine** also known as the **Peter Faust Dam** for an afternoon tea. We then make our way to Proserpine and visit the **Historical Museum**. The museum bridges the decades since Federation with historical, thought-provoking displays. We then meet the train for our journey home.

*(B) Overnight Train*

## DAY 10 – ARRIVE HOME

Today you will arrive at your home station after enjoying a charming rail journey from North Queensland with your newfound friends.

### TOUR OVERVIEW:

- All accommodation
- All meals as per itinerary
- Port Douglas & Mossman Gorge
- Daintree River Cruise
- Cairns & Green Island
- Townsville & Magnetic Island
- Ayr, Bowen, Giant Mango
- Airlie Beach & Whitsunday Islands
- Coach touring with commentary
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

**\*8 Days Tour Only – \$1990**

**\*PP T/S – Single /Sole Use add \$520**

**\*10 Days with Return Rail Fare**

**QLD Pension Economy Seat – \$2040**

**QLD Pension Deluxe RailBed – \$2370**

**Seniors Card Economy Seat – \$2225**

**Seniors Card Deluxe RailBed – \$2580**

**2020 DEPARTURE DATES:**

**15 August; 13 October**





# Cowboys, Caves & Castles

Charters Towers > Texas Longhorn Ranch >  
Undara Lava Tubes > Mareeba > Paronella Park > Cairns

This unique tour visits lots of amazing places and attractions. Cowboys at Texas Longhorn Ranch, Historical Charters Towers, Caves at the incredible Undara Lava Tubes and Castle Ruins of Paronella Park.

## DAY 1 – DEPART FOR TOWNSVILLE

Depart on the **Spirit of Queensland** Train in your Premium Economy Seats or upgrade to **Deluxe RailBeds** with all meals included.

*(All meals on the train for RailBeds)  
Applicable Discount Rail Fare applies*

## DAY 2 – CHARTERS TOWERS TEXAS LONGHORN RANCH

This morning after arriving in Townsville you are met by your tour host and depart by coach arriving at the **Texas Longhorn Ranch**. Here we enjoy an informative **Safari** around the property and herd including **JR** – 2013 Guinness World Record Holder of the longest horns (more than 3m). See Water Buffalo, American Bison, Scottish Highland Cattle and African Watasi. Then enjoy a relaxing morning tea under the shady trees at the homestead. Following our wonderful morning, we make our way into **Charters Towers**. Our tour includes a visit to the Miners Cottage which houses a collection of goldfields memorabilia. We will also visit the **Zara Clarke National Trust Museum** which houses a large collection that reflects Charters Towers' golden and military past. This evening we embark on the **Ghosts of Gold Heritage Movie**, where the ghosts of the gold rush era tell their tales as the evening settles in.

*(M/T,D) Overnight Park Motel, Charters Towers*

## DAY 3 – UNDARA LAVA TUBES

Following breakfast we will depart for our journey to the 'Outback Oasis', **Greenvale**, stopping at the **Three Rivers Hotel** that Slim Dusty made famous by the song of the same name. We will then travel on to Mt Surprise for lunch and then visit the **Undara Experience** for our guided tour of the amazing **Lava Tubes** formed by millions of years of volcanic eruptions. Dinner this evening at our accommodation.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Bedrock Village*

## DAY 4 – MAREEBA JACQUES COFFEE

After our breakfast we will depart and make our way to **Mareeba** and the famous **Jacques Coffee Plantation**. On arrival we enjoy an informative tour and lunch. We then continue on to Cairns and check in with time to freshen up before our dinner this evening.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

## DAY 5 – PARONELLA PARK

Breakfast then we depart by coach to **Paronella Park** and wander through the castle ruins in the rainforest. Enjoy some lunch before travelling to **Innisfail** and exploring the town. Return to Cairns via scenic **Cassowary Coast** for a two-course dinner this evening.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

## DAY 6 – EXPLORE CAIRNS

After breakfast we make our way to the **Cairns Botanic Gardens** for a tour. The gardens are the best example in Australia of the tropical flora. We then have a free afternoon to discover Cairns City at our leisure. You can make your way to the Cairns Regional Gallery or visit the Esplanade and Lagoon Pool, and Cairns Central Shopping Mall to pick up the odd souvenir, or visit the Cairns Reef Casino for a flutter. You might have friends or family in Cairns, so this is the perfect time to catch up. Meeting back at our hotel for our farewell dinner this evening.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

## DAY 7 – DEPART CAIRNS

This morning following breakfast we will depart on the **Spirit of Queensland** travelling to our home destination enjoying the company of your newfound friends.

*(B) Overnight Spirit of Queensland Train*



## DAY 8 – ARRIVAL HOME

Today the **Spirit of Queensland** will finish the journey arriving into Brisbane with cherished memories of Outback Queensland.



### TOUR OVERVIEW:

- All accommodation
- All meals as per itinerary
- Coach touring with commentary
- Texas Longhorn Ranch Safari & Homestead Smoko
- Charters Towers & Ghosts of Gold Presentation
- Greenvale & Three Rivers Hotel
- Undara Lava Tubes Tour
- Mareeba Jacques Coffee Plantation
- Paronella Park Tour & Innisfail Township
- Cairns Botanic Gardens & Free Afternoon
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

**\*6 Days Tour Only – \$1390**

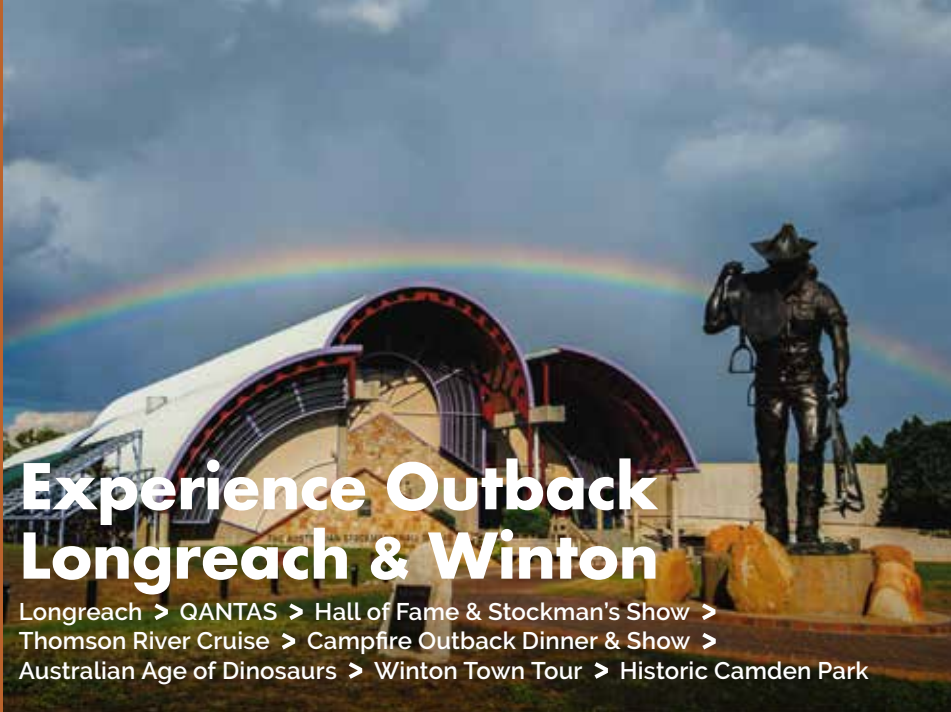
**\*PP T/S – Single /Sole Use add \$320**

**\*8 Days with Return Rail Fare**  
**QLD Pension Economy Seat – \$1440**  
**QLD Pension Deluxe RailBed – \$1770**  
**Seniors Card Economy Seat – \$1705**  
**Seniors Card Deluxe RailBed – \$1990**

**2020 DEPARTURE DATES:**  
 29 May; 3 August

\*See back cover for tour conditions





# Experience Outback Longreach & Winton

Longreach > QANTAS > Hall of Fame & Stockman's Show > Thomson River Cruise > Campfire Outback Dinner & Show > Australian Age of Dinosaurs > Winton Town Tour > Historic Camden Park



Longreach and Winton are fascinating places to visit, with lots of things to see and do in this part of the world including the QANTAS Museum and the famous Stockman's Hall of Fame. Winton offers the new Waltzing Matilda Centre and of course the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum.

## DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE, SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK

Depart for your journey on the **Spirit of the Outback** Train in either Premium Economy Seats or upgrade to **Deluxe RailBeds** with all meals included. Relax and enjoy the views of the rugged mountain ranges and farming areas of the coast before making our way west into the Outback.

**Overnight Spirit of the Outback Train**  
**Applicable Discount Rail Fare Applies**

## DAY 2 – ARRIVE LONGREACH, WELCOME BBQ

Arriving in **Longreach** late afternoon, we transfer to our motel and enjoy a welcome **Outback BBQ**.

**(B,L,D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn**

## DAY 3 – WINTON & AUSTRALIAN AGE OF DINOSAURS, WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE

Today we depart for **Winton** and to the **Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum of Natural History**. We will have a guided tour of the Museum which houses the largest collection of unique Australian dinosaur fossils and learn about the bone and fossil extraction process. We then make our way into Winton for lunch followed by a tour of this fascinating town, including the new **Waltzing Matilda Centre**.

**(B,L,D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn**

## DAY 4 – STOCKMAN'S HALL OF FAME, OUTBACK STOCKMAN'S SHOW

This morning, we make our way to the **Stockman's Hall of Fame** and have time to explore the museum. We then enter the show arena where we witness outback ringers perform their incredible abilities in horse breaking techniques and tricks along with man's best friend the cattle dog. Tonight we have dinner at the local club.

**(B,L,D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn**

## DAY 5 – HISTORICAL CAMDEN PARK, QANTAS MUSEUM, THOMSON RIVER CRUISE, CAMPFIRE DINNER & SHOW

This morning we visit **Camden Park Station** and walk in the footsteps of **Royalty** on the 'Queen's Path' where **Queen Elizabeth II** herself walked whilst on a visit. We also see the **Swagman's Grave**, The Historic 'dry bottom' **Chainman's Well**, and the oldest private ballroom in the Outback. We then visit the **Qantas Museum** for a tour of the 747, Original Hangar and Museum, enjoying the many displays of the QANTAS story. Then we will depart for a **Sunset Cruise** on the **Thomson River** followed by an **Outback Campfire Dinner and Show**.

