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Cairns and Tablelands Pioneer Explorer

Cairns > Paronella Park > Yungaburra > Herberton Historical Village
Pioneer Weekend > Kuranda > Mossman



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TOUR OVERVIEW: Accommodation & meals as per itinerary • Coach touring & commentary Paronella Park • Yungaburra • Herberton Historical Village Pioneer Weekend event • Cathedral Fig Atherton Tablelands • Lake Barrine Tea House & Cruise • Kuranda Scenic Railway • Fully hosted by our friendly staff

7 Days Tour Only \$2885
Sole Use add \$450

9 Days with Return Rail Fare
QLD Pension Economy Seat \$2935
QLD Pension Deluxe RailBed \$3285
Senior Card Deluxe RailBed \$3555
Adult fare (no discount card) \$3665

2024 Departures:
8 May

See back cover for tour conditions.

DAY 1: Depart Brisbane

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

(All meals on the train for RailBeds)

DAY 2: Cairns Welcome

Arriving into **Cairns** mid afternoon you will be met by your tour host and coach driver who will transfer you to the starting hotel, with time to freshen up before the **Welcome Dinner**.

(D) Cairns DoubleTree by Hilton

Note: If not arriving by the rail service, please meet at 6pm in the Hotel foyer.

DAY 3: Paronella Park & Yungaburra

This morning we depart Cairns and make our way south to **Innisfail**. Jose Paronella's dream was to build a castle. He chose a special part of Australia and created **Paronella Park**. On 5 hectares beside **Mena Creek Falls** he built his castle, picnic areas, tennis courts, bridges and a tunnel and then wrapped it up in an amazing range of 7,500 tropical plants and trees, now a lush rainforest. We tour through the castle ruins and hear all about Jose Paronella's amazing life and dreams, then enjoy a **lunch** in this beautiful setting. The afternoon takes us to the **Atherton Tablelands**, arriving at the village of **Yungaburra** with time to spot the resident platypus and enjoy dinner at the historical Yungaburra Pub.

(B,L,D) Yungaburra Park or Curtain Fig Motel

DAY 4: Pioneers Event at Herberton Historical Village

Today we experience olden day Australia coming alive, as our pioneers climb out of the history books and into real life at the Historic Village Herberton. This special event is held only once per year and is the

best way to visit the Village. See experts demonstrate blacksmithing, wood chopping, tin panning, small engines, and enjoy the extensive historical collections. Feel free to join the yesteryear themed dress up, with Fashions on the Field prizes to be won! After a big day exploring the Village, we enjoy dinner at Australia's largest timber pub, The Malanda Hotel.

(B,D) Yungaburra Park or Curtain Fig Motel

DAY 5: Atherton Tablelands & Kuranda Scenic Railway

After breakfast we enjoy the sights of the **Atherton Tablelands** such as the 500-year-old **Cathedral Fig Tree** and a **cruise** on the clear waters of the crater lakes at **Lake Barrine**. Scones and tea are a specialty here! Travelling through the rolling hills we stop at **The Humpy** to sample local produce before meeting the **Kuranda Scenic Railway**. Travelling in Gold Class we wind our way down through the lush tropical rainforests arriving back into Cairns in the late afternoon. This evening is at your leisure.

(B, Afternoon tea) Cairns DoubleTree by Hilton

DAY 6: Cairns Aquarium & Botanical Gardens

This morning we visit the spectacular **Cairns Aquarium** which connects visitors with the natural wonders of the Great Barrier Reef without getting your feet wet! The afternoon is spent exploring the tropical paradise of **Cairns Botanical Gardens**, renowned for having one of the best exhibits of tropical plants in Australia. Tonight we enjoy a **dinner cruise** along the calm waters of the Trinity Inlet.

(B,D) Cairns DoubleTree by Hilton

DAY 7: Mossman Gorge & Daintree River Cruise, Port Douglas

Today we venture into **Mossman Gorge**. Here the **Mossman River** tumbles its way over and around huge



granite boulders that line the Gorge creating cool, clear, fresh swimming holes. We then make our way to the **Daintree River** for our **Cruise**. One of the best ways to experience the rainforest and view its inhabitants is by cruising along the **river**. Then on to **Port Douglas** with time to explore the town before returning to Cairns for our **Farewell Dinner**.

(B,D) Cairns DoubleTree by Hilton

DAY 8: Depart For Brisbane

Following breakfast, we meet the train for your return journey on the **Spirit of Queensland** back to your home station.

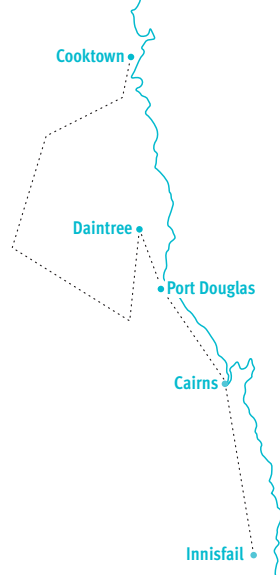
(B) (All meals on the train for RailBeds)

DAY 9: Arrive Home

Today you'll arrive at your home station filled with wonderful memories of the scenic Cairns and Atherton Tablelands.

Cairns & Cooktown Discovery

Cairns > Paronella Park > Port Douglas > Daintree > Cooktown



TOUR OVERVIEW: Accommodation & meals as per itinerary • Coach touring & commentary Paronella Park & Innisfail • Mossman Gorge & Daintree River Cruise • Port Douglas Township, Palm Cove • Palmer River Roadhouse & Black Mountain • Cooktown Museum & Cemetery Grassy Hill Lookout, Botanical Gardens Endeavour River Dinner Cruise • Lions Den Hotel, Annan River • Mount Molloy & Mareeba Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

7 Days Tour Only\$2750
Sole use add\$450

9 Days with Return Rail Fare

QLD Pension Economy Seat\$2800
QLD Pension Deluxe RailBed\$3150
Senior Card Deluxe RailBed\$3420
Adult fare (no discount card)\$3530

2024 Departures:

9 August

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DAY 1: Depart Brisbane

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

(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 the **Welcome Dinner**.

(D) Cairns DoubleTree by Hilton

Note: If not arriving by the rail service, please meet at 6pm in the Hotel foyer.

DAY 3: Paronella Park

This morning we depart Cairns by coach and make our way south to **Innisfail**. Jose Paronella's dream was to build a castle. He chose a special part of Australia and created **Paronella Park**. On 5 hectares beside Mena Creek Falls he built his castle, picnic area by the falls, tennis courts, bridges, a tunnel and wrapped it up in an amazing range of 7,500 tropical plants and trees, now a lush rainforest. Opened to the public in 1935, it now is a must see when visiting the area. We will tour through the Castle Ruins in the rainforest, then enjoy a lunch before departing back to Cairns.

