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Yamba, Maclean & Byron Bay

DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE BANGALOW, YAMBA

Depart from Brisbane today and travel down the coast stopping at **Cabarita Beach** for a tasty lunch overlooking the beautiful **Azure Ocean**. We will continue on through to **Bangalow** stopping for afternoon tea and time to stroll the main street of this historical town before arriving at **Yamba**. After check in, we will enjoy dinner this evening at one of the local clubs.

(L,A/T,D) Overnight Yamba Twin Pines Motel

DAY 2 – CLARENCE RIVER CRUISE

Today we board our Ferry travelling first to the seaside village of **Iluka**, then we will continue travelling down the beautiful **Clarence River** enjoying a guided commentary about the history and local flora and fauna. We will enjoy a delicious lunch while on board. Learn of the **pioneering history of Harwood**. The crushing mill is the oldest surviving mill in Australia. We will return this afternoon for another lovely dinner at a local club.

(B,L,D) Overnight Yamba Twin Pines Motel

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breakiast, then we will traver down the highway to the picturesque village of **Brooms Head**, stopping for morning tea and soaking up the panoramic views. We will then travel to Maclean, known as the **"Scottish Town of Australia"**, many of its street signs are written in Gaelic as well as English. Australia's oldest free Presbyterian Church and there is a **large Scottish cairn** constructed from rocks from around Australia and Scotland in the **Herb Stanford Memorial Park**. We will enjoy lunch and then travel on to **Angourie**, declared a **National Surfing Reserve** in 2007 and has a mixture of surfie shacks alongside palatial homes – an interesting place to explore. Dinner tonight is at your leisure and you can enjoy many of the wonderful eateries very close by.

(B,M/T,L) Overnight Yamba Twin Pines

DAY 4 – EVANS HEAD, WOODBURN, BYRON BAY

Following breakfast this morning we will depart for **Evans Head** following the river with its colourful

fishing trawlers and pelicans. We will stop for morning tea and then travel on through **Woodburn** and onward to **Byron Bay** stopping to enjoy some lunch in town. We will then travel on through to Brisbane.

(B,M/T,L)



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2019 DEPARTURE DATES: 3 & 10 March

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Cairns Skyrail > Kuranda Tablelands > Port Douglas >

DAY 1 – BRISBANE TO CAIRNS

Depart on the **Spirit of Queensland** Train in your **Premium Economy Seats** or upgrade to **Deluxe RailBeds** with all meals included plus pamper pack with the evening bed turndown.

(All meals on the train for RailBeds) Applicable Discount Rail Fare applies

DAY 2 – ARRIVE CAIRNS

This morning the train will pass through Townsville and then make its way along the picturesque **Cassowary Coast,** arriving in **Cairns** mid afternoon. You will then be met by our friendly tour host and transferred to **Cairns Queenslander**. You will have time to freshen up before enjoying dinner.

(D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 3 – SKYRAIL, KURANDA ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Following breakfast we board the Skyrail that makes its journey up and over the rainforest below. Then arriving in colourful and quirky **Kuranda**. The village in the rainforest has earned a reputation as the arts and crafts nexus of Tropical NQ. You will have time to wander through the markets before we meet our coach and travel to **Mareeba** and the Australian Coffee Plantation. The Plantation is situated alongside the spring waters of Emerald Creek and is furnished with 25,000 young and fully producing Arabica Coffee trees. After enjoying a coffee and tasty alfresco lunch, we will tour the plantation. We will then make our way back to Cairns in time for our dinner this evening.

(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 4 – GREEN ISLAND DAY VISIT

Breakfast then depart for a great day on **Green Island**. We will enjoy a glass bottom boat tour where you can view the beautiful Barrier Reef without getting your feet wet. For those of you that want to be a bit more adventurous, there is time to snorkel later in the day. We will also enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon. After an enchanting day we will return to our hotel.

(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 5 – PARONELLA PARK

South to Innisfail then after a town tour from the comfort of our coach, we arrive at our destination, Paronella Park. We will tour through the Castle Ruins in the rainforest, then enjoy a lunch before departing back to Cairns.

DAY 6 – MOSSMAN GORGE DAINTREE RIVER CRUISE PORT DOUGLAS

Today we adventure into the Mossman Gorge. The Gorge has a very accessible and scenic section of the World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park. Here the Mossman River tumbles its way over and around huge granite boulders that line the gorge creating cool clear freshwater swimming holes. We then make our way to the Daintree River for a River Cruise spotting crocs and other wildlife. Then into Port Douglas with time to explore the town before returning to Cairns via Palm Cove.

Green Island > Paronella Park

(B,M/T,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 7 – DEPART CAIRNS

After breakfast this morning the group will depart to meet the Spirit of Queensland for your journey home from our Tropical Cairns Getaway.

(B) Overnight Train

DAY 8 – ARRIVE HOME

Today you will arrive at your home station after enjoying a charming rail journey from North Queensland with your newfound friends.

TOUR OVERVIEW:

- 4* Accommodation Cairns
- All meals as per itinerary
- Coach touring and commentary
- Skyrail Rainforest Cableway
- Kuranda Markets
- Australian Coffee Mareeba
- Green Island Day Tour
- Paronella Park, Innisfail
- Mossman Gorge, Daintree River
- Port Douglas, Palm Cove
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

8 Days - \$1290*

*Plus Applicable Rail/Air Fare *PP Twin Share, Single add \$290

2019 DEPARTURE DATE: 22 July





Cairns & Townsville Combo

Magnetic Island > Paronella Park > Port Douglas

DAY 1 – BRISBANE TO CAIRNS

Depart on the Spirit of Queensland Train in your Premium Economy Seats or upgrade to Deluxe RailBeds with all meals included.

(All meals on the train for RailBeds) Applicable Discount Rail Fare applies

DAY 2 – ARRIVE CAIRNS

This morning the train will pass through Townsville and then make its way along the picturesque **Cassowary Coast**, arriving in **Cairns** mid afternoon. You will then be met by our friendly tour host and transferred to **Cairns Queenslander**. You will have time to freshen up before enjoying dinner.

(D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 3 – SKYRAIL, KURANDA ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Following breakfast we board the **Skyrail** that makes its journey up and over the **Rainforest** below. Then arriving in colourful and quirky **Kuranda**. The village in the rainforest has earned a reputation as the arts and crafts nexus of Tropical NQ. You will have time to wander through the markets before we meet our coach and travel to **Mareeba** on the **Atherton Tablelands** arriving at the **Australian Coffee Plantation**. The Plantation is situated alongside the spring waters of Emerald Creek and is furnished with 25,000 young and fully producing Arabica Coffee trees. After enjoying a coffee and tasty alfresco lunch, we will tour the plantation. We will then make our way back to Cairns in time for our dinner this evening.

(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander



DAY 4 – MOSSMAN GORGE DAINTREE RIVER CRUISE PORT DOUGLAS, PALM COVE

Today we adventure into the Mossman Gorge. The Gorge has a very accessible and scenic section of the World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park. Here the Mossman River tumbles its way over and around huge granite boulders that line the gorge creating cool clear freshwater swimming holes. We then make our way to the Daintree River for a River Cruise spotting crocs and other wildlife. Then into Port Douglas with time to explore the town before returning to Cairns via Palm Cove.

(B,M/T,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 5 – PARONELLA PARK

Departing Cairns this morning, we make our way along the **Great Green Way** which extends from Cairns to Cardwell and passes through World Heritagelisted Tropical Rainforests arriving at **Paronella Park.** The Park is a magical and unforgettable place nestled amongst heritage gardens and 13 acres of lush tropical rainforest. We will tour through the **Castle Ruins**, then enjoy a lunch before departing to Townsville arriving in time for dinner at the Cowboys.

(B,L,D) Overnight Madison Plaza Townsville

DAY 6 – MAGNETIC ISLAND

Departing to board the ferry to **Magnetic Island** for our discovery coach tour of this beautiful island. It only takes 25 minutes on a ferry to arrive in paradise. Magnetic Island sits within the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, but the landscape here is different to the usual tropical rainforest found on many of the Great Barrier Reef islands. Enjoying lunch at **Horseshoe Bay** before returning for dinner this evening.

(B,L,D) Overnight Madison Plaza Townsville

DAY 7 – EXPLORE TOWNSVILLE MUSEUM OF TNO DEPART FOR BRISBANE

This morning we depart on our City Tour including a stop at **Castle Hill Lookout**. Right in the heart of Townsville, the lookout offers panoramic views from where you will have a lovely photo opportunity. Then a scenic drive along **The Strand** making our way to the **Museum of TNQ** for a guided tour of the many exhibits including **HMAS** *Pandora*. Following lunch, we depart to meet the **Spirit of Queensland** for our relaxing journey home.

(B, All meals on the train for RailBeds)





DAY 8 – ARRIVE BRISBANE

This morning you will wake to the breakfast service and pass through Proserpine and on to Brisbane. You will arrive at your home station after enjoying a charming rail journey from North Queensland with your newfound friends.

TOUR OVERVIEW:

- 4* Accommodation
- All meals as per itinerary
- Coach touring with commentary
- Skyrail, Atherton Tablelands, Aust Coffee
- Mossman Gorge & Daintree River Cruise
- Port Douglas Township & Palm Cove
- Paronella Park Castle Ruins & Tour
- Townsville, Castle Hill & The Strand Tour
- Magnetic Island Ferry & Day Tour
- Museum of TNQ Tour & Lunch
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

8 Days – \$1340*

*PP Twin Share, Single add \$320 *Plus Applicable Discount Rail Fare

2019 DEPARTURE DATES: 25 May; 22 June





DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE

Depart on the Spirit of Queensland Train in your Premium Economy Seats or upgrade to Deluxe RailBeds with all meals included.

(All meals on the train for RailBeds) Applicable Discount Rail Fare applies

DAY 2 – CAIRNS WELCOME

This morning the train will pass through Townsville and then make its way along the picturesque Cassowary Coast, arriving in Cairns mid afternoon. You will then be met by our friendly tour host and transferred to Cairns Queenslander. You will have time to freshen up before enjoying dinner.

(D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 3 – MOSSMAN GORGE. DAINTREE RIVER CRUISE. **PORT DOUGLAS**

Today we adventure into the Mossman Gorge. Here the Mossman River tumbles its way over and around huge granite boulders that line the gorge creating cool clear freshwater swimming holes. We then make our way to the Daintree River for a River Cruise spotting crocs and other wildlife. Then into Port Douglas with time to explore the town before returning to Cairns via Palm Cove Village.

(B,M/T, D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 4 – CAIRNS TO COOKTOWN

Making our way north today via the Atherton Tablelands and through the towns of Mareeba, Mount Mollov and on to the Palmer River Roadhouse for our lunch stop. From here we pass the Annan Gorge and Black Mountain, on the last leg into Cooktown. Black Mountain, named by the local Indigenous people 'Place of Spears', is a mysterious pyramid of stones and is a natural geological formation thought to be 150 million years

Discover Cooktowr

Cairns > Port Douglas > Daintree > Cooktown

old. The 'black' colouring comes from the lichen that covers the thousands of stones making up the mountain. On arrival we check in and have time to visit the Cooktown Botanical Gardens and learn how Cook and his crew survived on the local flora. Dinner tonight is at the Top Pub.

(B,D) Overnight Cooktown River of Gold Motel

DAY 5 – DISCOVER COOKTOWN FAMOUS LIONS DEN HOTEL **ENDEAVOUR RIVER CRUISE**

After breakfast, we will enjoy a town tour of Cooktown and head up to Grassy Hill Lookout for a look at fantastic views of Cooktown and its famous 'River of Gold'. It's then on to the Captain James Cook Museum, which is one of Queensland's best museums, showcasing the remarkable history of this amazing town. The museum follows the story of James Cook's enforced seven week stay at the Endeavour River, during which the first meaningful contact between Europeans and Indigenous Australians took place. Now that you have been enriched in Australia's true history, we then head down to the famous historical Lions Den Hotel for lunch and a refreshing drink. This is truly an Aussie icon built on the banks of the little Annan River, surrounded by 100-year-old mango trees. Following lunch we return and visit the Cooktown Cemetery. This is an amazing place to wander around to soak up the history. Graveyards act as a wonderful testimony to the colourful and varied lives of the locals. A stroll along Main Street is also a must with lots of places to explore including the Old Railway Station, the Cooktown History and Cultural Centre. There is also the odd watering hole that you might want to visit as well. We then depart for our Sunset Dinner Cruise on the Endeavour River and step back in time with an informative journey down this famous river.

(B,D) Overnight Cooktown River of Gold Motel



DAY 6 – COOKTOWN TO CAIRNS JACQUES COFFEE PLANTATION

Breakfast then depart and make our way back to Cairns. On the way we will visit the famous Jacques Coffee Plantation. The plantation is situated alongside the spring waters of Emerald Creek in Mareeba. On arrival we enjoy an informative tour and lunch. We then continue on to Cairns and check in with time to freshen up before our farewell dinner.

(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 7 – DEPART FOR BRISBANE

Breakfast then depart by coach to meet the Spirit of Queensland for our relaxing journey home.