**(B,D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn**

## DAY 6 – DEPART LONGREACH

This morning we will board the **Spirit of the Outback** for a magical journey home. Relax and enjoy the sun burnt plains and historical towns of the Outback.

**Overnight Spirit of the Outback Train**

## DAY 7 – ARRIVE BRISBANE

Today you will arrive at your home station after enjoying a charming rail journey from Queensland Outback with lots of fond memories of incredible Longreach, Winton and the Big Sky Country.



## TOUR OVERVIEW:

- All accommodation
- Welcome Outback BBQ Dinner
- All meals as per itinerary
- Coach touring & commentary
- Camden Park Station Tour
- QANTAS Museum & 747 Tour
- Stockman's Hall of Fame & Show
- Sunset Thomson River Cruise
- Campfire Dinner and Outback Show
- Age of Dinosaurs Museum & Tour
- Historical Winton Town Tour
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

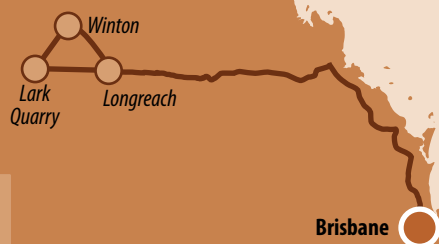
## \*7 Days with Return Rail Fare

**QLD Pension Economy Seat – \$1390**  
**QLD Pension 1st Class Cabin – \$1870**  
**Seniors Card Economy Seat – \$1570**  
**Seniors Card 1st Class Cabin – \$2110**  
**\*PP T/S – Single /Sole Use add \$320**

**2020 DEPARTURE DATES:**  
11 April; 30 May; 13 & 27 June;  
25 July; 1 & 22 Aug; 26 Sep; 3 Oct

\*See back cover for tour conditions





## 'The Real' Outback Spectacular: Dinner with Dino's & Lark Quarry

Longreach > QANTAS > Stockman's Hall of Fame > Thomson River Cruise > Campfire Dinner & Show > Age of Dinosaurs > Sunset Dinner with the Dino's > 3 Sisters of the Outback > Lark Quarry Dinosaur Stampede > Winton

Longreach has fascinating things to see and do. A region that attracted pioneers like the early post World War I pilots who formed QANTAS, it is also the home of the famous Stockman's Hall of Fame.

Winton has a rich history as the birthplace of *Waltzing Matilda*, but is just as well known today for something far more ancient, DINOSAURS! The region is home to diverse natural history and spectacular landscapes.

There's no doubt; this is Big Sky Country!

### DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK

Depart for your journey on the *Spirit of the Outback* Train in either Premium Economy Seats or upgrade to *Deluxe RailBeds* with all meals included. Relax and enjoy the views, making our way west into the Outback.

**(D) Overnight Spirit of the Outback Train**  
*Applicable Discount Rail Fare Applies*

### DAY 2 – ARRIVE LONGREACH WELCOME OUTBACK BBQ

Today, we pass through historical towns on our way into Longreach arriving late afternoon, then enjoy a lovely welcome *Outback BBQ*.

**(B,L,D) Longreach Motor Inn**

### DAY 3 – QANTAS MUSEUM, STOCKMAN'S HALL OF FAME, THOMSON RIVER CRUISE, CAMPFIRE DINNER & SHOW

This morning we visit the *Qantas Museum* for a tour of the 747, Original Hangar and Museum, enjoying the many displays of the QANTAS story. Then the *Stockman's Hall of Fame*. The Hall of Fame is a spectacular tribute to the people of the Outback. *Sunset Cruise* on the Thomson River, followed by a *Campfire Dinner* and *Outback Show*.

**(B,D) Longreach Motor Inn**

### DAY 4 – WINTON TOWN TOUR, WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE, AUSTRALIAN AGE OF DINOSAURS, DINNER WITH THE DINO'S

Winton today and the new *Waltzing Matilda Centre* followed by a town tour. We then make our way to the *Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum of Natural History*. We will have a guided tour of the Museum which houses the largest collection of unique Australian dinosaur fossils.

We then experience the most unique dining experience in Australia – relax and enjoy an *Aussie Outback BBQ with the Dinosaurs*. It's time to unwind and soak up the amazing Outback scenery for an unforgettable evening.

**(B,L,D) Winton Boulder Opal Motel Inn / North Gregory Hotel**

### DAY 5 – 3 SISTERS OF THE OUTBACK LARK QUARRY, DINO STAMPEDE

What a day of discovery today. Following breakfast we will depart and make our way to *The 3 Sisters*. Located on a private station outside Winton, *Great Value Holidays* has exclusive access on the Station to view the rock formations. We then depart for *Lark Quarry*. We view the amazing fossilised rock formations of the 95-million-year-old *Dinosaur Stampede*. Following the tour of the quarry and our lunch, we set off back to Longreach in time for dinner this evening.

**(B,L,D) Winton Boulder Opal Motel Inn / North Gregory Hotel**

### DAY 6 – DEPART LONGREACH SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK

We board the *Spirit of the Outback* train for a magical journey home. Relax and enjoy the Club Car while taking in the scenery.

**(B,L,D) Spirit of the Outback Train**

### DAY 7 – ARRIVE HOME

Today you will arrive at your home station after enjoying a charming rail journey from Queensland Outback with lots of fond memories of the Outback.



#### TOUR OVERVIEW:

- All accommodation
- All meals as per itinerary
- Longreach Town Tour
- Coach touring with commentary
- QANTAS Museum & 747 Tour
- Stockman's Hall of Fame & Show
- Sunset Thomson River Cruise
- Campfire Dinner & Outback Show
- Age of Dinosaurs Museum & Tour
- Sunset BBQ Dinner with the Dino's
- Famous North Gregory Hotel
- 3 Sisters of the Outback Rock Formations
- Lark Quarry Entry & Tour
- Dinosaur Stampede Trackways
- Winton Town Tour
- Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

#### \*7 Days with Return Rail Fare

QLD Pension Economy Seat – \$1740  
QLD Pension 1st Class Cabin – \$2170  
Seniors Card Economy Seat – \$1930  
Seniors Card 1st Class Cabin – \$2410  
\*PP T/S – Single /Sole Use add \$320

**2020 DEPARTURE DATES:**  
4 July; 12 September

\*See back cover for tour conditions





# Awesome Foursome Gulflander Adventure

Cairns > Atherton Tablelands > Georgetown > Croydon > Normanton > Karumba > Forsyth > Cobbold Gorge > Mt Surprise > Undara Lava Tubes > Gulf & Savannahlander Trains



## Experience 4 QLD Trains in the 1 Tour!

### DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE ON THE SPIRIT OF QUEENSLAND

Depart for your journey on the **Spirit of Queensland** Train. Discover what relaxation is all about as it journeys the Queensland coast between Brisbane and Cairns, in either **Deluxe RailBeds** with all meals included plus pamper pack with the evening bed turndown, or Premium Economy seats.

*(All meals in the train for RailBeds)*

### DAY 2 – TOWNSVILLE / CAIRNS

Arriving in **Cairns** mid afternoon. You will then be met by our friendly tour host and transferred to **Cairns Queenslander** with time to freshen up before enjoying dinner.

*(B,L,D)*

### DAY 3 – CAIRNS TO GEORGETOWN

This morning we depart by coach on our journey across the Atherton Tablelands arriving in **Ravenshoe** mid morning. Ravenshoe boasts the highest pub in Queensland. We will pass through **Mt Surprise** then travelling further inland stopping at **Georgetown** where we will visit the Terrestrial Centre which houses one of the largest mineral collections in the world.

*(B,D) Overnight Latara Motel Georgetown*

### DAY 4 – CROYDON TO KARUMBA OUTBACK BY THE SEA

Depart after breakfast this morning travelling through **Croydon** for our town tour and on to **Normanton** as we follow the Gulflander train line. We will then arrive in **Karumba** this afternoon. This evening we will enjoy an alfresco beachfront dinner while overlooking the **Gulf of Carpentaria** watching the sunset.

*(B,D) End of Road Motel Ash's Apartments*

### DAY 5 – NORMANTON TO FORSYTH GULFLANDER TRAIN COBBOLD GORGE

This morning we will 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. Normanton was the port for the **Croydon Gold Rush** and is a terminus of the Normanton Railway Station which features preserved Victorian architecture. On our ride, enjoy a stop at **Blackbull Siding** for morning tea, before arriving into Croydon. We board the coach again for **Forsyth** and **Cobbold Gorge**.

*(B,D) Cobbold Gorge Village/Finnegan's Rest*

### DAY 6 – DAY AT THE GORGE & CRUISE

Following breakfast this morning you will be amazed as you delve into a geological process which began some 1700 million years ago. This is an unforgettable highlight of your trip to Outback Queensland. The tour begins with an informative insight into the geology of the rugged sandstone formations, followed by a guided bushwalk to the top of the escarpment. It's a relatively easy walk with the reward of a magnificent view of the gorge below. 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.

*(B,D) Overnight Cobbold Gorge/Finnegan's Rest*

### DAY 7 – SAVANNAHLANDER, MT SURPRISE UNDARA LAVA TUBES

The **Savannahlander** (Silver Bullet) travels between Cairns and Forsyth giving passengers one of the great rail experiences of the world through the Outback. We will transfer to meet the Savannahlander then stopping at **Einasleigh** with time to purchase lunch at the pub if you wish before travelling through to Mt Surprise. We will then depart for **Undara Lava Lodge** for our tour of the **lava tubes**.

*(B,D) Overnight Undara Lodge / Bedrock Village*



### DAY 8 – KURANDA SCENIC RAILWAY

After our bush breakfast we will depart and meet the **Kuranda Scenic Railway** for our Gold Class Train, travelling through lush tropical greenery to Cairns.

*(B,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

### DAY 9 – DEPART CAIRNS

This morning following breakfast we will depart on the **Spirit of Queensland** travelling to our home destination enjoying the company of your newfound friends.

*(B) Overnight Spirit of Queensland Train  
(All meals in the train for RailBeds)*

### DAY 10 – ARRIVAL HOME

Today the **Spirit of Queensland** will finish the journey arriving into Brisbane with cherished memories of both the Australian Outback and the vast Gulf Region of Australia.