(B,L) Cairns Double Tree Hilton

DAY 4: Mossman Gorge Daintree River Cruise Port Douglas

Today we venture into the Mossman Gorge. Here the Mossman River tumbles its way over and around huge

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granite boulders that line the gorge creating cool, clear, freshwater swimming holes. We then make our way to the Daintree River for our Cruise. One of the best ways to experience the rainforest is by cruising along the Daintree River. Snaking through the heart of the area, the densely populated mangrove estuary is home to an abundance of wildlife and some croc spotting adds to the Daintree experience. Then into Port Douglas with time to explore the town before returning to Cairns via Palm Cove Village.

(B) Cairns Double Tree Hilton

DAY 5: Cairns To Cooktown

Making our way north today via the **Atherton Tablelands** 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 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 with time to visit the **Cooktown Botanical Gardens** and learn how Cook and his crew survived on the local flora.

(B,D) Cooktown Motel

DAY 6: Discover Cooktown, Famous Lions Den Hotel & Endeavour River Cruise

After breakfast, we will enjoy a town tour of Cooktown and up to **Grassy Hill Lookout** for fantastic views of Cooktown and its famous '**River of Gold**'. It's then on to the **Captain Cook Museum**, one of Queensland's best museums, showing the history of this remarkable town. The museum follows the story of Cook's enforced seven-week stay at the **Endeavour River**, during which the first meaningful contact between Europeans and Indigenous peoples took place.

Now that you have been enriched in Australia's true history, we then head to the famous historical **Lions Den Hotel** for lunch and a refreshing drink. This is truly an Aussie icon built on the banks of little **Annan River**, surrounded by 100-year-old mango trees.

Following lunch we return and visit the **Cooktown Cemetery**. This is a wonderful place to wander around to soak up the history. A stroll along Main Street is also a must with lots of places to explore including the Old Railway Station and the Cooktown History and Cultural Centre.

We then depart for our **Sunset River Cruise** on the Endeavour River and step back in time with an informative journey down this famous river.

(B,Light Dinner on Cruise) Cooktown Motel

DAY 7: Cooktown To Cairns, Mount Molloy & Mareeba

Making our way back to Cairns and on the way we stop off at Mount Molloy for your lunch at the local pub. Then on to Mareeba to visit the Heritage Museum before making our way back into Cairns. Farewell Dinner tonight.

(B,D) Cairns Double Tree Hilton

DAY 8: Depart For Brisbane

Breakfast then transfer to meet the **Spirit of Queensland** train for your relaxing journey to your home station.

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

DAY 9: Arrive Home

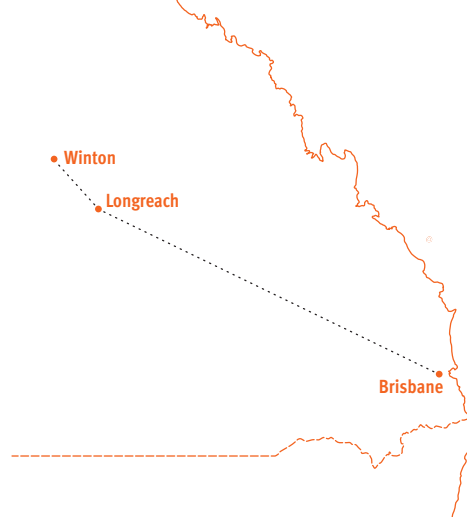
Arriving in at your station after enjoying your Cairns & Cooktown Discovery.

Longreach & Winton Experience

*Qantas > Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame > Thomson River Cruise
Outback Dinner & Show > Winton Town Tour > Australian Age
of Dinosaurs > Waltzing Matilda Centre > Great Darr River Rail Run*



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TOUR OVERVIEW: Accommodation & meals as per itinerary • Coach touring & commentary Great Darr River Train Experience • Qantas Museum and 747 Tour • Stockmans Hall of Fame & Show Sunset Thomson River Cruise • Campfire & Dinner, Camden Park Station • Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum & Tour • Historical Winton Town Tour • Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

5 Days Tour Only \$2400
Sole Use add \$400

7 Days with Return Rail Fare
QLD Pension Economy Seat \$2450
QLD Pension Deluxe RailBed \$2880
Seniors Card Deluxe RailBed \$3120
Adult Fare (no discount card) \$3240

2024 Departures:
11 May; 8 June; 22 June; 24 August; 5 October

See back cover for tour conditions.

DAY 1: Depart Brisbane & Spirit of the Outback
Depart to Longreach today, on the **Spirit of the Outback** for your journey. Travel in **Economy Seats** or upgrade to **First Class Sleeper Cabins** with all meals included. Relax and enjoy the views of the rugged mountain ranges and farming areas of the coast before heading inland on our Outback Adventure.

*Overnight Spirit of the Outback Train
(All meals included for First Class Sleepers)*

DAY 2: Arrive Longreach, Luminescent Longreach
Upon waking this morning on the train, the green hills of the coast have given way to the colour of rustic reds and sunburnt plains. We pass through historical towns of the Outback on our way into Longreach. Arriving in Longreach, we then transfer to our motel before making our way to the amazing new **Luminescent Longreach**. Stand amongst iconic aircraft as world class projection mapping and 360 degree immersive sound brings the 100-year story of Qantas to life with the mighty Boeing 747 serving as a primary canvas.

(D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn

Note: If arriving under own arrangements, please meet at the Motel.

DAY 3: Australian Stockmans' Hall of Fame, Thomson River Cruise & Riverside Campfire Dinner
Following breakfast this morning, we make our way to the **Stockmans Hall of Fame**. First the Cinema: A Story of the Australian Stockman – a fully immersive cinematic experience showcasing virtual and real footage across a 16m screen – featuring the birth of a nation through the eyes of the Australian stockman. We then explore the museum with an audio self-walking guide on a journey retracing the footsteps of the men and women who built our nation.

Then we enjoy **A Stockman's Life – Live Show:** undercover grandstand seating in the Outback Stockman Arena, up close and personal experience with the stars of the show – human and four legged, live sheep muster, working dogs, horsemanship and stockman activities. Following our morning at Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame, we make our way into town and enjoy some time to wander the historical streets and grab a bite to eat if you wish. Then we will depart for a **Sunset Cruise** on the **Thomson River**, followed by a Riverside Outback Campfire Dinner.

(B,D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn

DAY 4: Winton, Australian Age of Dinosaurs, Waltzing Matilda Centre & Stonegrill Dinner
Winton today and we 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 and learn about the bone and fossil extraction process. We then make our way into Winton for lunch, visit the **Waltzing Matilda Centre** followed by a tour of this fascinating town, including Arno's Wall and Musical Fence. Next we make our way back to Longreach for a special Stonegrill Dining Experience.

