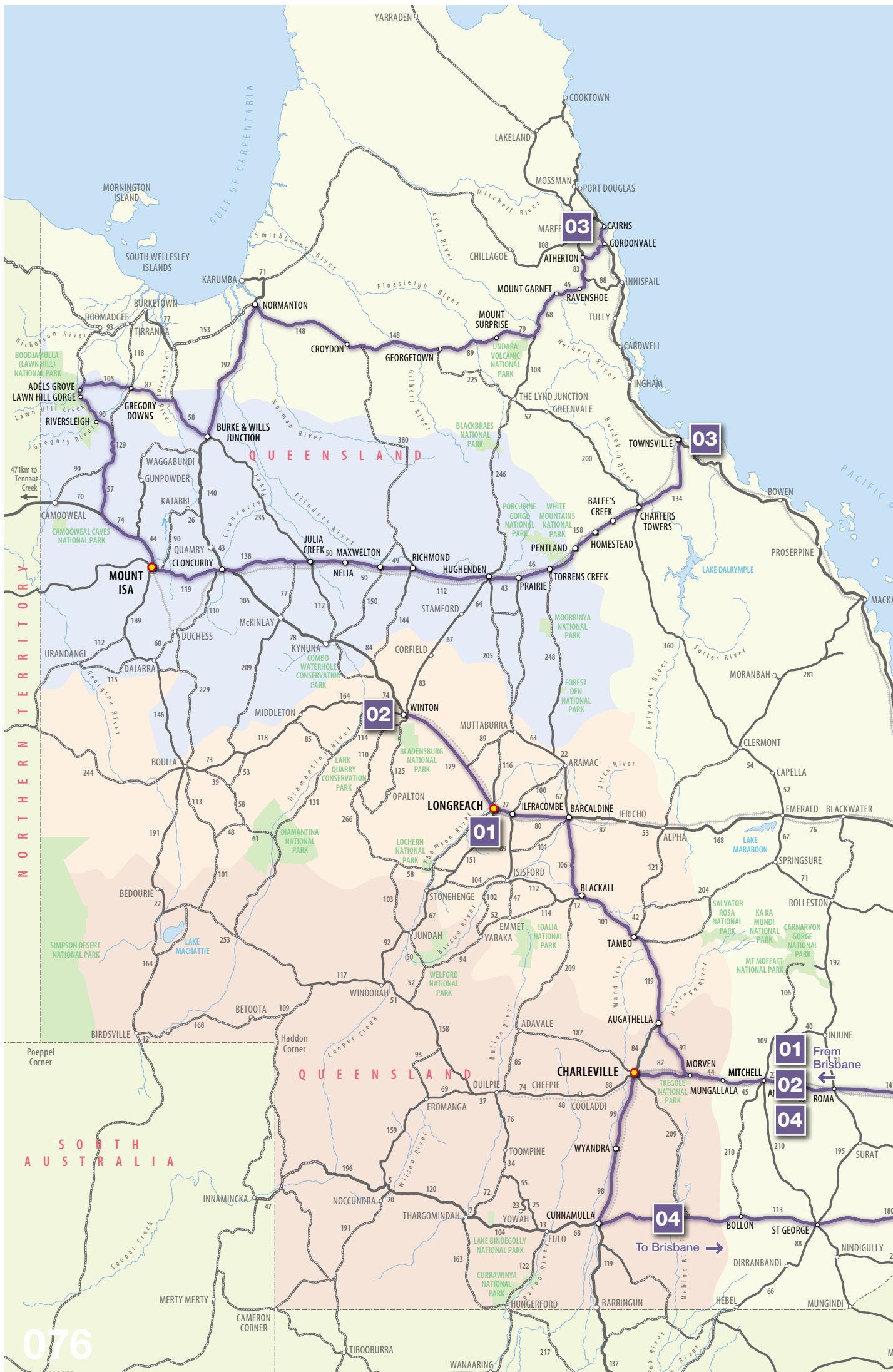


Travel Itineraries



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There's nothing like first-hand experience to reinforce learning. The lesson ideas in this guide are just a glimpse of the fascinating world of knowledge that awaits the inquisitive traveller in Queensland's Outback. This section offers teachers four detailed excursion plans designed to excite and inspire students, through encounters that are both adventurous and enlightening. Queensland's Outback is expansive, so each itinerary is focused on a different sub-region and has been developed to offer unique journeys of discovery that cover all of the highlights along the way. The itineraries can be adjusted if needed, simply talk to the coach operator for more details.

There's nowhere quite like it. The people, places and wide open spaces of Queensland's Outback offer you unique experiences like no other. So go on - adventure out there!

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Travelling in Queensland's Outback is similar to most road-trips with towns and fuel stops rarely more than 200 kilometres apart. Sealed highways and township roads are available throughout the region.

The following information answers some commonly asked questions about travelling in Queensland's Outback, however should you have further questions, please speak with your tour organiser or the Visitor Information Centres (see back page) in the towns you will be visiting.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

In the same respect as getting fuel, you will find that most towns in Queensland's Outback have either hospitals or private health care centres. These towns also have an ambulance service to assist you with any problems. A list of hospitals and private health care clinics can be found at: <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/healthservices/byFacility.asp>.

