

Outback Rail Experiences



Longreach

Discover the pioneering spirit of our early settlers as you take an extraordinary rail journey deep into the sunburnt land of Outback Queensland. Explore the colourful outback towns, meet the local characters and hear about the fascinating history and heritage of Queensland's Outback. We've put together a selection of Holiday Packages that combine the nostalgia and charm of rail travel with Queensland's iconic outback experiences for a truly remarkable outback adventure.

Meander your way through vast landscapes from Brisbane to Longreach on board the Spirit of the Outback. Arrive in the legendary township of Longreach, home to The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Qantas Founders Museum. Learn of the pioneering years through innovative museums, attractions and exhibitions. Travel via coach to Winton, best known as the place that Banjo Paterson wrote *Waltzing Matilda* in 1895 and also the founding place of Qantas in 1920. From Winton visit Lark Quarry, where 93 million year old fossils capture a dinosaur stampede, the only recorded stampede on earth.

Travelling on the Gulflander, journey into Queensland's contrasting Gulf Country and gain a unique insight into a bygone era. Lush tropical rainforest, savannah plains and semi-arid spinifex ranges combine to create an ever-changing landscape. Marvel at the isolation of the Gulf's small towns and settlements as you travel along the Heritage Listed Normanton to Croydon railway line.

Experience the heritage and rugged natural beauty of the Savannah Country as you travel from Cairns to Forsyth on the Savannahlander. On this unique rail journey, spend time exploring the historic outback towns of Almaden, Forsyth and Mt Surprise at a relaxed pace. Take the opportunity to visit the breathtaking Cobbold Gorge and explore one of the world's longest and largest lava tubes at Undara.

Venture to Queensland's South West and explore the heart of the outback including Charleville, Cunnamulla and Birdsville. Charleville is located on the banks of the Warrego River and home to the Cosmos Centre and Observatory. Be mesmerised by the Twilight Show and take a journey of the night sky. See the Cunnamulla Fella and view the famous Robbers Tree in Cunnamulla. Between the Simpson and Sturt Deserts is Birdsville, best known for its famous pub and annual race meeting.

Our Favourites

Explore The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame in Longreach

Visit the Qantas Founders Museum in Longreach

Witness evidence of a dinosaur stampede at Lark Quarry in Winton

Visit Winton's Waltzing Matilda Centre

See the founding site of the Australian Labor Party at Barcaldine's Tree of Knowledge

Visit the Longreach School of Distance Education

Walk along the path of an extinct volcano in the spectacular Undara Lava Tubes

Discover the cliffs of Cobbold Gorge in the Gulf Savannah region

Venture deep into the limestone caverns of the Chillagoe Caves



Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame, Longreach



Gulflander



Undara Lava Tubes

4 Day Savannah Experience



Savannahlander



Chillagoe Caves

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Savannahlander scenic rail tour ■ Chillagoe Caves Tour
- Cobbold Gorge Cruise ■ Undara Lava Tubes

Day 1: Cairns to Chillagoe

Begin your adventure departing from Cairns on board the Savannahlander. Travel up the range through the Barron Gorge National Park with a brief stop at Barron Falls and Kuranda Railway Station then on to the Atherton Tableland. The train will stop at Mutchilba for morning tea (own expense) before arriving into Almaden in time for a lunch break. Transfer to Chillagoe, taking in a guided tour of the Chillagoe Caves. Overnight at Chillagoe Caves. (D)

Day 2: Chillagoe to Cobbold Gorge

Rejoin the Savannahlander for your journey to Forsyth. The train will stop at Bullock Creek Café for morning tea (own expense) and then on to Mount Surprise for lunch (own expense) before surveying the Copperfield Gorge and Delaney Range. Arrive into Forsyth this afternoon and transfer to Cobbold Gorge. Overnight at Cobbold Gorge Cabins. (BD)

Day 3: Cobbold Gorge to Undara

Experience a scenic cruise along Cobbold Gorge. You'll be amazed by the serenity of floating down this majestic sandstone cliff lined gorge. Transfer to Einasleigh to rejoin the Savannahlander for your trip back to Mount Surprise. This afternoon join the Archway Explorer Tour for a two hour guided walk through the Undara Lava Tubes. Your Savannah Guide will point out interesting environmental and geological features on how the lava tubes were formed. Overnight at Undara Lava Lodge. (BD)

Day 4: Undara to Cairns

Enjoy a bush breakfast at Ringers Camp, then board the Savannahlander for the final leg back to Cairns. A lunch stop at the Railway Hotel in Almaden lets you refresh and refuel to soak up the last remaining hours on the Savannahlander journey to Cairns. (B)

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

	TWIN SHARE	SOLE USE
Adult	\$1022	\$1212
Senior	\$981	\$1171

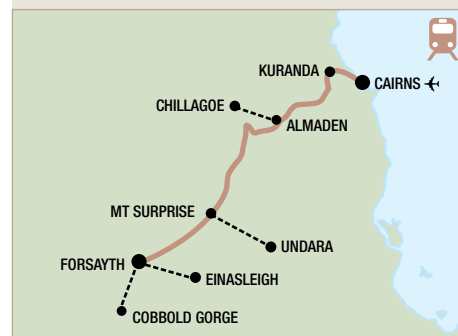
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INCLUDES:

- Return Savannahlander from Cairns to Forsyth
- 1 night accommodation in Chillagoe
- 1 night accommodation in Cobbold Gorge
- 1 night accommodation in Undara
- Chillagoe Caves Tour
- 1 hour 30 minute Cobbold Gorge Boat Cruise
- Undara Archway Explorer Lava Tubes Tour
- All coach transfers
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, D = dinner)

DEPARTS: Wed from Cairns at 6:30am

CONCLUDES: Cairns



6 Day Gulf Savannah Experience



Gulflander



Cobbold Gorge

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Gulflander and Savannahlander scenic rail tour
- Karumba ■ Cobbold Gorge Cruise ■ Undara Lava Tubes

Day 1: Cairns to Karumba

Depart this morning by coach from Cairns to Karumba. Sit back and relax as the landscapes change from the World Heritage Listed rainforest, then on to the untamed reaches of the outback. Stay the next two nights at End of the Road Motel, Karumba.