(B, All meals on the train for RailBeds)

DAY 8 – ARRIVE BRISBANE TO HOME PORT

This morning you will wake to the breakfast service before arriving at your home port after enjoying your discovery of Cooktown.

TOUR OVERVIEW:

- All Accommodation
- All meals as per itinerary
- Coach touring and commentary
- Mossman Gorge, Daintree River Cruise
- Port Douglas Township, Palm Cove
- Mareeba, Mount Molloy, Black Mountain
- Palmer River Roadhouse
- Cooktown Museum & Cemetery
- Grassy Hill Lookout, Botanical Gardens
- Lions Den Hotel, Annan River
- Jacques Coffee Plantation

8 Days - \$1490*

*PP Twin Share, Single add \$420 *Plus Applicable Discount Rail Fare

2019 DEPARTURE DATES: 13 April; 11 June; 15 July; 9 & 21 Sep



Ultimate Coastal Queensland

Port Douglas & Daintree River > Cairns & Green Island > Townsville & Magnetic Island > Airlie Beach & Whitsunday Islands

DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE

Depart on the **Spirit of Queensland** Train in your Premium Economy Seats or upgrade to **Deluxe RailBeds** with all meals included plus pamper pack with the evening bed turndown.

(All meals on the train for RailBeds) Applicable Discount Rail Fare applies

DAY 2 – CAIRNS WELCOME

This morning the train will pass through Townsville and then make its way along the picturesque **Cassowary Coast**, arriving in **Cairns** mid afternoon. You will then be met by our friendly tour host and will be taken on a **Cairns City and Sites** tour before we check into the **Cairns Queenslander**. You will have time to freshen up before dinner this evening at our accommodation.

(D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 3 – MOSSMAN GORGE DAINTREE RIVER; PORT DOUGLAS

Today we adventure into the **Mossman Gorge**. The Gorge has a very accessible and scenic section of the **World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park**. Here the **Mossman River** tumbles its way over and around huge granite boulders that line the gorge creating cool clear freshwater swimming holes. We then make our way to the **Daintree River** for a **River Cruise** spotting crocs and other wildlife. Then into **Port Douglas** with time to explore the town and purchase lunch if you wish, before returning to Cairns in time for dinner this evening.

(B,M/T,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 4 – GORGEOUS GREEN ISLAND

Breakfast, then we will depart for a great day on Green Island. A visit to the Great Barrier Reef is the most popular thing to do whilst in Cairns. Grean Island is a beautiful coral cay on Australia's Great Barrier Reef with unique island rainforests, surrounded by white sandy beaches, magnificent coral reefs and abundant marine life. We will cruise out to the Island in luxury on a large, comfortable, air-conditioned 35 metre catamaran. On arrival, we will enjoy a glass bottom boat cruise so you can view the beautiful Barrier Reef without getting your feet wet. For those of you that want to be a bit more adventurous, you will have time to snorkel later in the day. We will also enjoy a delicious buffet Iuncheon on board.

(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 5 – CAIRNS TO TOWNSVILLE PARONELLA PARK

Depart Cairns and on to Townsville. This section of highway, known as the **Great Green Way**, provides the most memorable scenery in Australia with mountains wrapped in rainforest, splendid waterfalls, magnificent fertile farmlands and breathtaking **Coral Sea** views. Passing through **Innisfail**, and then into **Paronella Park** for our guided tour of the castle ruins followed by lunch. Arriving in **Townsville** mid afternoon, then depart on our Townsville Discovery tour including **Castle Hill**, offering an iconic centrepiece for the city and spectacular scenic views.

(B,L,D) Overnight Townsville Madison Plaza

DAY 6 – MAGNETIC ISLAND

Today we explore beautiful **Magnetic Island**. We will take a tour and see the natural beauty of the island which is home to Northern Australia's largest colony of koalas living in the wild. Two thirds of Magnetic Island is National Park with secluded but easily accessible bays and golden beaches. We enjoy a delicious lunch at the famous **Marlin Bar** before returning to the mainland.

(B,L,) Overnight Townsville Madison Plaza

DAY 7 – TOWNSVILLE TO AIRLIE BEACH

Departing **Townsville**, we make our way south passing through the town of **Ayr** which is prime sugar country. The spectacular **Burdekin River Bridge** is the district's best known landmark and is the longest crossing of its type in the country. Known as the Silver Link, it is the only bridge in Australia built without a firm foothold. Then on to **Bowen** which of course is famous for the **Bowen Mango**, contributing one-third of the nation's mangoes. It is also home to The Giant Mango. After our stop, we then continue on the **Airlie Beach** arriving in time to discover the township before check in and time to relax before dinner.

(B,D) Overnight Airlie Beach Colonial Palms

DAY 8 – WHITSUNDAY ISLAND CRUISE

Following breakfast we will transfer to the Port of Airlie and cruise through the **Whitsunday Islands National Park** seeing the remote bays, islands and beaches. We step ashore at **Whitehaven Beach** which has been voted the best beach in the world. We then visit **Hamilton Island** and enjoy lunch and some free time to explore before departing back to Airlie Beach.

(B,L,D) Overnight Airlie Beach Colonial Palms

DAY 9 – AIRLIE BEACH DISCOVERY; LAKE PROSERPINE; DEPART HOME

Today you will have time to relax and enjoy some free time in Airlie Beach. Soak up the laid-back, tropical atmosphere. Stroll through the boutiques, cafes and shops of the main street, relax by the lagoon or head to the **Sailing Club** for a nice cool drink. This afternoon, we visit **Lake Proserpine** also known as the Peter Faust Dam for an afternoon tea. We then make our way to Proserpine and visit the **Historical Museum**. The museum bridges the decades since Federation with historical, thoughtprovoking displays. We then meet the train for our journey home.

(B) Overnight Train

DAY 10 – ARRIVE HOME

Today you will arrive at your home station after enjoying a charming rail journey from North Queensland with your newfound friends.

TOUR OVERVIEW:

- All accommodation
- All meals as per itinerary
- Port Douglas & Mossman Gorge
- Daintree River Cruise
- Cairns & Green Island
- Townsville & Magnetic Island
- Ayr, Bowen, Giant Mango
- Airlie Beach & Whitsunday Islands
- Coach touring with commentary
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

10 Days - \$1990*

*PP Twin Share, Single add \$520 *Plus Applicable Discount Rail Fare

2019 DEPARTURE DATES:

3 August; 22 October



Experience Outback Longreach & Winton

Longreach > QANTAS > Hall of Fame & Stockman's Show > Thomson River Cruise > Campfire Outback Dinner & Show > Australian Age of Dinosaurs > Winton Town Tour > Historic Camden Park

Longreach and Winton are fascinating places to visit, with lots of things to see and do in this part of the world including the QANTAS Museum and the famous Stockman's Hall of Fame. Winton offers the new Waltzing Matilda Centre and of course the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum.

DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE, SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK

Depart for your journey on the **Spirit of the Outback** Train in either Premium Economy Seats or upgrade to **Deluxe RailBeds** with all meals included. Relax and enjoy the views of the rugged mountain ranges and farming areas of the coast before making our way west into the Outback.

Overnight Spirit of the Outback Train Applicable Discount Rail Fare Applies

DAY 2 – ARRIVE LONGREACH, WELCOME BBQ

Arriving in Longreach late afternoon, we transfer to our motel and enjoy a welcome Outback BBQ.

(B,L,D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn

DAY 3 – WINTON & AUSTRALIAN AGE OF DINOSAURS, WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE

Today we depart for Winton and to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum of Natural History. We will have a guided tour of the Museum which houses the largest collection of unique Australian dinosaur fossils and learn about the bone and fossil extraction process. We then make our way into Winton for lunch followed by a tour of this fascinating town, including the new Waltzing Matilda Centre.

(B,L,D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn

DAY 4 – STOCKMAN'S HALL OF FAME, OUTBACK STOCKMAN'S SHOW

This morning, we make our way to the **Stockman's Hall of Fame** and have time to explore the museum. We then enter the show arena where we witness outback ringers perform their incredible abilities in horse breaking techniques and tricks along with man's best friend the cattle dog. Tonight we have dinner at the local club.

(B,L,D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn

DAY 5 – HISTORICAL CAMDEN PARK, QANTAS MUSEUM, THOMSON RIVER CRUISE, CAMPFIRE DINNER & SHOW

This morning we visit **Camden Park Station** and walk in the footsteps of **Royalty on the 'Queen's Path' where Queen Elizabeth II** herself walked whilst on a visit. We also see the Swagman's Grave, The Historic 'dry bottom' Chainman's Well, and the oldest private ballroom in the Outback. We then visit the **Qantas Museum** for a tour of the 747, Original Hangar and Museum, enjoying the many displays of the QANTAS story. Then we will depart for a **Sunset Cruise on the Thomson River** followed by an **Outback Campfire Dinner and Show.**

(B,D) Overnight Longreach Motor Inn DAY 6 — DEPART LONGREACH

This morning we will board the Spirit of the Outback for a magical journey home. Relax and enjoy the sun burnt plains and historical towns of the Outback.

Overnight Spirit of the Outback Train

DAY 7 – ARRIVE BRISBANE

Today you will arrive at your home station after enjoying a charming rail journey from Queensland Outback with lots of fond memories of incredible Longreach, Winton and the Big Sky Country.





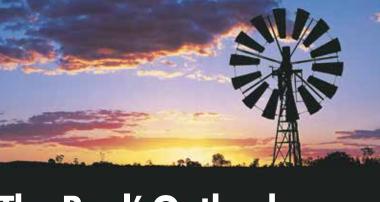
TOUR OVERVIEW:

- All accommodation
- Welcome Outback BBQ Dinner
- All meals as per itinerary
- Coach touring & commentary
- Camden Park Station Tour
- QANTAS Museum & 747 Tour
- Stockman's Hall of Fame & Show
- Sunset Thomson River Cruise
- Campfire Dinner and Outback Show
- Age of Dinosaurs Museum & Tour
- Historical Winton Town Tour
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

7 Days – \$1340*

*PP Twin Share, Single add \$320 *Plus Applicable Discount Rail Fare

2019 DEPARTURE DATES: 6 April; 11 May; 1 June; 27 July; 31 August; 21 September See back cover for tour conditions





'The Real' Outback Spectacular: Dinner with Dino's & Lark Quarry

Longreach > QANTAS > Stockman's Hall of Fame > Thomson River Cruise > Campfire Dinner & Show > Age of Dinosaurs > Sunset Dinner with the Dino's > 3 Sisters of the Outback > Lark Quarry Dinosaur Stampede > Winton

Longreach has fascinating things to see and do. A region that attracted pioneers like the early post World War I pilots who formed QANTAS. It is also the home of the famous Stockman's Hall of Fame.

Winton has a rich history as the birthplace of *Waltzing Matilda*, but is just as well known today for something far more ancient, DINOSAURS! The region is home to diverse natural history and spectacular landscapes.

There's no doubt; this is Big Sky Country!

DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK

Depart for your journey on the **Spirit of the Outback** Train in either Premium Economy Seats or upgrade to **Deluxe RailBeds** with all meals included. Relax and enjoy the views, making our way west into the Outback.

(D) Overnight Spirit of the Outback Train Applicable Discount Rail Fare Applies

DAY 2 – ARRIVE LONGREACH WELCOME OUTBACK BBQ

Today, we pass through historical towns on our way into Longreach arriving late afternoon, then enjoy a lovely welcome **Outback BBQ**.

(B,L,D) Longreach Motor Inn

DAY 3 – QANTAS MUSEUM, STOCKMAN'S HALL OF FAME, THOMSON RIVER CRUISE, CAMPFIRE DINNER & SHOW

This morning we visit the **Qantas Museum** for a tour of the 747, Original Hangar and Museum, enjoying the many displays of the QANTAS story. Then the **Stockman's Hall of Fame**. The Hall of Fame is a spectacular tribute to the people of the Outback. **Sunset Cruise on the Thomson River**, followed by a **Campfire Dinner and Outback Show**.

(B,D) Longreach Motor Inn

DAY 4 – WINTON TOWN TOUR, WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE, AUSTRALIAN AGE OF DINOSAURS, DINNER WITH THE DINO'S

Winton today and the new Waltzing Matilda Centre followed by a town tour. We then make our way to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum of Natural History. We will have a guided tour of the Museum which houses the largest collection of unique Australian dinosaur fossils.

We then experience the most unique dining experience in Australia–relax and enjoy an **Aussie Outback BBQ with the Dinosaurs.** It's time to unwind and soak up the amazing Outback scenery for an unforgettable evening.

(B,L,D) Winton Bolder Motel / Nth Gregory Hotel

DAY 5 – 3 SISTERS OF THE OUTBACK LARK QUARRY, DINO STAMPEDE

What a day of discovery today. Following breakfast we will depart and make our way to **The 3 Sisters**. Located on a private station outside Winton, **Great Value Holidays** has exclusive access on the Station to view the rock formations. We then depart for **Lark Quarry**. We view the amazing fossilised rock formations of the 95-million-year-old **Dinosaur Stampede**. Following the tour of the quarry and our lunch, we set off back to Longreach in time for dinner this evening.