There are also three Royal Flying Doctor Service bases in Queensland's Outback. They are located in Charleville, Longreach and Mount Isa. The Royal Flying Doctor Service provides 24 hour emergency service to victims of illness or accident who are in a serious or potentially life threatening condition.

MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE

Longreach, Mount Isa and Charleville have coverage from most networks. Outside of these three towns only the Telstra Next G network is available, usually within a 20km radius of towns. Public phones are available in all towns and satellite phones and UHF radios are recommended for extended travel.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Outback summers are hot but much less humid than on the coast and more bearable. Most attractions, facilities and transport are air-conditioned. Storms and heavy rains can occur during summer and minor flooding can cause some towns to become cut off for a few days, but this is all part of the adventure of Queensland's Outback. The most temperate weather occurs between the beginning of April and the end of October.

It is recommended in all seasons to drink plenty of water regularly and protect your skin from burning. Seek shade when outside, cover up with clothing and wear a sun protective hat, sunglasses and SPF 30+ sunscreen.

LITTER

Help us keep Queensland's Outback clean for future visitors by properly disposing of your rubbish.

ANIMALS

If you see stock or wild animals near the road, slow down, they have a habit of crossing in front of you! Wild animals like emus and kangaroos can be seen throughout Queensland's Outback, especially one hour either side of sunset and sunrise.

STATION PROPERTIES

Many roads cross station properties and have gates across them. The rule of the Outback is to leave gates in the same way that you find them, ie. if the gate is closed when you get there, close it again after you drive through or, if the gate is open when you arrive, leave it open.

ROAD CONDITIONS

For current road reports please contact the RACQ on 1300 130 595 or the Visitor Information Centre in the town that you will be visiting. As road conditions cannot be accurately predicted please contact the Visitor Information Centres close to the time of your journey.



Outback Road

7 Days/6 Nights ex Brisbane from \$794* per student

Australia's colourful heritage comes to life as you travel into the heart of Queensland's Outback to **Longreach**. Here the pioneering spirit is retold through the **Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame**, and the **Qantas Founders Museum**. Imagine the dust-covered faces of old drovers as you stare into the crackling flames of a camp fire on the banks of the **Thomson River**. Trace the footsteps of the infamous **Captain Starlight**. And step back in time as you board a **Cobb & Co.** coach for the ride of a lifetime.

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Qantas Founders Museum, Longreach

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DAY 3 - SIGHTSEEING IN AND AROUND LONGREACH

Highlights	■ Longreach School of Distance Education
	■ Qantas Founders Museum
	■ Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame

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Option: Add Wing Walk experience.

Afternoon We return to our campsite for lunch.

Experience: Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame, Landsborough Highway, Longreach. Ph: (07) 4658 2166

The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame is the best place in the country to learn about the nation's pioneering history and the great contributions of Australian stockmen and women. See the RM Williams Outback Show featuring Rusty Frame, a true Queensland's Outback character and legend.

Evening **Experience:** Sunset River Cruise, Thomson River, Longreach. Ph: (07) 4658 2322

Discover the Thomson River on the MV Longreach Explorer. We cruise along the Thomson River before dinner at the campsite. Learn about the water systems of Queensland's Outback and how they sustain the pastoral growth of Queensland and Australia.

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DAY 4 - SIGHTSEEING IN AND AROUND LONGREACH

Journey	■ Longreach to Barcaldine approx 107km/1 hr, 15 mins
	■ Barcaldine to Ilfracombe approx 80km/1 hr
	■ Ilfracombe to Longreach approx 27km/30 mins

Morning After another campsite breakfast, we venture to the neighbouring Queensland's Outback towns of Barcaldine and Ilfracombe.

Experience: Tree of Knowledge Memorial and Australian Workers Heritage Centre, 94 Ash Street, Barcaldine. Ph: (07) 4651 2422

Visiting the Tree of Knowledge Memorial and the Australian Workers Heritage Centre, we pay tribute to our early history. Barcaldine is home to the infamous Shearers' Strike of 1891. The location of the Tree of Knowledge Memorial is known as the place where the Labor Party was formed.

Afternoon Enjoy a picnic lunch at Barcaldine before journeying 28km to Ilfracombe.

Experience: Machinery Mile, (The Ilfracombe Historical Society Incorporation), Main Avenue, Ilfracombe. Ph: (07) 4658 1553

We have time to explore Machinery Mile, one of the best and most extensive historic machinery displays in Australia. Visitors can expect to see many forms of old machinery, including a 1917 Ruston Proctor Tractor (one of only three of this model left in the world), and the Steam Devil, a big excavator driven by a three horse powered steam engine which runs along one railway line. Made in 1880 and sold in 1882, it would be safe in saying this excavator is the only remaining one of its kind in existence. Also see the 12 tonne Stuart Tank that has been converted to a dozer, the first series grader made by Caterpillar in 1935, plus an early 1900 Lacre Light Truck, and a 1914 Republic Truck.