(B,D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn

DAY 5: Darr River Rail, Qantas Museum & Camden Park Station
This morning we board Longreach's only **Heritage Rail Motor**. Travelling through the Mulga, arriving at Darr River we enjoy billy tea and smoko. This afternoon we visit the **Qantas Museum** enjoying the many Qantas stories. Then we head off for a tour of the 747, Original Hangar and Museum. We finish the day with a visit to **Camden Park Station** and enjoy our Farewell Dinner in the 100-year-old Wool Shed.

(B,D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn or



DAY 6: Depart Longreach

Following breakfast, you will be transferred back to Longreach and board the Spirit of the Outback departing early morning for a magical journey home. Relax and enjoy the historical towns of the Outback.

Note: If not using the return rail service, please check out by 10am and enjoy your remaining time in Longreach.

Overnight Spirit of the Outback Train

DAY 7: Arrive Home

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

'The Real' Outback Spectacular

Qantas > Stockmans Hall of Fame > Thomson River Cruise > Campfire Dinner & Show > Luminescent Longreach > Winton Town Tour > Waltzing Matilda Centre > Australian Age of Dinosaurs Dinner with the Dinosaurs > 3 Sisters of the Outback Lark Quarry Trackways & Dinosaur Stampede

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TOUR OVERVIEW: Accommodation in Longreach & Winton • Coach touring & commentary
Meals provided as per itinerary
Luminescent Longreach • Qantas Museum and 747 Tour
Stockmans Hall of Fame • Sunset Thomson River Cruise • Campfire Dinner & Outback Show
Winton Town Tour • New Waltzing Matilda Centre
Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum & Tour
Sunset BBQ Dinner with the Dinosaurs • 3 Sisters of the Outback Rock Formations • Lark Quarry Entry & Tour • Dinosaur Stampede Trackways
Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

5 Days Tour Only..... \$2650
Sole Use add..... \$450

7 Days with Return Rail Fare
QLD Pension Economy Seat..... \$2700
QLD Pension 1st Class Cabin \$3130
Senior Card 1st Class Cabin..... \$3370
Adult Fare 1st Class Cabin \$3500

2024 Departures:

6 April; 1 June; 27 July; 7 September

See back cover for tour conditions.

DAY 1: Depart Brisbane & Spirit of the Outback

Depart to Longreach today, on the **Spirit of the Outback** for your journey to Longreach. Travel in **Economy Seats** or upgrade to **1st Class Sleeper Cabins** with all meals included. Relax and enjoy the views of the rugged mountain ranges and farming areas of the coast before heading inland on our Outback Adventure.

Overnight Spirit of the Outback Train
(All meals included in First Class Sleepers)

DAY 2: Arrive Longreach & Luminescent Longreach

Upon waking this morning on the train, the green hills of the coast have given way to the colour of rustic reds and sunburnt plains. We pass through historical towns of the Outback on our way into Longreach arriving mid afternoon when we will transfer to our motel with time to freshen up for our welcome dinner. This evening we have time to enjoy the amazing new **Luminescent Longreach** which is a 20 minute spectacular night time light and sound experience designed to delight, entertain, inform and move. Stand amongst iconic aircraft as world class projection mapping and 360 degree immersive sound brings the 100-year story of Qantas to life with the mighty Boeing 747 serving as a primary canvas. Told through 3D animation, traditional animation and illustration, Luminescent Longreach

weaves an unforgettable narrative through time, a story of the daring spirit of early aviation, of iconic aircraft, wars, distant places and Outback innovation.

(D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn

Note: If arriving under own arrangements, please meet at the motel for dinner.

DAY 3: Stockmans Hall of Fame, Qantas Museum, Thomson River Cruise & Riverside Campfire Dinner

Following breakfast this morning we make our way to the **Stockmans Hall of Fame**. The Hall of Fame is a spectacular tribute to the people of Outback Australia. It tells the story of the establishment of grazing, agriculture, mining, forestry and other industries in the country. Themes also include development of the Outback properties, living in the Outback and the stock worker. Then to the Qantas Museum for lunch and a tour of the 747, Original Hangar and Museum, enjoying the many Qantas stories. Late afternoon we make our way to a delightful **Sunset Cruise** on the **Thomson River**, followed by a **Riverside Campfire Dinner**. This caps off a wonderful day!

(B,L,D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn

DAY 4: Waltzing Matilda Centre, Australian Age of Dinosaurs & Dinner with Dinosaurs

Today we visit **Winton** and the new **Waltzing Matilda Centre**. This unique town has lots of interesting things to see, such as Arno's Walls, The Musical Fence and Banjo Paterson's Music Wall. 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 have the most unique dining experience in Australia at the museum, **A DELUXE BBQ on the JUMP UP**. Relax and enjoy an Aussie Outback

BBQ with the dinosaurs. It's time to unwind and watch the amazing sunset over the vast savannah plains, then settle in for a hearty BBQ feast under the stars making it an unforgettable evening.

(B,D) Winton Outback or Boulder Opal Motel

DAY 5: 3 Sisters of the Outback & Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackways

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. Formed over millions of years, these rock formations rise up out of the surrounding plains to make a lasting statement of the ancient Outback. We then depart for **Lark Quarry**. Just when you think things could not be any older, we will view the amazing fossilised rock formations of the 95-million-year-old Dinosaur Stampede. Over 3,300 dinosaur footprints are scattered over the rock face with animated recreations of the dinosaur stampede – as it may have happened 95 million years ago. Following our lunch, we return to Winton with time to freshen up for our farewell dinner.

(B,L,D) Winton Outback or Boulder Opal Motel

DAY 6: Depart Longreach

An early start sees us travelling back to Longreach to meet the train for your return and board the **Spirit of the Outback** for a magical journey home. Relax and enjoy the rugged mountain ranges, sunburnt plains and historical towns of the Outback.

(B) Spirit of the Outback Train

DAY 7: Arrive Home

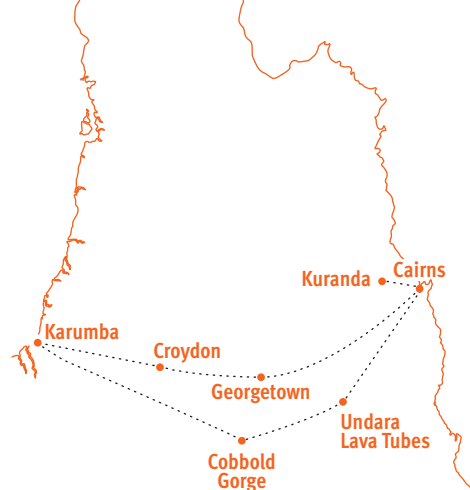
Today you will arrive at your home station after enjoying a charming rail journey Outback Queensland with lots of fond memories of incredible Longreach, Winton and the Big Sky Country.

