Day 1 – Brisbane to Mitchell

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.

Next we will travel to Miles, where lunch will be provided in a local park. Miles was originally named Dogwood Crossing and was established on a track blazed by the explorer Ludwig Leichhardt in 1884.

Afternoon: After lunch we continue our journey to our overnight stop at Mitchell, known as the Gateway to Queensland’s Outback. The town, on the banks of the Maranoa River, was named in honour of Sir Thomas Mitchell whose exploration of south-west Queensland led to the establishment of several towns in the region. Just out of Mitchell we arrive at Bonus Downs Farmstay and receive a warm welcome from the station hosts. After setting up camp in the shearsers quarters, we sit down to a well deserved dinner followed by a campfire and star gazing.

Our campsite: Bonus Downs Farmstay, via Mitchell. Ph: (07) 4623 1573.

{Included Meals: Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner}

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**Day 2 – Mitchell to Longreach**

**Journey:**
- Mitchell to Augathella .............................................................. approx 182km / 2 hrs, 10 mins
- Augathella to Blackall ............................................................... approx 219km / 2 hrs, 35 mins
- Blackall to Longreach ............................................................... approx 214km / 2 hrs, 30 mins

**Morning:**
- We are up early this morning for a hearty campsite breakfast. Everybody chips in to help pack up the campsite and we continue our journey towards our next overnight stop at Longreach.
- We will arrive in Augathella for a refreshing morning tea. Augathella, with its fascinating history of bushrangers, bullochies and bullock teams, has some memorable Outback experiences.

**Afternoon:**
- Our lunch break is scheduled in Blackall. Famous for many reasons, blade shearer Jack Howe put Blackall on the map in 1892 when he set a world record by shearing 321 sheep in seven hours and 40 minutes. It took 58 years for anyone to match this feat. It’s also the home of the Black Stump which marks the original Astro Station established in 1887. Anything west of this point is said to be ‘beyond the black stumpy.’

**Early Evening:**
- We will arrive in the legendary town of Longreach late afternoon and set up camp.
- Campsite dinner tonight, followed by showers and bed.

**Our campsite:** Longreach Tourist Park, 12 Thrush Road, Longreach.

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)

**Day 3 – Sightseeing in and around Longreach**

**Highlights:**
- Longreach School of Distance Education
- Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame
- Outback Aussie Tours – Drover’s Sunset Cruise

**Morning:**
- We are up early this morning for a hearty campsite breakfast. Today we get the chance to explore Longreach, its pioneering history and its unique Queensland’s Outback attractions.

**Experience:** Longreach School of Distance Education, Sir James Walker Drive, Longreach.

At the Longreach School of Distance Education you will learn how students who live in Queensland’s most remote regions go to school. Follow the fascinating history of Distance Education from the way it used to be to what it has become today. A morning tea stop is scheduled after our visit.

**Experience:** Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame, Landsborough Highway, Longreach.

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.

**Afternoon/Evening:** We return to our campsite for lunch.

**Experience:** Outback Aussie Tours – Drover’s Sunset Cruise, Longreach.

View the glorious western landscape upon the deck of the MV Longreach Explorer. Keep watch for abundant wildlife on the upper deck while overlooking the timeless waterhole. Be mesmerised by the afterglow, colours and incredible reflections of the coolabahs as the light fades into the starry Outback sky. Savour the flavours of the Outback camp oven cuisine at the Drover’s Dinner Camp before sitting back and enjoying bush poetry under the stars.

(Maximum capacity 48 passengers)

**Our campsite:** Longreach Tourist Park, 12 Thrush Road, Longreach.

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)
Journey: Longreach to Winton .................................................................approx 180km / 2 hr, 10 mins

Highlights: ▶ Waltzing Matilda Centre and Australian Age of Dinosaurs

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.

Experience: The Waltzing Matilda Centre, Elderslie Street, Winton.
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.

Afternoon: Enjoy a picnic lunch in Winton followed by free time to explore the Opal Walk, Winton’s Musical Fence and Arno’s Wall.

Step back in time about 100 million years, as we travel to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs – home to the world’s largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils and the site of the biggest fossil preparation laboratory in the Southern Hemisphere! The world class facility is located on top of a huge mesa plateau called ‘The Jump-Up’ with huge rocky outcrops, cliffs, canyons and spectacular distance views. We will enjoy tours of the dinosaur collection and fossil preparation laboratory.

Evening: Back to the campsite for dinner and bed.

Our campsite: Longreach Tourist Park, 12 Thrush Road, Longreach. Ph: (07) 4658 2667

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)
Day 5 – Longreach to Barcaldine

**Journey:**
Longreach to Barcaldine........................................................................................................................ approx 107km / 1 hr, 15 mins

**Highlights:**
- Qantas Founders Museum
- Kinnon and Co. Royal Mail Gallop
- Australian Workers Heritage Centre
- Tree of Knowledge Memorial

**Morning:**
After our campsite breakfast, we have the opportunity to experience some of Queensland’s Outback adventure activities.

**Experience:** Qantas Founders Museum, Longreach Airport, Sir Hudson Fysh Drive, Ph: (07) 4658 3737
They say Longreach is where Australia learned to fly. Now find out how at the Qantas Founders Museum. Visit the original 1922 Qantas hangar and explore a range of the original Qantas aircraft, including a decommissioned 747 and 707. Option: Add Wing Walk experience.

**Experience:** Kinnon and Co. – Royal Mail Gallop, 126 Eagle Street, Longreach.
Experience a 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.

**Experience:** Tree of Knowledge Memorial and Australian Workers Heritage Centre, 94 Ash Street, Barcaldine.
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.

**Evening:**
Enjoy lunch back at camp before packing up and travelling through to Barcaldine.

Our campsite: Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre, Ash Street, Barcaldine.
(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)

Day 6 – Barcaldine to Mitchell

**Journey:**
Barcaldine to Blackall .............................................................................................................................. approx 107km / 1 hr, 15 mins
Blackall to Mitchell ...................................................................................................................................... approx 399km / 4 hrs, 40 mins

**Morning:**
Up early this morning for our campsite breakfast. Today we say goodbye to Barcaldine and begin our journey home.