Suggested Experience: Longreach Primary School, Longreach.

Before departing on your Queensland's Outback adventure, why not contact the teachers and students at the Longreach Primary School. This afternoon could then be spent meeting the students and learning why they enjoy life in Queensland's Outback.

Evening Back to the campsite for dinner and bed.

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Tree of Knowledge, Barcaldine

DAY 5 - SIGHTSEEING IN AND AROUND LONGREACH

Highlights

- Cobb & Co. Coach Ride
- The Station Store
- Starlight's Lookout

Morning

After our campsite breakfast, we have the opportunity to experience some Queensland's Outback adventure activities.

Experience: Australian Agricultural College, Landsborough Highway, Longreach.
Ph: (07) 4658 4699

A tour of the Australian Agricultural College includes a sheep shearing demonstration, a visit to the College's cattle breeding program and the sharing of first hand accounts of living on the land from College students. Lunch will be at the College.

Afternoon

Experience: Kinnon and Co - Cobb & Co. Coach Ride, 126 Eagle Street, Longreach.
Ph: (07) 4658 2006

Experience an afternoon tour and ride on a Cobb & Co. Coach, which were the lifeline of Queensland's Outback for communication and transport until motor vehicles arrived in 1924. Visit the Station Store, which was an original Cobb & Co. stop, where you will see a video of the History of the Cobb & Co. as well as get a chance to step on board a horse drawn carriage.

Afterwards - Drive out to Starlight's Lookout, where the infamous cattle rustler Harry Redford staked his men to avoid capture.

Evening

Share your day's experiences during dinner at your campsite.

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DAY 3 - LONGREACH TO WINTON

(180km/2 hrs, 10mins)

- Highlights**
- The Waltzing Matilda Centre
 - Winton's Musical Fence
 - Arno's Wall
- Morning**
- After breakfast, we break camp and make our way to Winton. The town is best known as the place that AB (Banjo) Paterson wrote "Waltzing Matilda" in 1895, whilst staying outside Winton. The first performance of the ballad was reported to be at Winton's North Gregory Hotel on 6 April of the same year. Winton is recognised as the 'home' of Australian bush poetry, hosting the annual Bronze Swagman Award, one of the country's most prestigious literary awards.
- Afternoon**
- Experience:** The Waltzing Matilda Centre, Elderslie Street, Winton. Ph: (07) 4657 1466
- The Centre is dedicated to the nation's favourite unofficial anthem "Waltzing Matilda". The song, penned by Banjo Paterson, embraces Australian culture and the Centre uses technology and interactive displays to interpret the song.
- Lunch will be at the Coolabah Café, Waltzing Matilda Centre.
- Experience:** Winton's Musical Fence and Arno's Wall Winton. Ph: (07) 4657 1466
- Now for something completely different! This segment of the journey takes you to a musical fence! You will not only see it, you can play it too, and no one will tell you to keep the noise down. Winton's Musical Fence was designed by Australian composer Graeme Leak, as a purpose-built wire fence that can be plucked and bowed like a giant stringed instrument. It is believed to be the only permanent musical fence installation in the world. Then it's off to Arno's Wall where a sewing machine, car door, and even a microwave make for unusual wall hangings. Arno Grotjahn's wall, which is about two metres high and 70 metres long, contains almost every household item you can imagine including the kitchen sink!
- Early evening**
- We check in to our campsite at Windermere Station, a 30,000 acre working cattle station located in the heart of Waltzing Matilda and Dinosaur Country. You'll learn about the history of this part of Australia and experience the wide open spaces. Tonight we enjoy a camp oven dinner at the campsite.
- After dinner, if time permits we will experience The Royal Theatre Open Air Picture Show which screens movies with a difference! Recline in deck chairs under the stars as you enjoy a taste of what it was like to go to the movies in Queensland's Outback in the 1950's.
- Our campsite:** Windermere Station, via Winton. Ph: (07) 4657 0359
(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)

DAY 4 - WINDERMERE STATION AND SURROUNDS

Highlights

- Stockman Museum
- Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackways

Morning

After our campsite breakfast, we step back in time and walk through the Stockman Museum, housed in the original stockmen's quarters of "Windermere." Inside you will see how the stockmen lived and some of the tools they used in day to day life.

You will get an insight into the management of the station, as well as the ever-changing landscapes. There is also plenty of animal life to be found while driving around the property, such as Brahman cattle, quarter horses and all the family pets.

Afternoon

We have lunch at the campsite, then we visit Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackways.

Experience: Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackways, Jundah Road via Winton. Ph: (07) 4657 1188

Cast back about 100 million years in time, as we travel to Lark Quarry. Thousands of perfectly preserved footprints record the world's only evidence of a dinosaur stampede. The Trackways feature 3,300 footprints, made by 200 individual dinosaurs and tell a story of a few fatal moments all those millions of years ago. The significance of the site also inspires the stampede scene in the Steven Spielberg's movie "Jurassic Park". Experience the Quarry with a guided tour of the landscape around the trackways.