Day 2: Karumba

Explore Karumba at leisure. Perhaps visit the Barramundi Discovery Centre or try your luck with a fishing tour. Finish the day with a sunset cruise (all own expense). (B)

Day 3: Karumba to Forsyth

This morning transfer from Karumba to Normanton Railway Station. Embark on the legendary Gulflander to Croydon. Enjoy a stop at Blackbull Siding for morning tea, before arriving into Croydon. Spend time in Croydon before transferring to Forsyth. Stay the next two nights at Finnegan's Rest Tourist Park, Forsyth. (BD)

Day 4: Cobbold Gorge Cruise

Explore Cobbold Gorge as you glide through the spectacular gorge walls on a boat cruise. Travel in an all-terrain vehicle into the heart of Robin Hood Station. (BD)

Day 5: Forsyth to Undara

Depart on the Savannahlander from Forsyth. Arrive at Mount Surprise, before transferring to Undara Lava Lodge. This afternoon join the Archway Explorer Tour for a two hour guided walk through the Undara Lava Tubes. Overnight at Undara Lava Lodge. (BD)

Day 6: Undara to Cairns

From Undara transfer to Mount Surprise to join the Savannahlander. The train will stop briefly at Kuranda and Barron Falls before travelling down the range back to Cairns. (B)

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

	TWIN SHARE	SOLE USE
Adult	\$1378	\$1650
Senior	\$1304	\$1577

Prices are based on low season and will vary depending on the date of travel. Seasonal surcharges may apply. For concession eligibility refer to the Important Booking Conditions on page 35.

INCLUDES:

- Travel by coach from Cairns to Karumba
- One way Gulflander from Normanton to Croydon
- One way Savannahlander from Forsyth to Cairns
- 2 nights accommodation in Karumba
- 2 nights accommodation to Forsyth
- 1 night accommodation at Undara
- Cobbold Gorge station property tour and boat cruise
- Undara Archway Explorer Lava Tubes Tour
- All coach transfers
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, D = dinner)

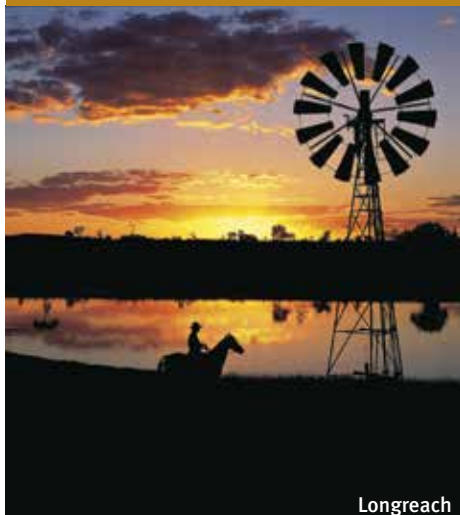
DEPARTS: Mon from Cairns at 6.30am

CONCLUDES: Cairns



Outback Holiday Packages

7 Day Explore Outback Longreach



Longreach



Spirit of the Outback

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Spirit of the Outback ■ Longreach
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Qantas Founders Museum
- Outback station tour ■ Drover's Sunset Cruise

Day 1: Spirit of the Outback – Brisbane to Longreach

This afternoon depart Brisbane on the Spirit of the Outback. Get to know your fellow travellers as you venture into the heart of the Queensland Outback. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback. (D)

Day 2: Longreach

Enjoy breakfast as the outback landscapes change, before arriving into Longreach this afternoon. Stay the next four nights at Longreach Motor Inn. (BL)

Day 3: Longreach

Spend the day exploring the Qantas Founders Museum. Enjoy a 90 minute guided tour of a Boeing 747 and 707. This evening enjoy dinner at Harry's Restaurant, located at Longreach Motor Inn. (BD)

Day 4: Longreach

Visit the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and enjoy the Outback Stockman's Show. Tonight embark on a sunset cruise down the majestic Thomson River. As the sun fades enjoy the Outback Dinner and Show. (BD)

Day 5: Longreach

After breakfast, visit one of the outback cattle and sheep stations. Meet the owners and enjoy a personalised tour of the station. (B)

Day 6: Spirit of the Outback – Longreach to Brisbane

Begin your return journey on the Spirit of the Outback from Longreach to Brisbane. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback. (BLD)

Day 7: Brisbane

Enjoy breakfast on board before arriving into Brisbane at midday. (B)

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

	TWIN SHARE	SOLE USE
Adult	\$1621	\$1971
Senior	\$1493	\$1843

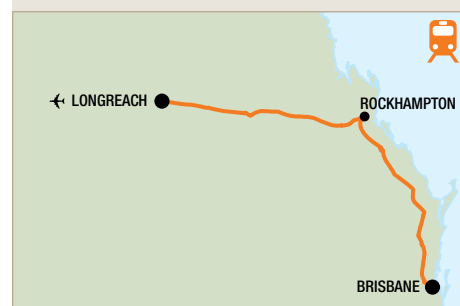
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INCLUDES:

- Return travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach – First Class Cabin
- 4 nights accommodation in Longreach
- Qantas Founders Museum Tour
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Thomson River Cruise with Outback Dinner and Show
- Outback Stockman's Show
- Outback station tour
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

DEPARTS: Sat from Brisbane at 1.55pm

CONCLUDES: Brisbane



7 Day Beyond the Great Divide



Thomson River, Longreach



Qantas Founders Museum, Longreach

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Spirit of the Outback
- Qantas Founders Museum
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Longreach School of Distance Education
- Cobb & Co Experience
- Thomson River Sunset Dinner Cruise

Day 1: Spirit of the Outback – Brisbane to Longreach

Depart on this fascinating rail journey. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback. (D)

Day 2: Longreach

Enjoy the changing outback views from your window before arriving in to Longreach. Stay the next four nights at Albert Park Motor Inn, Longreach. (BL)

Day 3: Longreach

Enjoy the history and heritage that this country was built on. Take a trip on a Cobb & Co stagecoach on the original mail route between Longreach and Windorah. Have a traditional 'smoko' and enjoy the Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show. Take a sunset cruise on the Thomson River followed by a traditional stockman's dinner. (D)

Day 4: Longreach

Visit the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and enjoy the show by a horse breaker with his trick horses and dogs.