Awesome Foursome Gulflander Adventure

Atherton Tablelands > Herberton Historical Steam Train > Cairns
Georgetown > Croydon > Normanton > Karumba Forsayth
Cobbold Gorge > Mount Surprise > Undara Lava Tubes
Gulflander, Savannahlander & Kuranda Trains



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TOUR OVERVIEW: Accommodation & meals as per itinerary • Atherton-Herberton Historical Steam Train • Mount Surprise • Georgetown Forsayth • Croydon • Normanton • Karumba Undara Lava Tubes Tour • Cobbold Gorge & Tours Karumba Barra Discovery Centre • Gulflander & Savannahlander Trains • Kuranda Scenic Railway Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

8 Days Tour Only \$3590
Sole Use add \$600

10 Days with Return Rail Fare
QLD Pension Economy Seat \$3640
QLD Pension 1st Class Cabin \$3990
Senior Card 1st Class Cabin \$4260
Adult Fare 1st Class Cabin \$4370

2024 Departures:

13 April; 27 April; 25 May; 22 June; 20 July;
17 August; 31 August; 14 September;
28 September; 12 October

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DAY 1: Depart Brisbane

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

(All meals on the train for RailBeds)

Note: If not using the train service, please arrive in Cairns Day 2 and meet at the motel.

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.

(D) Overnight DoubleTree by Hilton

DAY 3: Cairns, Herberton Steam Train & Undara Lava Tubes

This morning we depart by coach crossing the **Atherton Tablelands**. Our first stop is the historical town of **Herberton** for morning tea and a ride on a 1905 Peckett Steam Train and wooden passenger carriage. We then pass through **Ravenshoe**, boasting the highest pub in QLD and on to **Undara National Park** for our afternoon tour of the **Lava Tubes**. More than 50 caves have been found in the park and we visit the two best examples with good access.

(B,D) Overnight Undara or Bedrock Village

DAY 4: Croydon, Normanton & Karumba Discovery Centre

Travelling through to Croydon for our town tour and on to Normanton. We will then arrive in **Karumba** this afternoon and visit the brand new interactive and state-of-the-art **Interpretive Discovery Centre** which provides the history, stories, lifecycle and habits of the incredible barramundi, birdlife and stunning

southern Gulf flora. This evening you can enjoy a cool drink while watching the sunset over the remote **Gulf of Carpentaria**. We then enjoy an alfresco Reef N Beef Dinner.

(B,D) Overnight Ash's Apartments

DAY 5: Gulflander Train

This morning take a journey aboard the **Legendary Gulflander** for a rail journey unlike any other. This nostalgic rail journey is the perfect way to discover an area steeped in pioneering history and heritage. We enjoy a stop at Blackbull Siding for morning tea before we board the coach again for **Croydon** and our lunch stop, then on to **Forsayth**.

(B,D) Finnegan's Rest Forsayth

DAY 6: Cobbold Gorge

This is an unforgettable highlight of your trip to Outback QLD. The **Cobbold Gorge** tour begins with an informative insight into the geology of the rugged sandstone formations, followed by a bushwalk to the top of the escarpment and its new **Glass Viewing Bridge** 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. You might even get to see a resident freshwater crocodile. Return to Forsayth in time for a hearty dinner.

(B,L,D) Finnegan's Rest Forsayth

DAY 7: Savannahlander Train

The **Savannahlander** (Silver Bullet) travels between Forsayth & Mount Surprise, giving passengers one of the greatest Outback rail experiences. Stopping at Einasleigh for lunch before travelling through to **Mount Surprise**, then on to Georgetown for our last night in the Outback! We visit the **Ted Elliot Terrestrial Centre**



before arriving at our motel. We enjoy a beverage or two as we watch the sunset over the Outback, with time to freshen up for dinner.

(B,D) Latara Motel Georgetown

DAY 8: Kuranda Scenic Railway

After our breakfast we will depart and meet the **Kuranda Scenic Railway**, travelling through lush tropical greenery and **Barron River Gorge**, then to Cairns.

(B,D) Overnight DoubleTree by Hilton

DAY 9: Depart Cairns

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

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

DAY 10: Arrive Home

Today arrive home with cherished memories of both the QLD Outback and the vast Gulf Region.

Ultimate Outback QLD

Longreach > Winton > Walkabout Creek
Cloncurry > Mount Isa > Richmond > Townsville

TOUR OVERVIEW: Accommodation & meals as per itinerary • Coach touring & commentary
Camden Park Station Tour • Qantas Museum & Stockmans Hall of Fame • Thomson River Cruise & Dinner • Tent Show and Billy Can Lunch
Australian Age of Dinosaurs & Winton Town Tour
Lark Quarry & 3 Sisters of the Outback
Crocodile Dundee's Walkabout Creek Hotel
Mount Isa Underground Mine Tour • Cloncurry
Richmond • Townsville • Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

9 Days Tour Only\$3750
Sole Use add\$600

11 Days with Return Rail Fare

QLD Pension Economy Seat\$3800
QLD Pension 1st Class Cabin\$4170
Senior Card 1st Class Cabin\$4430
Adult Fare 1st Class Cabin\$4550

2024 Departures:

18 May; 13 July; 14 September

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DAY 1: Depart Brisbane & Spirit of the Outback

Today, you will depart on the **Spirit of the Outback** for your journey to Longreach in your **Premium Economy Seat**, or upgrade to a **First Class Sleeper Cabin**. Relax and enjoy the views of the rugged mountain ranges and farming areas of the coast before making our way inland.

Overnight Spirit of the Outback Train

(All meals included for First Class Passengers)

DAY 2: Arrive Longreach & Luminescent Longreach

Upon waking this morning, we pass through historical towns of the Outback on our way into Longreach. Arriving in Longreach, we then transfer to our motel before making our way to the amazing new **Luminescent Longreach** which is a 20 minute spectacular night time light and sound experience.

(D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn

DAY 3: Stockman's Hall of Fame, Thomson River Cruise & Smithy's Outback Dinner

Following breakfast we make our way to the **Stockmans Hall of Fame**. We explore the **Long Paddock** and **virtual stockman** followed by **A Stockman's Life – Live Show**: Undercover grandstand seating in the Outback Stockman Arena, up close and personal experience with the stars of the show – human and four legged, live sheep muster, working dogs, horsemanship and stockman activities. We make our way into town and enjoy some time wandering the historical streets. Late afternoon we enjoy a relaxing cruise as the sun sets over the **Thomson River Floodplains**. Live it up as the sun sets over the mighty Thomson River Floodplains, whilst savouring signature canapes and enjoying a drink. We then arrive at **Smithy's Outback Dinner** venue on the banks of the Thomson River for a scrumptious camp fire cooked dinner.