(B,L,D) Longreach Motor Inn

DAY 6 – DEPART LONGREACH SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK

We board the Spirit of the Outback train for a magical journey home. Relax and enjoy the Club Car while taking in the scenery.

(B,L,D) Spirit of the Outback Train

DAY 7 – ARRIVE HOME

Today you will arrive at your home station after enjoying a charming rail journey from Queensland Outback with lots of fond memories of the Outback.





TOUR OVERVIEW:

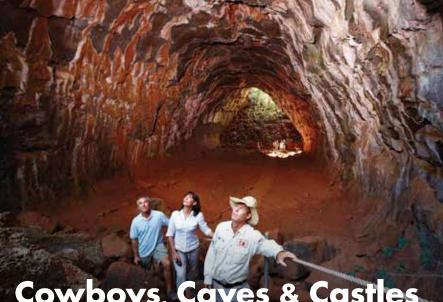
- All Accommodation
- All meals as per Itinerary
- Longreach Town Tour
- Coach touring with commentary
- QANTAS Museum and 747 Tour
- Stockman's Hall of Fame & Show
- Sunset Thomson River Cruise
- Campfire Dinner and Outback Show
- Age of Dinosaurs Museum & Tour
- Sunset BBQ Dinner with the Dino's
- Famous North Gregory Hotel
- 3 Sisters of the Outback Rock Formations
- Lark Quarry Entry & Tour
- Dinosaur Stampede Trackways
- Winton Town Tour
- Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

7 Days - \$1690* *PP Twin Share, Single add \$420

*Plus Applicable Discount Rail Fare

2018 DEPARTURE DATES: 29 June; 10 August





Cowboys, Caves & Castles

Charters Towers > Texas Longhorn Ranch > Undara Lava Tubes > Mareeba > Paronella Park > Cairns

This unique tour visits lots of amazing places and attractions. Cowboys at Texas Longhorn Ranch, Historical Charters Towers, Caves at the incredible Undara Lava Tubes and Castle Ruins of Paronella Park.

DAY 1 – DEPART FOR TOWNSVILLE

Depart on the Spirit of Queensland Train in your Premium Economy Seats or upgrade to Deluxe RailBeds with all meals included

(All meals on the train for RailBeds) Applicable Discount Rail Fare applies

DAY 2 – CHARTERS TOWERS TEXAS LONGHORN RANCH

This morning after arriving in Townsville you are met by your tour host and depart by coach arriving at the Texas Longhorn Ranch. Here we enjoy an informative Safari around the property and herd including JR – 2013 Guinness World Record Holder of the longest horns (more than 3m). See Water Buffalo, American Bison, Scottish Highland Cattle and African Watusi. Then enjoy a relaxing morning tea under the shady trees at the homestead. Following our wonderful morning, we make our way into Charters Towers. Our tour includes a visit to the Miners Cottage which houses a collection of goldfields memorabilia. We will also visit the Zara Clarke National Trust Museum which houses a large collection that reflects Charters Towers' golden and military past. This evening we embark on the Ghosts of Gold Heritage Movie, where the ghosts of the gold rush era tell their tales as the evening settles in.

(M/T,D) Overnight Park Motel, Charters Towers

DAY 3 – UNDARA LAVA TUBES

Following breakfast we will depart for our journey to the 'Outback Oasis', Greenvale, stopping at the Three Rivers Hotel that Slim Dusty made famous by the song of the same name. We will then travel on to Mt Surprise for lunch and then visit the Undara Experience for our guided tour of the amazing Lava Tubes formed by millions of years of volcanic eruptions. Dinner this evening at our accommodation.

(B,L,D) Overnight Bedrock Village

DAY 4 – MAREEBA JACQUES COFFEE

After our breakfast we will depart and make our way to Mareeba and the famous Jacques Coffee Plantation. On arrival we enjoy an informative tour and lunch. We then continue on to Cairns and check in with time to freshen up before our dinner this evening.

(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 5 – PARONELLA PARK

Breakfast then we depart by coach to Paronella Park and wander through the castle ruins in the rainforest. Enjoy some lunch before travelling to Innisfail and exploring the town. Return to Cairns via scenic Cassowary Coast for a two-course dinner this evening.

(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 6 – EXPLORE CAIRNS

After breakfast we make our way to the **Cairns** Botanic Gardens for a tour. The gardens are the best example in Australia of the tropical flora. We then have a free afternoon to discover Cairns City at our leisure. You can make your way to the Cairns Regional Gallery or visit the Esplanade and Lagoon Pool, and Cairns Central Shopping Mall to pick up the odd souvenir, or visit the Cairns Reef Casino for a flutter. You might have friends or family in Cairns, so this is the perfect time to catch up. Meeting back at our hotel for our farewell dinner this evening.

(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 7 – DEPART CAIRNS

This morning following breakfast we will depart on the Spirit of Queensland travelling to our home destination enjoying the company of your newfound friends.

(B) Overnight Spirit of Queensland Train



DAY 8 – ARRIVAL HOME

Today the Spirit of Queensland will finish the journey arriving into Brisbane with cherished memories of Outback Queensland.



TOUR OVERVIEW:

- All accommodation
- All meals as per itinerary
- Coach touring with commentary
- Texas Longhorn Ranch Safari & Homestead Smoko
- Charters Towers & Ghosts of Gold Presentation
- Greenvale & Three Rivers Hotel
- Undara Lava Tubes Tour
- Mareeba Jacques Coffee Plantation
- Paronella Park Tour & Innisfail Township
- Cairns Botanic Gardens & Free Afternoon
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

8 Days – \$1390*

*PP Twin Share, Single add \$320 *Plus Applicable Discount Rail Fare

2019 DEPARTURE DATES: 1 June; 8 July; 12 August

See back cover for tour conditions

Gulflander & Savannahlander Adventure

Cairns > Atherton Tablelands > Georgetown > Croydon > Normanton > Karumba > Forsayth > Cobbold Gorge > Mt Surprise > Undara Lava Tubes > Gulf & Savannahlander Trains

DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE ON THE SPIRIT OF QUEENSLAND

Depart for your journey on the **Spirit of Queensland** Train. Discover what relaxation is all about as it journeys the Queensland coast between Brisbane and Cairns, in either **Deluxe RailBeds** with all meals included plus pamper pack with the evening bed turndown, or Premium Economy seats.

(All meals in the train for RailBeds)

DAY 2 - TOWNSVILLE / CAIRNS

Arriving in **Cairns** mid afternoon. You will then be met by our friendly tour host and transferred to **Cairns Queenslander** with time to freshen up before enjoying dinner.

(B,L,D)

DAY 3 – CAIRNS TO GEORGETOWN

This morning we depart by coach on our journey across the Atherton Tablelands arriving in **Ravenshoe** mid morning. Ravenshoe boasts the highest pub in Queensland. We will pass through **Mt Surprise** then travelling further inland stopping at **Georgetown** where we will visit the Terrestrial Centre which houses one of the largest mineral collections in the world.

(B,D) Overnight Latara Motel Georgetown

DAY 4 – CROYDON TO KARUMBA OUTBACK BY THE SEA

Depart after breakfast this morning travelling through **Croydon** for our town tour and on to **Normanton** as we follow the Gulflander train line. We will then arrive in **Karumba** this afternoon. This evening we will enjoy an alfresco beachfront dinner while overlooking the **Gulf of Carpentaria** watching the sunset.

(B,D) End of Road Motel Ash's Apartments

DAY 5 – NORMANTON TO FORSAYTH GULFLANDER TRAIN COBBOLD GORGE

This morning we will transfer from Karumba to Normanton Railway Station. Take a journey aboard the legendary **Gulflander** for a rail journey unlike any other. Also known as the **'Tin Hare'**, this legendary rail motor is one of the last great characters of the rail world. From wetlands and grasslands to arid Savannah territory, the Gulflander travels through countryside that most people will never see. This nostalgic rail journey is the perfect way to discover an area steeped in pioneering history and heritage. Normanton was the port for the **Croydon Gold Rush** and is a terminus of the Normanton Railway Station which features preserved Victorian architecture. On our ride, enjoy a stop at **Blackbull Siding** for morning tea, before arriving into Croydon. We board the coach again for **Forsayth** and **Cobbold Gorge**.

(B,D) Cobbold Gorge Village/Finnegan's Rest

DAY 6 – DAY AT THE GORGE & CRUISE

Following breakfast this morning you will be amazed as you delve into a geological process which began some 1700 million years ago. This is an unforgettable highlight of your trip to Outback Queensland. The tour begins with an informative insight into the geology of the rugged sandstone formations, followed by a guided bushwalk to the top of the escarpment. It's a relatively easy walk with the reward of a magnificent view of the gorge below. Then glide on custom-made, electric powered boats in almost eerie silence ensuring minimal disturbance to the wildlife. There's every chance of seeing one of the large population of resident freshwater crocodiles.

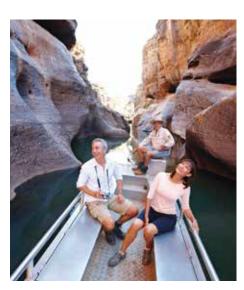
(B,D) Overnight Cobbold Gorge/Finnegan's Rest

DAY 7 – SAVANNAHLANDER, MT SURPRISE UNDARA LAVA TUBES

The **Savannahlander** (Silver Bullet) travels between Cairns and Forsayth giving passengers one of the great rail experiences of the world through the Outback. We will transfer to meet the Savannahlander then stopping at **Einasleigh** with time to purchase lunch at the pub if you wish before travelling through to Mt Surprise. We will then depart for **Undara Lava Lodge** for our tour of the **lava tubes**.

(B,D) Overnight Undara Lodge / Bedrock Village





Cairns

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Undara

Lava Tubes

Karumba

Brisbane

Croydon

Georaetown

Cobbold Gorge

DAY 8 – KURANDA SCENIC RAILWAY

After our bush breakfast we will depart and meet the **Kuranda Scenic Railway** for our Gold Class Train, travelling through lush tropical greenery to Cairns.

(B,D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 9 – DEPART CAIRNS

This morning following breakfast we will depart on the Spirit of Queensland travelling to our home destination enjoying the company of your newfound friends.

(B) Overnight Spirit of Queensland Train (All meals in the train for RailBeds)

DAY 10 – ARRIVAL HOME

Today the Spirit of Queensland will finish the journey arriving into Brisbane with cherished memories of both the Australian Outback and the vast Gulf Region of Australia.

> 10 Days — \$2490* *PP Twin Share, Single add \$600 *Plus Applicable Discount Rail Fare

2019 DEPARTURE DATES:

20 & 27 April; 18 May; 15 June; 27 July; 24 & 31 August; 14 Sept; 5 & 12 Oct Townsville Julia Creek

Hughenden

Charters

Towers

Lawn Hill

Cloncurry

Mt Isa

Mount Isa Magic & Lawn Hill National Park

Hughenden > Cloncurry > Outback at Mount Isa > Mt Isa Mines > Lawn Hill > Adels Grove > Julia Creek > Charters Towers > Townsville

Mount Isa: Affectionately known as the 'Oasis of the Outback', Mount Isa is a gleaming mirage on the horizon for travellers from all directions.

Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National

Park: This exceptional park features spectacular gorge country, including Lawn Hill Gorge and the Sandstone Ranges. This is one of Queensland's most scenic national parks.

DAY 1 – DEPART FOR TOWNSVILLE

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(All meals on the train for RailBeds)

DAY 2 – ARRIVE TOWNSVILLE, HUGHENDEN

Arriving in **Townsville** we depart on the coach tour through to Mount Isa. Our first stop is **Hughenden** which is part of the **Dinosaur Trail**. We visit the Flinders Discovery Centre and '**Hughie**' is the star attraction; a life size replica of the **Muttaburrasaurus**. We also visit other historical sites such as the **Historical Coolabah Tree** which is linked to searching for the **Burke and Wills Expedition**.

(B,D) Overnight Hughenden The Royal Hotel

DAY 3 – HUGHENDEN TO MOUNT ISA

We make our way to **Mount Isa** today through the towns of Julia Creek, Richmond and Cloncurry, arriving in the ISA late afternoon. We then make our way to the **City Lookout** and get a spectacular bird's eye view of Mount Isa. The lookout offers a 360-degree panoramic view.

(B,D) Overnight Mount Isa Burke & Wills Inn

DAY 4 – MT ISA

Outback at Isa today as we take part in the Hard Times Mine Underground Tour, Outback Park, the Regional Art Gallery. We then make our way to the WW2 Underground Hospital and the Beth Anderson Museum. With the bombing of the Darwin Hospital, precautions were taken to protect the Mount Isa district hospital in the event of an air raid. Then some free time in town to stroll Main St before returning to our hotel for dinner.

(B,D) Overnight Mount Isa Burke & Wills Inn

DAY 5 – CLONCURRY

Cloncurry today. Known as 'The Curry' the town is recognised as the friendly heart of the great North West, and won Queensland's Friendliest Town in 2013. Few places can claim to be as influential in shaping Australia being the birthplace of the Royal Flying Doctor Service and destination of the first Qantas flight. We visit the Unearthed Museum with the star exhibit being Robert Burke's (Burke and Wills) water bottle, along with the history and photographs of their exploration.

