2 Days / 2 Nights, quotes for each attraction should be obtained upon enquiring with the Visitor Information Centre.

Experience **Winton – Dinosaur Capital of Australia**, home of **Waltzing Matilda** and **Queensland’s Boulder Opal**. Walk in the footsteps of our ancient past at the **Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park**; the world’s only known record of a dinosaur stampede and visit **Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum**; housing the world’s largest collection of Australian Dinosaurs. Discover the **Waltzing Matilda Centre**, a museum dedicated to our National song and Winton’s pioneering past, play a unique **Musical Fence**, marvel at **Arno’s Wall**, take a trip into transport history; **Diamantina Heritage Truck and Machinery Museum**, visit the Corfield and Fitzmaurice heritage listed building or sit under the stars at the **Royal Open Air Theatre Museum**.

**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 Tractways. 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.
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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 Leah, 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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