Day 5: Longreach

Take the Facts and Fibs Tour and learn about the area's history. Visit the Longreach School of Distance Education, the Qantas Founders Museum and in the evening, enjoy the Heartland Theatre Dinner and Show. (D)

Day 6: Spirit of the Outback – Longreach to Brisbane

Sit back and relax on the return journey. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback. (LD)

Day 7: Brisbane

Enjoy breakfast on board before arriving into Brisbane at midday. (B)

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

	TWIN SHARE	SOLE USE
Adult	\$1519	\$1771
Senior	\$1390	\$1643

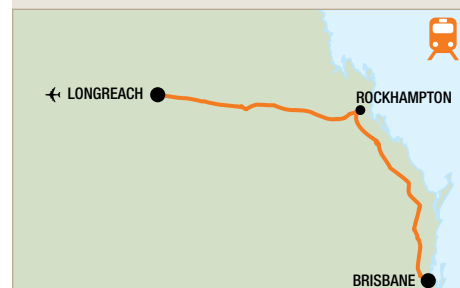
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INCLUDES:

- Return travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach – First Class Cabin
- 4 nights accommodation in Longreach
- Cobb & Co Gallop through the Scrub
- Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show
- Thomson River Sunset Dinner Cruise
- Qantas Founders Museum
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Facts and Fibs Longreach Tour
- Longreach School of Distance Education Tour
- Heartland Theatre Dinner and Show
- All coach transfers
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

DEPARTS: Sat from Brisbane at 1:55pm

CONCLUDES: Brisbane



7 Day Outback Getaway



Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame, Longreach



Australian Age of Dinosaurs, Winton

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Spirit of the Outback ■ Qantas Founders Museum
- Local sheep and cattle station tours
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame

Day 1: Spirit of the Outback – Brisbane to Longreach

Depart on the Spirit of the Outback and be captivated by the ever-changing landscape on this fascinating journey. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback. (D)

Day 2: Longreach

Wake to the changing outback landscapes from your window before arriving into Longreach this afternoon. This evening experience the warm hospitality of local graziers on a Camden Park Station Sunset Tour and Dinner. Stay the next four nights at Abajaz Motor Inn, Longreach. (BLD)

Day 3: Longreach

Witness a totally different way of schooling at the Longreach School of Distance Education, tour the Qantas Founders Museum then relax on the Drover's Sunset Cruise with Smithy's Outback Dinner and Live Show. (BD)

Day 4: Longreach

Start the morning with the Strathmore Station Smoko tour for an insider's view into life on the land. Visit the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and enjoy the Outback Stockman's Show and Dinner. (BD)

Day 5: Winton

Take a day trip to historic Winton. Visit the Australian Age of Dinosaurs and explore the Waltzing Matilda Centre. Tonight relax with a barbecue dinner. (BLD)

Day 6: Spirit of the Outback – Longreach to Brisbane

Enjoy breakfast before the return rail journey. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback. (BLD)

Day 7: Brisbane

Breakfast is served on board before arriving into Brisbane at midday, where your tour comes to an end. (B)

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

	TWIN SHARE	SOLE USE
Adult	\$1945	\$2175
Senior	\$1817	\$2047

Prices are based on low season and will vary depending on the date of travel. Seasonal surcharges may apply. For concession eligibility refer to the Important Booking Conditions on page 35.

INCLUDES:

- Return Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach – First Class Cabin
- 4 nights accommodation in Longreach
- Savannah Guides Master Operator driver/guide
- Camden Park and Strathmore Station Sunset tours
- Drover's Sunset Cruise
- Full day Winton tour
- Outback Stockman's Show and Dinner
- All coach transfers
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

DEPARTS:

Sat from Brisbane at 1:55pm
 • May 23, 30 • Jun 20, 27
 • Jul 11, 18, 25 • Aug 8, 15, 22, 29
 • Sep 5, 19, 26 • Oct 3, 10, 24

CONCLUDES:

Brisbane



8 Day Longreach and Winton Heritage Pass



Cobb & Co Experience, Longreach



Nogo Station

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Spirit of the Outback ■ Nogo Station Experience
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Qantas Founders Museum
- Cobb & Co Experience ■ Thomson River Cruise

Day 1: Spirit of the Outback – Brisbane to Longreach

Venture into the heart of the Queensland Outback. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback. (D)

Day 2: Longreach

Take in the changing outback landscapes from your window on your way to Longreach. Stay the next five nights at Kinnon & Co Lodges, Longreach. (BL)

Day 3: Nogo Station Tour

Enjoy a town tour of Longreach then travel to Nogo Station. Experience the birthplace of Qantas with a twilight tour of the planes. This evening, enjoy the Heartland Theatre Legends and Larrikins Dinner Show. (BLD)

Day 4: Cobb & Co Experience

Retrace the steps of the Cobb & Co Stage Coach by travelling on the original mail route between Longreach and Windorah, enjoy a traditional 'smoko' and live theatre outback-style. Take a sunset cruise on the Thomson River and enjoy a stockman's dinner. (BLD)

Day 5: Winton

Visit the Australian Age of Dinosaurs, the Waltzing Matilda Centre and take in a Winton Town Tour. (BL)

Day 6: Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame

Enjoy the Outback Stockman's Show then immerse yourself in history in the Hall of Fame. (B)

Day 7: Spirit of the Outback – Longreach to Brisbane

Begin your return rail journey. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback. (BLD)

Day 8: Brisbane

Arrive into Brisbane, where your tour comes to an end. (B)

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

	TWIN SHARE	SOLE USE
Adult	\$2314	\$2510
Senior	\$2186	\$2382

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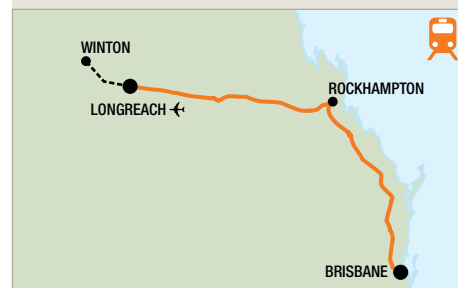
- Return Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach – First Class Cabin
- 5 nights accommodation in Longreach
- Nogo Station Experience
- Heartland Theatre Legends and Larrikins Dinner and Show
- Cobb & Co Gallop through the Scrub Experience
- Thomson River Cruise with Stockman's dinner
- Starlight Spectacular Sound and Light Show
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs
- Winton Town Tour
- All coach transfers
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