**\* 8 Days Tour Only – \$2490**

**\*PP T/S – Single /Sole Use add \$600**

**\*10 Days with Return Rail Fare**

**QLD Pension Economy Seat – \$2540**

**QLD Pension Deluxe RailBed – \$2890**

**Seniors Card Economy Seat – \$2725**

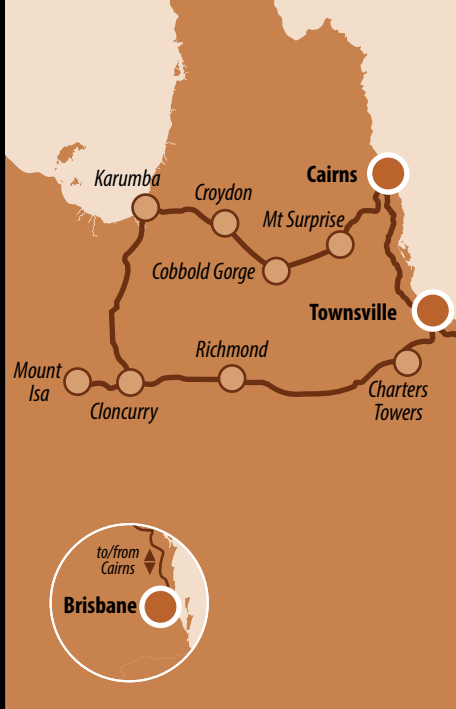
**Seniors Card Deluxe RailBed – \$3160**

**2020 DEPARTURE DATES:**

**18 April; 9 May; 6 June; 18 July;  
8 August; 12 September; 3 October**

\*See back cover for tour conditions





## Best of the North West

Herberton > Undara Lava Tubes > Georgetown > Forsyth > Cobbold Gorge  
> Croydon > Karumba > Cloncurry > Mount Isa > Richmond > Charters Towers

### DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE

Depart on the **Spirit of Queensland** Train in your optional **Premium Economy Seats** or upgrade to **Deluxe RailBeds** with all meals included.

*(All meals on the train for RailBeds)*

### DAY 2 – CAIRNS WELCOME

Arriving in **Cairns** mid afternoon. You will be met by your tour host and coach driver and transferred to the motel, with time to freshen up before enjoying a welcome dinner at 6pm. **Note:** If not using the train service, please arrive in Cairns today and meet at the motel.

*(D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

### DAY 3 – HERBERTON VILLAGE

Departing Cairns, we visit the **Herberton Historical Village**. The Village has over 50 restored original buildings. Walking through the Village, visitors are given a sense of being in a historical township complete with chemist, school, bank, grocer's store, a jail, mechanic and more, making this museum the most significant in Queensland. We then depart for Mt Surprise and our overnight stop.

*(B,D) Overnight Bedrock Village*

### DAY 4 – UNDARA LAVA TUBES

This morning we visit **Undara National Park** for our guided tour of the amazing **Lava Tubes** formed by millions of years of volcanic eruptions. We then make our way to Forsyth and Cobbold Gorge for dinner this evening.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Cobbold Gorge Village*

### DAY 5 – COBBOLD GORGE

Our Gorge 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 and a magnificent view of the gorge below. Then glide on custom-made, electric powered boats in almost eerie silence ensuring minimal disturbance to the wildlife. Following lunch, we depart for our night's stop in **Georgetown** and call into the **Terrestrial Centre** which is home to one of the largest mineral collections in the world.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Latara Motel Georgetown*

### DAY 6 – CROYDON TO KARUMBA

Depart this morning travelling through **Croydon** for our town tour and on to **Normanton** before arriving in **Karumba**. This evening we will enjoy a

cool drink while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Carpentaria followed by dinner.

*(B,D) Overnight Ash's Apartments*

### DAY 7 – BARRA CENTRE SUNSET DINNER CRUISE

This morning we visit the amazing new **Barra Centre** which offers an interpretive experience and is the only hatchery in the world that breeds the southern gulf barramundi. Some free time to enjoy Karumba before we board our **Sunset Cruise**. We cruise up to the **Katoora** wreck, spotting for crocs and wildlife then out to watch the sunset over the Gulf Waters enjoying prawns and nibbles along the way.

*(B,D) Overnight Ash's Apartments*

### DAY 8 – KARUMBA TO CLONCURRY

Departing along the Burke Development Road, we make our way south calling in to the Burke & Wills Road House for a break. Then continuing on, arriving to Cloncurry, visiting the **Unearthed Museum** with the star exhibit being Robert Burke's (Burke and Wills) water bottle, along with the history and photos of their exploration.

*(B,D) Overnight Leichhardt Hotel Motel*

### DAY 9 – DAY IN MOUNT ISA

Outback at the **Isa** today and take part in the **Hard Times Underground Mine Tour** and Outback Park. We then visit the **WWII Underground Hospital** and the **Beth Anderson Museum** and the **Tent House**. Following on with a tour of the **Mount Isa** sites including the famed **Lookout**.

*(B,M,T,D) Overnight Leichhardt Hotel Motel*

### DAY 10 – RICHMOND

**Richmond** is part of Australia's **Dinosaur Trail** and **Kronosaurus Korner** is Australia's premier marine fossil museum. It showcases nearly 1,150 unique fossil specimens found around the region. Fossils from the area include the 100 to 115-million-year-old remains of extinct marine reptiles, fishes, ammonites and squids.

*(B,D) Overnight Ammonite Inn Richmond*

### DAY 11 – CHARTERS TOWERS

Visiting **Charters Towers** today including the **Miners Cottage** which houses a collection of goldfields memorabilia. We will also visit the **Zara Clarke National Trust Museum**. This evening we enjoy the **Ghosts of Gold Heritage** movie, where

the ghosts of the gold rush era tell their tales as evening settles in.

*(B,D) Overnight Park Motel Charters Towers*

### DAY 12 – TOWNSVILLE DEPART FOR HOME PORT

This morning we make our way into **Townsville** and visit the iconic **Castle Hill**. A World War II observation bunker still sits on one corner of the Hill reminding visitors of Castle Hill's military history. We then make our way to the train station for your departure this afternoon. **Note:** If not using the train service, your tour completes in Townsville at 2pm.

*(B) Overnight Spirit of Queensland*

### DAY 13 – ARRIVE HOME

Today the **Spirit of Queensland** will finish the journey arriving at your home port with cherished memories of the Best of the North West.

#### TOUR OVERVIEW:

- All accommodation
- All meals as per itinerary
- Coach touring with commentary
- Herberton Historical Village
- Undara Lava Tube Tour
- Cobbold Gorge & Tours
- Karumba Barra Centre & Cruise
- Cloncurry Unearthed Museum
- Mount Isa Underground Mine Tour
- Richmond & Charters Towers
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

**\*11 Days Tour Only – \$2890**

**\*PP T/S – Single /Sole Use add \$600**

**\*13 Days with Return Rail Fare**

**QLD Pension Economy Seat – \$2940**

**QLD Pension Deluxe RailBed – \$3290**

**Seniors Card Economy Seat – \$3230**

**Seniors Card Deluxe RailBed – \$3560**

**2020 DEPARTURE DATES:**

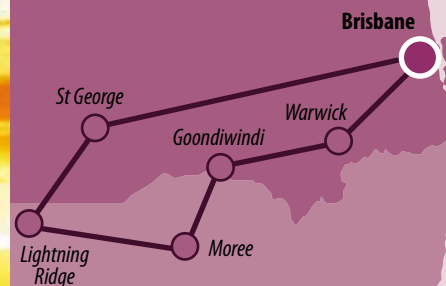
**16 May; 13 June**

\*See back cover for tour conditions



# Eccentric Lightning Ridge

St George > Lightning Ridge > Moree > Goondiwindi > Warwick



There are a few mining towns in Australia but none of them are quite as unique as Lightning Ridge. Immerse yourself in over 100 years of opal mining history in the town that honours amazing man-made follies and does not know its actual population. Fossick for your own treasure on lands that 100 million years ago were inhabited by dinosaurs and ancient forests, a stone's throw from the discovery of one of the world's largest and most valuable uncut black opals. This is Lightning Ridge.

## DAY 1 – BRISBANE TO ST GEORGE

We depart today from Roma Street Station and make our way along the Warrego Highway through Toowoomba and then down the Gore Highway to Millmerran where we will stop for our lunch. Following lunch, we make a visit to the **Museum** where you will reminisce of a time gone by when you see the displays collected from the local district, many of which have been donated by the families.

Before departing the town, we will take a tour around the streets and from the comfort of our coach, we follow the trail of **Millmerran historical murals** where various stages of the region's history are depicted on the side of buildings. Continue on to **St George for a town tour**, then checking in before dinner in the restaurant this evening.

**(L,D) Overnight St George, Riverland Motor Inn**

## DAY 2 – LIGHTNING RIDGE

After a hearty breakfast we depart and make our way to **Lightning Ridge**. This afternoon, we start to explore this amazing place. Opal is Australia's national gemstone and Lightning Ridge produces over 95% of these. Make your pilgrimage to the home of the spectacular black opal, the rarest form of Australia's magnificent national gemstone. Lightning Ridge, a charismatic opal town on the edge of the NSW outback, is the world's main source of the most desirable of opals. On arrival, a local guide will join us on the coach for a sightseeing tour of the town. One

of the more unusual sights will be **Amigos Castle** – a castle built from ironstone by a local resident.

We will also see the **Astronomers Monument**, the **Hot Artesian Pool**, and **Coopers Cottage**. This authentic miner's camp was built in 1916 and is a genuine historical display of early pioneer living. After our wonderful day we check in to our home base for the next two nights.

**(B,D) Lightning Ridge, Wallangulla Motel**

## DAY 3 – LIGHTNING RIDGE

After breakfast we head to the **Walk-In-Mine** to experience the atmosphere of an underground mine. We also have a tour including a video presentation and explanation about opal mining. Next is a visit to the **John Murray Art Gallery**, well worth a visit. We now have some free time for lunch (own arrangements) before an afternoon visit to the **Chambers of the Black Hand**. At 11.2m underground, local artist Ron Canlin has created the most amazing paintings and sculptures. The second level is a mine that has been worked for over 100 years, and all the old shafts and drives that were dug by the old timers are still there. On this level a geology tour will give us the different strata's opal formation – an experience not be missed. Our last stop for the day is to meet our local opal expert at the **Opal Cave**. He will show us how the opal is cut and polished. Completing our fascinating day, we return to our motel.

**(B,D) Lightning Ridge, Wallangulla Motel**

## DAY 4 – MOREE, GOONDIWINDI

Following breakfast, we then depart Lightning Ridge and make our way to **Moree** for our lunch and then a tour of the town steeped in history with its exquisite Art Deco architecture. Moree's main street showcases majestically restored heritage-listed buildings influenced by American, Egyptian, Greek and Spanish design, dating back to between 1920 to 1939 Art Deco period. The result is a breathtakingly unique CBD which is perfect for taking a trip down memory lane. Then on to Goondiwindi in time to check in and freshen up before dinner this evening.

