

Longreach and Winton Tour
Gateway to Outback Queensland!
14 Days/13 Nights



Date: Wednesday 19 June to Tuesday 2 July 2024

FREECALL 1800 611 735

DAY 1 – Wednesday

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Welcome aboard your tour to Longreach and Winton!
Your tour begins with mini coach pick up in the morning from your home, before meeting with our large coach.
Light morning tea stop will be provided by Kiama Scenic Tours.
Travelling over the Blue Mountains, we stop at the **Lithgow Workies Club** for lunch. Continuing on after lunch, we make our way to **Gilgandra** for our first night together.
Dinner taken at the Royal Hotel Gilgandra.
Accommodation: Orana Windmill Motel, Gilgandra Ph 6847 2404 & Silver Oaks, Gilgandra Ph 02 6847 0111

DAY 2 – Thursday

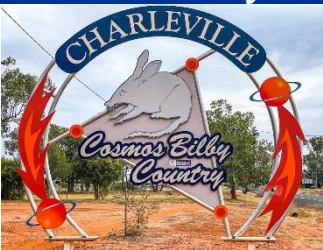
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Breakfast provided at accommodation.
Check out and depart accommodation at Gilgandra.
Heading north, we take the morning travelling before arriving in **Lightning Ridge** for lunch at **The Busy Bee Café**. Next, we meet our **local guide** to familiarise ourselves with the town. We then finish the day at the **Bore Baths**. Some of us may like to soak any unwanted tension away in the hot mineral water. Rich in potassium salts, it's reported to be beneficial to sufferers of rheumatism and arthritis. After a relaxing soak we head to our accommodation, Wallangulla Motel, feeling rejuvenated and relaxed.
Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.
Accommodation: Wallangulla Motel, Lightning Ridge Ph 02 6829 0542

DAY 3 – Friday

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Breakfast provided at accommodation.
Today will be a travelling day as we head off right after breakfast towards **Charleville**. Stopping at **Bollon** to enjoy a light lunch at **Bollon Café** before continuing on the road and arriving late afternoon to check in for the next 2 nights at Mulga Country Motor Inn, Charleville.
Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.
Accommodation: Mulga Country Motor Inn, Charleville Ph 07 4654 3255

DAY 4 – Saturday

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Breakfast provided at accommodation.
We embark on a tour of intrigue and discovery this morning as the **local expert** decodes the secrets behind the Charleville airport and how it came to be a top-secret site during World War II. The tour is filled with stories of the American Army Air Force Corps and what the Americans were doing in Charleville, all 3,500 of them. You will see several sites where they lived, slept, worked and bathed. Even sites that still exist today but have other uses beyond the 1940's. This American base throughout World War II was a top-secret base for reasons you will soon discover. Enjoying lunch at the **Charleville RSL** Memorial Club and then visit the **Royal Flying Doctor Service Visitor Centre** to gain an incredible insight into this iconic remote service.

As the sun sets, we visit Charleville's best-known attraction, the **Cosmos Centre**. The centre is an audio-visual extravaganza featuring hi-tech interactive displays that take you on an astronomical journey through the ages, unravelling many mysteries of our night sky. Enjoy the open-air observatory and viewing of the outback night sky.

Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Mulga Country Motor Inn, Charleville Ph 07 4654 3255

DAY 5 – Sunday

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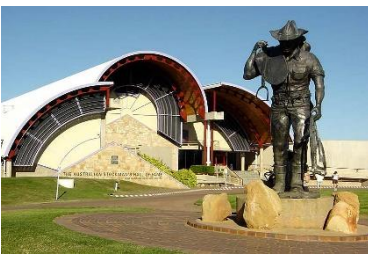
Breakfast provided at accommodation.

Step into a world of whimsy and heartwarming tales when we visit **Tambo Teddies**. Stitched with love, we uncover the story of these beloved teddy bears, originally crafted by 3 local women determined to overcome the challenges of low wool prices and the unforgiving grasp of drought. Embark on a tour through the workshop and the world of fluffy wonder before uncovering the rich history of the oldest town in the central west, where time seems to stand still. Enjoy lunch here before continuing on as we find ourselves in **Barcardine**, a town steeped in the trials and triumphs of early pioneers and the profound evolution of Australia as a nation. The legendary **Tree of Knowledge**, an iconic ghost gum stands as a symbol of resilience and political transformation. It was here, under the shade of this iconic tree that the seeds of the Australian Labor Party were sown, forever shaping the country's landscape. Finally, our path leads us into **Longreach**, where we settle in for the next 4 nights, staying at Longreach Tourist Park. Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Longreach Tourist Park Ph 07 4658 2667