DEPARTS:

Tue from Brisbane at 6:10pm

CONCLUDES:

Brisbane



Outback Holiday Packages

8 Day Legendary Longreach and Winton



Spirit of the Outback

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Spirit of the Outback
- Strathmore Station Smoko tour
- Longreach School of Distance Education
- Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry
- Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Qantas Founders Jet tour
- Dinner at the Qantas Founders Museum
- Drover's Sunset Cruise on the MV Explorer
- Dinner at Smithy's Outback Dinner and Live Show

Day 1: Spirit of the Outback – Brisbane to Longreach

This evening depart on the Spirit of the Outback. Spend time in the Shearer's Rest with a refreshment while getting to know your fellow travellers as you venture into the heart of the Queensland Outback. Be captivated by the ever-changing landscape on this fascinating journey between Brisbane and Longreach. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback. (D)

Day 2: Longreach

Enjoy breakfast as you continue your journey into the outback. This evening arrive into Longreach and transfer to your accommodation. The legendary town of Longreach is the perfect place to spend your first night surrounded by the history and heritage of the outback. Overnight at Longreach. (BLD)

Day 3: Longreach to Winton

Begin your day with the Strathmore Station Smoko tour for an insider's view into life on the land and to sample some delicious home cooking. Witness a totally different way of schooling at the Longreach School of Distance Education. The school acts as the heart of education for almost 200 students throughout Central West Queensland and beyond. Enjoy a leisurely lunch and free time in downtown Longreach before heading to Winton. Stay the next two nights at Boulder Opal Motel, Winton. (BLD)

Day 4: Winton

Known as the Dinosaur Capital of Australia, Winton is

the perfect location to gain a unique insight into these prehistoric creatures. Travel into Jump-Up country to the Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park. Join a guided tour of 3,300 fossilised footprints, the world's only recorded evidence of a dinosaur stampede. Continue to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs, home to the world's largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils. Enjoy a memorable sunset dinner high up on a mesa. (BLD)

Day 5: Winton to Longreach

Play a tune on what is believed to be the world's only musical fence, before continuing onto the Waltzing Matilda Centre. Return to Longreach and the Qantas Founders Museum for a special guided tour of the Heritage Listed Qantas Hangar. Explore this fascinating museum and join a guided tour of the 747 and 707 jets. Toast Australia's pioneers with sunset drinks and nibbles before an exclusive dinner in the museum. Stay the next two nights at Longreach Motor Inn. (BLD)

Day 6: Longreach

Discover the inspiring stories of the men, women and children that pioneered Outback Queensland at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame. Witness the quintessential Australian character of the Outback Stockman's Show, a tribute to the stockmen's skills. This afternoon join the M.V. Explorer for the Drover's Sunset Cruise. Unwind with on board nibbles and drinks, while witnessing a magnificent outback sunset. Enjoy a two course dinner as you watch the entertaining Smithy's Outback Dinner and Live Show. (BLD)

Day 7: Spirit of the Outback – Longreach to Brisbane

Enjoy breakfast, before departing Longreach on board the Spirit of the Outback. Share stories with your fellow travellers as you journey from Longreach to Brisbane. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback. (BLD)

Day 8: Brisbane

This morning breakfast is served on board before arriving into Brisbane, where your journey concludes. (B)

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

	TWIN SHARE	SOLE USE
Adult	\$2795	\$3145
Senior	\$2667	\$3017

Prices are based on low season and will vary depending on the date of travel. Seasonal surcharges may apply. For concession eligibility refer to the Important Booking Conditions on page 35.

INCLUDES:

- Return travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach – First Class Cabin
- 3 nights accommodation in Longreach
- 2 nights accommodation in Winton
- Strathmore Station Smoko tour
- Longreach School of Distance Education tour
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs
- Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry tour
- Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Musical Fence
- Qantas Founders Jet tour and Heritage hangar tour
- Exclusive dinner in the Qantas Founders Museum
- Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Stockman's show
- Drover's Sunset Cruise on the MV Explorer
- Smithy's Outback Dinner and Live Show
- Travel by luxury 4WD coach
- Savannah Guides Master Operator driver/host
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

DEPARTS:

Tue from Brisbane at 6:10pm

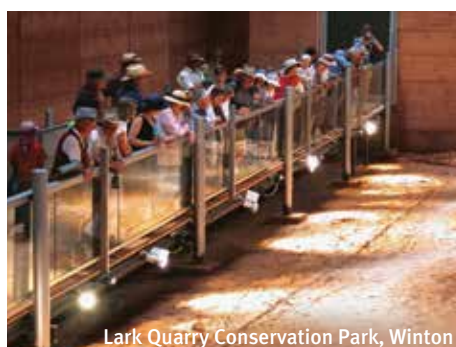
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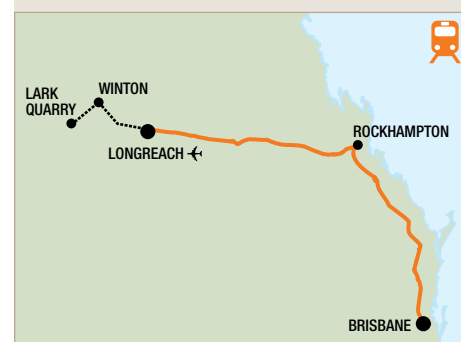
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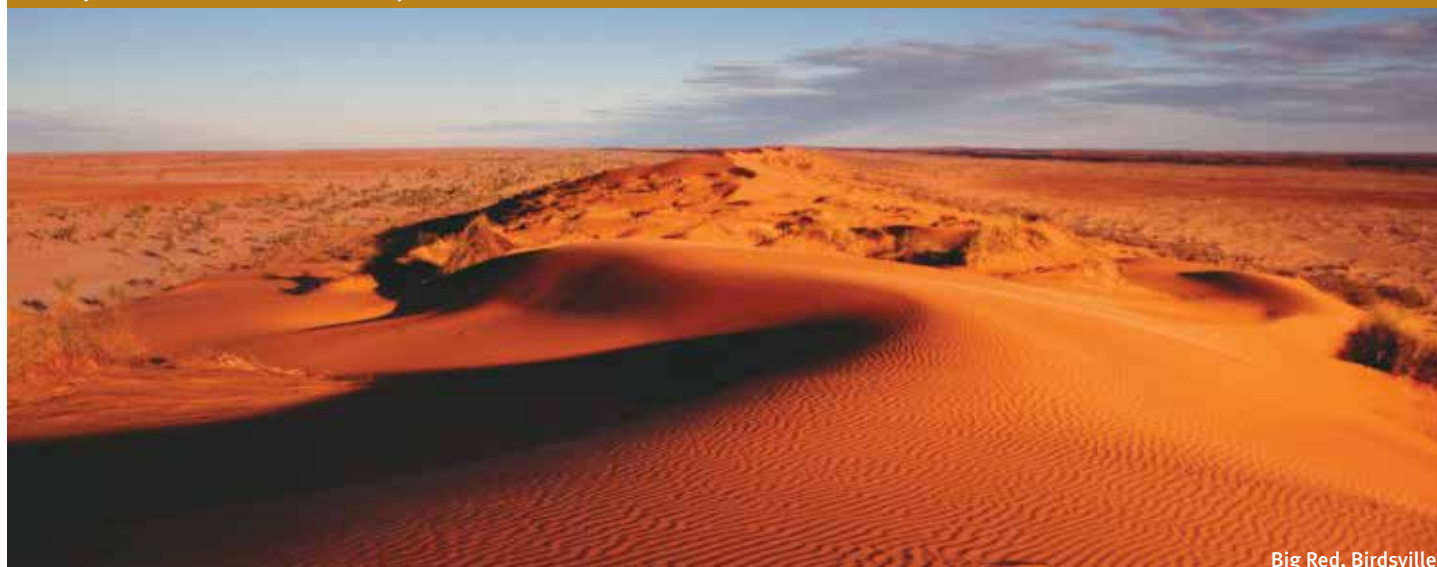
Qantas Founders Museum, Longreach



Lark Quarry Conservation Park, Winton



8 Day Birdsville Desert Escape



Big Red, Birdsville

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Spirit of the Outback
- Historic Middleton Hotel
- Min Min Light Encounter and Stonehouse
- Channel Country touring and Birdsville Hotel
- Burke & Wills Tree and Diamantina River
- Wirrari Centre and Inland Hospital Ruins
- Sunset Happy Hour atop Big Red (sand dune)
- Windorah and the Cooper Creek Catchment
- Stonehenge and Jundah outback towns

Day 1: Spirit of the Outback – Brisbane to Longreach

This evening depart on the Spirit of the Outback. Join your fellow travellers with refreshments in the Shearer's Rest as you venture into the heart of the Queensland Outback. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback. (D)

Day 2: Longreach

Enjoy breakfast on board as you marvel at the changing outback landscapes passing by. This iconic rail journey is the perfect introduction to your outback adventure to Longreach and beyond. This evening arrive into Longreach and transfer to your accommodation. Overnight at Jumbuck Motel, Longreach. (BL)

Day 3: Longreach to Boulia

Take a scenic drive west across open plains and majestic mesas via Winton to Middleton, originally a Cobb & Co coach staging post. In 1862 Middleton made history when the first search party for Burke and Wills entered the area. Catch up with the locals for lunch and entertaining yarns at the Middleton Hotel which was established in 1876. In Boulia, visit the Min Min Encounter, a unique theatrical tribute to the mysterious Min Min Light phenomenon. Call into the well-preserved historic Stonehouse Museum, one of the first homes built in Western Queensland. Overnight at Boulia. (BLD)

Day 4: Boulia to Birdsville

See where the Channel Country meets the desert as you travel south via Eyre Creek to Bedourie. Cross the vast Cuttaburra flood plains to the heart of the Lake

Eyre Basin and see the Cacoory Ruins, a remnant of European settlement in 1870. Passing the famous Waddi Trees, continue on to the frontier town of Birdsville. Deep in the heart of wild and isolated country, Birdsville is located between the eastern edge of the Simpson Desert and the vast gibber plains of Sturt's Stony Desert. Stay the next two nights at the Birdsville Hotel. (BLD)

Day 5: Birdsville

Visit the Burke and Wills Tree on the Diamantina River and the Birdsville Racetrack, home to the renowned Birdsville Races attracting some 8,000 racegoers every year. Call in to the Wirrari Centre and view the work of local artists in their extensive gallery. Discover the prolific birdlife at Birdsville Billabong and explore the Inland Hospital ruins, established in the former Royal Hotel in the early 1900's. Tonight toast the magnificent desert sunset from Big Red, a 40 metre high sand dune marking the symbolic eastern edge of the Simpson Desert. It is the first of 1,140 parallel dunes that cross the desert. (BLD)

Day 6: Birdsville to Longreach

Travel on to Deon's Lookout with its amazing views of the Diamantina Shire and Betoota. Call in at Windorah, the heart of the Channel Country with its majestic red sand dune landscapes. Explore the Cooper Creek catchment and follow the Thomson River floodplain to Jundah and Stonehenge before arriving in Longreach. Overnight at Jumbuck Motel, Longreach. (BLD)

Day 7: Longreach to Brisbane

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before transferring to the rail station for the return journey on board the Spirit of the Outback. Spend a memorable evening with your fellow travellers sharing stories of your outback adventures. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback. (BLD)

Day 8: Brisbane

This morning breakfast is served on board before arriving into Brisbane, where your tour comes to an end. (B)

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

	TWIN SHARE	SOLE USE
Adult	\$2645	\$2945
Senior	\$2517	\$2817

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INCLUDES:

- Return travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach – First Class Cabin
- 2 nights accommodation in Longreach
- 1 night accommodation in Boulia
- 2 nights accommodation in Birdsville
- Min Min Encounter and Stonehouse Museum tour
- Birdsville Town Tour
- Sunset tour to Big Red Sand Dune
- Travel by luxury 4WD coach
- Savannah Guides Master Operator driver and host
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

DEPARTS:

Tue from Brisbane at 6:10pm

- May 12
- Jun 2
- Jul 14
- Aug 18
- Sep 22

CONCLUDES:

Brisbane



Waddi Trees, Birdsville



Spirit of the Outback



Outback Holiday Packages

10 Day Journey of the Gulf Savannah



Savannahlander

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Spirit of the Outback
- Gulflander and Savannahlander scenic rail tours
- Drover's Sunset Cruise
- Smithy's Outback Dinner and Show
- Blue Heeler Hotel and Walkabout Creek Hotel
- John Flynn Place - Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Karumba Sunset Dinner Cruise
- Cobbold Gorge tour and cruise
- Undara Lava Tubes and Rocky Springs Station Tour

Day 1: Spirit of the Outback – Brisbane to Longreach

This evening depart on the Spirit of the Outback. Get to know your fellow travellers over a refreshment in the Shearer's Rest as you venture into the heart of the Queensland Outback.