**(B,L,D) Goondiwindi Jolly Swagman Inn**

## DAY 5 – WARWICK, ABBEY OF ROSES

After breakfast we will visit the **statue of the Goondiwindi Grey**. 'Gunsynd' showed that dreams can come true by becoming the champion of his era winning the Cox Plate and the four big mile races – the only horse in history to have achieved

this. We then arrive at the **Customs House Museum**. A border customs point before Federation, this authentically restored building and its magnificent cottage garden house a rich and colourful collection of mementos of yesteryear. Departing and making our way to **Warwick** for lunch at the beautiful '**Abbey of the Roses**', we will enjoy a tour of the historic home before making our way back home following our adventure to Lightning Ridge.

**(B,L)**



## TOUR OVERVIEW:

- Accommodation
- All meals as per itinerary, tours, entry fees
- Coach Touring and Commentary
- Millmerran Museum & Murals
- St George Town Tour
- Lightning Ridge
- Astronomers Monument
- Amigos Castle & Hot Artesian Pool
- Coopers Cottage & Walk-in Mine
- Chamber of the Black Hand & Opal Cave
- Moree & Goondiwindi
- Warwick & Abbey of the Roses
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

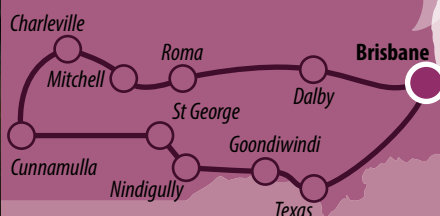
**5 Days – \$1460\***

\*PP Twin Share, Single add \$225

**2020 DEPARTURE DATE:**

13 May





## Classic Pubs of Southern Outback Queensland

**CLASSIC OUTBACK PUBS** – if only the walls could talk! They are the centre of many country communities – where famous poems have been penned and tall stories have evolved into folklore ... and Queensland has plenty of them. Over 10 days we will discover the pub where “Dad & Dave” – two of Australia’s most famous folklore characters came to life and a pub in Cunnamulla that has been restored to its former glory twice! Our tour takes us west to Cunnamulla, then north to Charleville and home through Roma and Dalby. Let us supply the stottie coolers!!

### DAY 1 – DAD & DAVE’S RUDD’S PUB 1917 – CRITERION HOTEL 1910 – O’MARA’S HOTEL

Our coach tour starts in Brisbane and our first stop – **Rudd’s Pub**. This pub is so much more than just a country watering hole. This is the pub where “Dad and Dave” – two of Australia’s most famous folklore icons – came to life, thanks to writer Steele Rudd and a couple of pints of beer! Next stop is the **Criterion Hotel Warwick**. This heritage-listed hotel is one of the largest pubs in the area and was built in 1917. We have lunch here before continuing to **Stanthorpe** for a guided tour before settling into our overnight accommodation. Dinner tonight is at **O’Mara’s Hotel**. The hotel was built in 1910 and there is even a resident ghost!

(L,D) *Overnight Vines Motel, Stanthorpe*

### DAY 2 – STOCKMAN HOTEL, TEXAS 1920 – VICTORIA HOTEL, GOONDIWINDI

Texas today and we call in at the **Stockman Hotel**. This charming pub is known far and wide for its warm and welcoming hospitality. Next we visit the **Texas Heritage Centre** which offers a fascinating insight into the interesting history of the local area and has numerous buildings to explore. Then we make our way to **Goondiwindi** and enjoy dinner at the historical 1920 **Victoria Hotel**. What started out as a modest single-storey wooden building with

a shingle roof is now one of the most outstanding examples of architecture in Southern Queensland.

(B,L,D) *Overnight Jolly Swagman Inn, Goondiwindi*

### DAY 3 – 1864 – NINDIGULLY PUB 1886 – COBB & CO HOTEL, ST GEORGE

This morning we visit the **Customs House Museum**, a border customs point before Federation. Then the 1864 **Nindigully Pub** which is Queensland’s oldest hotel to enjoy our lunch. Then on to St George and join our **River Cruise** on the Balonne River. Dinner at our motel, then we venture to the 1886 **Cobb & Co Hotel** for a night cap. The hotel was licensed to John Roberts in 1886 and once advertised that they had electricity!

(B,L,D) *Australian Hotel Motel, St George*

### DAY 4 – CUNNAMULLA 1886 – CLUB BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Today we make our way to **Cunnamulla** and enjoy lunch at the 1886 **Club Boutique Hotel**. The Club has been rebuilt twice – once after the 1892 tornado and again after the 1933 fire that razed it to the ground. Both times it has been restored to its former glory. We then visit the **Cunnamulla Fella Centre Art Gallery and Museum**.

(B,L,D) *Warrego Motel, Cunnamulla*

### DAY 5 – CHARLEVILLE HISTORICAL TOUR 1924 – CORONES HOTEL CHARLEVILLE

**Charleville** today and meeting our local guide who will take us on a town tour learning of the fires, floods and pioneer history of this iconic town. We will then visit the remains of the **WW2 top secret base** established by the Americans in 1942. We visit **Historic House** with its amazing collections. Then step back in time at the iconic **Hotel Corones**, well known as one of the truly memorable hotels in the heart of the Outback. The history goes back to its construction in 1924. Our “Scones & Stories” tour guide will tell us tales of this historical hotel.

(B,A/T) *2 nights Waltzing Matilda Motel, Charleville*

### DAY 6 – THE BILBY CAPITAL COSMOS OBSERVATORY

**Charleville** is the **Bilby Capital of Australia** and today our guide will teach us about this fascinating Australian native animal. From here we visit the **Royal Flying Doctor Centre**. For 85 years they have provided medical care to Outback Australia. At the **Cosmos Observatory** we view stars and planets many thousands of light years away by powerful telescope under the outback sky. (B)

### DAY 7 – MITCHELL, GREAT ARTESIAN SPA; 1917 – QUEENS ARMS HOTEL BIG RIG NIGHT SHOW

Heading east this morning to **Mitchell** which is well known for its stunning artesian baths. We have some time for those who would like to rejuvenate in the mineralised water. On to **Roma** where we will see a number of historic buildings and sites including St Paul’s Anglican Church which features stunning leadlight windows. Dinner at the 1917 **Queens Arms Hotel** tonight before we make our way to the **Big Rig Oil Night Show** for an interactive insight into the hardships and heroic stories of oil drilling and exploration.

(B,D) *Overlander Homestead, Roma*

### DAY 8 – 1921 CRITERION HOTEL, DALBY; ARRIVE BRISBANE

This morning into **Dalby** for our final classic pub visit for the tour. Lunch today is at the **Criterion Hotel**. Also known as the Crib, it’s an integral part of Dalby and a great local spot. From Dalby we pass through Toowoomba and arrive home late afternoon.

(B,L)

#### TOUR OVERVIEW:

- Accommodation & meals as per itinerary
- Dad & Dave’s Rudd’s Pub
- Criterion & O’Mara’s Hotels
- Stockman Hotel, Texas
- Victoria Hotel, Goondiwindi
- Nindigully and Cobb & Co Pubs, St George
- Club Boutique Hotel, Cunnamulla
- The Hotel Corones, Charleville
- Bilby Experience & Cosmos Observatory
- Great Artesian Spa, Mitchell
- Queens Arms Hotel & Big Rig Oil Show, Roma
- Criterion Hotel, Dalby
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

## 8 Days – \$2180\*

\*PP Twin Share, Single add \$420

**2020 DEPARTURE DATE:**

1 April

\*See back cover for tour conditions



# Christmas in July on the Murray Princess

When winter comes around it's time to break out the mince pies, puddings and Yuletide treats. For those of us in the Southern Hemisphere, that transforms into Christmas in July, snuggled up in the warm cosy lounges of *Murray Princess* with a mulled wine and great company. Step aboard the *Murray Princess* and you step aboard the grand old lady of the river of a bygone era. Equal to any trade route in the world, the Murray was the lifeblood of the pioneers who lived in the driest continent on Earth.

The Murray's banks form protected lagoons for a myriad of bird and animal life including sulphur crested cockatoos nesting high in towering sandstone cliffs. Along the way we will cruise past majestic Red Gums forests, stark Box Tree flats and massive white sand bars.

## DAY 1 – ARRIVE ADELAIDE

Welcome to our 6-day tour to celebrate Christmas in July on the fabulous *Murray Princess*. Today we arrive in Adelaide from our flight. We are met by our friendly coach captain and visit the **Adelaide Oval** for a behind-the-scenes tour, to see the inner workings of this iconic ground. We then check in for our welcome dinner.

**(D) Overnight Mercure Grosvenor Hotel, Adelaide**

## DAY 2 – BAROSSA VALLEY

A perfect way to warm up for Christmas is a visit to the **Barossa Valley Vineyards**. First stop is **Seppeltsfield Wines** where we meet our guide who will tell of the fascinating history of the early

pioneering spirit of the Seppelt family and their profound influence on the Australian wine industry. We now drive to the historic village of **Tanunda** and take a stroll along the historical streets. Our final visit in the valley today is another icon – **Jacobs Creek**. Way back in 1847, a young Bavarian immigrant by the name of Johann Gramp planted the Barossa Valley's first commercial vineyard on the banks of Jacobs Creek. Today, Johann's original cellar is still standing at the site.

**(B,D) Overnight Mercure Grosvenor Hotel, Adelaide**

## DAY 3 – ADELAIDE HILLS PS MURRAY PRINCESS

Following breakfast, we make our way up to **Mount Lofty** where we can take in the views of Adelaide and the coastline. From here it's not far to the small Adelaide Hills town of **Hahndorf**, Australia's oldest surviving German settlement. We take a sightseeing drive around town, then we can have time at leisure to look through the shops and purchase lunch if you wish. Early-afternoon we make our way and board the *Murray Princess*. Our cruise gets underway as we depart Mannum and cruise under floodlight to our overnight mooring at **Mundurra**. Enjoy the on-board entertainment while we cruise the calm waters.

