12 Days Outback Queensland, Gulf and Savannah Safari

Day-by-Day Itinerary

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DURATION	FROM PRICE	TOUR TYPE	TOUR CODE
13 Days	**$7,895**	**Coach Tours**	**FO50**

Overview

This epic journey departs Brisbane and explores Queensland’s heartland and outback. Highlights include historic towns like Roma and Blackall, Longreach’s Qantas Museum and Stockman’s Hall of Fame, Winton’s dinosaur fossils, and a sunset river cruise. The tour continues through Cloncurry to Karumba for a Gulf sunset cruise and barramundi experience. In the Gulf Savannah, enjoy the Gulflander train, Cobbold Gorge helicopter and boat tour, and Undara Lava Tubes, finishing up in Cairns. We depart from the Brisbane Coach Terminal on our opulent ‘Diamond Class’ or luxury ‘Gold Class’ coach, travelling responsibly knowing all coach emissions are 100% offset. We travel through the Lockyer Valley and continue through Toowoomba and Chinchilla to Roma. 1 Night Stay: Roma Explorers Inn

Itinerary

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Brisbane to Roma

Stay: Roma Explorers Inn • Meals: Morning Tea, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

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Roma to Barcaldine

Stay: Barcaldine Country Motor Inn • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

This morning we continue west, breaking at Tambo to visit Tambo Teddies before we continue to Barcaldine for the night. Tonight enjoy a Desert Dreaming Dinner, a night filled with indigenous food, dance and song. 1 Night Stay: Barcaldine Country Motor Inn

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Barcaldine, Ilfracombe, Longreach

Stay: Longreach Motor Inn (Gold), Mitchell Grass Retreat Glamping Tents, Longreach (Diamond) • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Following breakfast at the Desert Dreaming Centre, partake in an authentic cultural journey as ancient and contemporary shared histories come alive through the passion of Cheryl Thompson, descendent of the Yiningai people. The Connecting to Country experience offers an insight into traditional tribal body art and its meanings, dot painting and tribal stories. We then make our way to Ilfracombe for lunch at the historic Wellshot Hotel before finishing our day in Longreach. Tonight at sunset, cruise down the mighty Thomson River before dining under an outback sky enjoying a camp oven themed dinner and show. 2 Night Stay: Longreach Motor Inn (Gold), Mitchell Grass Retreat Glamping Tents, Longreach (Diamond)

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Longreach

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Today we explore the best of Longreach. Discover aviation history at Qantas Founders Museum and hear stories of one of the world’s pioneering airlines. We visit the historic 1922 Qantas hangar, then take a guided tour of the 747 and 707 jets. At the Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame, discover outback heritage from indigenous tribes to explorers and stockmen. Enjoy a fully immersive 20 minute cinematic experience showcasing footage of the birth of a nation through the eyes of the Australian Stockman.

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Longreach, Winton, Cloncurry

Stay: Gidgee Inn Motel, Cloncurry • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Travelling to Winton we spend time at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs, the world's largest collection of unique Australian dinosaur fossils. Enjoy lunch and a guided tour taking in the Fossil Laboratory collection room and March of the Titanosaurs exhibition at Dinosaur Canyon. Next we travel through Kynuna and on to the Walkabout Creek Hotel– famous for being recognised as the pub in the Paul Hogan movie 'Crocodile Dundee'. We finish our day upon our arrival in Cloncurry. 2 Night Stay: Gidgee Inn Motel, Cloncurry

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Mount Isa, Cloncurry

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Travelling west to Mount Isa we get adventurous at the Hard Times Mine, taking a tour with an experienced miner guide. Kitted-out in overalls and cap lamps we descend into the mine to explore the history of mining. On returning to Cloncurry we learn about the RFDS with a visit to John Flynn Place.

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Cloncurry - Karumba

Stay: End of the Road Hotel, Karumba • Meals: Full Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

We travel north to Burke & Wills Roadhouse for a break before continuing onto Normanton for lunch. We stop at the Big Croc for a photo with this life sized replica of what is said to be the largest croc ever captured before we make our way to Karumba. 2 Night Stay: End of the Road Hotel, Karumba

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Karumba

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Visit the Barramundi Discovery Centre and learn about the live breeding program. This afternoon we board the Sand Island sunset dinner cruise and soak up a Gulf Sunset feasting on gulf prawns, nibbles, beer, wine and bubbly.

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Karumba - Gulflander - Cobbold Gorge

Stay: Cobbold Gorge Village • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

This morning we travel to Normanton to board the Gulflander for a scenic rail journey through the Gulf Savannah bushland. We disembark at Croydon, enjoying lunch before continuing on to Georgetown to visit the Ted Elliott Mineral Collection, a stunning collection of over 4500 specimens. Our next stop is Forsayth, where we enjoy a drink with the locals before transferring into Cobbold Gorge. 2 Night Stay: Cobbold Gorge Village

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Cobbold Gorge

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

This morning we take a thrilling helicopter flight, soaring over the vastness and beauty of the Gulf Savannah region. We then cross the glass bridge and take an electric powered boat cruise and glide through the gorge in almost eerie silence, ensuring minimal disturbance to wildlife. After lunch enjoy the beautiful atmosphere of this idyllic setting by the infinity pool

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Cobbold Gorge - Mt Surprise

Stay: Undara Resort, Mount Surprise • Meals: Full Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Departing Cobbold Gorge we arrive at Forsayth to join the Savannahlander rail journey to Einasleigh to explore the Copperfield Gorge and enjoy lunch. We continue by train to Mount Surprise, then transfer by coach to Undara. 1 Night Stay: Undara Resort, Mount Surprise

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Mt Surprise - Cairns

Stay: Shangri-La The Marina, Cairns • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Join a local Savannah guide for a tour of the Undara Lava Tubes. Formed over 190,000 years ago from violent seismic action and frozen in time, these lava tubes are part of the longest lava flow from a single volcanic crater in modern geological time. Our afternoon takes us through the scenic Atherton Tablelands to Cairns. 1 Night Stay: Shangri-La The Marina, Cairns

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End of tour

Meals: Full Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Two Course Dinner

After breakfast this morning we make our way to Cairns Airport for our respective Carbon Neutral flights home. B = Full Breakfast MT = Morning Tea L = Lunch AT = Afternoon Tea D = Two Course Dinner

Inclusions

• Travel carbon neutral on our 100% offset opulent ‘Diamond Class’ or luxurious ‘Gold Class’ coach • Fully escorted by experienced Fun Over50 Holidays tour host and coach captain • 1 night Roma; Tambo Teddies • Tour of Blackall Woolscour • 1 night Blackall • Wellshot Hotel • 2 nights Longreach • Luxury glamping at Mitchell Grass Retreat (Diamond Class) • Thomson River sunset cruise, dinner & show • Qantas Founders Museum & Airpark Tour • Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame • The Australian Age of Dinosaurs, Winton • Walkabout Creek Hotel • 1 night Cloncurry • 2 nights Karumba; Normanton • Barramundi Discovery Centre • Sand Island sunset dinner cruise • Gulflander rail journey • Terrestrial Centre • 2 nights Cobbold Gorge; Croydon • Cobbold Gorge scenic helicopter flight • Cobbold Gorge cruise with Savannah guide • Savannahlander rail journey from Einasleigh to Mt Surprise • 1 night Undara; Archway Explorer tour • 1 night Cairns • One-way Economy Class Carbon Neutral flight ex Cairns to Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide or Melbourne • 33 meals • ‘Diamond Class’ beverages served with dinner (includes a capped bar tab for beer, wine & soft drink).

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