**Afternoon:**
Stopping for morning tea in Blackall. We continue our journey to Mitchell with a picnic lunch en-route.

**Experience:** The Great Artesian Spa, 2 Cambridge Street, Mitchell.
The Great Artesian Spa promises a unique Outback experience. There are two large pools of thermal mineralised artesian waters to enjoy. One spa has naturally heated waters from the Great Artesian Basin. The other one is designed for those that prefer a cooler experience.

**Early Evening:**
We arrive at Mitchell for our campsite dinner.

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)

Day 7 – Mitchell to Brisbane

**Journey:**
Mitchell to Miles ...................................................................................................................................... approx 228km / 2 hrs, 50 mins
Miles to Toowoomba ..................................................................................................................................... approx 210km / 2 hrs, 40 mins
Toowoomba to Brisbane ................................................................................................................................... approx 126km / 1 hr, 50 mins

**Morning:**
We enjoy our last campsite breakfast then continue our journey home to Brisbane. We will stop for morning tea en-route to Miles.

**Afternoon:**
We arrive in Miles for a picnic lunch then make our way towards Toowoomba for our afternoon comfort stop.

**Late Afternoon:**
We leave Toowoomba and make our way back to Brisbane arriving early evening.
Tour Inclusions:
- All coach travel in an 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:
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Items of a personal nature
- Personal travel insurance

Tour Highlights:
- School of Distance Education, Longreach
- Qantas Founders Museum, Longreach
- Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame, Longreach
- Sunset River Cruise, Longreach
- Tree of Knowledge Memorial, Barcaldine
- Australian Workers Heritage Centre, Barcaldine
- Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Kinnon & Co. Royal Mail Gallop, Longreach
- Longreach
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs
- Great Artesian Spa Bath

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Day 1 – Brisbane to Roma

Journey:
- Brisbane to Toowoomba: approx 126km / 1 hr, 50 mins
- Toowoomba to Chinchilla: approx 165km / 2 hrs, 10 mins
- Chinchilla to Roma: approx 186km / 2 hrs, 20 mins

Highlights:
The Big Rig

Morning:
We begin the day with an early departure from Brisbane en route to Toowoomba. Following a pleasant 1 hr 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)

Day 2 – Roma to Charleville

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

Highlights:
- Morven Miniature Pioneer Village and Museum
- Bilby Experience

Morning:
Breakfast will be at the campsite before we begin our journey to Charleville. If time permits, have a tour at the Roma Salesyards – Tuesday and Saturdays only, but well worth the look! 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. Enjoy a picnic lunch while in Morven.

Afternoon:
Experience: Morven Miniature Pioneering Village and Museum, Albert Street, Morven.

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, then freshen up before dinner.

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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 3 – In Charleville

**Highlights:**
- School of the Air
- Charleville Royal Flying Doctor Base
- Cosmos Centre and Observatory

**Morning:**
We have breakfast at the campsite, before 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 out to the Cosmos Centre and Observatory.

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

**Our campsite:** Bailey Bar Caravan Park, 196 Kings Street, Charleville.
(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)
### Day 4 – Charleville to Cunnamulla

#### Journey:
Charleville to Aldville Station ................................................................. Approx 170km / 2 hrs

#### Highlights:
- Aldville Station
- Sheep shearing demonstration

#### Morning:
We start the day with a hearty breakfast at our campsite before breaking camp and travelling to Cunnamulla and 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:
We enjoy a picnic lunch at the station, before setting up camp in the shearsers quarters. 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.

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

**Our campsite:** Aldville Station, via Cunnamulla.
(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)

### Day 5 – Cunnamulla to Jondaryan

#### Journey:
- Aldville Station to Bollon ................................................................. 300km / 3 hrs, 15 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 Aldville 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: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)

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**Day 6 – Jondaryan to Brisbane**

**Journey:** Jondaryan to Brisbane.............................................................. approx 168km / 2 hrs, 25 mins

**Highlights:**

- Jondaryan Woolshed

**Morning:**

After breakfast at camp, enjoy a fun-filled day of activities at the woolshed including demonstrations of blacksmithing, sheep dogs and beekeeping followed by a horse and cart ride and your chance to get up close with the farm animals in the nursery.

**Afternoon:**

After lunch 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. Our Queensland’s Outback adventure comes to an end as we arrive back in Brisbane.

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)
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Tour Highlights:
- Big Rig Night Tour, Roma
- Roma Saleyards
- Cosmos Centre and Observatory – Day and Night Tour, Charleville
- School of the Air, Charleville
- Royal Flying Doctor Service, Charleville
- Aldville Station, Cunnamulla
- Jondaryan Woolshed, Jondaryan
- Bilby Experience

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Day 1 – Brisbane to Mitchell

Journey:
- Brisbane to Toowoomba: approx 135km / 1 ¾ hours
- Toowoomba to Miles: approx 125km / 1 ½ hours
- Miles to Roma: approx 140km / 1 ¾ hours
- Roma to Mitchell: approx 100km / 1 ¼ hours

Highlights:
- Toowoomba
  - Morning: We depart Brisbane early this morning and climb the Toowoomba Range to Picnic Point for morning tea. We then continue into the Darling Downs where we will see Cotton farming and Coal mining.
  - Afternoon: We will stop in Miles to have our lunch before continuing to Roma, the home of the Big Rig Oil and Gas Museum. We continue on to our overnight stay at the historic sheep and cattle station, Bonus Downs, southwest of Mitchell.
  - Evening: Bunk down tonight in a shearing shed on a 33,000 acre working cattle and sheep station. We will arrive in time to explore the beautifully restored historic buildings and see a modern working station in operation before dinner. Enjoy a campfire under the stars with damper after dinner.

Accommodation:
- Bonus Downs, Bollon Rd, Mitchell. www.bonusdowns.webls.net
  Ph: (07) 4623 1573

(Included Meals: Dinner)

Students need to bring their morning tea and a packed lunch with their own water bottle for the first day.