**(B,D) Overnight Murray Princess Outside Cabin**

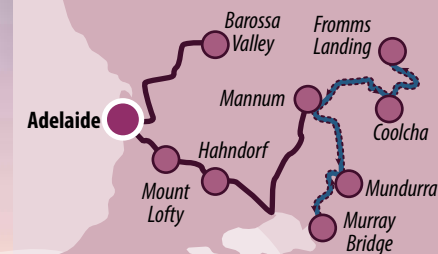
## DAY 4 – CRUISE THE MURRAY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

In 1879 the first bridge to span the Murray River was built at Edwards Crossing, which quickly became the bustling township of **Murray Bridge**. After a hearty breakfast, choose to join a guided tour of Murray Bridge's historic landmarks and local attractions or go on a wildlife tour at Monarto Zoo (additional cost). Back in time for lunch as the dining room is transformed for the special **Christmas in Winter** themed lunch with all the Christmas Trimmings. This afternoon we continue cruising upriver to our overnight mooring at **Salt Bush Flat**; you will have the opportunity to inspect the wheelhouse with the Captain. After dinner, enjoy being entertained by our talented crew.

**(B,L,D) Overnight Murray Princess**

## DAY 5 – MURRAY RIVER TOURING

All ashore for the guided nature walk where our guide will share the secrets of the local flora and



fauna. It's a great way to get in a little exercise before the *PS Murray Princess* departs for the big river gorges and 90 metre cliffs of the upper river. Mid-morning, join us in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the riverlands. Just after Fromms Landing, we turn and head downriver to River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat / Coolcha) where our discovery vessel awaits for a wildlife tour. Travelling in small, personalised groups, we explore the maze of the river and the birdlife is amazing. Watch for darters, herons and egrets feeding along the river's muddy edges. Later afternoon we join the Captain and Officers for pre-dinner drinks and the spectacular Farewell Captain's Buffet. Dress up and dance, if you wish.

**(B,L,D) Overnight Murray Princess**

## DAY 6 – DISEMBARK CRUISE DEPART ADELAIDE

The *PS Murray Princess* arrives back into Mannum just after breakfast and we reluctantly say farewell. From Mannum we are transferred to the Adelaide airport or our flights home after a wonderful Christmas in July holiday on the Murray River.

### TOUR OVERVIEW:

- Return Flights Ex BNE, SYD, MEL\*
- All Accommodation
- All Meals as per itinerary
- Coach touring and Commentary
- Adelaide City & Oval Tours
- Barossa Valley Vineyards
- Adelaide Hills & Hahndorf
- *PS Murray Princess* 3 Night Cruise
- Christmas in July Themed Lunch
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

**6 Days Tour Only – \$2190\***  
**With Return Flights – \$2690\***  
 \*PP Twin Share, Single add \$495

**2020 DEPARTURE DATE:**  
 22 July



## Art Silo Trail of Central Victoria

Ballarat > Sovereign Hill > The Wimmera > Swan Hill > Echuca > Bendigo

### DAY 1 – ARRIVE MELBOURNE

Welcome to our 6 day Silo Art Trail Tour of Victoria. Street art and grain silo murals are drawing crowds to small country towns in rural Victoria – so we are going to go and see what all the fuss is about! On arrival in Melbourne airport we load our luggage and board our coach for the afternoon drive to **Ballarat**. It's about an hour and a half's drive to Ballarat, where on arrival we check into our accommodation for the next two nights. Over dinner we get to know our fellow travellers and discuss our days ahead.

**(D) 2 nights Bell Tower Inn, Ballarat**

### DAY 2 – BALLARAT & SOVEREIGN HILL

Today we spend the day discovering **Ballarat**. We collect our local guide and embark on a tour of this historic gold mining city, with its outstanding heritage architecture. Next is a visit to **Eureka Centre**, dedicated to the central theme of democracy. The Eureka Centre explores the events surrounding the Eureka Stockade and has exhibitions including the original Eureka Flag.

A visit to Ballarat would not be complete without a look through **Sovereign Hill** which provides the opportunity to step back in time to the golden past and the days of the gold rush over 100 years ago. There is so much to see and do with their many sights and attractions. We spend the rest of the day enjoying the Red Hill Gully Diggings, where miners dressed in the bright colours of the 1850s show us how to pan for gold, and along the main street, horse drawn vehicles pass us by.

We then return to our motel for dinner and time to freshen up, as tonight we will return to Sovereign Hill for the new show called **AURA** which will tell the story of gold throughout the ages from its original formation and the Gold rush, to the enduring allure of gold today. We will be instantly transported into an immersive multi-sensory experience as we are guided through pastoral settlements to the rich cultural tapestry of life on the goldfields. The experience will engage us on an enrapturing Sovereign Hill journey.

**(B,D)**

### DAY 3 – THE WIMMERA ART SILO TRAIL

Following breakfast we depart Ballarat and head north on the Silo Art Trail. Our first stop is at **Rupanyup** to view the Grain Silo painted by Julia Volchkova. The giant silver-painted steel bin grain silos feature two local residents, both members of the local Rupanyup Football and Netball Club. Our next stop is at **Sheep Hills** where International artist Adnate has painted Wimmera Elders Ron Marks and Regina Hood, along with a young boy and a young girl. The mural is about passing knowledge on from generation to generation. **Warracknabeal** for lunch at the **Creekside Hotel**, then to **Brim** where International street artist Guido van Helten has painted a 30m by 30m scene. From Brim we continue along the Silo Art trail to **Rosebery** and **Lascelles**, before we arrive in **Swan Hill** for tonight's accommodation and dinner. Tonight we experience the **"Heartbeat of the Murray"** Sound and Laser Show. This wonderful new sound and light show is the first of its kind and utilises water, light, laser, sound and special effects to tell the fascinating story of the Murray – from 30 million years ago to today.

**(B,L,D) Overnight Swan Hill Resort**

### DAY 4 – SWAN HILL TO BENDIGO

A short drive to **Lake Boga** where we stop at **The Flying Boat Museum**. This is a memorial to those who worked on and with the Flying Boats during World War II. Lake Boga was an ideal stretch of water on which the mighty flying boats could alight. Late morning, we arrive into **Echuca** and have some free time before we visit the **Port of Echuca Discovery Centre** where we'll learn about the Echuca Wharf. Built in 1865 by the Victorian Railways, it was crucial to the town's development and became Australia's largest inland port in the late 1800s. We're joined by a local guide who will share interesting tales of the colourful personalities that crewed the old river boats. This afternoon we depart to **Bendigo** and along the way we stop in **Rochester** to view the colourful murals painted on the local silos before arriving in **Ballarat** for the next 2 nights.

**(B,D) 2 nights Quality Inn Colonial, Bendigo**

### DAY 5 – HISTORIC BENDIGO

We will begin our touring of **Bendigo** and the best place to start is at the magnificent **Sacred Heart Cathedral** which overlooks the city. It is the only English Gothic Cathedral in Australia. The walls of the

sanctuary are Sicilian Pearl Marble, with Verdi Tinos surrounding the main altar which is of Dromana Granite. Mid-morning we board the **'Talking Tram'** for an interesting ride through the main areas of Bendigo to see some of the other stunning buildings, such as the Shamrock Hotel and to learn a little about the history of the Goldfields. At the **Central Deborah Gold Mine** we have arranged a guided surface tour of what is an actual working mine – right in the centre of the city. On completion of our tour we have lunch in the café and then this afternoon we visit the **Golden Dragon Museum**. One permanent display is "Sun Loong", the longest Imperial dragon in the world. We also stop by the **Chinese Joss House** – the oldest Joss House still in use in the Bendigo area, built in 1860.

**(B,L,D)**

### DAY 6 – HOMEWARD BOUND

Unfortunately it's time to leave this magical part of the country. Our transfer to the airport has us boarding our flight home.

*NOTE: This tour can be combined with the 25th Anniversary Melbourne International Flower Show, see page 3.*

#### TOUR OVERVIEW:

- 4\* Accommodation
- Art Silo Trail of Central Victoria
- Ballarat Discovery Tours
- Sovereign Hill & Eureka Stockade
- AURA Laser Light Show
- Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement
- Heartbeat of the Murray Laser Show
- Bendigo Discovery Tours
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

**6 Days Tour Only – \$1920\***

**With Return Flights – \$2320\***  
\*PP Twin Share, Single add \$330

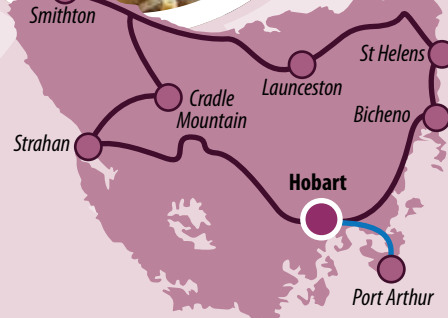
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**23 March**

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# Total Tasmania

Hobart > Port Arthur > Derwent Bridge > Queenstown > Gordon River > Strahan > Cradle Mountain > Dove Lake > Smithton > Stanley > Devonport > Sheffield > Cataract Gorge > Launceston > Tamar Valley > Beauty Point > Legerwood > Weldborough Pass > St Helens > Friendly Beaches > Coles Bay > Freycinet National Park > Bicheno > Triabunna > Richmond



## DAY 1 – HOME PORT TO HOBART

Arriving in **Hobart** today, you will be met by our friendly local Coach Captain and enjoy a **city sites tour** from the comfort of our coach. We then enjoy our welcome dinner.

*(D) Overnight Best Western Balmoral*

## DAY 2 – PORT ARTHUR

Today we make our way to **Port Arthur**. We will cruise the Harbour and tour the **Isle of the Dead**, Port Arthur's island burial ground. We will then return to the mainland and have a guided walk and listen to a talk on the history of this penal colony. Departing we will travel on, stopping at the **Blowhole**, **Tasman Arch** and **Devil's Kitchen**.

*(B,D) Overnight Best Western Balmoral*

## DAY 3 – DERWENT, QUEENSTOWN, WALL IN THE WILDERNESS

Today we visit New Norfolk and **Derwent Bridge** where we see the amazing **Wall in the Wilderness**. The beautifully carved works set out in sculpture depict the people in the Central Highlands. Continuing on to **Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers National Park**. This area is home to spectacular lakes and mountain areas. From the pristine beauty of the National Park we will make our way to **Queenstown**. This is a journey quite like no other. As you make the steep descent the scenery changes from lush greenery to a moon-like landscape.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Westcoaster Motel*

## DAY 4 – GORDON RIVER CRUISE

Today we make our way to **Strahan** to enjoy our **Gordon River Cruise**. The cruise will take us through the Heritage-listed South West Wilderness National Park and the beautiful Gordon River enjoying a delicious buffet luncheon.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Westcoaster Motel*

## DAY 5 – CRADLE MOUNTAIN, STANLEY, SMITHTON

Today we travel to the world renowned **Dove Lake** and **Cradle Mountain**. The park is one of the state's most special places. We will be met by our local guide and travel by coach through the area. Then making our way to Stanley.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Stanley Seaview Inn*

## DAY 6 – NORTH WEST COAST, LAUNCESTON

**Devonport** today and then on to **Sheffield**, a town of 34 painted murals. Chocolate lovers, today you will have a chance to enjoy some at the **House of Anvers** – Belgium Chocolate Heaven! For those of you with a more savoury taste, you won't miss out either as we will travel on to visit **Ashgrove Cheese**. Then on to **Launceston**.

