

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

BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRES

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Conditions: *Tour prices are valid until December 2010, however should participating accommodation and attractions operators increase their rates, the tour operator reserves the right to adjust prices accordingly. The quoted price is based on a minimum group of 25 students with 2 teachers travelling free of charge. Where the group size is less than 25 students, the tour price will increase. Prices are available on application.