Day 2 – Mitchell to Barcaldine

Journey:
- Mitchell to Blackall: approx 400km / 4 ½ hours
- Blackall to Barcaldine: approx 107km / 1 ¼ hours

Highlights:
- The Black Stump
- Tree of Knowledge
- Australian Workers Heritage Museum

Morning:
- This morning we will bid farewell to our station hosts and continue northwest to Augathella, the old stamping ground of the notorious Bushrangers, the Kenniff Brothers. We then continue on to Blackall for lunch, the home of the legendary shearer Jackie Howe and the original Black Stump. From here we are travelling “beyond the Black Stump” to Barcaldine.

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

This afternoon we will arrive in Barcaldine where we will visit the Australian Workers Heritage Centre where we learn about the ordinary workers and their contribution to building the modern nation of Australia. We will also get the opportunity to get our photo taken under the Tree Of Knowledge Memorial, built to commemorate the birthplace of the Australian Labor Party.
Evening: We will then settle in to our accommodation for the next two nights at the Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre.

Accommodation: Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre, Ash St, Barcaldine.
Ph: (07) 4651 2530

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)

Day 3 – Barcaldine and a day trip to Longreach

Journey: Barcaldine to Longreach ................................................................................................ approx 107km / 1 ¼ hours
Longreach to Barcaldine ............................................................................................................ approx 107km / 1 ¼ hours

Highlights:
- Stockman’s Hall of Fame
- Qantas Founders Museum
- School of the Air

Morning: After a hearty breakfast we make our way to the outback town of Longreach.

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

The Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame was developed to celebrate the pioneering men and women – such as the Aborigines, explorers, stockmen and others responsible for opening up the outback. Hear their stories and learn about how Australia’s unique bush character and resilience was created.

We can enjoy our morning tea on the front lawn of the Centre.

Experience: Longreach School of Distance Education, Sir James Walker Drive, Longreach.
Ph: (07) 4658 4215

We will visit the Longreach School of Distance Education, where we will get an insight into the challenges that students face in remote areas of Australia. We will also see how technology has changed over the years and how important telecommunications are in the outback.

We will have lunch at Anzac Park in Longreach.

Afternoon: Experience: Qantas Founders Museum, Longreach Airport, Sir Hudson Fysh Drive, Longreach.
Ph: (07) 4658 3737

This afternoon we visit the Qantas museum. We have the opportunity to explore inside an actual decommissioned Qantas 747 aircraft. We will also visit the museum and learn about the history of our National Carrier and admire the changing fashions of the air hostesses.

We return to Barcaldine to Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre for dinner and a well-earned rest.

Evening: Accommodation: Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre, Ash St, Barcaldine.
Ph: (07) 4651 2530

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)
Day 4 – Barcaldine to Lake Maraboon (near Emerald)

**Journey:**
- Barcaldine to Alpha ................................................................. approx 140km / 1 ¼ hours
- Alpha to Sapphire ................................................................. approx 145km / 1 ¾ hours
- Sapphire to Emerald................................................................. approx 60 km / 1 hour

**Highlights:**
- Fossicking for precious Gemstones
- Underground Mine Tour

**Morning:**
After breakfast we leave Barcaldine and travel east toward Alpha, where we will have morning tea. Alpha has recently been announced as the site of a new enormous Coal Mine. We will then continue to the gemfields area of Sapphire and Rubyvale.

**Experience:** Miners Heritage, 97 Heritage Rd, Rubyvale. Ph: (07) 4985 4444
At Miners Heritage we will go underground to experience Australia’s largest underground sapphire walk-in mine. We will learn how the professional miners find their precious treasures before trying our luck at fossicking for sapphires. We even get to keep any sapphires that we find!

We have our lunch here at Rubyvale.

**Afternoon:**
We will travel east through the Central Highlands to Emerald, home of the largest Van Gogh canvas painting of *Sunflowers* in the world! We have the opportunity to learn about the history of Emerald in the nearby unique heritage walk. From here we head out to Lake Maraboon on the mighty Fairbairn Dam and our accommodation.

**Evening:**
**Accommodation:** Lake Maraboon Discovery Holiday Park. Ph: (07) 4982 3677
(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)

Day 5 – Lake Maraboon to Brisbane

**Journey:**
- Lake Maraboon to Roma ................................................................. approx 390km / 4 ½ hours
- Roma to Chinchilla ................................................................. approx 187km / 2 hours
- Chinchilla to Toowoomba ................................................................. approx 166 km / 2 hours
- Toowoomba to Brisbane ................................................................. approx 135km / 1 ¾ hours

**Highlights:**
- Travel over the Great Dividing Range
- View Bottle trees

**Morning:**
We depart early this morning after breakfast and head south through Springsure and Rolleston. We then travel over the Great Dividing Range to Roma where we will enjoy a picnic lunch in the park.

**Afternoon:**
We make our way east to Chinchilla then on to Dalby.

**Evening:**
We will arrive in time for dinner in Toowoomba. We arrive home to Brisbane this evening at around 9.00pm.
(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)
Tour Inclusions:

- All coach travel in an air-conditioned, seat-belted 53 seat luxury tour coach with TV, DVD, radio, PA, CD player and iPod dock. Two accredited drivers on tour for safety at all times.
- Dormitory style accommodation and shearing shed (sleeping mats provided’)
- Full catering for all meals as specified.
- Entrance fees to all attractions as specified.

Items not included:

- Crockery, cutlery and tea towel
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Personal items
- Travel Insurance

‘This tour may also be done as a full camping safari with all camping equipment supplied. This would reduce the cost per student. Contact us for a quote.