(B,D) Overnight Cloncurry Gidgee Inn

DAY 6 – EDEN OF THE OUTBACK LAWN HILL NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast we will travel up through to **Gregory** arriving into **Adels Grove** mid afternoon. We then join our guide for the amazing sunset tour to **Harry's Hill** scenic lookout. Returning for our dinner on the deck overlooking **Lawn Hill Creek**.

(B,L,D) Overnight Lawn Hill Adels Grove

DAY 7 - LAWN HILL, ADELS GROVE

After breakfast we will meet our Savannah Guide for the short drive to the **National Park** and start with a optional bush walk in paradise, with views you need to see to be believed. Morning tea, then we board our cruise through the spectacular Gorge and on to the picturesque **Indarri Falls.** Lunch then time to relax before our second cruise on the **Lawn Hill Creek** which has abundant wildlife showcasing the **Eden of the Outback.**

(B,M/T,D) Overnight Adels Grove

DAY 8 – FOUR WAYS BURKE & WILLS ROADHOUSE, JULIA CREEK

Today after breakfast we make our way to the **Burke** & Wills Roadhouse and break for lunch, then on to Julia Creek. Following our town tour we check in and enjoy dinner at a local hotel.

(B,D) Overnight Julia Creek Villas

DAY 9 – CHARTERS TOWERS

Departing Julia Creek, we make our way to **Charters Towers** and on arrival we check in and enjoy some free time to relax.

(B,D) Overnight Park Motel Charters Towers DAY 10 – TOWNSVILLE, DEPART HOME

Touring the Towers this morning, which is like viewing a living montage of Australian history and heritage. We then make our way to **Townsville** and explore the city before our departure home this afternoon.

(B) Overnight Train Service

DAY 11 – ARRIVE HOME

This morning you will wake to the breakfast service before arriving at your home port after enjoying your incredible Oasis & Eden of the Outback experience.

TOUR OVERVIEW:

- Coach touring with commentary
- Hughenden Dinosaur Display & Tour
- Cloncurry Tour & Unearthed Museum
- Mt Isa Discovery & Underground Mine Tour
- Underground Hospital, Mt Isa Lookout
- Mt Isa Mines Surface tour with quide
- Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park
- Adels Grove & Local Guides
- Cruises on Lawn Hill Gorge
- National Park Tour & Morning Tea
- Four Ways, Burke & Wills Roadhouse
- Julia Creek & Richmond
- Charters Towers & Ghosts of Gold Tour
- Townsville City Tour
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

11 Days – \$2590*

*PP Twin Share, Single add \$600 *Plus Applicable Discount Rail Fare

2019 DEPARTURE DATES: 6 May; 28 June

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Marla > Alice Springs > Katherine Gorge > Darwin

DAY 1 – ARRIVE ADELAIDE

Today, please make your way to Adelaide and check in to the Adelaide Rockford. Then meet your **Tour Host** and fellow travellers at the hotel restaurant for your **Welcome Dinner. Flights at own arrangements.**

(D) Overnight Adelaide Rockford

DAY 2 – GOLD CLASS GHAN

Step aboard the legendary **Ghan** and take time acquainting yourself with the train's friendly staff and your comfortable private cabin. Once you've settled in and the big wheels start turning, make your way to the classically styled **Queen Adelaide Restaurant** carriage for a delicious lunch, accompanied by your choice of fine wines. With all **meals and beverages** included in your **Gold Class Service**, you are assured to be in for a great journey.

(B,L,D & all beverages) Overnight Ghan

(B,L,D & all beverages) Overnight Ghan

DAY 3 – ALICE SPRINGS

Wake with breakfast and witness an unforgettable outback sunrise at our morning stop in Marla in the remote reaches of SA. Following our stop at Marla, you'll then be arriving in iconic Alice Springs. Here you can enjoy your choice of off train excursions included in your fare. For example, why not head out to the Alice Springs Desert Wildlife Park or take a tour around this iconic town with the Alice Explorer. Back on the train there's time to talk through the day's discoveries with newfound friends in the Outback Explorer Lounge before freshening up for dinner in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant.

DAY 4 – KATHERINE ARRIVE DARWIN

Today we welcome you to Katherine. Upon reaching the Territory you'll enjoy another hearty breakfast in style before leaving the train for a day of cultural delights. Endless options await in Katherine. Enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Katherine River gazing in wonder at towering sandstone cliffs. Alternatively, gain an insight into the culture and ways of the traditional owners of Nitmiluk, the Jawoyn people, with an exclusive cultural experience. Or you can choose to upgrade your excursion with a helicopter or scenic flight over Kakadu and Nitmiluk National Parks with magnificent views. Lunch awaits back on board, before we roll into Darwin late this afternoon. Upon arrival, we will be transferred to our accommodation in Darwin and you can enjoy the many eateries for dinner just around the corner along Mitchell Street.

(B,L & all beverages Ghan) Overnight Palms City Resort, Darwin

DAY 5 – EXPLORE DARWIN SUNSET DINNER CRUISE

Today we take in the sights of Darwin. We see the new Parliament House built on the site of the Darwin Post Office bombed during the war, the port area plus the many other fascinating sights of Australia's northern gateway. We then take a drive through Fannie Bay to East Point where we visit the Military Museum. Here we discover the Japanese raids on Darwin. Then we depart for our Harbour Cruise. Watch the sun setting over Darwin Harbour while you enjoy a delicious buffet dinner on board.

(B,D on the Cruise) Overnight Palms City Resort,Darwin



DAY 6 – DEPART DARWIN

Today following breakfast, it is time to say good bye to your fellow travellers and make your way home under your own arrangements. If you wish to extend your stay in Darwin, optional extra nights' accommodation can be arranged.





TOUR OVERVIEW:

- 4* Accommodation Adelaide & Darwin
- All meals as per itinerary
- Ghan Gold Class Adelaide to Darwin
- Marla, Alice Springs, Katherine, Darwin
- Sunset Dinner Cruise on Darwin Harbour
- Guided Tour of Darwin & WW11 Sites
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff
- Flights by own arrangements

ADD FLIGHTS FROM \$580 EX BNE



*PP Twin Share, Single add \$200 * Seniors Group Discount Rate

2019 DEPARTURE DATE: 13 April

The Grand Ghan Extended Expedition

Darwin > Litchfield National Park > Katherine Gorge > Alice Springs > Coober Pedy > Adelaide

DAY 1 – ARRIVE DARWIN FAMOUS MINDIL MARKETS

Arriving in Darwin this afternoon at your own arrangements, please make your way and check into the **Palms City Resort Hotel**. At **5pm**, meet your host and other fellow adventurers as we are transferred to the famous **Mindil Beach Sunset Markets**. It is a major social event for the region and this fabulous local market offers over 200 stalls with nearly 60 food stalls from more than 30 different countries. Time to purchase some dinner if you wish while enjoying the stunning sunset over the Timor Sea. **Flights at own arrangements**.

Overnight Palms City Resort, Darwin

DAY 2 – EXPLORE DARWIN HARBOUR DINNER CRUISE

Today we enjoy a leisurely breakfast before taking in the sights of Darwin. Many people aren't aware of the importance of Darwin during WWII. We see the new **Parliament House** built on the site of the Darwin Post Office, bombed during the war, the port area plus the many other fascinating sights of Australia's northern gateway. We then take a drive through **Fannie Bay**, popular with sailors, windsurfers and waterskiers to East Point where we visit the **Military Museum**. Here we discover how the Japanese raids on Darwin were kept a secret from the Australian population and have now been made public. Dinner this evening is onboard our **Darwin Harbour Sunset Cruise**. Enjoy this calm water cruise and the sumptuous buffet.

(B,D) Overnight Palms City Resort, Darwin

DAY 3 – LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

Today we are going to spend the day in the beautiful Litchfield National Park. Litchfield has gained the reputation as the jewel of the Northern Territory's crown. The 65,000ha National Park has untouched rainforests, hot springs, magnificent waterfalls and stunning scenery. There will be many great photo opportunities. We stop to see the towering magnetic termite mounds standing like ancient guardians of the landscape and the magnificent Florence Falls from the lookout platform. We stop for lunch at the Litchfield Café and have time at Wangi Falls for a refreshing dip, or perhaps a walk. We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

(B,L,D) Overnight Palms City Resort, Darwin

DAY 4 – GHAN 4 DAY EXPEDITION GOLD CLASS, KATHERINE

Ready yourself for an incredible, one-of-a-kind experience on The Ghan Expedition. Beginning today, this epic four day, three night, 2979km tour will take you to some of the most remote yet captivating parts of Australia in style and luxury. After boarding the Ghan and enjoying lunch, we will arrive in Katherine. You will depart on your choice of off train tours that are included in your Gold Class Package – for example the Nitmiluk First Gorge Rock Art Cruise or the Cultural Tour. Once you return why not enjoy a cold glass of wine or beer also included in your package.

(B,L,D & all beverages) Overnight The Ghan

DAY 5 – ALICE SPRINGS

Today we arrive in Alice Springs ready for another day of exploration. Here you have the opportunity to embark on one of the included off train excursions, taking in the delights of this famous outback town. A full day in Alice Springs gives you ample opportunity to visit the town landmarks, get up close and personal with Australia's incredible flora and fauna or explore the Alice at your own leisure. There really is no better way to get close to the vastness of the Territory. Come this evening, you'll dine beneath a canopy of stars at an authentic Bush BBQ set in a strikingly lit quarry.

(B,L,D & all beverages) Overnight The Ghan

DAY 6 – COOBER PEDY

This morning you'll wake up and rub your eyes with disbelief as we pull into the middle-of-nowhere stop at Manguri. Here, a friendly tour guide awaits ready to whisk you away for the day. Your destination – the sun-scorched opal mining capital of the world, Coober Pedy. Venture into the tunnels and caves of this underground town and visit the otherworldly



underground Serbian Orthodox church. Below the earth's surface, you'll enjoy a gourmet lunch in the most unique of locations before setting off to the stunning outback moonscape that is the Breakaways. (B,L,D) Overnight The Ghan

DAY 7 – ARRIVE ADELAIDE

The Ghan rolls into Adelaide late morning and here we will be met by our coach and enjoy a **City Highlights Tour** including the Adelaide Oval before transferring to our accommodation and our farewell dinner this evening.

(B,L,D) Overnight Adelaide Rockford

DAY 8 – HOMEWARD BOUND

Today after breakfast, it is time to bid farewell to your newfound friends and make your way home under your own arrangements.

*Extra nights can be arranged

TOUR OVERVIEW:

- 4* Accommodation Darwin & Adelaide
- All meals as per itinerary
- Dinner Cruise on Darwin Harbour
- Guided Tours of Darwin
- Entry to the Darwin Military Museu
- Day Tour to Litchfield National Park
- Katherine Gorge Cruise
- Off Train Excursions included
- Alice Springs Bush BBQ under the stars
- Coober Pedy Exploration Tour
- Underground Lunch
- Adelaide City Markets & Oval
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

ADD FLIGHTS FROM \$580 EX BNE



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Indian Pacific Gold Class & WA Adventure

Sydney > Broken Hill > Adelaide > Nullarbor Plain > Cook > Rawlinna Perth > Swan River Cruise > Fremantle > The Pinnacles > Benedictine Abbey > Busselton > Margaret River > Perth Mint

There's no better way to appreciate the sheer breadth of Australia than by crossing every inch of it. By embarking on this transcontinental journey, you'll be following in the footsteps of those who have dared to venture beyond the city limits. Stepping aboard the mighty Indian Pacific, you'll feel a great sense of anticipation as this unforgettable Australian adventure begins to unfold. You will be making your way across the longest stretch of straight railway track in the world. With all of its variance, this is the definitive Australia.

DAY 1 - INDIAN PACIFIC GOLD CLASS

Departing from your home port this morning, please arrive at **Sydney Central Train Station** by **1pm** where your tour host will meet you and then we will embark on an epic **Indian Pacific** transcontinental rail journey across Australia, Sydney to Perth. **Flights under own arrangements.**

(B,L,D & all beverages) Overnight Train

DAY 2 – BROKEN HILL, ADELAIDE

Broken Hill, a classic mining town where the streets are wide and there is a pub on every corner. On your off train excursion we visit the **Pro Hart Gallery** and many other attractions. Boarding again, we make our way arriving in Adelaide where we explore by coach, boutique wineries or Hahndorf Village.

(B,L,D & all beverages) Overnight Train

DAY 3 – COOK, RAWLINNA

Overnight we will have made our way from South Australia into Western Australia. Wake up and marvel at the raw beauty of the **Nullarbor**. Take some time to reflect on the changing landscapes in your journey and to enjoy the hospitality of the **Outback Explorer Lounge.** Your sense of wonder will be well and truly ignited when it comes time to set foot at **Rawlinna** that evening. Under brilliant desert stars, enjoy an evening stop to partake in a traditional Outback dinner under the wide Nullarbor skies. **(B,L,D & all beverages) Overnight Train**

DAY 4 – ARRIVE PERTH

This morning the **Avon Valley** comes into view. The mild skies and cool green vales of this picturesque part of the world will truly delight. Arriving into **Perth** after lunch, we will be met by our coach and enjoy an orientation tour of this beautiful city including panoramic views of the city's skyline from **Kings Park** before we make our way to our accommodation.