DAY 6 – Monday

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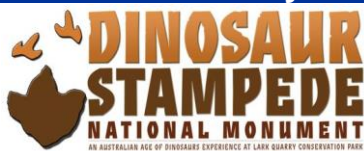
This morning is a special experience as we get an insight into the area through the eyes of local graziers and pioneer families. We meet the owners of a local station called **Camden Park Station** and learn about their operations and the challenges of working on the land (includes breakfast onsite). We then head back into town to the **Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame**. We are treated to the heartwarming **Stockman's Experience**. The show intertwines the modern-day realities with tales that date back to another era. Wander the themed galleries that proudly showcase the illustrious history of Australia's greatest and bravest individuals. Enjoy lunch at the Drover's Place before having the rest of the day wandering and exploring the Longreach township. We meet up again over dinner at the tourist park.

Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Longreach Tourist Park Ph 07 4658 2667

DAY 7 – Tuesday

BLD



Breakfast provided at accommodation.

Following an early breakfast, we head out towards Winton, and onto **Lark Quarry** for a visit to the **Dinosaur Stampede National Monument**. Here, some 4000 footprints have until recently been known as the world's only record of a dinosaur 'stampede'— a herd of small dinosaurs being chased by a large theropod, about 95 million years ago! Afterwards, we experience our own **BBQ picnic lunch** off the coach before visiting the **Waltzing Matilda Centre**, the only museum in the world dedicated to a song.

The world class museum and art gallery focuses on the Australian landscape, channel country, the women of the homesteads and livestock/wool industries of the outback. After a big travel day to Winton, we make our way back to Longreach.

Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Longreach Tourist Park Ph 07 4658 2667

DAY 8 – Wednesday

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Breakfast provided at accommodation.

First up today is a visit to the **School of Distance Education** that spans an area more than twice the size of Victoria. Here, the playground stretches as far as the eye can see into the expansive outback and the partnership between home and school is nurtured. Enjoy lunch (own expense) and time to wander the town before arriving for our visit at the **Qantas Founders Outback Museum**. Exploring this world-class museum which eloquently narrates the incredible story of Australia's national airline from its humble beginnings in outback Queensland to its remarkable present-day achievements. This afternoon/early evening we take a gentle sunset cruise down the majestic **Thomson River** before going ashore for a **traditional stockman's camp-fire dinner**. A real outback experience with inspiring and humorous entertainment. Next, the bush is illuminated by the **Starlight's Spectacular Sound & Light Picture Show**, a unique big-screen presentation featuring the amazing adventures of notorious cattle thief known as 'Captain Starlight'. Finally, in the atmospheric surrounding of the bush at night, we enjoy the timeless favourite, billy tea and damper.

Accommodation: Longreach Tourist Park Ph 07 4658 2667

DAY 9 – Thursday

BLD



Breakfast provided at accommodation.

An early departure this morning as we say goodbye to Longreach and travel to Sapphire to enjoy lunch and some fossicking at **Pat Gems Tourist Fossicking Park**. Hopefully with a few Sapphires of our own in tow, we now head off to **Rubyvale** for a visit to **Miners Heritage**, Australia's largest underground sapphire mine. We enjoy a guided walk-in mine tour, discover the process of underground sapphire mining & wonder at the amazing array of colours. We then arrive in **Emerald** for our overnight stay.

Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Western Gateway Motel, Emerald Ph 1300 032 759

DAY 10 – Friday

BLD



Breakfast provided at accommodation.

Before we depart **Emerald**, we planned a visit the **Centenary of Federation Mosaic Pathway** which depicts 100 years of Emerald's history with 21 intricately tiled designs. The detailed mosaics were created by 10 of Emerald's local artists. We also see the 25 metre high Van Gogh Sunflower painting that is part of a concept by Cameron Cross to erect seven Sunflower sculptures in seven different countries, reproducing Van Gogh's seven different Sunflower paintings. We travel south with a rest stop at **Springsure** then continue on to **Injune** located 90 kilometres north of Roma at the base of the majestic Carnarvon Ranges for lunch at **Cafe on Second**. By mid-afternoon we arrive at **Roma** and check in for overnight stay. Tonight, be ready to experience the **Night Show Sunset Experience** at the **Big Rig**.