Be captivated by the ever-changing landscape on this fascinating journey between Brisbane and Longreach. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback. (D)

Day 2: Longreach

This evening arrive into Longreach and transfer to your accommodation. Overnight at Jumbuck Motel, Longreach. (BLD)

Day 3: Longreach to Cloncurry

Depart Longreach for Cloncurry and visit the Blue Heeler Hotel and Walkabout Creek Hotel, the pub that was made famous by the iconic Australian film, Crocodile Dundee.

In Cloncurry, visit the Mary Kathleen Memorial Park and John Flynn Place, honouring an Australian visionary and pioneer of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Overnight at Cloncurry Motel, Cloncurry. (BLD)

Day 4: Cloncurry to Karumba

Travel north to the Burke & Wills Roadhouse before continuing on to Karumba, located on the coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria. Join a tour of the port followed by the magnificent Sand Island Sunset Dinner Cruise and be rewarded with an unforgettable golden sunset over the Gulf. Overnight at Ash's Holiday Units, Karumba. (BLD)



Karumba

Day 5: Karumba to Cobbold Gorge

Board the legendary Gulflander and take a rail journey like no other through the Gulf Savannah bushland before disembarking at Critters Camp. Rejoin the coach and discover Australia's mining heritage at Croydon and Georgetown. Arrive at the hidden outback oasis, Cobbold Gorge. Stay the next two nights at Cobbold Gorge Resort, Cobbold Gorge. (BLD)

Day 6: Cobbold Gorge

Join a three hour tour of this expansive property featuring an optional guided bushwalk to the top of the escarpment. Cruise through the magnificent sandstone walled gorge and experience the silence of this remarkable area. Over lunch enjoy a chat about the Robin Hood Station experience before spending a relaxing afternoon in this magnificent setting. (BLD)

Day 7: Cobbold Gorge to Mt Surprise

Travel to Forsyth and climb aboard the Savannahlander. Take this historical train on a scenic rail journey to Einasleigh. Spend time exploring Copperfield Gorge. Re-board the Savannahlander and continue on to Mt Surprise, where you are transferred by coach to Bedrock Village. In the late afternoon relax with a sunset tour of Mt Surprise Station. Stay the next two nights at Bedrock Village, Mt Surprise. (BLD)

Day 8: Mt Surprise

Meet some of the local characters at Rocky Springs Cattle Station then explore the Undara Lava Tubes, part of the world's longest lava flow from a single volcanic crater. Enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of the outdoor dining area before gathering around the campfire. (BLD)

Day 9: Mt Surprise to Cairns

Travel through contrasting landscapes to Cairns via the Atherton Tableland and Lake Barrine. Gain a close up view of one of the most amazing rainforest eco-systems in the world as you enjoy a cruise on Lake Barrine. Enjoy a farewell dinner tonight with your fellow travellers. Overnight at Rydges Tradewinds Cairns. (BLD)

Day 10: Cairns

After breakfast, your tour comes to an end. (B)



Cobbold Gorge

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

	TWIN SHARE	SOLE USE
Adult	\$3622	\$4422
Senior	\$3558	\$4358

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INCLUDES:

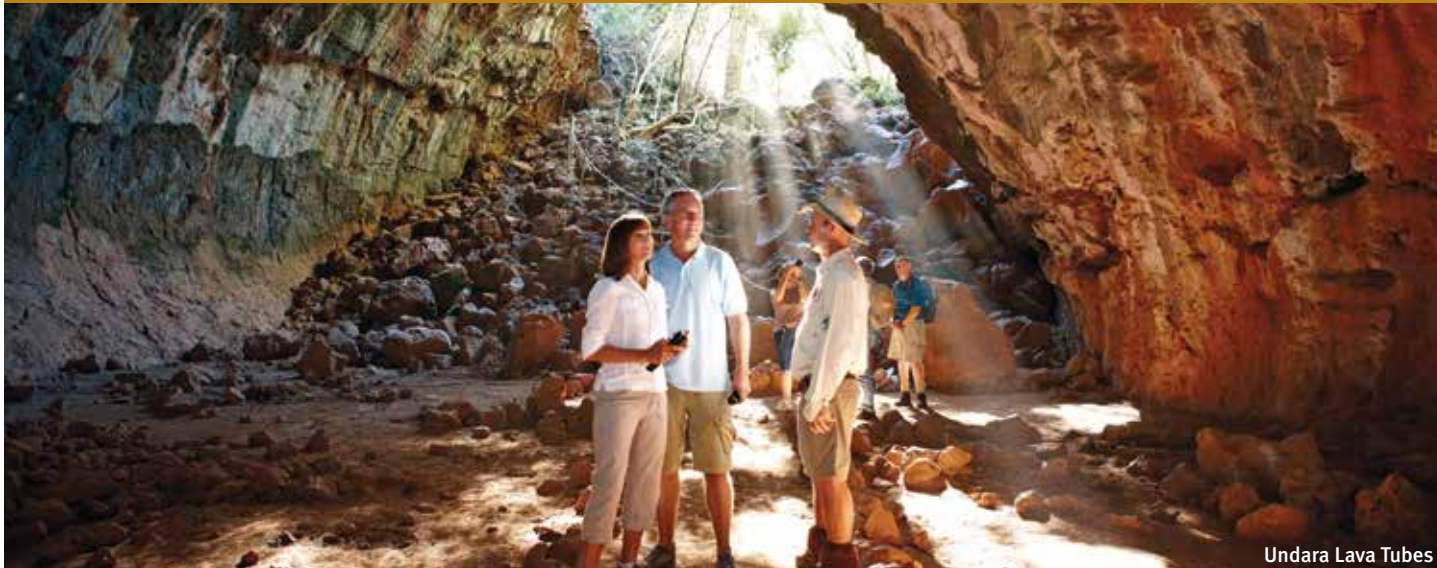
- One way Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach – First Class Cabin
- One way Gulflander from Normanton to Critters Camp
- One way Savannahlander from Forsyth to Mount Surprise
- 1 night accommodation in Longreach
- 1 night accommodation in Cloncurry
- 1 night accommodation in Karumba
- 2 nights accommodation in Cobbold Gorge
- 2 nights accommodation in Mt Surprise
- 1 night accommodation in Cairns
- Drover's Sunset Cruise
- Port of Karumba Cruise
- Croc and Crab Sand Island and Sunset Dinner Cruise
- Cobbold Gorge tour and cruise
- Undara Lava Tubes and Rocky Springs Station tour
- Lake Barrine Cruise
- Travel by luxury 4WD coach
- Savannah Guides Master Operator driver/host
- All coach transfers
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