(B,L,D) Overnight Perth Ambassador

DAY 5 – SWAN RIVER CRUISE FREMANTLE TOUR

Today after breakfast we will depart on our relaxing cruise on the **Swan River** with interesting commentary of the sights and history en route to **Fremantle**. We will then enjoy a fascinating tour of the port city learning of its colourful history. After building up our appetites we will re-board our vessel and enjoy a delicious buffet lunch on our journey back to the city.

(B,L,D) Overnight Perth Ambassador

DAY 6 – THE PINNACLES BENEDICTINE ABBEY

Travelling through the Swan Valley we arrive at **New Norcia**, which is renowned for its Benedictine Abbey. We visit the **Famous Benedictine Community** with a guided tour of the town and main sites. Next we move on to the **Abbey Church**, followed by a visit to **St Gertrude's College**, a grand gothic style building which opened in 1908. Fish and chips for lunch at the **New Norcia Hotel**. Following lunch, we head off to the **Western Wildflower Farm** for a talk about how wildflowers are dried and exported. Continue on for an easy paced walk through the mystical **Pinnacles Desert** and see the Pinnacles from the lookout over the park. If time permits we will make a visit to the **Pinnacles Desert Discovery Centre**.

Return to Perth down the Indian Ocean Drive.

(B,L,D) Overnight Perth Ambassador

DAY 7 – MARGARET RIVER

Today we travel south driving through farmland with grazing cattle and passing by coastal towns. Arriving at **Busselton**, stop for morning tea (own expense) at the iconic **Busselton Jetty**, the longest timber jetty in the southern hemisphere. Then to the **Margaret River Brewery** for a gourmet platter lunch with complimentary beer and cider tastings. Following lunch, it's on to **Mammoth Cave** for a guided tour through this gothic cave with vast chambers. Continuing south, through the **Boranup Forest** of enormous Karri Trees we reach the most fascinating part of the region, Augusta. Here at Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, marvel at the dividing point of the Southern and Indian Oceans, a rare phenomenon to view the meetings of the two oceans. Then we head north to the township of Margaret River and stroll the main street, taking a break for a light dinner (own expense) then it's back to Perth arriving in the evening.

(B,L) Overnight Perth Ambassador

Pinnacles

Desert

New Norcia

to Broken Hill

Adelaide

Cook

Sydney

Broken Hill (

Perth

Busselton

Rawlinna

Perth

DAY 8 – PERTH MINT, DEPART PERTH

Following breakfast we will depart for the **Perth Mint**. We will enjoy a guided tour of this grand heritage building learning of the allure of gold that was established as a branch of Britain's Royal Mint in 1899. We then are transferred to the airport and say goodbye to our newfound friends after one of the most fascinating rail journeys in the world. **Return flights under own arrangements. Please organise flights from 12.30pm onwards.**

(B)

TOUR OVERVIEW:

- Gold Class Service Indian Pacific
- Off Train Excursions included
- 4* Accommodation Perth
- Perth City Sites Tour
- Swan River Cruise & Buffet Lunch
- Fremantle Highlights Tour
- Pinnacles & Benedictine Abbev Tours
- Busselton, Margaret River, Augusta
- Mammoth Cave, Boranup Forest, Cape Leeuwin
- Perth Mint Guided Tour & Gold Pouring
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

ADD FLIGHTS FROM \$580 EX BNE



*PP, *Single, Add \$350 *Seniors Group Discount Rate

2019 DEPARTURE DATE: 28 August





P&O PACIFIC EXPLORER

Hold on to your hats because *Pacific Explorer* is here. P&O's newest addition has joined the fleet with fresh designs reflecting the best of modern Australia.

HISTORY ON THE HIGH SEAS

Our timing could not be more perfect for this cruise as we will experience warm days around the 28-30 degree mark and kind spring seas.

Highlights of this cruise include visiting the locations where Mutiny on the Bounty took place in 1789. You'll travel past Nomuka Island where Blight visited the day before the Mutiny occurred. You will also cruise past Tofua Island where Bligh and his loyalists landed, plus Norfolk Island where the mutineers ended up.

DAY 1 – ARRIVE SYDNEY

Arriving in Sydney today we transfer to our accommodation for the evening. Once freshened up, we meet for our **welcome dinner at 6pm**.

Return Flights Ex BNE/MEL included (D) Overnight Rendezvous Studio Hotel

DAY 2 – DEPART PACIFIC EXPLORER

This morning following breakfast, we depart to meet the *Pacific Explorer* for our wonderful adventure cruise to the **Mutiny on the Bounty.**

DAYS 3 & 4 – CRUISING THE PACIFIC

Enjoy all the ship has to offer with an endless array of exciting activities, bars, shows and of course the excellent variety of dining options.

DAY 5 - NORFOLK ISLAND

With a sub-tropical climate tempered by the surrounding sea, you will find a host of things to do on Norfolk, including visiting elegant convict-built Georgian buildings, **Emily Bay** and **Captain Cook's Monument** with a beautiful lookout overlooking the very small beach where Cook is believed to have landed. You will surely be impressed by Norfolk, where they speak their own special language and welcome you in their own unique way.

DAYS 6 & 7 – CRUISING THE PACIFIC DAY 8 – NUKU'ALOFA, TONGA

Nuku'alofa is the capital of Tonga. Enjoy shore tours that will take you to the exotic beaches in the nearby islets where you can swim and relax, or, get cultural and take time off to get to know the Tongan people, their dances, cooking, tapa making, weaving and wood carving at the National Centre.

DAY 9 – VAVA'U, TONGA

Neiafu, the tiny capital on Vava'u, is perched above the Port of Refuge Harbour, a delightful natural harbour regarded by many as one of the most beautiful in the world. With its year-round tropical climate, being remote and unspoiled, the result is crystal clear waters. You are sure to enjoy this special 'piece of paradise'.

DAY 10 - MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY

Scenic cruising today and stopping at the location of the infamous scene of the mutiny. A guest lecturer will bring history to life, telling the story of this famous seafaring saga. You'll travel past **Nomuka Island** where Blight visited the day before the Mutiny occurred. You will also cruise past **Tofua Island** where Bligh and his loyalists landed.

DAY 11 – DRAVUNI ISLAND, FIJI

Dravuni Island is known for its glorious, pristine beaches and fine weather. Energetic visitors can stretch their legs on a trek up grassy slopes to Dravuni's highest peak, from which there is a fantastic view of the surrounding islands. Grab a snorkel and head for the water, or simply find a stretch of unoccupied beach and bask. Meet the friendly people who also perform local dances.

DAY 12 – SUVA, FIJI

Suva is a beautiful tropical city full of colour and diverse cultures. Hire a taxi for the day or take the many onshore tours and enjoy its tall modern buildings which are beautifully balanced by rich traditional colonial architecture.

DAY 13 – PORT DENARAU, NADI, FIJI

Nadi is a great place to experience and offers places of interest including Sri Siva Subramaniva Temple, the largest Hindu temple in the southern hemisphere, with a range of sacred statues of Indian influence. Visit the Waqadra Botanical Gardens, and the Sleeping Giant Gardens.

DAY 14 – CRUISING THE PACIFIC DAY 15 – NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA

Noumea is known as the 'Paris of the Pacific'. The city's main square, **Place des Cocotiers**, is flanked by a variety of cafes and restaurants. And to drink? Try the kava while you're in town – it's a memory you'll not quickly forget.

DAYS 16 & 17 – CRUISING THE PACIFIC DAY 18 – ARRIVE SYDNEY

Arriving back in Sydney this morning, we have the sad task of saying goodbye to the *Pacific Explorer*. We then transfer to the airport with time to reflect on this amazing journey to the Pacific.



18 Days — \$3450* *Inside Cabin, PP Twin Share, Single add \$2150 *Upgrade Oceanview add \$1250pp; Balcony Add \$1550pp

> 2019 DEPARTURE DATE: 16 October



Uluru — Field of Light, Olgas & Alice Springs

Uluru — Ayers Rock > The Olgas > Alice Springs > Western MacDonnell Ranges > Simpsons Gap

DAY 1 – ARRIVE ULURU

Welcome to our special **Red Centre**, **Ayers Rock and Alice Springs** tour. Making your way to the airport this morning sees us boarding our flight to the 'red centre' of Australia. We arrive at **Yulara airport** and our driver/guide will take us on a brief sightseeing tour stopping for photo opportunities along the way before spending some time at the **Cultural Centre**. Late afternoon we stop at the Sunset Viewing Area to watch the changing colours on this magnificent monolith as the sun sets over the horizon. Uluru puts on a remarkable light show as it changes from red to orange to lilac in a matter of minutes. We enjoy this special experience before our welcome dinner this evening.

(D) Voyages Outback Pioneer Hotel

DAY 2 - ULURU AND THE OLGAS

For the very early risers, we depart for the Sunrise Viewing Area to experience the first glimpse of the day and some brilliant photo opportunities. Midmorning we return to the National Park and arrive at the rock for the **Ranger-Guided Mala Walk**. Learn about Aboriginal perceptions of Uluru. This afternoon we head straight to the **Olgas**, called by the Aboriginal people, '**Kata Tjuta**' or place of many domes. There are excellent views from an observation deck then plenty of time for a walk among the ancient domes. Once at the **Valley of the Winds** lookout, we take some time to gaze out over the central valley of Kata Tjuta.

This evening prior to sunset, we are in for a special treat, a unique outback experience. We will be seeing internationally acclaimed artist Bruce Munro's once in a lifetime staging of **The Field of Light**. This is the biggest Field of Light exhibition to date and it is held at Uluru, where we have the chance to wander through 50,000 slender stems crowned with frosted-glass spheres that will bloom as darkness falls over Australia's spiritual heartland. **This display is for a limited time.** We can take in the sunset viewing of Ayers Rock first whilst having a drink and canapes, then enjoy this special experience.

(B,D) Voyages Outback Pioneer Hotel

DAY 3 – CURTIN SPRINGS, TODD RIVER

Today we travel to **Curtin Springs** for some time to stretch our legs. Passing by **Mt Connor** we head for **Erldunda** where we stop for lunch. This afternoon we arrive into Alice Springs and check into the Aurora Alice Springs for the next four nights. Located conveniently between the **Todd River** and the **Todd Mall** you may like to take a wander and look through the shops and art galleries before dinner in the Red Ochre Grill.

(B,L,D) Aurora Alice Springs

DAY 4 – EXPLORING THE ALICE

Following breakfast, we head off on our day's sightseeing. Our first stop is at ANZAC Hill for panoramic views of the town and the surrounding area. We then visit the Old Telegraph Station and the original Alice Springs. We will also take a look at the Alice Springs Flying Doctor Base. We now have some free time in Todd Mall where there are some unique galleries which may be of interest. We have two interesting visits this afternoon – the first is the National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame and the second is the School of the Air. Returning to the hotel, we have some free time before dinner.

(B,D) Aurora Alice Springs

DAY 5 – MACDONNELL RANGES

We have a great day in store, as we explore the majestic **Western MacDonnell Ranges**. The natural beauty in this area is outstanding! Our first stop this morning is at **Simpsons Gap** before morning tea at the **Hermannsburg Historic Precinct**, with time to look through the restored buildings. Our touring then takes us past **Gosse Bluff** with a stop at the lookout and then onto **Glen Helen Homestead Lodge** which overlooks the **Glen Helen Gorge**. This afternoon's scenery is breathtaking as we call into **Ormiston Gorge** and **Standley Chasm**.

(B,L,D) Aurora Alice Springs

DAY 6 – ALICE SPRINGS LIFESTYLE

First stop today is at the Alice Springs Desert Park. This is a very special place and as we take the time to walk slowly through the displays we will gain a good understanding of this region with its highlights and challenges. Our afternoon will be spent at the Road Transport Hall of Fame. Alice Springs is the traditional birthplace of the road train. For every visitor there is a history lesson on how Australia's tough terrain broke the best vehicles the world could throw at it. Tonight we are booked into the Overlander Steakhouse – the best known restaurant in Alice Springs.

(B,D) Aurora Alice Springs

DAY 7 – HOMEWARD BOUND

Unfortunately it's time to leave this magical part of the country. Our transfer to the airport has us boarding our flight home.