Tour Highlights:

- Toowoomba
- The Black Stump
- Tree of Knowledge
- Australian Workers Heritage Museum
- Stockman’s Hall of Fame
- QANTAS Museum
- School of the Air
- Fossicking for precious Gemstones
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Day 1 – Brisbane to Barcaldine

Journey:
Overnight on the Spirit of the Outback Queensland Rail Train
Brisbane to Rockhampton ................................................................. approx 638km
Rockhampton to Barcaldine .............................................................. approx 587km

Highlights:
- Spirit of the Outback Rail Journey
- Coastal and outback rail touring
- Onboard activities

Afternoon:
Depart Brisbane early afternoon on the Spirit of the Outback Rail Journey for the start of your Outback Adventure in Western Queensland. This iconic rail experience will travel via coastal Queensland towns of Maryborough and Rockhampton, before heading west via Blackwater and Emerald en-route to Barcaldine. What better way to experience these legendary destinations than by rail on The Spirit of the Outback, where you can see the landscape up close and take the time to admire its untamed beauty. We have the added excitement of an overnight stay aboard the train with plenty of time to spot kangaroos and other wildlife as we travel to Outback Queensland.

Evening:
Spirit of the Outback Rail
Queensland Rail Travel – Group Travel.
Ph: (07) 3235 1308

Please enquire about Edusaver Fares.

Note: Rail fares are not included in this tour price and relevant Edusaver fares will need to be added to this tour itinerary price.

Day 2 – Barcaldine

Highlights:
- Tree of Knowledge evening lights
- Australian Workers Heritage Centre
- Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre
- Radio Theatre – old style cinema with canvas chairs – movie showing

Morning:
You will be met on arrival in Barcaldine mid morning by our Outback Aussie Tours driver/guide, an expert in Outback Queensland and keen to share his local knowledge. Our first stop will be the Australian Workers Heritage Centre, the only national attraction dedicated to celebrating the lives and proud heritage of ordinary working people – telling the stories of the railway workers and blacksmiths, the farmers, nurses and teachers who shaped the nation. We’ll relax in the surrounding parklands with an Outback barbeque lunch.

Afternoon:
After lunch we will be met by a representative of the Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre who will teach you some bush games and education activities.
Evening: We’ll head back to the Centre to freshen up and have dinner before taking a relaxing walk through town to the famous Tree of Knowledge, just on dusk, so that we can see the impressive light display. If everyone is feeling keen for a movie, we can walk to the famous Barcaldine Radio Theatre Show. We’ll sit back in the old style cinema, complete with canvas chairs and watch a latest release movie!

Overnight: Barcaldine.

Day 3 – Barcaldine to Winton

Journey: Barcaldine to Winton .................................................................................................................................. 285 km/ 2 hour 4 mins

Highlights:
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs
- Visit to a private grazing property
- Aboriginal guided bush tucker walk and cave art interpretation

Morning: This morning we will be met by our Aboriginal guide who will travel with us to a private grazing property. Here we will meet the graziers and hear their stories of living and working on the land. Our Aboriginal guide will take us on a bush tucker walk through the property and interpret Aboriginal cave art which is located on the site. We’ll have morning tea and picnic lunch on the property before reboarding our coach for the drive to Winton.

Hold on to your hats now as we journey into the ancient world of dinosaurs! What better place to learn about Australia’s famous dinosaur discoveries and history than at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs! We’ll be met by one of their expert guides who will take us on an interpretive tour of the Laboratory, home to the world’s largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils. We’ll have the opportunity to see staff working on real dinosaur bones and participate in some hands-on activities.

Late Afternoon: We’ll travel the short distance to the historic town of Winton, our home for the next two nights. Perhaps a barbeque dinner with the local school tonight and some fun activities.

Overnight: Diamantina Lodge, Winton.

Day 4 – Winton

Highlights:
- Bladensburg National Park
- Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry
- Waltzing Matilda Centre, Winton

Morning: Following breakfast we will board our coach for a short drive to the nearby Bladensburg National Park. Bladensburg National Park conserves 84,900ha of Mitchell Grass Downs and Channel Country, including unique birdlife, plants and animals. It encompasses areas of important Indigenous and pastoral heritage. The Koa People consider Bladensburg to be part of their traditional country, and the park is also important to the Maiawali and Karuwali People. We’ll meet the park ranger who will share some important stories about the significance of this land and its role as a habitat for native wildlife.

A picnic morning tea at Bladensburg National Park.

Afternoon: Winton is the birthplace of Qantas and famous as the town where the song ‘Waltzing Matilda’ was first penned at the North Gregory Hotel. We’ll visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre – the only museum dedicated to a song and watch the sound and light show of the famous Swaggie telling his story.

Evening: Tonight we have a relaxed dinner at our accommodation – maybe a sing-a-long around the pianola at the famous North Gregory Hotel!

Overnight: Diamantina Lodge, Winton.

Day 5 – Winton to Longreach

Highlights:
- Longreach School of Distance Education tour

Morning: Straight after breakfast we will travel across the open plains via majestic mesas to the legendary town of Longreach. We’ll join the team at the Longreach School of Distance Education and witness a totally different way of schooling with a tour of the facility. Next we visit the Qantas Founders Museum and get to step inside the 747 and 707 jets on an interpretive tour.
Afternoon: This afternoon, we head out to Camden Park Station, just outside of Longreach for a sheep shearing demonstration. Hear how these third-generation graziers manage their mixed herd of sheep and cattle as well as their hay production business. You’ll be given a tour of their historic shearing shed, see their artesian bore in action, hear stories of early Chinese water management and spot local wildlife.

Evening: Tonight we have a relaxed dinner at our accommodation.

Overnight: Longreach.

Day 6 – Longreach

Highlights:
- Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame & Stockman’s Show
- M.V. Longreach Explorer cruise on the Thomson River
- Red Faces Fun Farewell Dinner

Morning /Afternoon: We enjoy a morning visit to Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame where we discover the inspiring stories of the men, women and children living in and pioneering Outback Queensland. Witness the quintessential Australian character of the Outback Stockman’s Show – a tribute to the stockman’s skills.

Evening: Tonight we have a relaxed dinner at our accommodation followed by our Outback farewell show.

We board the M.V. Longreach Explorer for an afternoon cruise on the majestic Thomson River where you will find out how Longreach was named, hear stories of famous characters like Captain Starlight and discover the indigenous and cultural links.

Overnight: Longreach School of Distance Education.

