# 10-11 Days Journey of the Gulf Savannah

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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| **10 Days** | **$7,799** | **Rail Tours** | **OAT** |

### Overview

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### Wednesday – Longreach

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### Thursday – Longreach (B,L,D)

This morning start the day with a leisurely breakfast cruise aboard the M.V Longreach Explorer. Discover the sacred Scar Trees and the magic of being on the water in the middle of the Outback. Explore the fascinating themed galleries at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and discover inspiring stories of our pioneering heroes. Take your seat at the exciting Stockman's Life Live Show to see amazing horsemanship and the action of a live muster. Late afternoon, join the Silver-Tails Rail S...

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### Friday – Cloncurry (B,L,D)

Start the day with a relaxed breakfast at Harry's Restaurant, located at your accommodation. We follow the Matilda Way to Kynuna and the Blue Heeler Hotel for a slice of Australian folklore. It was here that Banjo Patterson brokered a truce with the shearers who had burnt down the Dagworth woolshed and 143 jumbucks. Rather than shoot each other, they sang Waltzing Matilda and both 'swagman' and 'squatters' sank their last drinks at the bar. Enjoy lunch at the Walkabout Creek Hotel made fa...

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### Saturday – Karumba (B,L,D)

We drive north this morning along the Burke Developmental Road to the Burke & Wills Roadhouse where we stop for morning tea. You will be travelling through mostly cattle country along this road. See the contrasting colours of this rugged landscape, the black trunks of the gidgee scrub, golden Mitchell grass, and enormous rust red termite mounds. Arriving into Normanton, take time to wander the streets and take a selfie with Krys the life-size statue of the largest saltwater crocodile ever ...

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### Sunday – Karumba (B,L,D)

Discover the amazing secrets of the mighty Barramundi at the Barramundi Discovery Centre, the only hatchery in the world to breed the Southern Gulf strain of this iconic fish. Your tour of this state-of-the-art Interpretive Centre includes the opportunity to feed a Barramundi. Top off the morning with a mouth-watering lunch of fresh fish and chips, then the afternoon is yours. Choose to explore the town or simply relax at your accommodation. This afternoon cruise the Gulf of Carpentaria t...

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### Monday – Cobbold Gorge (B,L,D)

This morning enjoy a nostalgic rail journey on the famous Gulflander, affectionately called the ‘Tin Hare’ from Normanton to Critters Camp. Originally built to connect the once bustling river port of Normanton to the gold fields of Croydon. Lunch will be served at the historic Croydon Club Hotel. Built in 1887 it’s the last remaining hotel from an original 37! Next stop is another gold mining township – Georgetown. Here we’ll see the impressive mineral collection display at the TerrEstia...

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### Tuesday – Cobbold Gorge (B,L,D)

This morning enjoy a cruise of the magnificent sandstone gorge on this privately owned cattle station. The gorge is stocked with a variety of native fish and freshwater crocodiles. You’ll glide silently between towering cliffs in a specially designed battery powered punt. Join an optional guided walk to the top of the escarpment for impressive views from the remarkable Glass Bridge. After lunch the afternoon is yours to enjoy at your leisure. Choose to relax by the impressive infinity po...

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### Wednesday – Mount Surprise (B,L,D)

This morning we visit one of Queenslands most extraordinary geological wonders set in the heart of Gulf Savannah country, Tallaroo Hot Springs. Take a guided tour on the elevated boardwalk and enjoy a delicious morning tea. Leaving Tallaroo Hot Springs, we take a scenic drive to Mount Surprise before heading on to the Undara Experience for lunch and check in. This afternoon we join a guided tour of the incredible Undara Lava Tubes, part of the world’s longest lava flows from a single volcan...

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### Thursday – Cairns (B,L,D)

This morning we board the famous Savannahlander on an adventurous journey from Spring Creek to Mount Surprise. Travel through contrasting landscapes and Forty Mile Scrub National Park to Woodleigh Station. Relax with lunch in view of the 100-year-old bougainvillea, then take a stroll around the expansive gardens. Continue to Atherton Tablelands for a short stop at Lake Barrine, an enchanting natural lake hidden in World Heritage Rainforest. Late afternoon, we arrive into Cairns, where we ...

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### Friday – Homeward Bound (B)

Your tour concludes after breakfast at Rydges Esplanade Resort. Please make your own arrangements for your connecting flight or rail home. Alternatively, you may like to extend your stay in Cairns, please contact us for further information. B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner dates & pricing

## Inclusions

• Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame and Outback Stockman’s Live Show • Qantas Founders Museum Entry • Silver-Tails Rail Sunset Outback Rail Adventure Experience and Smithy’s Outback Dinner & Show • Breakfast Cruise Aboard M.V Longreach Explorer • Cloncurry Unearthed and John Flynn Museum • Normanton’s Purple Pub • Barramundi Discovery Centre • Gulflander Heritage Rail Tour • Cobbold Gorge Tour and Cruise • Undara Lava Tubes Tour • Woodleigh Station Lunch • Savannahlander Heritage Rail Tour • All en suite accommodation • Rail touring on the Gulflander, Savannahlander and Silver-Tails Rail Sunset • Overland Touring by luxury 4WD coach • Touring with Savannah Guides Operator driver-guides and host • All meals, entries, activities as per itinerary • Optional Spirit of the Outback train Brisbane to Longreach

## Ready to Book?

Contact our travel experts to discuss this tour.

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