We return to Windermere Station for dinner and overnight camp.

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DAY 5 - WINTON TO LONGREACH

(180km/2 hrs, 10 mins)

Highlights

- Starlight's Lookout
- School of Distance Education
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame

Morning

We have breakfast at our campsite then bid Windermere farewell and head back to Longreach with a stop en-route at Starlight's Lookout. The lookout is named after the infamous cattle duffer Harry Redford and offers expansive views of the land "Captain Starlight" once travelled.

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Discover the history behind some of Australia's bravest and most intrepid explorers - the stockmen, women and Aborigines of early pioneering Australia at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame. The themes cover exploration, discovery, settlement, development of Queensland's Outback properties and industries, living in Queensland's Outback and the stock worker.

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Cobb & Co. Museum, Toowoomba

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Relevant Fact Sheets:

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6 Days/5 Nights ex Cairns from \$762* per student

The stark and striking ochre surroundings of the **Mount Isa** region epitomise the image of Queensland's Outback – this truly is 'Sunburnt Country'. Beneath its crusty exterior there are plenty of treasures to be found. Discover the **burial grounds of ancient beasts** that once roamed the land. Delve underground on a **working mine tour**, experience an **underground hospital built during WWII** and be amazed by **hidden lakes and dams**.

DAY 1 - CAIRNS TO CROYDON

Journey	■ Cairns to Mamu.....	approx 120km/1hr, 40 mins
	■ Mamu to Mt Surprise	approx 225km/2 hrs, 40 mins
	■ Mt Surprise to Croydon.....	approx 240km/2 hrs, 40 mins

Morning Our exciting journey begins early today, travelling south to the region's newest rainforest experience, the Mamu Rainforest Canopy Walkway. Here your driver will take you on a series of magnificent boardwalks and viewing platforms which traverse the canopy level of the World Heritage Wooroonooran National Park.

Experience: Mamu Rainforest Canopy Walkway, Wooroonooran National Park, on the Palmerston Highway. Ph: (07) 4064 5294

The Mamu Rainforest Canopy Walkway is a spectacular walk through the canopy of World Heritage rainforest. With a 350 metre long elevated walkway through the canopy, a cantilever, a 37 metre observation tower and more than 1200 metres of walking tracks, it's an exhilarating experience. The area has cultural significance to the Ma Mu Aboriginal people.

Afternoon We then head west across the Atherton Tablelands with its lush scenery. Passing Ravenshoe we say goodbye to the rainforest and busy east coast and start our Queensland's Outback experience. After lunch we continue on via Mt Surprise before travelling through the Gulf Savannah country, which attracted many people and rapid town developments during the gold rush.

Evening Croydon is our overnight destination – during its heyday Croydon was one of Queensland's biggest towns. After arriving, cool off with a swim at Lake Belmore, before a spectacular sunset viewed from a peaceful lookout over Croydon.

Our campsite: Croydon Gold Caravan Park, Aldridge Street, Croydon. Ph: (07) 4745 6238

(Included Meals: Lunch; Dinner)



Nandroya Falls Tree, Wooroonooran National Park.

DAY 2 - CROYDON TO LAWN HILL NATIONAL PARK

- Journey**
- Croydon to Normantonapprox 150km/1 hr, 40 mins
 - Normanton to Gregory Downs.....approx 295km/3 hrs, 45 mins
 - Gregory Downs to Adel's Grove.....approx 90km/1 hr, 50 mins

Morning This morning we continue along the Matilda Highway, passing the township of Normanton before stopping at the Burke and Wills Roadhouse. From here we traverse the Wills Development Road, making a stop at Gregory Downs. We pass by the old Gregory Downs Hotel, originally built to serve passengers on the coach run from Burketown, before arriving at the picturesque Gregory River for a relaxing BBQ lunch.

Afternoon We arrive this afternoon at Adel's Grove – a great place to unwind. Adel's Grove Camping Ground is an eco-sensitive tourist park on Lawn Hill Creek, located 10 kilometres downstream from Lawn Hill National Park. Adel's Grove is set among a plantation of exotic trees initially grown by the French Botanist Albert de Lestang over 80 years ago. Enjoy a BBQ dinner here tonight before retiring to your campsite.

Our campsite: Adel's Grove Camping Ground, Lawn Hill Creek. Ph: (07) 4748 5502

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner)

DAY 3 - IN BOODJAMULLA (LAWN HILL) NATIONAL PARK

- Highlights**
- Interpretive tour of Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park
 - Canoeing in Lawn Hill Gorge
 - Swimming in Lawn Hill Creek

Morning Enjoy breakfast at Adel's Grove before joining your guide for an interpretive tour of the flora, fauna and landscape of Boodjamulla National Park. Learn about the area's indigenous history and the events which have caused the formation of the spectacular Lawn Hill Gorge.

Afternoon We then enjoy a picnic lunch before our afternoon is spent canoeing through the calm waters of Lawn Hill Gorge. Enjoy a swim in the spring fed waterway of Lawn Hill Creek.