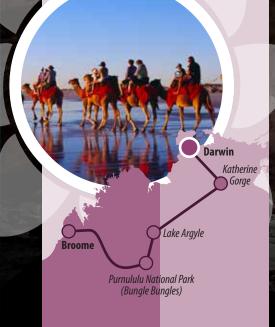
TOUR OVERVIEW:

- Return Airfares ex BNE, ME, SYD, ADL
- 4*Accommodation ULURU & The Alice
- Uluru Cultural Centre
- Uluru Ranger-Guided Mala Walk
- Kata Tjuta National Park & The Olgas
- Field Of Light Experience
- Alice Springs Touring
- MacDonnell Ranges & Simpsons Gap
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

7 Days – \$3690*

*PP Twin Share, Single add \$550

2019 DEPARTURE DATES: 29 May; 14 August



The Kimberley & Beyond

Darwin > Katherine > Bungle Bungles > Hidden Valley > Lake Argyle > Halls Creek > Chamberlain Gorge > Fitzroy Crossing > Cable Beach > Broome

DAY 1 – DEPART FOR DARWIN, MINDIL BEACH MARKETS

Welcome to our fabulous holiday to **The Kimberley.** Our timing is perfect as we'll enjoy beautiful winter weather. Boarding your flight to Darwin at own arrangements (please arrive prior to 2pm for pre-arranged transfer to accommodation). We are lucky enough to be in Darwin on a Thursday night, so we are going to take the chance to explore the famous Mindil Beach Sunset Market. You are sure to be tempted by the delicious food as we wander through the stalls. Flights at own arrangements. *Overnight Darwin Oaks Elan*

DAY 2 – EXPLORE DARWIN HARBOUR DINNER CRUISE

Today we see the new **Parliament House** built on the site of the Darwin Post Office bombed during the war, the port area plus the many other fascinating sights. We then take a drive to **East Point** where we visit the **Military Museum**. Then departing for our **Sunset Dinner Cruise** where the incredible **Darwin Harbour** sunset will provide a fantastic photo opportunity.

(B,D) Overnight Darwin Oaks Elan

DAY 3 – DARWIN TO KATHERINE

Today we visit the award winning **Territory Wildlife Park** at Berry Springs. We then continue south to Adelaide River where we have a slight detour to visit the **Adelaide River War Cemetery**, the site of the only Australian war cemetery on Australian soil. There are 432 servicemen and 63 civilians, all of whom died as a result of Japanese bombing. Of course, a visit to Katherine would not be complete without a **Katherine Gorge Cruise**. Back on dry land, we enjoy dinner on the deck overlooking the river.

(B,L,D) Knotts Crossing Resort, Katherine

DAY 4 – KIMBERLEY RANGES LAKE ARGYLE

Victoria River Crossing and Timber Creek today, at the northern edge of the **Gregory National Park.** We then cross the border into Western Australia. Just over the border we turn south to **Lake Argyle** for lunch. One of the many highlights of our tour to the Kimberley Ranges will be our cruise this afternoon from below the massive wall of Lake Argyle.

(B,L,D) The Kimberley Grande, Kununurra

DAY 5 – KUNUNURRA, ZEBRA MINE

Touring Kununurra this morning before we begin making our way to the **Zebra Mine**. We'll take a tour of the mine, followed by our **Wetlands Cruise**. How does some champagne and nibbles sound as we watch the sun set over Lake Argyle? What a fantastic last day in Kununurra.

(B,D) The Kimberley Grande, Kununurra

DAY 6 – BUNGLE BUNGLES HIDDEN VALLEY

This morning we have time for **optional flights** over Purnululu National Park ex Kununurra. Early morning is the best time to fly over the **Bungle Bungles**. For those of us not wanting to fly, this is the perfect opportunity for a sleep-in! After a slightly later breakfast, we check out, then visit the **Mirima National Park**, also called **Hidden Valley**. The sandstone formations here resemble the domes of the famous Bungle Bungles, which is why they are sometimes called Mini Bungle Bungles – it's a perfect opportunity to get an 'on ground' experience. Arriving in **Halls Creek**, on the edge of the **Great Sandy Desert**.

(B,L,D) Kimberley Hotel, Halls Creek

DAY 7 – FITZROY RIVER GEIKIE GORGE

This morning, we continue west through the magnificent red mountain scenery of the Kimberley to **Fitzroy Crossing.** We enjoy lunch at the Lodge, and later this afternoon we travel out to nearby **Geikie Gorge** where we take a cruise through this spectacular landscape. The **Fitzroy River** has carved its path through the fossil 'Barrier Reef' resulting in breathtaking scenery.

(B,L,D) Fitzroy River Lodge, Fitzroy Crossing

DAY 8 – DERBY, ARRIVE BROOME

Our destination today is Broome, but on the way, we have a little detour to see the famous **Boab Prison Tree**, which was used in the early days as an overnight lock up for prisoners before the final trek into Derby. Stopping in at the **Willare Bridge Roadhouse** before the last leg of our journey into Broome.

(B,D) The Oaks Resort, Broome

DAY 9 – EXPLORE BROOME

Sightseeing of Broome including the red rocks of Gantheaume Point, the Japanese Cemetery, the Sun Pictures building and Pearl Luggers. Late afternoon, we'll visit the famous Cable Beach where we have dinner. We arrive just before sunset for a unique photo opportunity and the option for anyone who wants to ride a camel.

(B,D) The Oaks Resort, Broome

DAY 10 - RELAX OR EXPLORE

A free day today. Some of us may like to visit the **Willie Creek Pearl Farm** or take a **hovercraft ride** over **Roebuck Bay.** Of course, some may just like to lay around the pool and relax – the choice is yours. All activities today are optional. Tonight we enjoy our final dinner together.

(B,D) The Oaks Resort, Broome

DAY 11 – HOMEWARD BOUND

Following breakfast, it is time to check out and make your way home, or enjoy your extra time in Broome. Return Flights at own arrangements, or can be pre-arranged if required. Extra nights in Broome upon request.

TOUR OVERVIEW:

- Top quality accommodation & meals
- Coach Captain and Commentary
- Dinner Cruise on Darwin Harbour
- Guided Tour of Darwin
- Entry to the Darwin Military Museum
- Nabilil Dreaming Sunset Dinner Cruise
- Katherine Gorge & Lake Argyle Cruises
- Cruise down the Ord River to Kununurra
- Zebra Mine Tour & Wetlands Cruise
- Hidden Valley National Park
- Geikie Gorge Fitzroy River Cruis
- Broome Touring & Pearl Luggers
- Dinner at Zanders Cable Beach
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

ADD FLIGHTS FROM \$880 EX BNE



Total Tasmania

Hobart > Port Arthur > Derwent Bridge > Queenstown > Gordon River > Strahan > Cradle Mountain > Dove Lake > Smithton > Stanley > Devonport > Sheffield > Cataract Gorge > Launceston > Tamar Valley > Beauty Point > Legerwood > Weldborough Pass > St Helens > Friendly Beaches > Coles Bay > Freycinet National Park > Bicheno > Triabunna > Richmond

DAY 1 - HOME PORT TO HOBART

Arriving in **Hobart** today under your own arrangements (please arrive prior to 2pm). You will be met by our friendly local Coach Captain and enjoy a **city sites tour** from the comfort of our coach. We then enjoy our welcome dinner.

(D) Overnight Hobart Ibis Styles

DAY 2 – PORT ARTHUR

Today we make our way to **Port Arthur**. We will cruise the Harbour and tour the **Isle of the Dead**, Port Arthur's island burial ground. We will then return to the mainland and have a guided walk and listen to a talk on the history of this penal colony. Departing we will travel on, stopping at the **Blowhole, Tasman Arch** and **Devil's Kitchen**.

(B,D) Overnight Hobart Ibis Styles

DAY 3 – DERWENT, QUEENSTOWN, WALL IN THE WILDERNESS

Today we visit New Norfolk and **Derwent Bridge** where we see the amazing **Wall in the Wilderness.** The beautifully carved works set out in sculpture depict the people in the Central Highlands.

Continuing on to Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. This area is home to spectacular lakes and mountain areas. From the pristine beauty of the National Park we will make our way to Queenstown. This is a journey quite like no other. As you make the steep descent the scenery changes from luscious

(B,L,D) Overnight Silver Hills Inn / Gold Rush

greenery to a moon-like landscape.

DAY 4 – GORDON RIVER CRUISE

Today we make our way to **Strahan** to enjoy our **Gordon River Cruise.** The cruise will take us through the Heritage-listed South West Wilderness National Park and the beautiful Gordon River enjoying a delicious buffet luncheon.

(B,L,D) Overnight Silver Hills Inn / Gold Rush

DAY 5 – CRADLE MOUNTAIN, STANLEY, SMITHTON

Today we travel to the world renowned **Dove Lake** and **Cradle Mountain.** The park is one of the state's most special places. We will be met by our local guide and travel by coach through the area. Then making our way to Stanley.

DAY 6 – NORTH WEST COAST, LAUNCESTON

Devonport today and then on to Sheffield, a town of 34 painted murals. Chocolate lovers, today you will have a chance to enjoy some at the House of Anvers – Belgium Chocolate Heaven! For those of you with a more savoury taste, you won't miss out either as we will travel on to visit Ashgrove Cheese. Then on to Launceston.

(B,D) Overnight Launceston Commodore Regent

DAY 7 – LAUNCESTON, TAMAR VALLEY

Explore the city of Launceston, including a stop at the **Waverley Woollen Mills** and **Grindelwald**. We then enjoy our **Tamar River Cruise**. We cruise past Tamar Island where we view the historical buildings. We watch the scenery change from vineyards and farms and pass through **Rosevears and Windermere**.

(B,A/T,D) Overnight Launceston Commodore Regent

DAY 8 – BEAUTY POINT, BATMAN BRIDGE, LEGERWOOD, ST HELENS

Travelling to **Beauty Point** this morning we arrive at **Platypus House** for a visit. Then making our way over the famous **Batman A Frame Bridge**, we continue on to **Leaning Church Winery** and enjoy our lunch. We make our way to Legerwood to visit the amazing **Carved Memorial Trees**. The trees are sculpted into World War I soldiers to honour their memory. Then arriving into **St Helens**.

(B,L,D) Overnight St Helens, Tidal Waters

DAY 9 – BICHENO, COLES BAY, FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK

This morning we depart for **Bicheno**, the jewel of the East Coast. Also included in this day of discovery is Tasmania's first national park, **Freycinet** and it's also the most spectacular. Once there, you will be mesmerised by the park's spectacular cliff-top lookouts and especially the iconic **Wineglass Bay**. Following lunch at the beautiful **Coles Bay**, we make our way to **Cape Tourville** for the spectacular ocean views and the **Lighthouse**.

(B,D) Bicheno Best Western Beachfront

DAY 10 – SWANSEA, RICHMOND ARRIVE HOBART

Triabunna is a scenic portside town and the gateway to the natural wonders. The town sits at the doorstep of some of Tasmania's most beautiful places. We visit the Tasmanian **Seafarers Memorial** which provides an insight into the area's maritime past. We then continue on to Richmond. **The Richmond Bridge** was built by convicts in the 1820s and is Australia's oldest known large stone arch bridge.

Cradle

Mountain

St Helen

Bicheno

Port Arthur

Launceston

Hobart

(B,D) Overnight Hobart Midcity

Smithton

Strahan

DAY 11 – MOUNT WELLINGTON, FLIGHT HOME

Mount Wellington with amazing panoramic views of Hobart, Bruny Island and the Tasman Peninsula. No other city in Australia has a vista like this one and is truly spectacular. It is a fitting way to end our tour as we make our way to the airport for our flight home with wonderful memories of Total Tasmania. Flights by own arrangements from 1.30pm onwards. Extra nights can be organised upon request.

TOUR OVERVIEW:

- 4* Accommodation
- All meals as per itinerary
- Launceston & Tamar Valley River Cruise
 - Winery & Carved Memorial Trees
 - Weldborough Pass, Overnight St Helens
- Cape Tourville, Friendly Beaches
- Freycinet National Park, Coles Bay
- Wine Glass Bay, Overnight Bicheno
- Triabunna, Swansea, Richmond Bridg
- Hobart City Tour & Mt Wellington
- Port Arthur Full Dav Tour
- Derwent Bridge & Queenstown
- Strahan & Gordon River Cruise
- Cradle Mountain & Dove Lake
- Stanley, Smithton, Devonport
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

ADD FLIGHTS FROM \$485 EX BNE



2019 DEPARTURE DATES:

20 March: 26 October

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Blue Mountains, Bowral

Tulips & Canberra Floriade

Bowral Tulips > Bradman Museum > Canberra Floriade >

Parliament House > Australian War Memorial > here and later this afternoon, and then make our

Tulip Time in Bowral is one of Australia's oldest and best loved floral festivals. Corbett Gardens, the centrepiece of the Festival, is massplanted with over 75,000 tulips, 15,000 annuals and an additional 40,000 tulips planted across the Shire. Overall a celebration of stunning tulip displays.

The Canberra Floriade is Australia's biggest celebration of spring. This iconic Canberra event, which has been going for over three decades, showcases one million flowers in bloom throughout Canberra's Commonwealth Park.

DAY 1 – SYDNEY TO BOWRAL TULIPS

Arriving at Sydney Airport under your own arrangements (please arrive prior to 10am) you will be met by our host and coach before making our way by coach to the Southern Highlands visiting Corbett Gardens for the annual Bowral Tulip Festival with stunning displays of sweeping spring colour. We then visit the Bradman Cricket Hall of Fame and the story of the Boy from Bowral.