Day 7 – Longreach - Brisbane

Journey: Longreach to Rockhampton ............................................Rail Distance: 687km | Travelling Time
Rockhampton to Brisbane .........................................................Rail Distance: 638km | Travelling Time

Highlights:
- Spirit of the Outback Rail Journey
- Coastal & Outback rail touring
- Onboard activities

Morning: We have an early morning departure from Longreach aboard the Spirit of the Outback rail journey for our overnight journey back to Brisbane. Many wonderful memories and new Outback friends will ensure that Outback Queensland has a special place in your heart. Come back soon!

Spirit of the Outback Rail Qld Rail Travel – Group Travel Ph: (07) 3235 1308
Please enquire about Edusaver Fares.

Note: Rail fares are not included in this tour price and relevant Edusaver fares will need to be added to this tour itinerary price.
Tour Inclusions:
All coach travel; all meals, dormitory style accommodation and activities as indicated; expert commentary with experienced local Savannah guides; all entry fees and transfers.

Tour Highlights:
- Spirit of the Outback Rail Journey
- Coastal & outback rail touring
- Onboard activities
- Tree of Knowledge evening lights
- Australian Workers Heritage Centre
- Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre
- Bush Tucker Walk and Bush Games
- Radio Theatre – old style cinema with canvas chairs – movie showing
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum
- Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park
- Waltzing Matilda Centre, Winton
- Outback games at Longreach School of Distance Education
- Qantas Founders Museum
- Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame & Stockman’s Show
- Longreach School of Distance Education tour
- Afternoon Cruise on the Thomson River
- Evening Red Faces Farewell Event

Relevant Factsheets:
1-4, 7-8, 12, 13-17, 19, 21

BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES
Outback Aussie Tours
Phone: (07) 4658 3000
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Conditions: *Pricing is a guide only and will be subject to change pending final itinerary arrangements. One free of charge adult for every 20 paying students. For full terms and conditions please refer to www.outbackaussietours.com.au. Please add applicable Edufare rail fares Brisbane to Barcaldine and Longreach to Brisbane.

*Pricing is a guide only
Adels Grove
Lawn Hill Outback Experience

4 Days / 3 Nights from $75* per student per day

Explore the Outback with Savannah Guides who will take you into Boodjamulla National Park to hike, swim and canoe. Take your students into the World Heritage Riversleigh Fossil site for a once in a lifetime experience where they will explore the fossilised remains of ancient animals and the picturesque Gregory River.

Day 1 – Burke and Wills to Adels Grove

Journey: Burke and Wills Roadhouse to Adels Grove ................................................. approx. 145km / 2 hours
Highlights:
- Adels Grove
- Nocturnal Walk
- Camp fire
- Swimming in the spring fed Lawn Hill Creek

Morning: Head into Adels Grove in time for a tasty bite to eat for lunch after your drive.
Afternoon: This afternoon you will enjoy an orientation of Adels Grove, settle into accommodation, time for a swim before dinner.
Evening: Nocturnal walks after dinner by the Adels Grove Savannah Guides, camp fire and supper.
Accommodation: Adels Grove, Boodjamulla Lawn Hill National Park, Queensland

Day 2 – Adels Grove and Boodjamulla Lawn Hill National Park

Highlights:
- Guided walks over viewing Lawn Hill Gorge
- Swimming
- Canoeing – school to provide canoeing instructor
- Ranger Talks

Morning: This morning you and your class will enjoy guided walks to the Island stack, wild dog dreaming and the cascades of Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park including talks by local rangers.
Afternoon: This afternoon you can walk, swim and canoe to the Indarri falls, Duwadarri lookout.
Evening: Nocturnal walks after dinner by our Savannah Guides, camp fire and supper.
Accommodation: Adels Grove, Boodjamulla Lawn Hill National Park, Queensland.

Day 3 – Adels Grove and the World Heritage-Listed Riversleigh Fossil Site

Journey: Adels Grove to Riversleigh Fossil Site ........................................... approx. 50km / 1 hour
Riversleigh Fossil Site to Adels Grove .............................................................. approx. 50km / 1 hour
Highlights:
- World Heritage-listed Riversleigh Fossil site
- Gregory River
- Local History

Morning: Travel to the World Heritage-listed Riversleigh Fossil site taking in the local history, flora and fauna along the way. On arrival at D Site your Savannah Guide will take you through time and uncover the ancient animals of the Oligo-miocene period (15-20 million years). Then travel to the picturesque Gregory River for morning tea before heading back to Adels Grove.
Afternoon: This afternoon is free time to take a swim, go fishing, filling in camp booklets – information available from Adels Grove. Getting prepared for tonight’s activities.
Evening: Tonight we ask the children to put on a concert based on what they have discovered over the last 3 days, using natural props found in the camp ground.

Accommodation: Adels Grove, Boodjamulla Lawn Hill National Park, Queensland.

Day 4 – Adels Grove to Home

Journey: Adels Grove to Home

Morning: After breakfast you will leave Adels Grove (maybe stopping for a swim if there’s time!) before departing back for your destination after your unforgettable Outback Adventure.

Tour Inclusions: Please contact Adels Grove for more details.

Tour Highlights:
- Adels Grove
- Nocturnal Walk
- Camp fire
- Swimming in the spring fed Lawn Hill Creek
- Guided walks over viewing Lawn Hill Gorge
- Canoeing – school to provide canoeing instructor
- Ranger Talks
- World Heritage-listed Riversleigh Fossil site
- Gregory River
- Local History

Relevant Factsheets: 7, 19-21, 29, 30
Day 1

Journey:
- Mackay to Moranbah ................................................................. 194km / 2hrs 25 mins
- Moranbah to Emerald ............................................................... 224km / 2hrs 50 mins
- Emerald to Alpha ...................................................................... 169km / 2hrs 10 mins
- Alpha to Barcaldine ................................................................. 141km / 1hr 40 mins

Highlights: ➡️ Wanpa-rda Outback Education Centre

Morning:
- We depart Mackay on our Outback Adventure! Today we are travelling to Barcaldine with a few comfort stops along the way. Our first stop en-route is morning tea in Moranbah.
- Sitting back and enjoying the scenery, we are on our way to Emerald. At Emerald we will stop for a lunch break at the Emerald Centenary of Federation Mosaic Pathway. This feature was built to the honour of Emerald’s 100 year Centenary. The children can have a run around in the park, before heading off for the rest of the journey.