Experience: Boondjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park, via Gregory Downs

Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park is one of Queensland's most scenic national parks, featuring spectacular gorge country, sandstone ranges and significant fossils. Lawn Hill Gorge is formed by Lawn Hill Creek, which is fed by numerous freshwater springs from the limestone plateau to the west. The Waanyi Aboriginal people have strong cultural ties with the park.

Evening Tonight we enjoy dinner at Adel's Grove before retiring to our tented accommodation.

Our campsite: Adel's Grove Camping Ground, Lawn Hill Creek. Ph: (07) 4748 5502

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner)



Lawn Hill Gorge, Lawn Hill National Park

Highlights ■ Outback at Isa – (Riversleigh Fossil Centre; The Isa Experience Gallery; Hard Times Mine)

Morning Enjoy breakfast at Adel's Grove before our early departure to the World Heritage-listed Riversleigh Fossil Fields – site of some of Australia's most significant reptile and mammal fossil deposits, believed to date back to between 15 and 25 million years.

Experience: Riversleigh Fossil Fields, Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park, via Gregory Downs

Afterwards we continue on the trip to Mount Isa, one of the largest cities in the world with an area of 41,000 square kilometres.

Experience: Outback at Isa, 19 Marian Street, Mount Isa. Ph: (07) 4749 1555.

Afternoon Our first stop in Mount Isa is Outback at Isa – home to the Riversleigh Fossil Centre and the site of fossilised flesh-eating kangaroos, giant carnivorous emus and two-metre tall wombats. The centre interprets the fossils extracted from the nearby World Heritage-listed Riversleigh Fossil Fields. From here, head through the Isa Experience Gallery where you can see, hear and feel the history of Mount Isa come to life in the interactive gallery.

Enjoy lunch at the Outback at Isa complex then it's time to don your hard hat and get set to go underground. See how the miners used to work in the Hard Times Mine. The mine provides a rare opportunity to experience first-hand the daily life and workings of an underground mine.

Evening You will then be taken to AOK Moondarra Caravan Park to enjoy dinner and retire to your accommodation.

Our campsite: AOK Moondarra Caravan Park, 1 Lake Moondarra Road, Mount Isa. Ph: (07) 4743 9780

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner)



Royal Flying Doctor Service Visitor Centre, Mount Isa

DAY 5 - IN MOUNT ISA

Highlights

- Mount Isa School of the Air
- The Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Mount Isa Underground Hospital and Museum

Morning

This morning enjoy breakfast at your Lake Moondarra accommodation before we learn what it is like to go to school when you live in a remote region when you visit the Mount Isa School of the Air. See first-hand how students learn and attend classes through the school.

Experience: Mount Isa School of the Air, 137-143 Abel Smith Parade, Mount Isa.
Ph: (07) 4744 8333

We then visit The Royal Flying Doctor Service – an icon of Queensland’s Outback offering an insider’s view of managing the logistics when doctors and medical staff are called to emergencies in some of Australia’s most remote areas.

Experience: The Royal Flying Doctor Service, 11 Barkly Highway, Mount Isa
Ph: (07) 4743 2800

Afternoon

We enjoy a picnic lunch today in Mount Isa. Our last attraction of the day is a tour of the Underground Hospital. In 1942 the Japanese bombed Darwin and it was feared Mount Isa could be next. The Mount Isa Hospital Board acted quickly to build an underground hospital to care for any casualties. Fortunately the hospital was never used and today stands as a wonderful exhibit of hospitals of the 1940s.

Experience: Mount Isa Underground Hospital and Museum, Joan Street, Mount Isa.
Ph: (07) 4749 0281

Evening

Tonight, enjoy dinner at your Lake Moondarra accommodation before retiring to your tent.

Our campsite: AAOK Moondarra Caravan Park, 1 Lake Moondarra Road, Mount Isa.
Ph: 07 4743 9780

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner)

DAY 6 - MOUNT ISA TO TOWNSVILLE

Journey:

- Mount Isa to Richmond:..... approx 405km/4 hrs, 40 mins
- Richmond to Townsville: approx 500km/6 hrs

Morning

Take an early breakfast at your Lake Moondarra accommodation before departing on our journey to Townsville. We stop off at Kronosaurus Korner (Dinosaur Centre) in Richmond which houses an extensive display of local fossils from the Cretaceous inland sea that covered a large section of Queensland approximately 120 million years ago.

Experience: Kronosaurus Korner, 91-93 Goldring Street, Richmond.
Ph: (07) 4741 3429

Inside Kronosaurus Korner you will find the only centre in Australia primarily dedicated to displaying marine reptiles, as well as a very special dinosaur. Minmi, with impressions of its fossilised skin, is considered to be Australia’s best-preserved dinosaur skeleton. The Richmond Pliosaur, Australia’s best vertebrate fossil and one of the world’s best Pliosaur skeletons, is also housed here.