*(B,D) Overnight Launceston Commodore Regent*

## DAY 7 – LAUNCESTON, TAMAR VALLEY

Explore the city of **Launceston**, including a stop at the **Waverley Woollen Mills** and **Grindelwald**. We then enjoy our **Tamar River Cruise**. We cruise past Tamar Island where we view the historical buildings. We watch the scenery change from vineyards and farms and pass through **Rosevears** and **Windermere**.

*(B,A/T,D) Overnight Launceston Commodore Regent*

## DAY 8 – BEAUTY POINT, BATMAN BRIDGE, LEGERWOOD, ST HELENS

Travelling to **Beauty Point** this morning we arrive at **Platypus House** for a visit. Then making our way over the famous **Batman A Frame Bridge**, we continue on to **Leaning Church Winery** and enjoy our lunch. We make our way to **Legerwood** to visit the amazing **Carved Memorial Trees**. The trees are sculpted into World War I soldiers to honour their memory. Then arriving into **St Helens**.

*(B,L,D) Overnight St Helens, Tidal Waters*

## DAY 9 – BICHENO, COLES BAY, FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK

This morning we depart for **Bicheno**, the jewel of the East Coast. Also included in this day of discovery is Tasmania's first national park, **Freycinet** and it's also the most spectacular. Once there, you will be mesmerised by the park's spectacular cliff-top lookouts and especially the iconic **Wineglass Bay**. Following lunch at the beautiful **Coles Bay**, we make our way to **Cape Tourville** for the spectacular ocean views and the Lighthouse.

*(B,D) Bicheno Best Western Beachfront*

## DAY 10 – SWANSEA, RICHMOND ARRIVE HOBART

**Triabunna** is a scenic portside town and the gateway to the natural wonders. The town sits at

the doorstep of some of Tasmania's most beautiful places. We visit the Tasmanian **Seafarers Memorial** which provides an insight into the area's maritime past. We then continue on to **Richmond**. The **Richmond Bridge** was built by convicts in the 1820s and is Australia's oldest known large stone arch bridge.

*(B,D) Overnight Best Western Balmoral*

## DAY 11 – SALAMANCA MARKETS, DEPART HOBART

This morning we visit the famous **Salamanca Markets**. Enjoy the sights, sounds, flavours, action and colour of Australia's best outdoor market. Late morning, we then make our way to the airport to meet your flight with wonderful memories of **Total Tasmania**.

### TOUR OVERVIEW:

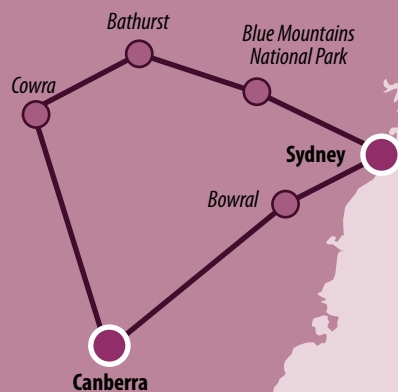
- 4\* Accommodation
- All meals as per itinerary
- Launceston & Tamar Valley River Cruise
- Winery & Carved Memorial Trees
- Weldborough Pass, Overnight St Helens
- Cape Tourville, Friendly Beaches
- Freycinet National Park, Coles Bay
- Wine Glass Bay, Overnight Bicheno
- Triabunna, Swansea, Richmond Bridge
- Hobart City Tour & Mt Wellington
- Port Arthur Full Day Tour
- Derwent Bridge & Queenstown
- Strahan & Gordon River Cruise
- Cradle Mountain & Dove Lake
- Stanley, Smithton, Devonport
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

**11 Days Tour Only – \$3490\***

**With Return Flights – \$3925\***  
\*PP Twin Share, Single add \$650

**2020 DEPARTURE DATE:**  
**1 April**





# Canberra Floriade, Bowral Tulips & Blue Mountains

Bowral Tulips > Bradman Museum > Canberra Floriade > Parliament House > Australian War Memorial > Cowra > Bathurst > Blue Mountains

Tulip Time in Bowral is one of Australia's oldest and best loved floral festivals. Corbett Gardens, the centrepiece of the Festival, is mass-planted with over 75,000 tulips, 15,000 annuals and an additional 40,000 tulips planted across the Shire. Overall a celebration of stunning tulip displays.

The Canberra Floriade is Australia's biggest celebration of spring. This iconic Canberra event, which has been going for over three decades, showcases one million flowers in bloom throughout Canberra's Commonwealth Park.

## DAY 1 – SYDNEY TO BOWRAL TULIPS

Arriving at Sydney Airport under your own arrangements (please arrive prior to 10am) you will be met by our host and coach before making our way by coach to the Southern Highlands visiting Corbett Gardens for the annual Bowral Tulip Festival with stunning displays of sweeping spring colour. We then visit the Bradman Cricket Hall of Fame and the story of the Boy from Bowral.

*(L,D) Overnight Mercure, Goulburn*



## DAY 2 – CANBERRA FLORIADE

Today is festival day! Following breakfast we depart to Canberra and the Commonwealth Park, which is the centre of the Floriade Festival. The flower display is the largest of its type in the southern hemisphere. We spend the morning here with free time to wander around at our leisure and to purchase lunch if you wish. This afternoon we visit Cockington Green. In this English village there are thatched cottages, a tiny church, the village green, an oats house in Kent, a riverside inn, castles and even Stonehenge.

*(B,D) Overnight IBIS Styles, Canberra*

## DAY 3 – CANBERRA DISCOVERY WAR MEMORIAL, LAST POST

Of course, Canberra is the seat of Government in Australia. Today we have planned a tour of Parliament House. Next is the Museum of Australian Democracy (formerly Old Parliament House). The remainder of our afternoon will be at the Australian War Memorial. The focus of the commemoration is the Hall of Memory together with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Pool of Reflection and the Roll of Honour. We stay to hear the Last Post and closing ceremony.

*(B,D) Overnight IBIS Styles, Canberra*

## DAY 4 – CANBERRA TO COWRA

Today we are heading to Cowra, the town made famous by the POW Camp located here during WWII and the now famous 'Cowra Breakout'. A local guide joins the coach for our town tour.

We will also visit the Australian & Japanese War Cemeteries, which contains the graves of the Japanese involved in the POW Breakout during World War II. This is the only Japanese War Cemetery in Australia. We then visit the Cowra Japanese Gardens. Meandering paths and wooden bridges allow us to explore and view the gardens at ease.

*(B,D) Overnight Townhouse Motel, Cowra*

## DAY 5 – BATHURST & BLUE MOUNTAINS

From Cowra we travel to Bathurst and take a drive around the Mount Panorama Racing Circuit. As the circuit is actually a public road it's easy to experience the 'on track' feeling! We take a sightseeing tour of Bathurst, then make our way to Oberon and visit Mayfield Gardens. There is a maze, an oak forest and an 80 metre cascade that tumbles down the hillside. We relax over lunch

here and later this afternoon, and then make our way to the Blue Mountains.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Zig Zag Motel, Blue Mountains*

## DAY 6 – BLUE MOUNTAINS

This morning we visit Everglades Gardens, one of the most important historic gardens in the region. Morning tea, then we make our way to the magnificent Carrington Hotel. On arrival we enjoy a tour followed by a delicious high tea. We take the scenic Cliff Drive where we take in the sights of Echo Point and the mystical Three Sisters and after a photo opportunity we return to Leura with time at leisure to explore the village.

*(B,M,T,D) Overnight Comfort Inn Redleaf Resort*

## DAY 7 – SYDNEY, HOMEWARD BOUND

Sadly our tour has come to an end and following breakfast, we make our way through to Sydney airport to board our flight home. We arrive home with many wonderful memories of our tour.

Return flights at own arrangements from 12 noon.

### TOUR OVERVIEW:

- Accommodation & meals as per itinerary
- Tours, Entry Fees, Activities
- Coach Touring and Commentary
- Bowral Tulip Festival & Bradman Museum
- Canberra Floriade & Cockington Green
- Parliament House & Museum of Democracy
- War Memorial & Last Post Tribute
- Cowra & Japanese Gardens
- Bathurst & Mount Panorama Drive
- Oberon & Mayfield Gardens
- Blue Mountains & Everglades Gardens
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

**7 Days Tour Only – \$1990\***

**With Return Flights – \$2310\***  
\*PP Twin Share, Single add \$420

**2020 DEPARTURE DATE:**  
23 September



# Colleen McCullough's Norfolk Island Discovery

Discover the Norfolk Island that Colleen McCullough, the world renowned author of 24 books, called home for almost 36 years and visit her beloved property 'Out Yenna'.

## DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE, ARRIVE NORFOLK ISLAND

Departing from your home port today, you will arrive on Norfolk Island. On arrival you will be met by our local tour operator – **Pinetree Tours** and transferred to Castaway Motel which will be your home for the tour. We then enjoy a welcome fruit punch on arrival before checking in to your rooms and our dinner this evening at our motel.

**(D) Castaway Motel**

## DAY 2 – ORIENTATION TOUR, CONVICT SETTLEMENT

Our Half Day **Orientation Tour** is a must for every visitor. Visit historic Kingston, Cascade, Longridge and much more. See and hear about the famous convict buildings, beautiful beaches and golf course, the renowned **Melanesian Chapel**. Enjoy views from scenic spots on this full commentary conducted tour. This afternoon we enjoy an in-depth tour of the historic Georgian Settlement of Kingston. Walk through the cemetery and hear the history of interesting convict and colonial headstones. Dinner tonight is at **Barney Duffy's**.

**(B,M/T, A/T,D) Castaway Motel**

## DAY 3 – GLASS BOTTOM BOAT, WONDERLAND BY NIGHT

**Christian's Glass Bottom Boat** today with a wonderful view beautiful coral gardens and tropical fish inside the calm crystal waters of Norfolk's lagoon. Then enjoy a BBQ Dinner at a scenic spot on Norfolk Island. Following dinner we view the **Wonderland by Night**.