DEPARTS: Sat from Brisbane at 1:55pm
• Jul 25 • Aug 22 • Sep 12

CONCLUDES: Cairns



12 Day Gulf Savannah Wanderer



Undara Lava Tubes

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Spirit of Queensland ■ Gulflander ■ Savannahlander
- Cairns ■ Chillagoe Limestone Caves
- Karumba Sunset Cruise ■ Burke and Wills Camp
- Lawn Hill National Park ■ Riversleigh Fossil Fields
- Croydon ■ Cobbold Gorge Cruise
- Undara Lava Tubes

Day 1: Spirit of Queensland – Brisbane to Cairns

Join the Spirit of Queensland and travel to Cairns. Enjoy the culinary delights prepared using the freshest of Queensland produce. Overnight on board the Spirit of Queensland. (D)

Day 2: Cairns

This morning the train passes through the sugar cane fields of North Queensland. Sit back and relax as you watch the changing landscapes. Overnight at Cairns Colonial Club Resort, Cairns. (BL)

Day 3: Cairns to Chillagoe

Travel up the Kuranda Range by coach and climb the Atherton Tableland. Pass through dense tropical rainforest and an agricultural landscape to Mareeba and beyond. Travel on to Chillagoe and take a tour of the caves, the legacy of a 350 million year old marine reef. Overnight at Chillagoe. (BLD)

Day 4: Chillagoe to Georgetown

Travel on board the Savannahlander train as it tracks the Ootann Road into Brahman cattle country. Witness the changing landscapes from limestone to granite to basalt country, as well as a difference in vegetation. Lunch along the way in this vast landscape provides a fair dinkum Aussie day. Head west across the Newcastle Range to Georgetown. Overnight at Georgetown. (BLD)

Day 5: Georgetown to Karumba

Enjoy morning tea on the shore of Croydon's Lake Belmore before arriving into Normanton for lunch. Visit its famous landmarks, the 'Purple Pub', historic Burns Philp General Store and a replica of Krys, the 8.63 metre crocodile. Continue on to Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria for a cruise and enjoy a spectacular Gulf sunset. Overnight at Karumba. (B)



Gulflander

Day 6: Karumba to Lawn Hill National Park

Travel back through Normanton and visit Burke and Wills Camp no. 119, their most northerly campsite. Venture across the vast Plains of Promise to Leichhardt Falls and Burketown. Stay the next two nights at Adel's Grove near Lawn Hill National Park. (BLD)

Day 7: Lawn Hill National Park

Today explore Lawn Hill National Park, a spectacular oasis set amidst the spinifex clad Constance Range. The gorge is a haven for an abundance of wildlife and a birdwatcher's paradise. (BLD)

Day 8: Lawn Hill National Park to Normanton

Visit World Heritage Listed Riversleigh Fossil Fields, a rare treasure house of palaeontology. Stop at the remote Burke and Wills Roadhouse before travelling on to Normanton. Overnight at Normanton. (BLD)

Day 9: Normanton to Cobbold Gorge

Board the historic Gulflander train. Journey through the savannah landscape across the Norman River to Critters Camp. Travel on to Black Bull Siding, then the old gold mining town of Croydon. This afternoon visit Georgetown and Forsyth, before arriving to Cobbold Gorge. Overnight at Cobbold Gorge. (BLD)

Day 10: Cobbold Gorge to Undara

Cruise on Cobbold Gorge's beautiful and secluded waterway surrounded by spectacular carved sandstone. Travel on to the famous Undara Lava Tubes. After dinner, experience some campfire entertainment before retiring to your fully restored antique railway carriage accommodation. Overnight at Undara. (BLD)

Day 11: Undara to Cairns

Enjoy an Australian breakfast, before taking a guided tour of the fascinating 190,000 year old lava tubes. Visit Ravenshoe, Queensland's highest town for lunch, before arriving at Mt Hypipamee National Park and the Atherton Tableland's unique Curtain Fig Tree. This afternoon, descend to the lush green coastal plain of Cairns. Overnight at Cairns Colonial Club Resort, Cairns. (BL)

Day 12: Cairns

This morning your journey comes to an end. (B)



Normanton

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

	TWIN SHARE	SOLE USE
Adult	\$3966	\$4449
Senior	\$3902	\$4385

Prices are based on low season and will vary depending on the date of travel. Seasonal surcharges may apply. For concession eligibility refer to the Important Booking Conditions on page 35.