Afternoon

Enjoy lunch here at the Moonrock Café and Bakery (own expense) before departing on the final leg of our journey to Townsville. We arrive in Townsville late afternoon which marks the end of our amazing 6-day experience in Queensland’s Outback!

(Included Meals: Breakfast)

Tour Inclusions:

- All coach travel in a 48-53 seater, air-conditioned luxury tour coach with seatbelts
- Coach features: DVD entertainment, reclining seats, and extra leg room
- Camping equipment (please provide own sleeping bag, pillow, linen etc)
- 5 nights camping accommodation in Croydon, Adel's Grove and Moondarra
- Meals – 5 x breakfasts, 4 x lunches, 5 x dinners
- All entrance and admission fees to Mamu Rainforest Canopy Walkway; Outback at Isa; Underground Hospital; School of the Air; Royal Flying Doctor Service; Kronosaurus Korner
- National Parks and Wildlife fees

Items not included:

- Transfers to Cairns/from Townsville
- Accommodation in Cairns/Townsville
- Personal camping equipment (sleeping bag, pillow, linen etc)
- Lunch at Moonrock Café and Bakery (Day 6)
- Any additional food, beverages, souvenirs, personal purchases, etc.

Tour Highlights:

- Mamu Rainforest Canopy Walkway, Woornooran National Park
- Outback at Isa (includes Hard Times Mine, Riversleigh Fossil Centre, Isa Experience Gallery), Mount Isa
- Underground Hospital and Museum, Mount Isa
- School of the Air, Mount Isa
- Royal Flying Doctor Service, Mount Isa
- Kronosaurus Korner, Richmond

Relevant Fact Sheets:

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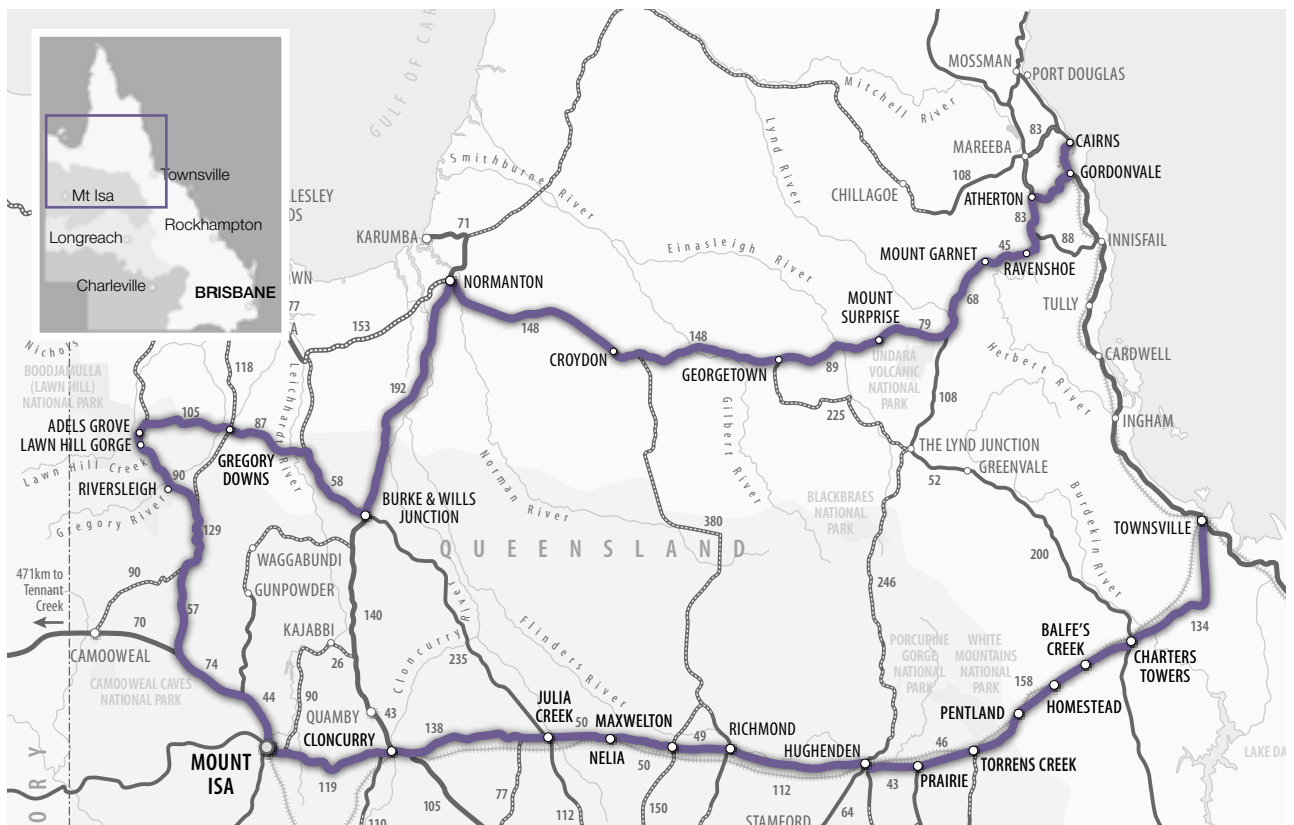
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6 Days/5 Nights ex Brisbane from \$668* per student