(B,D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn

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DAY 4: Qantas Museum, Tent Show & Billy Can Lunch & Historical Camden Park

This morning we visit the **Qantas Museum** for a tour of the 747 and Original Hangar, enjoying the many Qantas stories. Be entertained at **The Tent Show** while enjoying a Billy Can lunch. This afternoon we visit the historical **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**, **Longreach's Highest Lookout** and the **Oldest Private Ballroom in the Outback**. We then enjoy dinner in the **100-year-old Wool Shed** which is the quintessential Outback experience.

(B,D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn

DAY 5: Waltzing Matilda Centre, Australian Age of Dinosaurs & Dinner with Dinosaurs

Winton today and visit the **Waltzing Matilda Centre**. This unique town has lots of interesting things to see. 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 Australian dinosaur fossils. We then have the most unique dining experience at the museum, BBQ on the **JUMP UP: Relax and enjoy an Aussie Outback BBQ with the dinosaurs**. It's time to unwind and watch the amazing sunset over the vast **Savannah plains**.

(B,D) Overnight Winton Outback or Boulder Opal Motel

DAY 6: 3 Sisters of the Outback & Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackways

What a day of discovery today. Following breakfast we will depart and make our way to **The 3 Sisters**. Formed over millions of years, these rock formations rise up out of the surrounding plains to make a lasting statement of the ancient Outback. We then depart for **Lark Quarry**. Just when you think things could not be any older, we will view the amazing fossilised rock formations of the 95-million-year-old **Dinosaur Stampede** with over 3,300 dinosaur footprints scattered over the rock face.

(B,L,D) Overnight Winton Outback or Boulder Opal Motel

DAY 7: Crocodile Dundee's Walkabout Creek Hotel

Departing Winton we make our way to McKinlay and the **Walkabout Creek Hotel**. If it sounds familiar, then it should. This quirky hotel was made famous in the blockbuster movie **Crocodile Dundee**. Inside the pub you'll find plenty of memorabilia from the days when Paul Hogan swaggered up to the bar as Mick Dundee. These days you are assured of a hearty pub meal and great Outback hospitality. Following our stop here, we continue on to Cloncurry and then into Mount Isa for a 2 night stay.

(B,D) Overnight IBIS Styles Mount Isa

DAY 8: Discover 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**.

(B,D) Overnight IBIS Styles Mount Isa

DAY 9: Mount Isa to Richmond

Departing to Cloncurry, we visit the **Unearthed Museum** with the star exhibit being Robert Burke's (Burke and Wills) water bottle, along with the history of their exploration. Then to Richmond and visit **Kronosaurus Korner** which is Australia's premier marine fossil museum. It showcases nearly 1,150 unique fossil specimens.

(B,D) Overnight Ammonite Inn or Entriaken Motel

DAY 10: Townsville

This morning we make our way into Townsville and 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 the Outback Train

DAY 11: Arrive Home

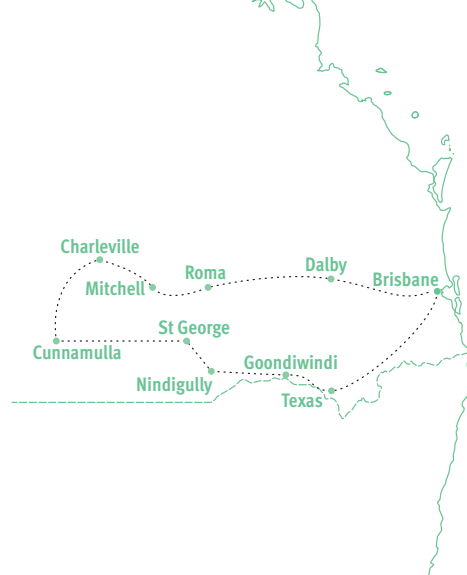
Today the Spirit of Queensland will finish the journey arriving at your home station with cherished memories of the QLD Outback.

Classic Outback Pubs & Cunnamulla

Texas > Goondiwindi > Nindigully > St George > Cunnamulla
Charleville > Mitchell > Roma > Dalby



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TOUR OVERVIEW: Accommodation & meals as per itinerary • Rudd's Pub, home of Dad and Dave Criterion • O'Mara's Hotel • Stockmans Hotel, Texas • Victoria Hotel, Goondiwindi • Nindigully & Cobb & Co Pubs, St George • Club Boutique Hotel, Cunnamulla • The Hotel Corones, Charleville • Bilby Experience & Cosmos Observatory • Great Artesian Spa in Mitchell • Queens Arms Hotel & Big Rig Oil Show, Roma • Chinchilla • Dalby Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

8 Days Tour Only \$2940
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2024 Departures:
19 March; 23 September

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 8 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.

DAY 1: 1917 Criterion Hotel & 1910 O'Mara's Hotel

We make our way for our first stop – **The Barn & Scotty's Garage** where we can step back in time and take a look through the automotive and memorabilia collection, along with the restored 50's style diner. Next, we are off to **Warwick** for lunch at the **Criterion Hotel Warwick**. This heritage-listed hotel is one of the largest pubs in the area and was built in 1917. Lunch here before continuing to Stanthorpe and a guided tour before settling into our motel. Dinner tonight is at **O'Mara's Hotel**. The hotel was built in 1910 and there is even a resident ghost!

(L,D) *High Street Motor Inn, Stanthorpe*

DAY 2: Texas & Goondiwindi

Texas today and 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 Queensland.

(B,D) *Goondiwindi Jolly Swagman Inn*

DAY 3: 1864 Nindigully Pub & 1886 Cobb & Co Hotel, St George

Before departing Goondiwindi we will be joined on the coach by our local guide to show us around the town. Then the **1864 Nindigully Pub** which is Queensland's oldest hotel and enjoy our lunch. We then make our way to St George and join our River Cruise on the Balonne River, taking in the beautiful river gums, landscape and birdlife. You then have time to visit the **1886 Cobb & Co Hotel** if you wish. The hotel was licensed in 1886 and once advertised that they had electricity!

(B,L,D) *The Merino Motor Inn, St George*

DAY 4: Cunnamulla & 1886 Club Boutique Hotel

Today we make our way to Cunnamulla and visit the **Cunnamulla Fella Centre Art Gallery and Museum** which is a must for all visitors. We then enjoy dinner at the **1886 Club Boutique Hotel**. The Club was rebuilt twice: once after the 1892 tornado and again after a fire in 1933. Both times it has been restored to its former glory and continued to hold a prominent place in the town.

(B,L,D) *Corones Hotel, Charleville*

DAY 5: Charleville & Bilby Experience

Following breakfast we head to a **local Date Farm** to learn how dates are grown and sample some of the dates for our morning tea. Back in town we meet our local guide who will take us on a **town tour** learning of the fires, floods and pioneer history of this iconic town. We also visit the remains of the **WWII Top Secret Base** established by the Americans in 1942. This afternoon we enjoy the **Charleville Bilby Experience**. Here, our guide will reveal Australia's native animal extinction crisis, discover the breeding program and hopefully see the unique little creatures.