As the sun sets, we relax under the outback sky and are taken on a sound and light journey to learn the entertaining trails and triumphs of the early industry men and women of Roma.

Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Roma Explorers Inn Ph 07 4620 1400

DAY 11 – Saturday

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Breakfast provided at accommodation.

An early start as we farewell Roma and travel through **Miles** and **Dalby** with brief stops to stretch our legs before continuing on for lunch at the **Farmers Arms Hotel** located just north of **Toowoomba**. This is the oldest continually licensed pub in all of Queensland. We arrive late afternoon into the **Gold Coast** for our 2 night stay at Mermaid Waters.

Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Mermaid Waters Hotel Ph 07 5572 2500

DAY 12 – Sunday

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Breakfast provided at accommodation.

A leisurely morning before meeting our local guide taking a sightseeing drive through the Gold Coast suburbs of Burleigh Heads, Broadbeach and Surfers Paradise. Some free time for lunch (own expense) before we head back to the hotel or free time wandering the shops. Tonight, we are in for a real treat! There is no place on earth like the Australian Outback... and no show on earth like the new **Australian Outback Spectacular** show called **Heartland**. This touching story will resonate with many as it delves into real world struggles that many Aussie farmers are dealing with today. Prepare to embark on a vivid, spectacular and emotional ride into the heart of the Australian bush under the iconic red roof with a delicious three course dinner. Australia's favourite dinner and show is more than a night out – it's an experience steeped in courage, tradition and daring Australian spirit. What a fabulous night! Return to accommodation.

Accommodation: Mermaid Waters Hotel Ph 07 5572 2550

DAY 13 – Monday

BLD



Breakfast provided at accommodation.

Farewelling the **Gold Coast**, we make our way back across the NSW border. We call in and visit the unique **Clog Barn** to experience the colour and charm of Holland as we witness a clog making demonstration, see the miniature Dutch village. We enjoy lunch here before finally arriving in **Port Macquarie**, for our final night on the tour.

Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Waters Edge, Port Macquarie Ph 02 6583 2955

Note: Some rooms at Port Macquarie are located upstairs.

DAY 14 – Tuesday

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Breakfast provided at accommodation.

Today we begin our journey home. What a sensational tour we've enjoyed. We take Ocean Drive and follow the coast through Lake Cathie to **Laurieton** taking in the spectacular scenery of this coastline. We will also travel up North Brother Mountain to the lookout. The views are simply breathtaking and provide a great photo opportunity. We then make our way to **Ourimbah** where we will break for a **lovely farewell lunch** at the **RSL Club**.

Return to your home late afternoon.

PLEASE NOTE: All itinerary attractions are subject to change without notice.

B = Breakfast **M** = Morning Tea **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

Inclusions:

13 nights' accommodation, all breakfasts, all dinners, light morning teas on various days, 12 lunches, entry to all attractions and coach pick up & drop off from your home (Illawarra and Sydney areas only)

	Price per person twin share	Single supplement
Travel Club Members	\$4995	\$1290
Non-Members	\$5045	\$1290

Deposit required upon booking: \$200 per person

Balance strictly due: Friday 17 May 2024

CANCELLATION FEES AND AMENDMENTS

All fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given

Days Notice:	60-90 Days ↓	31-60 Days ↓	Within 30 days ↓
Deposit:	Full refund <u>OR</u> Transferable**	50% refundable & Non-transferable	Non-refundable & Non-transferable

**If you cancel your booking 60 days or more prior to your booked tour, the deposit is transferable to another advertised tour. This deposit is only transferable once. Should you cancel a tour a second time, full deposit will be lost. Please contact office for further details.

All payments can be made by the following options:

- In person at our tour office
- Via credit card payment over the phone (VISA or Mastercard only)
- Direct deposit – Please ask for our bank details if you choose to pay by this method
- *Please note: We are no longer accepting cheques or money orders. We apologise for any inconvenience.*



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- **All tours are subject to minimum numbers.**
- **Venues, itineraries and attractions are subject to change without notice.**
- **Travel Insurance is recommended for all extended tours.**
Ask your preferred insurer for more details.
- **Due to seating restrictions, we cannot reserve seats on the coach.**
Seat rotation will apply for all extended tours.
- **Wearing of masks on board the coach is at the discretion of the traveller.**
- **Kiama Scenic Tours will not be responsible should you contract COVID while travelling on our coach.**