Take a journey to the ‘natural’ Outback of Queensland’s South West. Be enthralled by the historic sound and light show at **The Big Rig in Roma**. Discover the universe at the **Charleville Cosmos Centre and Observatory**. Visit the **Queensland Parks and Wildlife Centre**, home of the ‘**Save the Bilby**’ Fund. Discover the valuable service that the **Royal Flying Doctor Service** delivers to the people of Queensland’s Outback. Gain an understanding of how children in remote areas learn through the **School of the Air**. Experience life on a **45,000 hectare working sheep and cattle station**. Camp out every night under clear skies, where the stars seem to stretch forever.

DAY 1 - BRISBANE TO ROMA

Journey	■ Brisbane – Toowoombaapprox 126km/1 hr, 50 mins
	■ Toowoomba to Chinchillaapprox 165km/2 hrs, 10 mins
	■ Chinchilla to Romaapprox 186km/2 hrs. 20 mins

Morning We begin the day with an early departure from Brisbane en route to Toowoomba. Following a pleasant 1hr 50 min drive, we will enjoy morning tea at Picnic Point, located on the edge of the Great Dividing Range in Toowoomba.

We continue travelling on to Chinchilla, known as the ‘Melon Capital’ of Australia where 25 percent of Australia’s total watermelon crop is produced. Our lunch stop will be at Chinchilla.

Afternoon After lunch we head towards Roma, known as the cradle of Australia’s oil and gas industry, and home to the Big Rig. We arrive in Roma late afternoon and check into our campsite for dinner.

Evening **Experience:** Big Rig Night Tour, Warrego Highway, Roma. Ph: (07) 4622 4355

History is brought to life at the “Big Rig”, the town’s major tourist attraction, paying tribute to Roma’s oil and gas industry that began back in 1900. Through a theatrical presentation with pyrotechnics, computer lighting and a digitally mastered soundtrack, a night show dramatically recreates this remarkable story of Australia’s oil and gas.

Our campsite: Roma Aussie Tourist Park, 6 Bowen Street, Roma.
Ph: (07) 4622 6464

(Included Meals: Morning Tea;
Lunch; Dinner)



Picnic Point, Toowoomba

DAY 2 - ROMA TO CHARLEVILLE

Journey	■ Roma to Morven.....approx 177km/2 hrs, 10 mins
	■ Morven to Charleville.....approx 91km/1 hr, 15 mins

Morning Breakfast will be at the campsite before we begin our journey to Charleville. We will stop en route to experience the unique Morven Museum, a must-see collection of handcrafted, perfectly recreated miniature buildings from the bark and slab hut days of early Queensland's Outback settlement, as well as an original kerosene tin hut.

Afternoon We arrive in Charleville for a picnic lunch. Charleville is the largest town in the south west of Queensland's Outback region where in 1890, Cobb & Co. based their largest coachmaking factory in Australia. We check into our campsite accommodation after lunch, then head out to the Cosmos Centre and Observatory.

Experience: Day Visit: Cosmos Centre and Observatory, Qantas Drive, Charleville.
Ph: (07) 4654 7771

The Cosmos Theatre is the venue for two movie presentations. First, Aboriginal Dreamtime Cosmology, which tells the story of the Rainbow Serpent and the creations of planet Earth. Next, Chain of Wonders, a mini IMAX experience on the formation of the Universe, hosted by two Queensland's Outback characters.

Evening Following dinner, we return to the Cosmos Centre to be guided through the night sky.

Experience: Night Visit: Cosmos Centre and Observatory, Qantas Drive, Charleville.
Ph: (07) 4654 7771

Experienced guides take visitors on a tour of Queensland's Outback night sky. You will have the opportunity to view distant stars, planets and star clusters through three powerful Meade 12 inch telescopes.

Our campsite: Bailey Bar Caravan Park, 196 King Street, Charleville.
Ph: (07) 4654 1744

(Included Meals: Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)



Cosmos Centre, Charleville

Highlights

- School of the Air
- Charleville Royal Flying Doctor Base
- Nardoo Station

Morning

We have breakfast at campsite, before packing up ready to begin our day's activities. This morning we have a visit to the School of the Air and learn how these vital services have sustained Queensland's Outback communities for generations, then it's on to the Charleville Royal Flying Doctor Base.

Experience: Charleville School of Distance Education, Parry Street, Charleville.
Ph: (07) 4654 4172

The Charleville School of Distance Education (incorporating Charleville School of the Air) was established in 1966 in conjunction with the Royal Flying Doctors Service. Teachers conduct daily telephone lessons for prep, primary and secondary children, and the preschoolers have two lessons a week. To assist teachers with daily lessons, families are supplied with a specially designed telephone and headset by the school.