Tonight we are in for a treat at Charleville's best-known attraction, the **Cosmos Centre**. The centre is an audio-visual extravaganza featuring hi-tech interactive

displays that will take us on an astronomical journey through the ages, unravelling many mysteries of our night sky.

(B,D) *Corones Hotel, Charleville*

DAY 6: Roma

Heading east this morning to Mitchell our local guide joins us for a **town tour**, followed by lunch and some free time at the **Visitor Centre**. The option is available for anyone to take a soak in the **Artesian Spa** located within the complex. This afternoon we take a look at the heritage-listed **Mount Abundance Homestead**. Discover the first post office in the Roma district and visit the underground cellar lined with locally handmade bricks before a pleasant afternoon tea on the veranda.

(B,L,D) *Best Western Bungil Creek, Roma*

DAY 7: Roma and Surrounds

Heading south this morning we make our way to Surat for a visit to the **Cobb & Co Changing Station Museum** which was once the drop off point for coach passengers and goods. Next, we will be heading to **Roma's Big Rig**. Here we journey through time from Australia's first discovery of petroleum, through the boom-and-bust years of oil and gas exploration. Late afternoon we take our seats for the **Sunset Experience**. Ignite your interest in sabotage, drama and intrigue through the eyes of a 'Roma Rigger' guide, with a glass of Outback port, an original short history film under the stars and dinner.

(B,D) *Best Western Bungil Creek, Roma*

DAY 8: Chinchilla, Dalby & Arrive Brisbane

This morning we travel via Miles and Chinchilla before arriving into **Dalby** and time to wander the town and purchase lunch if you wish. From Dalby we pass through Toowoomba and arrive home late afternoon.

(B,L)

The Majestic Murray River

Albury > Echuca > Swan Hill > Mildura > Renmark > Adelaide

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TOUR OVERVIEW: Accommodation & meals as per itinerary • Coach Touring & Commentary Albury • Mulwala • Yarrawonga • Cruise with MV Paradise Queen • Guided Tour of Port of Echuca Lunch Cruise on Echuca Paddle Steamer Lake Boga Flying Boat Museum • Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement Tour • Heartbeat of the Murray Laser Light Show • Cruise on PS Rothbury Mildura Orange World, Varapodio Olive Farm • Renmark Berri • Angove Wines • Banrock Station & Loxton Historical Village • Spirit of the Coorong Murray River Cruise • Farewell Dinner • Captain Proud Paddler • Full Hosted by our friendly staff

10 Days Tour Only \$3895
Single add \$520

2024 Departures:
20 October



DAY 1: Melbourne to Albury

Welcome to the 'Majestic Murray River' tour. Our starting point is Melbourne and arriving this morning under your own arrangements at the airport (please arrive prior to 11.30am), you will be met by your host and coach before making our way north to Albury and our welcome dinner this evening at our hotel.

(D) *Quality Siesta Resort, Albury*

DAY 2: Mulwala & PS Cumberoona

Today we follow the Murray Valley Highway west and our first stop is Yarrawonga, situated on **Lake Mulwala**. We have arranged a short cruise aboard the **PS Cumberoona**. We continue through Cobram to Strathmerton for a visit to **Cactus Country**. Following lunch in the café, our hosts will give us a talk on the garden. We'll be amazed at the cacti from all over the world!

(B,L,D) *Philadelphia Motor Inn, Echuca*

DAY 3: Echuca & PS Pevensey

Echuca Port this morning and our guide will point out areas of interest and fill us with tales of the colourful personalities who 'crewed' the old river boats. After our guided tour we join the **PS Pevensey**. She is one of the many boats that were originally built in Echuca. Then we spend some time at the **Port Discovery Centre**.

(B,L,D) *Philadelphia Motor Inn, Echuca*

DAY 4: Lake Boga & Swan Hill

Koonadrook today for a visit to the **only working sawmill** in the region. We view the Redgum logs through the milling process. We also see the **Red Gum Statue Walk** that has been created by a local chainsaw carver. Our lunch stop is in Lake Boga which is home to the famous **Catalina Flying Boat Museum** which played an integral part in the allied defence of the South Pacific.

From here we continue to Swan Hill. Following dinner we view the **Heartbeat of the Murray Sound and Laser Show**. This wonderful show is the first of its kind and utilises water, light, laser, sound and special effects to tell the fascinating story of the Murray River.

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

DAY 5: Euston Pioneer Settlement

Our morning is spent at the nearby **Pioneer Settlement Museum**, Australia's first outdoor museum. We'll wander through living history, as well as enjoy a cruise aboard the **PS Pyap**. After lunch we have a little free time before we are on our way again to Mildura for our overnight stop.

(B,L,D) *Mildura Inlander Resort*

DAY 6: PS Rothbury, Wentworth & Mildura

The first stop is our morning cruise on the **PS Rothbury**. Built in 1891, the PS Rothbury is one of the last 'working' paddle steamers on the Murray. We then make our way to **Orange World** where we will enjoy a citrus tour around the picturesque property. Lunch today is at the **Varapodio Olive Farm**. We'll be met by the owners who will give us a talk on their farm as well as tastings of their award-winning oils. In Wentworth we see the junction of the Darling and Murray rivers before a visit to the **Old Wentworth Gaol**. A visit to the gaol shows the hard lives and extreme conditions prisoners endured.

(B,L,D) *Mildura Inlander Resort*

DAY 7: Renmark, Berri & Angove Wines

We continue west to the tiny village of Paringa. It's here we have our morning stop and take a look at the **Silo Art mural** and at **Lock 5**. Navigating the Murray River wouldn't be possible without the series of locks and weirs that were built back in the 1920s and 1930s. We

have lunch at the **Renmark Club**, then have a visit to **Olivewood Homestead**, a homestead and museum containing relics from 1887. Our final visit for the day is to **Angove Wines** for a wine tasting and history talk. Angove Wines is the largest privately owned winery in Australia.

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

DAY 8: Loxton & Banrock Station Wines

Loxton was first settled by people of (predominantly) German origin and the heritage is still evident today at the **Loxton Historical Village**. Later this morning, we make our way to Kingston-on-Murray where we visit **Banrock Station Winery**. We enjoy a presentation at the cellar door which of course means some wine tastings. Then on to **Murray Bridge** for the night.