Afternoon:
- On route to Barcaldine with most of the travelling now behind us, we make a comfort stop in Alpha. Once boarded the coach again we are not far from our destination in Barcaldine.
- We soon arrive at the Wanpa-rda Outback Education Centre, which will be our Outback home for the next 4 days. Our welcome afternoon tea and team building activity are awaiting us.

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Afternoon Tea; Lunch; Dinner)

Accommodation: Wanpa-rda dormitories

Day 2

Journey: Barcaldine to Longreach ......................................................... 107km / 1hr 20 mins

Highlights: ➡️ Qantas Founders Museum
- ➡️ Stockman’s Hall of Fame
- ➡️ Stargazing

Morning:
- Today we are heading to Longreach. This morning we will visit the Qantas Founders Museum. Our guided tour will be of the museum and the Boeing 747 aircraft. So much to see and experience.

Afternoon:
- After our packed lunch, we head to the Stockman’s Hall of Fame. This afternoon we will take part in a tour of the hall and activities. Lots to do and to learn too.

Evening:
- We head back to Wanpa-rda for some dinner and dessert. When the night sky is lit up with twinkling stars, we are ready for some stargazing. Our Wanpa-rda teacher is going to take all of the children stargazing. Imagine the Outback and all the stars that will be out!

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Afternoon Tea; Dinner and Dessert)

Accommodation: Wanpa-rda dormitories
Day 3

Journey: Barcaldine to Longreach ..............................................................107km / 1hr 20 mins

Highlights:
- School of Long Distance Education
- Royal Mail Gallop
- Harry Redford Tent Show

Morning:
We are heading back to Longreach today! One day cannot cover all the beauty available to us, two days can help us understand the drive behind this thriving Outback community. This morning will be a tour of the School of Long Distance Education. They will show us how teaching and school work has changed over the years in the Outback. After School of the Air, we are going to the Kinnon & Co. Stagecoach Tour! Here the children will climb aboard a live mail gallop. The horses and carts will recreate a 20 min Royal Mail Gallop. This is sure to be outstanding, and give the children an idea of just how the postal system worked for many years in the Outback.

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Afternoon:
After a lovely packed lunch, and a rest in the park, it’s time for some more adventure with the Kinnon & Co. Harry Redford Tent Show. With entertainment from talented stockmen, this is sure to keep the attention of the children. This show is a recreation of Captain Starlight, a notorious cattle thief from the Outback. With stunts and history, what more could you ask for.

Evening:
On our way back from Longreach, we stop to take a look around Machinery Mile at Ilfracombe. Back at Barcaldine, why not use some free time to see the Tree of Knowledge. Wash up for dinner and dessert. Lights out, we have more places to go tomorrow.

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Afternoon Tea; Dinner and Dessert)
Accommodation: Wanpa-rda dormitories

Day 4

Journey: Barcaldine to Blackall ...............................................................107km / 1hr 20 mins

Highlights:
- Australian Workers Heritage Centre

Morning:
This morning we are going to view the only operational Woolscour left in Australia. This is where the sheep are shorn and the wool is cleaned. The only opportunity for some to visit this historic place, still operating. Enjoying a packed lunch in the park before heading back to Barcaldine.

Afternoon:
What a better way than to spend the afternoon searching for bush tucker? Your teacher at Wanpa-rda will be taking you on a hands-on tour to search for Outback bush tucker. These survival skills, passed down from our ancestors, were imperative to their survival. Do you think you have what it takes?

We will also be able to take part in a tour of the Australian Workers Heritage Centre, just a short walk from the Wanpa-rda Centre. A tour of this amazing centre, set on 2 hectares of beautifully landscaped gardens and billabong, will have you all captivated. There will also be a tour and information on roles and responsibilities of our hard working Aussies, battling against Mother Nature and the hardships faced throughout the years.

Evening:
After another fabulous dinner and dessert, it’s time to relax and recap on the awesome experiences that have been had over the last 3 days. It’s time for a campfire and marshmallow tasting. Then off to bed!

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Afternoon Tea; Dinner and Dessert)
Accommodation: Wanpa-rda dormitories
Day 5

Journey: Barcaldine to Blackall 107km / 1hr 20 mins
Morning: We hit the road this morning for one last activity before we are homeward bound. Stopping at Rubyvale for lunch and gemstone fossicking.
Afternoon: Departing the Gemfields, our next comfort stop will be in Moranbah. Soon we are home again! What an amazing week, so many stories to tell our friends and family! (Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Afternoon Tea)

Tour Inclusions:
Please contact Mackay Transit for more details.

Tour Highlights:
- Qantas Founders Museum
- Stockman’s Hall of Fame
- Stargazing
- School of Long Distance Education
- Royal Mail Gallop
- Harry Redford Tent Show
- Australian Workers Heritage Centre

Relevant Factsheets:
1-4, 7-8, 13-17, 29

BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES
Mackay Transit
Phone: (07) 4957 3330
Email: sales@mackaytransit.com.au
www.mackaytransit.com.au

Conditions:
* Coach, Accommodation and Tours subject to availability.
* This itinerary is departing from schools in the 4740, 4750 postcodes
* This price is based on 25 primary school students + 3 Adults (Teachers or support staff) free of charge.
Day 1 – Your school to Barcaldine

**Highlights:**
- Teambuilding/leadership session facilitated by the Education Officer at the Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre.
- Morning: Arriving by coach? Why not stop in and visit one of the attractions and places of educational significance en-route to “Wanpa-rda Matilda”. Discuss your options with our onsite Education Officer.
- Afternoon: Arrive at Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre to be greeted by the Education Officer who will welcome you to Barcaldine. You and your students will have time to settle into your dormatory style accommodation, unpack, have showers and a bit of free time to relax after your big drive.
- Evening: Dinner and dessert is included for students and teachers. Tonight, the Education Officer will facilitate a team building/leadership session where the students will take part in a variety of activities that will require them to actively practise participating, sharing, helping, listening, respecting, questioning and persuading. Overnight at the Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre.