(L,D) Overnight Springs Resort, Mittagong



DAY 2 – CANBERRA FLORIADE

Cowra > Bathurst > Blue Mountains

Today is festival day! Following breakfast we depart to Canberra and the Commonwealth Park, which is the centre of the Floriade Festival. The flower display is the largest of its type in the southern hemisphere. We spend the morning here with free time to wander around at our leisure and to purchase lunch if you wish. This afternoon we visit Cockington Green. In this English village there are thatched cottages, a tiny church, the village green, an oats house in Kent, a riverside inn, castles and even Stonehenge.

(B,D) Overnight Aria Hotel, Canberra

DAY 3 – CANBERRA DISCOVERY WAR MEMORIAL, LAST POST

Of course, Canberra is the seat of Government in Australia. Today we have planned a tour of Parliament House. Next is the Museum of Australian Democracy (formerly Old Parliament House) The remainder of our afternoon will be at the Australian War Memorial. The focus of the commemoration is the Hall of Memory together with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Pool of Reflection and the Roll of Honour. We stay to hear the Last Post and closing ceremony.

(B,D) Overnight Aria Hotel, Canberra

DAY 4 – CANBERRA TO COWRA

Today we are heading to Cowra, the town made famous by the POW Camp located here during WWI and the now famous 'Cowra Breakout'. A local guide joins the coach for our town tour.

We will also visit the Australian & Japanese War Cemeteries, which contains the graves of the Japanese involved in the POW Breakout during World War II. This is the only Japanese War Cemetery in Australia. We then visit the **Cowra Japanese** Gardens. Meandering paths and wooden bridges allow us to explore and view the gardens at ease.

(B,D) Overnight Sovereign Inn, Cowra

DAY 5 – BATHURST & BLUE MOUNTAINS

From Cowra we travel to Bathurst and take a drive around the Mount Panorama Racing Circuit. As the circuit is actually a public road it's easy to experience the 'on track' feeling! We take a sightseeing tour of Bathurst, then make our way to Oberon and visit Mayfield Gardens. There is a maze, an oak forest and an 80 metre cascade that tumbles down the hillside. We relax over lunch

way to the Blue Mountains.

(B,L,D) Overnight Comfort Inn Redleaf Resort

DAY 6 – BLUE MOUNTAINS

This morning we visit Everglades Gardens, one of the most important historic gardens in the region. Morning tea, then we make our way to the magnificent Carrington Hotel. On arrival we enjoy a tour followed by a delicious high tea. We take the scenic **Cliff Drive** where we take in the sights of **Echo** Point and the mystical Three Sisters and after a photo opportunity we return to Leura with time at leisure to explore the village.

(B,M/T,D) Overnight Comfort Inn Redleaf Resort

DAY 7 – SYDNEY, HOMEWARD BOUND

Sadly our tour has come to an end and following breakfast, we make our way through to Sydney airport to board our flight home. We arrive home with many wonderful memories of our tour.

Return flights at own arrangements from 12 noon.

TOUR OVERVIEW:

- Accommodation & meals as per itinerary
- Tours, Entry Fees, Activities
- Coach Touring and Commentary
- Bowral Tulip Festival & Bradman Museum
- Canberra Floriade & Cockington Green
- Parliament House & Museum of Democracy
- War Memorial & Last Post Tribute
- Cowra & Japanese Gardens
- **Oberon & Mayfield Gardens**
- Blue Mountains & Everglades Gardens
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

ADD FLIGHTS FROM \$320 EX BNE



28 September

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Great Ocean Road & Kangaroo Island

Melbourne > Torquay > Otway Ranges > 12 Apostles > Shipwreck Coast > Warrnambool > Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village > Port Fairy > Mount Gambier > Blue Lake > Victor Harbor > Kangaroo Island > Adelaide > Glenelg

DAY 1 – ARRIVE MELBOURNE CROWN CASINO DINNER

Welcome to our 10 day tour to the Great Ocean Road and Kangaroo Island. Our starting point for the tour is Melbourne and on arrival at the Airport at your own arrangements (please arrive prior to 2pm) your host and coach will be waiting and we make our way into the city and then check into our hotel before we transfer to the Crown Casino for our Welcome Buffet Dinner this evening.

(D) Best Western Plus Travel Inn

DAY 2 – TORQUAY, APOLLO BAY

Today we make our way to the Great Ocean Road for a breathtaking drive along one of Australia's most spectacular coastlines. We pass through the coastal towns of Torquay and Anglesea to Lorne. We stop for a wander around this popular seaside village. We then continue on to Apollo Bay for tonight's accommodation which overlooks the Southern Ocean.

(B,D) Skenes Creek Lodge

DAY 3 – OTWAY RANGES, 12 APOSTLES, SHIPWRECK COAST, WARRNAMBOOL

Our journey this morning winds its way through the forests of the Otway Ranges and we arrive at the spectacular Otway Fly – a tree top walk, the longest and highest canopy walk of its kind in the world. The tree tops view of the Otways is an experience well worth the effort! We enjoy morning tea before we arrive to see the iconic Twelve Apostles. We then stop in **Port Campbell** for some free time. This afternoon see the ill-fated London Bridge while we travel along the Shipwreck Coast.

(B,M/T,D) Mid City Motor Inn, Warrnambool

DAY 4 – FLAGSTAFF HILL MARITIME VILLAGE, SHIPWRECK LASER LIGHT SHOW

A guided tour of Warrnambool this morning and its interesting history. We also enjoy a tasting at Cheeseworld, then on to the Botanic Gardens. Following some free time in the town centre, we spend the remainder of the afternoon at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village. We wander through the State Heritage-listed Lady Bay Lighthouse. Flagstaff also holds the richest collection of Shipwreck artifacts in Australia. We make our way back to our hotel for dinner, then return to enjoy the wonderful sound and light show called 'Shipwrecked'. This is a

spectacular show that takes us on a journey through raging seas and unforgiving coastlines.

(B,D) Mid City Motor Inn, Warrnambool

DAY 5 – PORT FAIRY, **MOUNT GAMBIER**

Port Fairy today and discover its rich maritime history and colonial character which have been faithfully preserved in original Victorian buildings. From here we travel through to Portland for lunch at the Richmond Henty Hotel. Our drive this afternoon takes us through Nelson to Port MacDonnell. This is SA's most southerly point and is a rugged coastline with uninterrupted views. We then arrive in Mount Gambier for our stop tonight.

(B,L,D) Comfort Inn Silver Birch, Mount Gambier

DAY 6 – BLUE LAKE, VICTOR HARBOR

Our first appointment this morning is at the new Blue Lake Visitors Centre where we will meet our guide for our tour. We hear a fascinating story with comprehensive information about this most unique volcano. From here we travel to Robe, a historic port with streets of heritage cottages and loads of character. We then make our way to Coorong National Park and on to Victor Harbor.

(B,D) Apollon Motel, Victor Harbor

DAY 7 – KANGAROO ISLAND

Cape Jervis this morning to board the ferry service to Kangaroo Island. We plan to visit a few unique ventures today, the first one is **Clifford's Honey** Farm – home to Kangaroo Island's own population of Ligurian bees producing 10,000 kilograms of honey each year. Then the Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery. We are taken on a tour and enjoy lunch here. This afternoon we visit Island Pure - a local sheep dairy. Kingscote for the next two nights. Our hotel has stunning views overlooking Nepean Bay.

(B,L,D) Aurora Ozone Hotel, Kangaroo Island

DAY 8 – KANGAROO ISLAND

Today we visit Seal Bay and the Flinders Chase National Park. We meet our guide at the famous Seal Bay for our chance to walk on the beach amongst the colony of sea lions. It is an unforgettable experience to be guided by a National Parks Ranger, within metres of the bulls, cows and sea pups. We then head to Flinders Chase National Park and stop for lunch at The Chase Café at the Visitors Centre. This afternoon we visit Remarkable Rocks, Cape du Couedic and

Admirals Arch where, via a spectacular board walk, we can see close up a colony of New Zealand fur seals who live in the sea and the rocks just below us.

Melbourne

Torquay

Warrnambool

12 Apostles

(B,L,D) Aurora Ozone Hotel, Kangaroo Island

Black Lake

DAY 9 – ARRIVE ADELAIDE

Adelaide

Kangaroo Island

This morning we join the ferry service back to the mainland. From Cape Jervis we return to Victor Harbor for some free time to look through the various shops and cafes. This afternoon we drive the Southern Vales wine region on our way to Adelaide and check into our hotel for our Farewell Dinner.

(B,D) Adelaide Rockford Hotel

DAY 10 – GLENELG, HOMEWARD BOUND

Following breakfast and check out we make our way to the seaside suburb of **Glenelg** for some free time and siteseeing before we have a short transfer to the Airport for your flight home. Return flights not included. Please arrange flights anytime from 1.30pm onwards. Extra Nights in Adelaide upon request.

TOUR OVERVIEW:

- 4* Accommodation as per itinerary Crown Casino Welcome Buffet Dinner
- Day Tours, Entries, Activities all included
- **Coach Touring and Commentary**
- Geelong & National Wool Museum
- Torquay, Anglesea, Lorne, Apollo Bay Otway Ranges & Fly Tree Top Walk Twelve Apostles & Shipwreck Coast
- Warrnambol Touring & Botanic Gardens
- Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village & Shipwreck Laser Light Show
- Port Fairy, Portland, Nelson & Port MacDonnell

- Victor Harbor, Adelaide & Glenelg Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

ADD FLIGHTS FROM \$480 EX BNE



30 October

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The Majestic River Murray

Albury/Wodonga > Mitta Valley > Dartmouth Dam > Yarrawonga > Echuca > Swan Hill > Euston > Mildura > Renmark > Banrock Station > Barmera > Monash > Loxton > Blanchetown > Goolwa > Victor Harbor

DAY 1 – MELBOURNE TO ALBURY

Welcome to our tour called **The Majestic River Murray.** Our starting point is Melbourne and arriving this morning at your own arrangements at the airport (**please arrive prior to 11.30am**) you will be met by your host and coach before making our way north to Albury and our welcome dinner this evening at our hotel.

(D) Albury Paddlesteamer Motel

DAY 2 – MITTA VALLEY DARTMOUTH DAM

This morning we are going to tour into the Mitta Valley – home to Australia's largest man made dam and highest mountain in Victoria. The dam holds seven times more water than Sydney Harbour! There will also be a stop at the Lake Dartmouth Info Centre with models of the lake and a short video on the construction process. Lunch will be at the Dartmouth Tavern in a delightful setting on the verandah overlooking exquisite alpine scenery.

(B,L,D) Albury Paddlesteamer Motel

DAY 3 – ALBURY, YARRAWONGA, MV *PARADISE QUEEN* CRUISE, ECHUCA

Today we follow the **Murray Valley Highway** west towards Echuca. First stop is **Yarrawonga** and **Lake Mulwala**. We have arranged a cruise aboard the **MV** *Paradise Queen*. We will cruise past towering river red gums and dozens of sandy beaches whilst enjoying morning tea. Back on the coach and on to **Byramine Homestead** which is one of the oldest homes in Australia. We enjoy a tour of the homestead and lunch before our afternoon drive to **Echuca**.

(B,L,D) Echuca / Moama Motor Inn

DAY 4 – ECHUCA *PRIDE OF THE MURRAY* CRUISE

This morning we discover the Echuca Port. Our guide will point out areas of interest and fill us with tales of the colourful people who 'crewed' the old river boats. We have a chance to look through Sharps Magic Movie House & Penny Arcade. Lunch today is on the river aboard the *Pride of the Murray*. We then make our way to Lake Boga which is home to the famous Catalina Flying Boat A24-30 – one of only four in Australia. From here we continue to Swan Hill for our stop this evening.

(B,L,D) Campbell Motor Inn, Swan Hill

DAY 5 – SWAN HILL, EUSTON PIONEER SETTLEMENT

This morning we are at the **Pioneer Settlement Museum**. The Settlement was founded to portray the development of inland Australia between 1830 and 1930. It contains over 50 historic buildings, many of which carry on the business of 100 years ago. After a light lunch here, we are on our way again, following the Murray Valley Highway. Our afternoon stop is at the picturesque township of **Euston** overlooking the Murray. We then arrive into **Mildura** for our overnight stay and dinner this evening.

(B,L,D) Mildura Inlander Resort

DAY 6 – MILDURA, RENMARK, PADDLESTEAMERS

This morning we transfer and board the PS *Rothbury*. Built in 1891, the *Rothbury* was one of the last 'working' paddlesteamers on the Murray River. Late morning we continue west along the Sturt Highway and call into the tiny village of **Paringa**. It's here we have our morning stop at **Lock 5**. Navigating the Murray River wouldn't be possible without the series of locks and weirs that were built back in the 1920s and 1930s. We then cross the **Paringa Suspension Bridge** and drive into **Renmark**. We then step aboard the **PS Industry** for our cruise.

(B,D) Berri Motor Inn

DAY 7 – BANROCK STATION, MONASH

Today we have planned a visit to the award winning Banrock Station near Kingston on Murray. Morning tea here overlooking the river. Our drive from here takes us over the Napper Bridge which crosses Chambers Creek and into the historic Overland Corner Hotel – a popular rest spot last century for drovers moving stock. We enjoy lunch before the drive to Monash. The town of Monash was proclaimed in 1921 and was named in honour of General Sir John Monash, highly decorated commander of the troops in WWI.