(B,L,D) *Bridgeport Hotel*

DAY 9: Goolwa & Spirit of the Coorong Captain Proud Dinner Cruise

Today we visit the small towns of Wellington and Milang to Goolwa where the Murray River finally enters the **Southern Ocean**. We board the **'Spirit of the Coorong'** for a cruise to the Mouth of the Murray River. The cruise takes us through the **Goolwa Barrage**, one of five constructed in the 1930s to separate the sea water from the fresh water of the river. Tonight is our farewell Dinner Cruise aboard the **MV Captain Proud**.

(B,D) *Bridgeport Hotel*

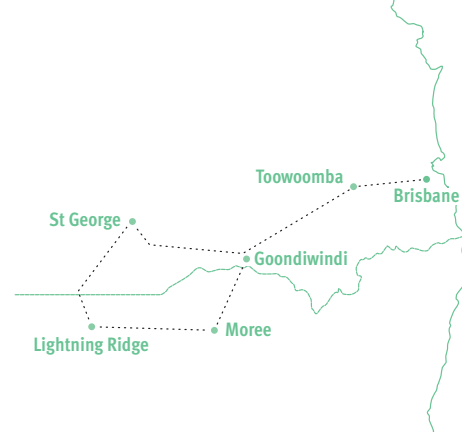
DAY 10: Depart for Home

Unfortunately all good things must come to an end and we will make our way into Adelaide and connect with your return flight home at own arrangements (flights from 12noon).

(B)

Lightning Ridge Outback Opal Adventure

Brisbane > Toowoomba > St George > Lightning Ridge
Moree > Goondiwindi



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DAY 1: Depart Brisbane

We depart early morning from Roma Street Station and make our way through Toowoomba arriving at the **Woolshed at Jondaryan**. With over 160 years' worth of history, we gain a fascinating insight into the woolshed's shearing background and pioneering history. Stroll through the **Station Village**, including the school house, homestead and blacksmith shop before a delicious light lunch. This afternoon we stretch our legs in the small town of **Moonie**, which is often referred to as the Oil Capital of Queensland. Finally arriving in **St George** for our first night and Welcome Dinner.

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

DAY 2: St George to Lightning Ridge

Departing St George to Dirranbandi for a locally guided tour of the area. We will hear all about the most famous of its cotton fields, **Cubbie Station**, as well as getting a personal insight into the cotton industry. Following lunch at the local pub we arrive in **Lightning Ridge**. Famous for magnificent opals, the town is home to the unique black opal, a rare and luminous gem mined from the surrounding plains. It is the only place in Australia where the highly prized opal is found.

(BLD) Overnight Wallangulla Motel, Lightning Ridge

DAY 3: Lightning Ridge

This morning we join **Opal Mine Adventures** to learn all about underground mining and enjoy a town tour of Lightning Ridge. Next is one of the more unusual sights, **Amigos Castle** – a castle built from ironstone by a local resident 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. There is The Last Supper, Archangel Gabriel and the Chinese Terracotta Warriors. The second level is a mine that has been worked for over 100 years. Our last stop is to meet our local opal expert at **Down to Earth Opals** which has been mining, designing and specialising in selling these rare beauties all over the world.

(BD) Overnight Wallangulla Motel, Lightning Ridge

DAY 4: Rural Moree

From Lightning Ridge we make our way east to Moree for lunch and a tour of this unique rural town. We visit the **Trawalla Pecan Farm**, the largest pecan farm in the Southern Hemisphere. Late afternoon we travel on, arriving in **Goondiwindi** and settle into our rooms before meeting again over dinner.

(BLD) Overnight Jolly Swagman Motor Inn, Goondiwindi

DAY 5: Goondiwindi & Arrive Brisbane

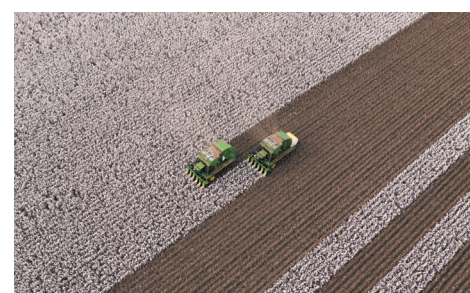
Today we visit the **Goondiwindi Customs House Museum**. A border custom point before Federation, this authentically restored building contains a magnificent cottage garden and a rich and colourful collection of mementos of yesteryear. Departing Goondiwindi we head to the **Millmerran Museum**, where we step back in time and see displays that have been collected from the local district. We enjoy lunch here and time to look through the collection before we start heading back to Brisbane.

(BL)

TOUR OVERVIEW: Accommodation & meals as per itinerary • Coach touring & commentary Woolshed at Jondaryan & Station Village Moonie, the Oil Capital of QLD • Dirranbandi & Cubbie Station • Lightning Ridge Opal Mine tour Amigos Castle • Down to Earth Opal Tour • Moree Trawalla Pecan Farm • Goondiwindi Customs House Museum • Millmerran Museum Fully hosted by our friendly staff

5 Days Tour Only\$1899
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2024 Departures:
12 August



Grand Tasmania Tour

Hobart > Franklin Gordon Wild River > Queenstown > Strahan
Cradle Mountain > Tasmanian Devil Centre > Burnie
Devonport > Don River Railway > Launceston
Tamar River Cruise > Swansea > Port Arthur

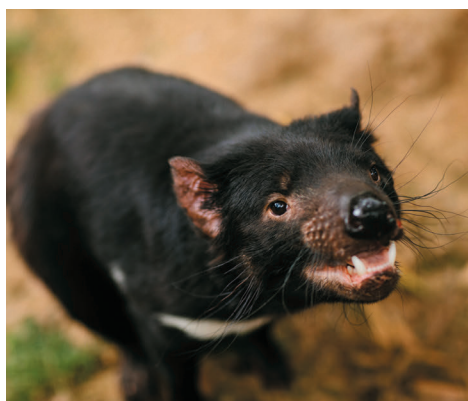
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TOUR OVERVIEW: Hobart and Salamanca Markets
The Cascade Female Factory • Derwent Bridge, Wall
in the Wilderness • Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers NP
Strahan Gordon River Cruise • Cradle Mountain NP
Devils at Cradle • Don River Railway, Davenport
Birdstowe Estate Lavender Farm
Tamar River Cruise • Swansea Museum
Launceston • Port Arthur Historic Site

10 Days Tour Only \$3889
Single add \$760

2024 Departures:
8 November



DAY 1: Arrive Hobart

Set between the towering peak of Mount Wellington and the Derwent River, Hobart is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Founded in 1804, Hobart is Australia's oldest capital. On arrival in Hobart, our host will meet us for a **sightseeing tour** of Tasmania's capital where we will then settle into our hotel and enjoy the Welcome Dinner.

(D) Wrest Point Hotel & Casino, Hobart

DAY 2: Hobart

After breakfast we head to the famous **Salamanca Markets** where stallholders set up stalls every Saturday. After lunch (own expense) we pay a visit to **The Cascades Female Factory** which was a purpose-built institution intended to reform female convicts. We embark on a tour that gives a depiction of the harsh life within the Cascades Female Factory in 1833.