Experience: Charleville Royal Flying Doctor Base, Old Cunnamulla Road, Charleville.
Ph: (07) 4654 1233

At the Royal Flying Doctor Service Centre you will discover the valuable service, both past and present, that the doctors deliver to the people of Queensland's Outback. An introductory film introduces you to the service. Extensive displays of past and present equipment provide a fascinating insight into the history of this unique Outback service.

Afternoon

We enjoy a picnic lunch before heading off to the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Centre, Charleville for a special afternoon visit.

Experience: Queensland Parks and Wildlife Centre, 1 Park Street, Charleville.
Ph: (07) 4654 3057

Meet with the local QPWS Ranger to hear about the rehabilitation program for bilbies, and Charleville's role in this. Learn why the bilby is an endangered species and what efforts are being made to save Australia's bilby population.

Afternoon / Evening

We continue on our journey to Cunnamulla and Nardoo Station where we will be staying for the next two nights. Nardoo is a 45,000 hectare working sheep and cattle station just 38km north of Cunnamulla on the Matilda Highway. It is famous for its distinctive "Outback Spa". Enjoy a soak in the artesian waters before or after your hearty bush dinner.

Our campsite: Nardoo Station, Matilda Highway, Cunnamulla. Ph: (07) 4655 4833
(Included Meals: Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)

DAY 4 - IN CUNNAMULLA

Highlights

- Aldville Station
- Sheep shearing demonstration
- Nardoo Station

Morning

We start the day with a 'Good morning' breakfast at our campsite.

Today we head into Cunnamulla and then out to Aldville Station.

Experience: Aldville Station, via Cunnamulla. Ph: (07) 4655 4814

Aldville Station is a 30,000 hectare sheep and cattle station which offers visitors a chance to experience the real Queensland's Outback. Participate in a shearing demonstration and learn about the significance of the wool industry in Australia.

Afternoon / Evening

We enjoy a picnic lunch at the station, before returning back to Nardoo Station. You will have some free time to explore, visit the livestock, or try your hand at fishing if you can find a flowing stream or river.

Tonight, we relax by the campfire for a delicious dinner.

Our campsite: Nardoo Station, Matilda Highway, Cunnamulla. Ph: (07) 4655 4833
(Included Meals: Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)

DAY 5 - CUNNAMULLA TO JONDARYAN

Journey:	■ Cunnamulla to Bollon	approx 181km/2 hrs, 10 mins
	■ Bollon to St George	approx 113km/1 hr, 20 mins
	■ St George to Moonie	approx 189km/2 hrs, 15 mins
	■ Moonie to Jondaryan	approx 154km/1 hr, 50 mins

Morning After breakfast we have an early start leaving Nardoo Station behind to commence our trip back east along the Balonne Highway.

Morning tea stop will be at Bollon. On the banks of Wallam Creek, Bollon is the habitat of a large koala population which thrives on the abundant red river gums in the area. More than 110 species of birds have been recorded in the area.

Afternoon Picnic lunch will be at St George, often referred to as an 'Oasis' or 'the inland fishing capital of Queensland', St George is situated on the picturesque banks of the mighty Balonne River.

We call in at Moonie for a brief comfort stop, before continuing our journey via Dalby to Jondaryan.

Evening We arrive at our overnight stop at Jondaryan Woolshed where you get to sleep in the woolshed for the night. Located in the heart of the Darling Downs, Jondaryan Woolshed is of great historical interest, featuring historic buildings, machinery, equipment and collections which have been restored over the past 30 years.

Dinner will be served at our overnight campsite.

Our campsite: Jondaryan Woolshed, Evanslea Road, Jondaryan. Ph: (07) 4692 2229
(Included Meals: Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)

DAY 6 - JONDARYAN TO BRISBANE

Journey:	■ Jondaryan to Brisbane	approx 168km/2 hrs, 25 mins
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Morning After an early breakfast we bid goodbye to Jondaryan Woolshed and begin our journey home to Brisbane. We travel via Toowoomba, Queensland's Garden City, then on to Ipswich, home of 'The Workshops Rail Museum,' an interactive campus of the Queensland Museum.

10.30am Our Queensland's Outback adventure comes to an end as we arrive back in Brisbane.
(Included Meals: Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)



Jondaryan Woolshed

Tour Inclusions:

- All coach travel in a 53 seater, air-conditioned luxury tour coach with seatbelts
- Coach features: TV, DVD, radio, P.A. and CD player
- Tent accommodation throughout
- Full catering kitchen and caterers for all meals as specified
- Entrance fees to all attractions and experiences as specified

Items not included:

- Crockery, cutlery and tea towel
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Items of a personal nature
- Personal travel insurance

Tour Highlights:

- Big Rig Night Tour, Roma
- Cosmos Centre and Observatory – Day and Night Tour, Charleville
- School of the Air, Charleville
- Royal Flying Doctor Service, Charleville
- Queensland Parks and Wildlife Centre – Home of the ‘Save the Bilby’ Fund, Charleville
- Nardoo Station, Cunnamulla
- Aldville Station, Cunnamulla
- Jondaryan Woolshed, Jondaryan

Relevant Fact Sheets:

5, 6, 16, 21, 23, 25, 27 - 29

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