INCLUDES:

- One way Spirit of Queensland from Brisbane to Cairns – RailBed
- Gulflander and Savannahlander scenic rail tours
- 2 nights accommodation in Cairns
- 1 night accommodation at Chillagoe
- 1 night accommodation at Georgetown
- 1 night accommodation at Karumba
- 2 nights accommodation near Lawn Hill National Park
- 1 night accommodation at Normanton
- 1 night accommodation at Cobbold Gorge
- 1 night accommodation at Undara
- Travel by luxury 4WD coach
- Savannah Guides Master Operator driver and host
- Tours, transfers and admissions as indicated
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

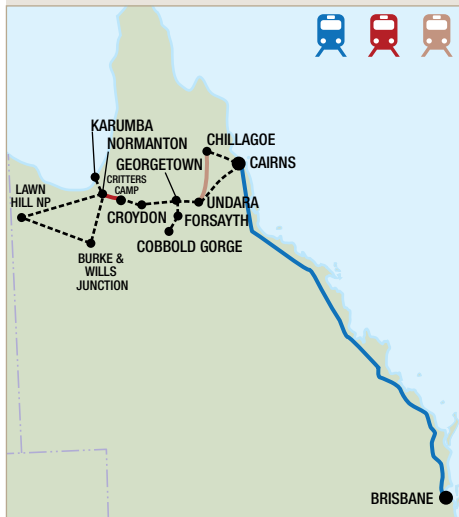
DEPARTS:

Mon from Brisbane at 3:45pm

- May 11, 18, 25
- Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- Jul 6, 13, 20, 27
- Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- Sep 7, 14, 28
- Oct 5, 12

CONCLUDES:

Cairns



Outback Holiday Packages

12 Day Corner Country Explorer



Birdsville Hotel

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Spirit of the Outback ■ Charleville Cosmos Centre
- Cameron Corner ■ Strzelecki Desert
- Cooper Creek Cruise ■ Burke & Wills Dig Tree
- Big Red Sunset Tour

Day 1: Brisbane

Arrive in Brisbane and check into your accommodation. This evening, join your fellow travellers and your guide for a welcome dinner. Overnight at Hotel Jen, Brisbane. (D)

Day 2: Brisbane to Roma

From Brisbane travel by coach and take the scenic route through Esk to the delightful hamlet of Hampton. Enjoy a paddock to plate lunch in a country setting before continuing west through Miles to Roma. This evening take a tour of the Big Rig, paying tribute to Roma's Oil and Gas Industry. Overnight at Explorer's Inn, Roma. (BLD)

Day 3: Roma to Charleville

Call in at Mitchell, home of the Great Artesian Spa, before continuing on to Charleville. Enjoy a tour of the Bilby Experience where volunteers share their passion for the preservation of this delightful marsupial. Be mesmerised at the Cosmos Centre Twilight Show. Overnight at Mulga Country Inn, Charleville. (BLD)

Day 4: Charleville to Thargomindah

Follow the Warrego River to Cunnamulla, an original Cobb & Co coach stop. View the famous Robbers Tree. Discover the quaint township of Eulo, hear the tales of Isabel The Eulo Queen and learn the story of the Eulo Mud Springs. Overnight in Thargomindah. (BLD)

Day 5: Thargomindah to Tibooburra

Travel southwest across the Dingo Barrier Fence to the historic Noccundra Hotel and the Warri Gate border into outback New South Wales. View the eastern sections of the Sturt National Park then traverse gibber country and spectacular jump-up country to Tibooburra. Explore the National Park's Interpretive Centre and Court House Museum. Overnight at Granites Motel, Tibooburra. (BLD)

Day 6: Tibooburra to Innamincka

Travel through the Sturt National Park to Cameron Corner

where the boundary lines of Queensland, South Australia and New South Wales meet. Pass by large cattle stations and travel through the heart of the oil and gas fields to Innamincka on the banks of Cooper Creek. Stay the next two nights at Innamincka Hotel. (BLD)

Day 7: Innamincka

Retrace the last days of Burke and Wills and hear about the town with two lives. Learn about Geo Dynamics Hot Rock Installation harnessing the energy from the earth's natural hot granites deep beneath the surface. Explore the restored Australian Inland Mission building then enjoy a peaceful cruise on the Cooper Creek. (BLD)

Day 8: Innamincka to Birdsville

Follow the Strzelecki Desert through flood plains, sand dunes and gibber country. Visit the site of Burke and Wills Depot Camp and see the iconic Dig Tree. Enjoy dinner at the famous Birdsville Hotel. Stay the next two nights at Birdsville Hotel. (BLD)

Day 9: Birdsville

Visit the Birdsville Burke and Wills Tree on the Diamantina River and hear the locals' story about this important landmark. Call in at the famous Birdsville Racetrack, view the Birdsville Billabong, then explore the Inland Hospital and Royal Hotel ruins. Tonight, toast the glorious outback sunset atop the famous Big Red sand dune. (BLD)

Day 10: Birdsville to Longreach

Travel on to Deon's Lookout with its amazing view of the Diamantina Shire and Betoota country. Stop at Windorah, the heart of the Channel Country with its majestic red sand dune landscapes. Explore the Cooper Creek catchment and follow the Thomson River floodplain to Jundah and Stonehenge before arriving in Longreach. Overnight in Longreach. (BLD)

Day 11: Spirit of the Outback – Longreach to Brisbane

Depart Longreach on the Spirit of the Outback. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback. (BLD)

Day 12: Brisbane

Breakfast is served on board before arriving into Brisbane at midday. (B)

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

	TWIN SHARE	SOLE USE
Adult	\$4322	\$4972
Senior	\$4258	\$4908

Prices are based on low season and will vary depending on the date of travel. Seasonal surcharges may apply. For concession eligibility refer to the Important Booking Conditions on page 35.

INCLUDES:

- One way Spirit of the Outback from Longreach to Brisbane – First Class Cabin
- 1 night accommodation in Brisbane
- 1 night accommodation in Roma
- 1 night accommodation in Charleville
- 1 night accommodation in Thargomindah
- 1 night accommodation in Tibooburra
- 2 nights accommodation in Innamincka
- 2 nights accommodation in Birdsville
- 1 night accommodation in Longreach
- Roma Big Rig Tour
- Charleville Cosmos Centre Twilight Show
- Bilby Experience Tour
- Cooper Creek River Cruise
- Big Red Sunset Tour
- Fully guided coach tour from Brisbane to Longreach
- Savannah Guides Master Operator driver and host
- All coach transfers
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

DEPARTS:

Fri from Brisbane at 2pm

- Jun 19
- Aug 7
- Sep 11

CONCLUDES:

Brisbane



Burke & Wills Dig Tree



Big Red sunset