(B,D) Wrest Point Hotel & Casino, Hobart

DAY 3: The West Coast

We farewell Hobart this morning and begin our journey to the West Coast. We arrive in **Derwent Bridge (the centre of Tasmania)** to see the **Wall in the Wilderness** and enjoy a late lunch at the Wilderness Hotel. This afternoon, we drive through the wilderness of the **Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers National Park** – through some of the state's most spectacular lakes and mountains before the drive into Queenstown.

(B,L,D) West Coaster Motel, Queenstown

DAY 4: Gordon River

This morning we head to Strahan and join a cruise on the Gordon River into **Macquarie Harbour** – first navigated by Captain James Kelly in 1815, these remote waters offer the only safe harbour on Tasmania's west coast. We'll visit **Sarah Island**, once known as 'hell on earth' as Tasmania's first and most brutal penal settlement. We return to **Strahan** for free time before travelling back to Queenstown.

(B,L,D) West Coaster Motel, Queenstown

DAY 5: Cradle Mountain

Departing Queenstown, we arrive at the **Cradle Mountain National Park** and take a tour into the National Park. Our last stop is **Devils @ Cradle**, a Tasmanian Devil centre and enter a special viewing area for our encounter with the real thing where there may be an opportunity for us to touch one. The centre operates a successful captive breeding program, ensuring the ongoing survival of Tasmanian Devils. Leaving the park, we head north to Burnie.

(B,D) Beachfront Voyager Motor Inn, Burnie

DAY 6: Burnie to Launceston

After breakfast we follow the North Coast to Devonport and arrive at the **Don River Railway**. Here we take a relaxing rail trip on the historic Melrose line to Coles Beach and a look through the museum. For lunch we

call into **Anvers Chocolate Factory** outside Devonport. In the afternoon we arrive into Deloraine for a visit to **Yarns: Artwork in Silk** – a large art work piece depicting the story of the valley. We then arrive in **Launceston** and take a sightseeing drive around town before settling into our hotel.

(B,L,D) Hotel Grand Chancellor, Launceston

DAY 7: Launceston

This morning we visit **Bridestowe Lavender Estate** which is one of the world's largest single commercial lavender farms, producing the finest quality lavender flowers and lavender oil. We have a tour and morning tea before returning to Launceston and arriving at **Cataract Gorge Reserve**. The beautiful gardens are to explore at your leisure, followed by lunch in the cafe. This afternoon we have planned to join **Tamar River Cruises** for a cruise into Cataract Gorge.

(B,L,D) Hotel Grand Chancellor, Launceston

DAY 8: The East Coast

Departing Launceston we head to Swansea where we have morning tea at the **Bark Mill Tavern and Bakery** and a look through the **small museum**. This afternoon we make our way along the East Coast and see **Maria Island** off to the East, as we pass through Triabunna and Orford. On our way to Hobart, we pass through **Richmond** which is famous for having one of the oldest convict-built bridges in Tasmania.

(B,D) Wrest Point Hotel & Casino, Hobart

DAY 9: Port Arthur

Today we spend the day discovering the **Port Arthur Historic Site**. The ruins are the greatest single tourist attraction in Tasmania and the place where up to 12,000 prisoners were kept in an atmosphere of misery. At the **Visitor Interpretative Centre** we retrace the life of a convict from the time of his petty crime in England, to his transportation to Port Arthur and finally his life in the penal colony. We also take a cruise on the harbour around **Isle of the Dead**. We now return to Hobart for our final night.

(B,D) Wrest Point Hotel & Casino, Hobart

DAY 10: Heading Home

We enjoy breakfast before our transfer to the Hobart airport for our return.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These terms and conditions form the basis of the contract between You and Great Value Holidays Pty Ltd ('GVH', 'We', 'Us' or 'Our'). It is important that You read the Contract carefully to ensure that you understand your rights and obligations. The payment of deposit constitutes the full agreement with, and acceptance of these terms and conditions.

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All prices are quoted in Australian currency. Prices include all on-tour rail and coach travel, accommodation, meals, sightseeing and admissions as per the itinerary. Prices do not include airfares, travel insurance, drinks, laundry, optional activities or items of a personal nature.

1. Deposit – To confirm your reservation a non-refundable deposit of \$450pp is required within 7 days of booking.
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4. Please advise GVH of any special dietary requirements at time of booking or at least 14 days prior to departure. We cannot guarantee the availability of special meal requests.

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5. Travellers must be able to meet the below fitness level requirements or have a carer who is available to assist. GVH Staff are not able to assist with those who have reduced mobility or other health problems. It is Your responsibility to arrange for such a carer if so required.
 - (a) Easy – Low Level of Fitness required:
Participate in guided walking tours with time to rest at least every 10 minutes
Walking is mostly on level ground
Get on and off multiple transport types unaided including train, coach and boat
Manage your own luggage or with the help of your own carer
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Participate in walking tours on uneven ground, including bush tracks and sand
Get on and off multiple transport types unaided including train, coach and boat
Manage your own luggage or with the help of your own carer
Not suitable for guests needing wheelie walkers or wheelchairs
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 - Is incapable of caring for themselves, or is suffering any mental or physical impairment and/or infectious illness including Covid 19;
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9. Should an accident or incident occur GVH crew may administer First Aid. A defibrillator is carried on board Our GVH Coach and may be used in the event of a medical emergency to which your clothing may need to be removed.

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BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

14. One small to medium sized suitcase per person with a maximum weight of 15kgs (approx. height 70cm – width 45cm – depth 30cm). One piece of soft carry-on luggage/day pack may be carried on-board the train and coach. Due to limited space, the carriage of wheelie-walkers must be requested prior to travel. GVH reserves the right not to take on board Our coach, any luggage that exceeds this allowance. Road and Coach weight limits apply. Passengers may be required to load any heavy luggage into the storage compartment themselves for health and safety reasons.

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15. We accept no responsibility for any bookings which result in any loss, damage, accident, diversion, or theft in regard to luggage or personal belongings, and will be exempt from all liability in respect of direct or indirect consequential loss or damage, death, injury, sickness, irregularity, delay liability, and additional expenses, or inconvenience or any other event beyond its control including accident, failure of machinery or equipment, accommodation, transport, or other third party services.

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17. GVH will not be liable to refund any part of the deposit and/or tour price or pay you compensation if Our contractual obligations to You are affected by any event which We or Our third party suppliers of the services could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. These events can include but are not limited to war, threat of war, civil strife, terrorist activity and its consequences or the threat of such activity, riot, the act of any government or other national or local authority, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, viruses, fire, chemical or biological disaster and adverse weather including flooding and all similar events outside our control.

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