Day 2 – Barcaldine

**Highlights:**
- Australian Workers Heritage Centre
- Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre
- Archery
- Radio Theatre – old style cinema with canvas chairs – movie showing
- Artesian water and location survivor activities including trap making and signalling

**Morning /Afternoon:**
- Students will have the opportunity to take part in one of the Outback’s favourite activities, ‘crawchie catching’. In a survival situation you probably don’t have your equipment on hand, so students will learn about the crawchies’ habits along with their habitats to maximise their chances of success. Using only the crude materials provided, students must use their knowledge, creativity and team work to design and construct a trap. Students will then select a location within the artesian bore fed billabong in the beautiful ground of the Australian Workers Heritage Centre where the traps will be left to work for them. Returning at the end of the day, students will then take detailed field notes on the crawchies caught, before releasing them. A discussion will then follow regarding the successes and areas of improvement in terms of trap design and construction.

**A survival situation can occur to even the most organised group or individual. When you find yourself in a survival situation the right decisions may save you and the wrong decisions may be your last! After learning the precautions one should take to avoid a survival situation, students are then given an information session detailing the actions they should take in order to provide their best chances of being located. The information session is followed by a fun, hands on activity where students learn the basic techniques of signalling through reflected light. Today’s activities will also include archery.

**Evening:**
- Tonight after dinner and dessert, you will make your way to the Barcaldine Radio theatre – an old-style movie theatre located a short walk from the Centre. Enjoy a private screening of a recent release movie in a beautiful old hall while sitting in old style canvas seats.

Day 3 – Barcaldine and a day trip to Longreach

**Journey:**
- Barcaldine to Longreach .................................................................approx 107km / 1 ¾ hours
- Longreach to Barcaldine ...............................................................approx 107km / 1 ¾ hours
Day 4 – Barcaldine

Highlights:  
- Tent, Fire and Food Survivor activity – campfires and cooking  
- Survivor story presentation  
- Campfire with marshmallows

Morning:  
Outback Queensland can boast many challenges for a survivor. Sweltering heat and freezing nights are real threats, but a little ‘know-how’ can shelter you from the elements!  
This morning, students will look at traditional shelters and how to shelter themselves from the elements – bush style. Where to build shelter, what type of shelter and how to build it are all important lessons learned in this activity. Following an information session, students will plan and construct their own shelter in real life conditions out in the bush, using only the limited materials found in the bush.

Afternoon:  
This afternoon, you and your students can participate in a ‘Food and Fire’ exercise. Making and controlling fire in a survival situation is key. Light, warmth, water, food, comfort, safety – the list is endless! But what if the survivor does not have matches or a lighter?

Evening:  
Tonight’s challenge for the students will be sharing their stories with others through dance, drama, songs, poetry, paintings, the written word and technology.

You and your students will also be able to enjoy the true beauty of the campfire under the stars. Toasting marshmallows and spinning yarns around the campfire is an Australian tradition and way of life for the bush.

Day 5 – Barcaldine to your school

Morning:  
Today is the final day of your school camp and you will be departing Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre, ready to go home and tell your family and friends all about your amazing trip.

Tour Inclusions:  
Price includes accommodation, activities and most meals. Price does not include transport to and from Barcaldine and does not include entry into attractions in Longreach. Individual itineraries can be developed to suit school requirements. 1:10 Supervising Adults accommodated at No Charge in teacher rooms adjoining student dormitories. Separate onsite accommodation is provided for the coach captain free of charge.

Tour Highlights:  
- 10% Discount* at Australian Workers Heritage Centre Gift Shop for the duration of your stay (‘Food / drinks & sale items excluded)  
- Teambuilding/leadership session facilitated by the Education Officer at the Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre  
- Tree of Knowledge evening lights  
- Australian Workers Heritage Centre  
- Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre  
- Bush Tucker Walk and Bush Games  
- Radio Theatre – old style cinema with canvas chairs – movie showing  
- Longreach School of Distance Education  
- Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame  
- Qantas Founders Museum  
- Shelter, Fire and Food Survivor activity – campfires and cooking  
- Survivor story presentation  
- Campfire with marshmallows

Relevant Factsheets:  
1-4, 7-8, 13-17, 29

BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES

Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre  
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www.wanparadaec.eq.edu.au

Conditions: *Price based on 30 primary aged students, 3 adults and 1 bus driver and are approximate only, please enquire for a quote. Prices apply to Direct School Bookings Only; Other Bookings Price on Application.
Day 1 – Winton and a day trip to the Dinosaur Stampede

Journey:
Winton to Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park .................................................. approx. 110km / 1 ½ – 2 hours
Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park to Winton ................................................. approx. 110km / 1 ½ – 2 hours

Highlights:

- Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park
- Corfield and Fitzmaurice Building
- Opal Walk and Royal Open Air Theatre Museum

Morning:
9.00am: The Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park is the site of the only recorded dinosaur stampede on the planet. More than 95 million years old, there are 3,300 stampeding footprints immortalised in stone and protected 110km south-west of Winton. This is an iconic National Monument not to be missed. Allow 1 ½ to 2 hours for your journey as it is 110km to the attraction with 55km of it unsealed road.

11.00am: Begin your Dinosaur Stampede experience with an hour long guided tour of the attraction. The tour interprets the Trackways from creation to discovery and display, as well as the surrounding environment and other Cretaceous fossils. Learn about the geological history of the area and how the Trackways were discovered, before proceeding into the Fossil Room to see some of the fossils found locally, from the Cretaceous period – including dinosaur food! Then discover the Trackways for yourself, in the Trackways Viewing Room, where over 3,300 fossilised footprints are on display.

12.00pm: Once you have finished your amazing walk back through time go on the 500m Spinifex walk which offers spectacular views of rolling Mitchell grass downs framed by the characteristic red earth Jump Ups of the Conservation Park then relax at the picnic area while having a bite to eat.