The setting is 10 acres of magical Norfolk pines and bushland lit up like an enchanted forest. Meander along (or ride in the 'moon buggy') a gentle winding path whilst a descendant of one of the *Bounty* mutineers recites poetry written by local poet Archie Bigg. The dioramas are lit up and the setting is magical. Afterwards enjoy a light supper.

**(B,D) Castaway Motel**

## DAY 4 – MUTINY CYCLORAMA, ISLAND FISH FRY

**Fletcher's Mutiny Cyclorama** is an unforgettable experience. This is one of only a handful of paintings of this type in the world and is based on an art form made popular in the 1800s. Walk inside the circular painting and be surrounded by the immense artwork. A spectacular 3D effect is achieved in this painting with its detailed artwork and realistic perspective and the story that traces the history of the *Bounty* leaving England through Tahiti, Pitcairn Island and arrival at Norfolk Island in 1856. Late this afternoon enjoy a feast of island dishes, salads, homemade bread and fresh fried fish, followed by island desserts and tea or coffee. Enjoy some local entertainment on our exclusive private property 'Orn Daa Cliff' on Norfolk's western coastline.

**(B,D) Castaway Motel**

## DAY 5 – BUSH BREAKFAST, PROGRESSIVE DINNER

This morning take a stroll through One Hundred Acres Reserve or for the more energetic, a leisurely 3.5km walk through scenic **Mt Bates** to **Captain Cook Monument**. If you prefer not to rise early and bush walk you'll be picked up a little later and taken to join the walkers at Anson Bay as they return from their walk and where you'll all enjoy a delicious **breakfast barbecue** on the clifftop. The rest of the day is at leisure. Tonight we enjoy a 3-course meal progressing to different Norfolk Island family homes. A fun night and a great way to meet the local people and sample some of the island dishes.

**(B,D) Castaway Motel**

## DAY 6 – BEHIND THE HEDGES

Travel to **Anson Bay** to visit a small hobby farm, which has been instrumental in improving our local livestock industry. Close by see a demonstration at Norfolk's major pottery and browse at the **Cottage Pottery** shop. After a delicious morning tea at a scenic location, visit a beautiful private and commercial garden that supplies our local florists with stock. Finish the tour with a visit to a beautiful Banyan tree on a private property. This afternoon is at leisure. Dinner tonight at Paradise Hotel & Resort.

**(B,M/T,D) Castaway Motel**

## DAY 7 – COLLEEN MCCULLOUGH TOUR, NIGHT AS A CONVICT

Colleen McCullough, the world renowned author of 24 books, called Norfolk Island home for almost 36 years. Today you will visit her beloved property '**Out Yenna**'. You are escorted through her magnificent home and given a glimpse into the life of a modern day literary icon. If you have read her amazing books, you will love the experience of sharing the world of Colleen McCullough, author of 'Tim', 'The Thornbirds' and 'Morgan's Run'. **Night as a Convict** is a must do. Dress as a convict and join in with the Commandant for an evening of gaiety, feasting, singing and dancing. Great food and great fun.

**(B,D) Castaway Motel**

## DAY 8 – DEPART NORFOLK ISLAND

Unfortunately all good things come to an end and following breakfast, will be transferred to the airport in time for your flight home.

### TOUR OVERVIEW:

- Return Airfares ex BNE
- 4\* Castaway Motel Norfolk
- Island Tour & Convict Settlement
- Glass Bottom Boat & Island Fish Fry
- Wonderland by Night
- Fletcher's Mutiny Cyclorama
- Progressive Dinner & Behind the Hedges
- Colleen McCullough's 'Out Yenna'
- Night as a Convict Dinner
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

**8 Days – \$2825\***

**\*PP Twin Share, Single add \$320**

**2020 DEPARTURE DATE:**  
13 October



# Hunter Valley Rose Spectacular, Xmas Lights & Jacaranda Festival

Grafton > Jacaranda Festival > Coffs Harbour > Maitland > Hunter Valley Gardens Rose Spectacular > Christmas Lights > Hunter Valley Wineries > Port Stephens > Tamworth > Armidale

## DAY 1 – HOME PORT TO GRAFTON

Welcome to our eight day tour to the **Hunter Valley Rose Spectacular**. Everyone on board, we travel south as we make our way over the border. Today we have planned a visit to the **Tweed Regional Gallery** at **Murwillumbah**. The interiors are filled with over 20,000 items. We enjoy a light lunch at the gallery café before making our way to **Grafton** this afternoon.

(L,D) **Quality Inn, Grafton**

## DAY 2 – JACARANDA FESTIVAL

After breakfast we make our way to the annual **Jacaranda Festival**. We have the opportunity to wander through the markets to view the many stalls selling local wares. This afternoon our local guide will board our coach for a town tour of Grafton. We are very lucky to be here on the last Saturday of the festival as today is **Parade Day**. This evening we see the **Grand Float Procession** down Prince Street. After a fantastic day we make a time to meet up and return to our motel for dinner.

(B,D) **Quality Inn, Grafton**

## DAY 3 – COFFS HARBOUR, MAITLAND

We head south on the Pacific Highway via **Coffs Harbour** and **Nambucca Heads** to reach **Port Macquarie** where we stop for lunch at the Port Macquarie Golf Club, then through to **Maitland** for our four night stay.

(B,L,D) **Old Maitland Inn**

## DAY 4 – HUNTER VALLEY

This morning we take a look around Maitland before we make our way to the **Hunter Valley Gardens**. We're lucky enough to be here during the annual **Rose Spectacular** time, where the gardens will be blooming with over 2 million roses. A light lunch will be provided in the garden's café before we visit the Hunter Village to stop and browse. Some may choose to visit **Hunter Valley Cookies**, **Hunter Valley Chocolate Company** or the **British Lolly Shop**. Of course no visit to the Hunter Valley would be complete without a wine tasting. We also visit **McGuigans** and the **Hunter Valley Cheese Company** to sample some of their delicious cheeses. We now enjoy dinner before making our way back to the gardens for the magical **Christmas Lights Spectacular** with over 1.5 million Christmas lights on show. The lights spectacular is bound to capture the spirit of Christmas and create lasting memories for all.

(B,L,D) **Old Maitland Inn**

## DAY 5 – UPPER HUNTER VALLEY, DARLEY STUD

A full day of touring today in the **Upper Hunter Valley**. We are joined by our local guide as we tour through the region. Our sightseeing takes us to **Darley Stud** – a magnificent operation with animals and scenery that will be remembered. **Darley (Woodlands)** is owned by Sheik Mohammed from Dubai – he is the largest breeder of Thoroughbreds in the world, this farm being the largest. It's in the Upper Hunter and we have exclusive rights to visit today! We'll stop for lunch in **Denman** before continuing our sightseeing which will include some local enterprises and of course a wine tasting at a local winery. After a thoroughly fascinating day we will say farewell to our guide and head for home.

(B,L,D) **Old Maitland Inn**

## DAY 6 – PORT STEPHENS

This morning we head to **Port Stephens** where we board our cruise boat for a sightseeing cruise on **Nelson Bay**. Keep your fingers crossed as, with luck, we may also meet some of the long-time locals – the friendly dolphins. We then head to the **RAAF Williamstown** for our visit to **Fighter World**, the world's first fighter aircraft display centre. It is here we see the history of the Australian Air Force close up. See the aircraft in action in the large photographic display. Mid-afternoon we return to Maitland where we have some free time in town.

(B,D) **Old Maitland Inn**

## DAY 7 – TAMWORTH, ARMIDALE

We farewell Maitland and make our way to **Singleton**, **Muswellbrook** and on to **Tamworth**.

Tamworth is known as the country music capital of Australia. In town, you'll see the **Hands of Fame Park**, which contains the handprints of more than 300 country music stars, and the mighty **12-metre-high Golden Guitar**. We then relax over a lunch at the **Longyard Hotel**. Steeped in tradition, it is truly an icon of Australian hotels with an atmosphere that is distinctly country! From here we drive on to **Armidale** for our overnight stay.

(B,L,D) **Country Comfort, Armidale**

## DAY 8 – ARMIDALE TO HOME

After breakfast we depart Armidale and continue north to **Glen Innes**, the heart of the New England Highlands. From Glen Innes we travel north to **Tenterfield**. Today we follow in the footsteps of great

Australians – **Sir Henry Parkes**, **Banjo Paterson** and **Dame Nellie Melba** and grace the rooms of historic **Stannum House** for our lunch break. The beautifully restored home has recently been open to the public. Then arriving back into Brisbane following our wonderful Xmas Lights Tour.

(B)



### TOUR OVERVIEW:

- 7 nights accommodation
- 7 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners
- Lunches as per Itinerary
- Coach touring with knowledgeable Coach Captain and commentary
- Jacaranda Festival Parade
- Port Macquarie & Maitland
- Rose Spectacular
- Hunter Valley Chocolate & Cheese
- Christmas Lights Spectacular
- Darley Stud
- Denman & Winery Visit
- Port Stephens Nelson Bay Cruise
- Tamworth & Armidale
- Glen Innes & Tenterfield
- Historic Stannum House

**8 Days – \$2490\***

\*PP Twin Share, Single add \$600

**2020 DEPARTURE DATE:**  
30 October

\*See back cover for tour conditions



# Christmas Onboard the Incredible Indian Pacific

Perth City > Fremantle > Swan River & Valley  
> Indian Pacific Gold Class Perth > Adelaide & Sydney

There's no better way to appreciate the sheer breadth of Australia than by crossing every inch of it. By embarking on this transcontinental journey, you'll be following in the footsteps of those who have dared to venture beyond the city limits. Stepping aboard the mighty Indian Pacific, you'll feel a great sense of anticipation as this unforgettable Australian adventure begins to unfold. You will be making your way across the longest stretch of straight railway track in the world. This is a journey defined by contrast, encompassing the towering majesty of the Blue Mountains to the barren expanse of the Nullarbor and every goldmine and ghost town in between.

## DAY 1 – INDIAN PACIFIC GOLD CLASS

Departing from your home port this morning, you will arrive in Sydney and then make our way to meet the **Indian Pacific** and embark on an epic transcontinental journey across Australia to Perth.