12.45pm: Jump back on the bus for a little down time as you return to Winton.

Afternoon:
2.45pm: Once in town venture to the Corfield and Fitzmaurice Building, opened by partners Corfield and Fitzmaurice in 1878, it was Winton’s first general store, serving people of the township and pastoral properties until 1987. Today it houses in part of the building Combo Crafts, which has a great selection of handmade crafts. The remaining part of the building incorporates a mini museum. It consists of the Dinosaur Diorama, an interpretation of the dinosaur stampede found at Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackways. Also in the Corfield and Fitzmaurice Building is a mini-museum of dinosaur fossils by the Australian Age of Dinosaurs, including the story of ‘Elliot’, once the largest dinosaur find in Australia, a display about the opal mining industry at Opalton and an historical account of Corfield and Fitzmaurice general store.
3.45pm: Just a hop, skip and a jump from Corfield and Fitzmaurice is the Royal Open Air Theatre Museum and Opal Walk. The Opal Walk is a glimpse of an opal mine with the story of how opal was mined at Opalton and fascinating displays from the life of the opal miners. Once you have finished the walk it will lead out to the Open Air Theatre where you will find the World’s Largest Deck Chair and the Open Air Theatre Museum which houses old slides and movie posters from yesteryear as well as old equipment from the theatre that has since been retired.

4.30pm: While in the Main Street, walk down the median strip and admire the replica of the Pelican Waterhole, view the Elderslie St Qantas Cairn, commemorating the registration of Qantas in Winton on the 16th November 1920 and the Waltzing Matilda Centenary Sculpture which was erected in 1995 as part of the 100th anniversary celebrations.

Evening: 5.30pm: Make your way back to your accommodation to freshen up for one of the many options for dinner. The following establishments can cater for your school group:
- The Boulder Opal Motor Inn
- North Gregory Hotel
- Tattersall’s Hotel
- Winton Hotel

9.00pm: Venture back to your accommodation for plenty of rest for day two of your Winton experience.

Accommodation: Diamantina Gardens Dormitory.
Contact Winton Visitor Information Centre for bookings and further information
Ph: (07) 4657 1466  Email: vic@matildacentre.com.au

Day 2 – Winton and a day trip to Australian Age of Dinosaurs

Journey: Winton to Australian Age of Dinosaurs .................................................................approx 24km / ½ – ¾ hour
Australian Age of Dinosaurs to Winton .................................................................approx 24km / ½ – ¾ hour

Highlights:  
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum
- Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Diamantina Heritage Truck and Machinery Museum
- Royal Open Air Theatre

Morning: 8.45am: Day two of your experience begins with the journey out to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs, home to the world’s largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils, including some of our most famous such as Australovenator (Banjo) and Diamantinasaurus (Matilda). Not surprisingly, it’s also the site of Australia’s largest fossil preparation laboratory. Allow a minimum of half an hour to get out to the jump-up as it is 24km from the town grid.

9.30am: Begin your tour of the preparation laboratory which will include the history of Winton dinosaur discoveries and digs, see staff working on real dinosaur bones with an interpretation of the fascinating geology of the Winton district.
10.00am: Take the 500 metre walking track over to the Reception Centre for morning tea, before starting the guided interpretative tour of the Collection Room at 10.30am, where Australia’s largest and most fascinating ancient creatures are on display.

**Afternoon:**

12.00pm: Enjoy a bite to eat from the Coolibah Café’s extensive menu before waltzing through the Waltzing Matilda Centre which is the only museum in the world dedicated to a song; ‘Waltzing Matilda’ was written by ‘Banjo’ Paterson whilst holidaying on Dagworth Station in the Winton Shire.

12.45pm: Commence your self guided tour of the Waltzing Matilda Centre with a light and sound show in the Billabong Theatrette; continue on to the ‘Home of the Legend’; an interactive display room. The Waltzing Matilda Centre also incorporates the Qantilda Museum, celebrating the achievements and lifestyle of Winton’s pioneers. Also housed in the complex is the Outback Regional Gallery and Gallery Foyer, with new exhibitions every six to eight weeks.

2.45pm: After the history packed Waltzing Matilda Centre, experience one of Winton’s more eccentric attractions, Arno’s Wall. The wall reaches two metres high and extends for at least 70 metres. The wall is constructed of concrete and rock brought from Arno’s opal mine at Opalton and studded with rusted lawnmower parts, boat propellers, vintage typewriters and sewing machines and even a couple of complete motorbikes, plus the kitchen sink.

3.15pm: Located on the Winton/Hughenden road is the Diamantina Heritage Truck and Machinery Museum; take a trip into transport history and view fully-restored heritage trucks, tractors and machinery, the museum was officially opened at the Outback Festival in 2007. Just behind the museum is the Musical Fence, designed by percussionist and composer Graeme Leak, which is a wire fence that can be played as a musical instrument and is the first Permanent musical fence installation in the world.

**Evening:**

5.00pm: Make your way back to your accommodation to freshen up for one of the many options for dinner. The following establishments can cater for your school group:

- The Boulder Opal Motor Inn
- North Gregory Hotel
- Tattersall’s Hotel
- Winton Hotel

7.45pm: After dinner, stroll to the Royal Open Air Theatre, located in Elderslie Street and immerse yourself in ‘Memories of Yesteryear’; a Nostalgia performance sitting in old canvas seats under the stars.

9.15pm: Your Winton two day experience is now at a close, venture back to your accommodation for a good night’s rest before continuing on the next leg of your Outback adventure.

**Accommodation:** Diamantina Gardens Dormitory.

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Tour Inclusions:
Winton’s attractions – this itinerary does not include transport or catering.

Tour Highlights:
- Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park
- Corfield and Fitzmaurice Building
- Opal Walk and Royal Open Air Theatre Museum
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum
- Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Diamantina Heritage Truck and Machinery Museum
- Royal Open Air Theatre

Relevant Factsheets:
4, 7-8, 12, 19-21, 30

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