*(B,L,D & all beverages) Overnight Train*

## DAY 2 – BROKEN HILL, ADELAIDE

**Broken Hill**, a classic mining town where the streets are wide and there is a pub on every corner. On your off train excursion we visit the **Pro Hart Gallery** and many other attractions. Boarding again, we make our way arriving in Adelaide where we explore, by coach, boutique wineries or Hahndorf Village.

*(B,L,D & all beverages) Overnight Train*

## DAY 3 – COOK, RAWLINNA CHRISTMAS DAY ON THE NULLARBOR

Overnight we will have made our way into Western Australia. Wake up and marvel at the raw beauty of the **Nullarbor**. We then will be treated to a

wonderful **Christmas Lunch** with all the trimmings. Who else will be able to say, "I had Christmas Lunch crossing the Nullarbor"? Your sense of wonder will be well and truly ignited when it comes time to set foot at **Rawlinna** this evening. Under brilliant desert stars, enjoy an evening stop to partake in a traditional Outback dinner under the wide Nullarbor skies while enjoying a chilled beverage and canapés.

*(B,L,D & all beverages) Overnight Train*

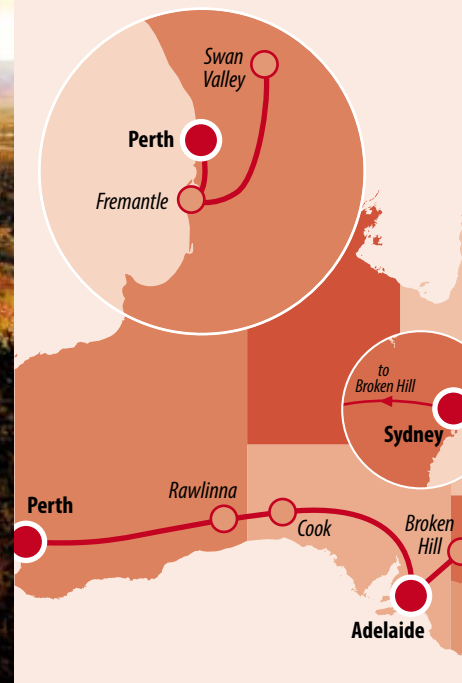
## DAY 4 – ARRIVE PERTH

This morning the **Avon Valley** comes into view. The mild skies and cool green vales of this picturesque part of the world will truly delight. Arriving into **Perth** after lunch, we will be met by our coach and transferred to our accommodation with time to freshen up for dinner this evening.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Perth Ambassador*

## DAY 5 – SWAN RIVER CRUISE FREMANTLE TOUR

We enjoy a relaxing cruise on the **Swan River** with interesting commentary of the sights and history en route to Fremantle. We will then take part in



a fascinating tour of this port city learning of its colourful history including a visit to the notorious **Fremantle Prison** and other historical sites.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Perth Ambassador*

## DAY 6 – SWAN VALLEY

Following breakfast, we then depart for the **Swan Valley Region** and visit the odd winery or two and also a working chocolate factory where you can sample some tasty treats.

*(B,L,D) Overnight Perth Ambassador*

## DAY 7 – PERTH MINT TOUR DEPART PERTH

Following breakfast we will depart for the **Perth Mint**. We will enjoy a guided tour of this grand heritage building, learning of the allure of gold that was established as a branch of Britain's Royal Mint in 1899. We will then depart for our journey home after one of the most fascinating rail journeys and unique Christmas experiences in the world.

*(B)*

### TOUR OVERVIEW:

- Return Flights
- All Accommodation
- All Meals, Entries, Activities
- Coach touring with commentary
- Gold Class on the Indian Pacific
- Most Off Train Excursions included
- Perth City Sites Tour
- Swan Valley Day Tour & Wineries
- Swan River Cruise
- Fremantle Tour
- Christmas Lunch
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

**7 Days – \$3990\***

\*Twin or Single  
\*Seniors Group Discount Rate

**2020 DEPARTURE DATE:**  
23 December

\*See back cover for tour conditions

# Cairns Xmas Capers

Cairns > Kuranda > Port Douglas > Mossman Gorge > Daintree River Cruise > Skyrail > Reef Casino Xmas Lunch > Dundee's Restaurant > Harbour Cruise

## DAY 1 – MONDAY 21ST DEC DEPART BRISBANE

Depart on the **Spirit of Queensland Train** in your Premium Economy Seats or upgrade to **Deluxe RailBeds** with all meals included.

*(All meals on the train for RailBeds)  
Applicable Discount Rail Fare Applies*

## DAY 2 – ARRIVE CAIRNS

Arriving in **Cairns** mid afternoon. You will then be met by our friendly tour host and transferred to **Cairns Queenslander**. You will have time to freshen up before enjoying dinner.

*(D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

## DAY 3 – SKYRAIL, KURANDA BOTANICAL GARDENS

Skyrail today up the mountain range to the **Kuranda Village**. You will have time to wander through the markets and taste the local cuisine before we meet our coach and travel back to Cairns and call into the **Botanical Gardens** with time to walk through the

lush gardens, renowned for having one of the best exhibitions of tropical plants in Australia.

*(B,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

## DAY 4 – CAIRNS AQUARIUM

Today we visit the **Cairns Aquarium** which is the only aquarium in the world dedicated exclusively to the habitats and species of Tropical QLD. We then enjoy a free afternoon at your leisure before meeting up again for dinner.

*(B,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

## DAY 5 – REEF CASINO XMAS LUNCH

Merry Xmas, The big day has arrived!! The **Reef Hotel Casino** today for a wonderful Christmas Lunch with all the special trimmings to ensure you have a memorable day.

*(B, L, Light Dinner) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

## DAY 6 – MOSSMAN GORGE, DAINTREE RIVER CRUISE, PORT DOUGLAS

This morning we tour the magnificent ancient **Mossman Gorge**. Then on to the **Daintree River** for our boat cruise, seeing crocodiles and other wildlife. We will then depart for **Port Douglas**, with time to

wander around the township and purchase lunch if you wish before we return in time for our dinner.

*(B,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander*

## DAY 7 – DEPART CAIRNS

After breakfast this morning the group will depart to meet the train for our relaxing journey home.

*(B, all meals in RailBeds)*

## DAY 8 – 28TH DEC, ARRIVE BRISBANE

This morning you will arrive at your home station after enjoying a wonderful Cairns Xmas.

**\*6 Days Tour Only – \$1590**

**\*PP T/S – Single /Sole Use Room add \$400**

**\*8 Days with Return Rail Fare**  
**QLD Pension Economy Seat – \$1640**  
**QLD Pension Deluxe RailBed – \$1990**  
**Seniors Card Deluxe RailBed – \$2260**

**2020 DEPARTURE DATE:**  
**21 December**

\*See back cover for tour conditions

# A Golden Coast Xmas

Gold Coast > Broadwater Cruise > Tweed River Cruise > The Star Casino > Coolangatta > Byron Bay > Mt Tamborine > Sanctuary Cove

## DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE TO GOLD COAST, WATERWAYS CRUISE

Arriving on the **Gold Coast**, you will be met by our friendly tour host/coach driver then depart for **Surfers Paradise** to meet our cruise boat for a tour of the **Gold Coast Waterways** including the **Broadwater**, viewing **Marina Mirage** and **Palazzo Versace**. Travel past the marinas, which will be filled with visiting millionaires' yachts from all over the globe. We will then make our way to the **Iconic Crowne Plaza Hotel**, Surfers Paradise, where we will spend our Gold Coast Xmas.

*(D) Overnight Crowne Plaza*

## DAY 2 – TWEED RIVER CRUISE

We board **The Golden Swan** for a **Tweed River** cruise, enjoying our morning tea and watching the changing scenery along the river. We will also have a delicious surf and turf lunch with a salad buffet. After our cruise we will do a **City Sights Tour** of the Gold Coast.

*(B,L,D)*

## DAY 3 – CHRISTMAS DAY STAR CASINO LUNCH

The big day has arrived!

This morning enjoy a relaxing breakfast with a build up to the Main Event, our wonderful **Christmas Lunch**. You will be seated at the specially themed **Xmas Dining Room** and partake in a feast fit for Kings and Queens with all the trimmings including sumptuous **Turkey** and **Christmas Pudding** which will make this day a truly enjoyable one for all.

*(B,L,Supper)*

## DAY 4 – COOLANGATTA, BYRON BAY

Today we will visit the town of **Murwillumbah** overlooked by the awe inspiring might of **Mt Warning**, stopping for morning tea. We will then depart for **Byron Bay** for lunch and explore the local region, including the famous lighthouse.

*(B,L,D)*

## DAY 5 – MT TAMBORINE

Breakfast before we travel to **Mt Tamborine** and stop in at **Gallery Walk**, visit the **Cuckoo's Nest** to look at the clocks or maybe pop into **Granny Mac's** and try some fudge. We then enjoy lunch at famous **Saint Bernards Hotel** overlooking amazing views of the **Gold Coast** skyline before making our way home.

*(B, L)*

**5 Days – \$1590\***

**\*PP Twin Share, Single add \$400**

**2020 DEPARTURE DATE:**  
**23 December**

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## Spirit OF QUEENSLAND



Discover what relaxation is all about with the newest addition to the Queensland Rail Travel fleet, the Spirit of Queensland. As it journeys the Queensland coast between Brisbane and Cairns, experience the contemporary and comfortable design with state-of-the-art entertainment options. Choose to travel in a Premium Economy Seat with its leather seats and generous legroom or upgrade to a Deluxe RailBed, a spacious seat by day converting to a lie-flat bed at night. Enjoy the culinary delights prepared using the freshest of Queensland produce, sourced from within 100 kilometres of the rail corridor. Guests have access to the Club Car, while RailBed customers will enjoy the added benefit of all meals being served to their seat. Combining the convenience of an efficient service with the romance of long distance rail travel, the Spirit of Queensland will have you relaxed from the moment you step onboard.

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The perfect Australian Outback rail adventure starts aboard the Spirit of the Outback. This fascinating overnight journey spanning between Brisbane and Longreach offers a unique insight into the history and culture of early Australia. Wonder at the ever changing landscape, as Spirit of the Outback journeys through the heritage towns of Blackwater, Emerald and Barcaldine, before arriving into the very heart of the Queensland Outback, Longreach. Experience all inclusive First Class, a discovery in itself, with hearty meals in the exclusive dining car and relaxing beverages shared with fellow travellers in the exclusive lounge car. This vast region perfectly illustrates the Australian spirit of exploration and adventure – a world that truly comes to life in front of your eyes. Arriving in Longreach, set off to discover the epic stories behind places like the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and the Outback Centre.



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