(B,L,D) Berri Motor Inn

DAY 8 – HISTORIC RIVERLANDS

Loxton this morning. Much of the town's fascinating history is on display at the Historical Village. Free time to wander the Village before heading to nearby Glossop and Bella Lavender Estate. Afternoon tea with time to take a walk in the gardens.

(B,D) Berri Motor Inn

DAY 9 – BLANCHETOWN, GOOLWA

Blanchetown this morning where we can see Lock 1 – the first of a series of seven locks on the Murray. The next town is Swan Reach and then Mannum. We continue to Goolwa where the Murray River finally enters the Southern Ocean. Here we board the *Spirit of the Coorong* for a luncheon cruise. The cruise takes us through the Goolwa Barrage, one of five constructed in the 1930s.

(B,L,D) Motel Goolwa

DAY 10 – VICTOR HARBOR ADELAIDE, HOME PORT

Unfortunately all good things must come to an end and we will make our way into **Adelaide** and connect with our return flight home at own arrangements **(flights from 12noon)**.

TOUR OVERVIEW:

- 4* Accommodation
- Coach Touring and Commentary
- Guided Tour of Dartmouth & Lunch
- Cruise with MV Paradise Queen
- Lunch & Tour of Byramine Homestead
- Guided Tour of Port of Echuca
- Sharps Movie House & Penny Arcade
- Lunch Cruise on Echuca Paddlesteamer
- Lake Boga Flying Boat Museum
- Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement Tour
- Cruise on PS *Rothbury* Mildura
- Cruise on PS *Industry* Renmark
- Banrock Station & Overland Corner Hotel
- Loxton Historical Village
- Bella Lavender Estate
- Murray River Mouth Cruise
- Full Hosted by our friendly staff

ADD FLIGHTS FROM \$480 EX BNE



Historical Sydney & WWII Midget Subs

Historical Sydney > Garden Island > Midget Sub Harbour Cruise > Luna Park > Star Casino

DAY 1 - HOME PORT TO SYDNEY

Welcome to our **5 Day Historic Sydney Tour**. We have some fantastic sights to see on this tour, with some old favourites, as well as some new sites to visit that are quite unique to Sydney. On arrival at Sydney Airport we are met by our local coach operator who will be showing us Sydney. This afternoon we will take a quick look around whilst we are on our way to our hotel that is located right in the heart of Sydney and opposite the Central Train Station. After settling in we can enjoy our welcome dinner and get to know our fellow travellers. **1 way flights included EX BNE, MEL, ADL.**

(D) Overnight Sydney Central Rendezvous

DAY 2 – MIDGET SUB HISTORY HARBOUR CRUISE

This morning we make our way to Garden Island for a visit to the Roval Australian Navy Heritage Centre. This nationally significant collection contains the artefacts of Australian Naval history, with many items on display having never been seen by the general public. View the conning tower of one of the Japanese Midget Submarines that attacked Sydney Harbour in WWII and watch the battle unfold on interactive audio visual display. We take a look through the museum at our leisure. Late morning we depart on a cruise of Sydney Harbour that will point out many locations that are relevant to the attack on Sydney Harbour by the Japanese back in WWII. Our cruise concludes in Watsons Bay, where we disembark in time for lunch at the Watsons Bay Hotel. This afternoon we return to our hotel and have some free time this afternoon before dinner.

(B,L,D) Overnight Sydney





DAY 3 – LUNA PARK HIGH TEA

This morning we take a drive across the Sydney Harbour Bridge to visit the Quarantine Station at North Head. For over 150 years the Quarantine Station operated and ships suspected of harbouring people infected with contagious diseases such as Smallpox or Bubonic Plague were quarantined here. Following our tour, we are off to one of Sydney's oldest icons and a location that has one of the best views out to Sydney Harbour - Luna Park Sydney. Here we will enjoy our High Tea Lunch that is served in the Deck Restaurant and we can sit back and relax and watch all the passing traffic out in the harbour. Whilst here, we have the option of taking a scenic ride in the Ferris Wheel where an even greater view can be seen. Our final visit today is at The Justice and Police Museum where we have arranged a guided tour. We'll step into the dark side of Sydney's past as we're drawn into a world of crime, punishment and policing, from bushrangers, sly grog and razor gangs to forensics. A vast archive of crime scene photography and mug shots reveal more than a century of underworld Sydney.

(B,L,D) Overnight Sydney

DAY 4 – HISTORICAL SYDNEY SITES STAR CASINO DINNER

This morning we travel to **Hyde Park** for a visit to the **Hyde Park Barracks**. Built between 1818 and 1819, this popular landmark is located in Sydney's historic precinct. Constructed by the convicts themselves, it provided lodgings for convicts working in government employment around Sydney until its closure in 1848. It has had many occupants since

then. It was an Immigration Depot from 1848 to 1886 and also a female asylum from 1862 to 1886. From 1887 to 1979 law courts and government offices were based at the Barracks. Today we discover the daily lives of convicts and other occupants. This afternoon we visit **Elizabeth Bay House**, once known as 'the finest house in the colony'. The House is a superb example of colonial architecture and is elegantly furnished to the period of 1839-1845. We then return to our hotel and have some free time before we head out for tonight's special dinner at the **Star Casino** Harvest Buffet. Some free time following dinner for a flutter if you wish.

(B,D) Overnight Sydney

DAY 5 – HEADING HOME

Following breakfast, it's time to farewell our hosts and make your way home under your own arrangements. Extended nights can be arranged.

TOUR OVERVIEW:

- 4*Accommodation Sydney
- 1 Way Flights EX BNE, MEL, ADL
- Sydney Historical Tours
- Garden Island RAN Heritage Centre
- Japanese Midget Subs Displays
- Sydney Harbour Cruise
 & Attack Locations
- Watsons Bay & Waterfront Lunch
- Sydney Quarantine Station
- Luna Pak High Tea Lunch
- Optional Ferris Wheel Ride
- Historical Justice & Police Museum
- Hyde Park & Barracks
- Historical Elizabeth Bay House
- Star Casino Buffet Dinner
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

5 Days - \$1790* *PP Twin Share, Single add \$380

2019 DEPARTURE DATE: 18 March

Australian Open Tennis Grand Slam

DAY 1 – ARRIVE MELBOURNE

Welcome to our 4 day tour to Melbourne for the Australian Open Tennis Grand Slam. At this time of year Melbourne is buzzing with activity so be ready to enjoy yourself! Departing from your home port this morning with flights by own arrangements. (Please arrive in Melbourne by 12noon). Our host will meet you on arrival where our coach will be waiting for us and we make our way into the City Docklands area to visit Artvo - Australia's first interactive art gallery. These incredible artworks are presented in three-dimension and specifically designed so that we can 'blend' into the images. Artvo gives us the chance to experience art in a whole new way - by simply striking a pose in front of the camera, you can become part of the art itself. Whilst in the Docklands we take a ride on the Melbourne Star Observation Wheel, where we will experience spectacular views over the city and beyond. There is no better vantage point to see the entire city from than in a spacious, air-conditioned cabin giving access to 360 degree views. Late afternoon we have a short drive and check in to the Quality Batman's Hill on Collins for the next three nights.

(D) Overnight Quality Batman's Hill on Collins Flights by own arrangements. Please arrive by 12noon where our host will meet you

DAY 2 – DAY AT THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Following breakfast, we transfer to **Melbourne Park**, the home of the Australian Open and the world's premier tennis venue. Sharing the company



of Wimbledon, The US Open and French Open, the Australian Open welcomes crowds of over 500,000 to the fun, festivities and action that only a Grand Slam Tennis Tournament can offer. Known as Australia's biggest sporting event, the Australian Open is a must for all sports and entertainment fans as the champions of Grand Slam tennis are brought to us! Included in today's entry is a reserved seat in **Margaret Court Arena** to watch some of the highest seeds in the draw. Free to wander the outside courts and watch all the action. What an exciting day.

(B) Overnight Quality Batman's Hill on Collins

DAY 3 – PUFFING BILLY & THE DANDENONG RANGES, COLONIAL TRAMCAR DINNER

We have a wonderful day in store today. This morning we head to the Dandenong Ranges. For over 100 years the Dandenongs have been an idyllic retreat for Melburnians wanting to take in the mountain air and escape the bustle of city life. At **Belgrave**, we join the famous Puffing Billy Steam Train on a ride through to Lakeside, where our coach will be waiting for us. In Emerald we can have some free time to purchase lunch and look through the local village shops. Our dinner tonight is aboard Melbourne's famous Colonial Tramcar Restaurant and gives us an enjoyable perspective of Melbourne's leafy boulevards and best attractions. This glossy, burgundy restaurant on wheels is the first travelling tramcar restaurant in the world and ensures a delightful introduction to the city. Dinner aboard the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant is not only a culinary delight, but also a trip into a little piece of Victoria's history.

(B, D) Overnight Quality Batman's Hill on Collins

DAY 4 – QUEEN VICTORIA MARKETS, HEADING HOME

Following breakfast this morning we make our way to the **Queen Victoria Markets** – Australia's largest market. It's a vast and vibrant centre of trade and commerce that was officially opened on 20 March 1878 and has served consumers' needs for more than 120 years. Annually the market has more than eight million visitors. For those heading home this morning, a transfer is provided to the airport. Please arrange flight time from 1pm onwards. For those staying on, please enjoy the rest of your time under your own arrangements. This completes a fabulous 4 day tour to Melbourne for the Australian Open Tennis.

(B) Note: Extra Nights can be arranged if required.



TOUR OVERVIEW:

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- All meals as per itinerar
- Tours, Entry Fees, Activitie
- Coach Touring and Commentary
- Artvo Interactive Gallery
- Melbourne Star Observation Wheel
- Australian Open Reserved Daytime Seating in Margaret Court Arena watching the Top Seeded Players
- Puffing Billy Steam Train
- Dandenong Ranges & Emerald Village
- Colonial Tramcar Restaurant Dinner
- Queen Victoria Markets
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

ADD FLIGHTS FROM \$480 EX BNE



15 January

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Eccentric Lightning Ridge

St George > Lightning Ridge > Moree > Goondiwindi > Warwick

There are a few mining towns in Australia but none of them are quite as unique as Lightning Ridge. Immerse yourself in over 100 years of opal mining history in the town that honours amazing man-made follies and does not know its actual population. Fossick for your own treasure on lands that 100 million years ago were inhabited by dinosaurs and ancient forests, a stone's throw from the discovery of one of the world's largest and most valuable uncut black opals. This is Lightning Ridge.

DAY 1 – BRISBANE TO ST GEORGE

We depart today from Roma Street Station and make our way along the Warrego Highway through Toowoomba and then down the Gore Highway to Millmerran where we will stop for our lunch. Following lunch, we make a visit to the **Museum** where you will reminisce of a time gone by when you see the displays collected from the local district, many of which have been donated by the families.

Before departing the town, we will take a tour around the streets and from the comfort of our coach, we follow the trail of **Millmerran historical murals** where various stages of the region's history are depicted on the side of buildings. Continue on to **St George for a town tour**, then checking in before dinner in the restaurant this evening.

(L,D) Overnight St George, Riverland Motor Inn

DAY 2 – LIGHTNING RIDGE

After a hearty breakfast we depart and make our way to **Lightning Ridge.** This afternoon, we start to explore this amazing place. Opal is Australia's national gemstone and Lightning Ridge produces over 95% of these. Make your pilgrimage to the home of the spectacular black opal, the rarest form of Australia's magnificent national gemstone. Lightning Ridge, a charismatic opal town on the edge of the NSW outback, is the world's main source of the most desirable of opals. On arrival, a local guide will join us on the coach for a sightseeing tour of the town. One of the more unusual sights will be **Amigos Castle** – a castle built from ironstone by a local resident.

We will also see the Astronomers Monument, the Hot Artesian Pool, and Coopers Cottage. This authentic miner's camp was built in 1916 and is a genuine historical display of early pioneer living. After our wonderful day we check in to our home base for the next two nights.

(B,D) Lightning Ridge, Wallangulla Motel

DAY 3 – LIGHTNING RIDGE

After breakfast we head to the Walk-In-Mine to experience the atmosphere of an underground mine. We also have a tour including a video presentation and explanation about opal mining. Next is a visit to the John Murray Art Gallery, well worth a visit. We now have some free time for lunch (own arrangements) before an afternoon visit to the Chambers of the Black Hand. At 11.2m underground, local artist Ron Canlin has created the most amazing paintings and sculptures. The second level is a mine that has been worked for over 100 years, and all the old shafts and drives that were dug by the old timers are still there. On this level a geology tour will give us the different strata's opal formation - an experience not be missed. Our last stop for the day is to meet our local opal expert at the Opal Cave. He will show us how the opal is cut and polished. Completing our fascinating day, we return to our motel.

(B,D) Lighting Ridge, Wallangulla Motel

DAY 4 – MOREE, GOONDIWINDI

Following breakfast, we then depart Lightning Ridge and make our way to **Moree** for our lunch and then a tour of the town steeped in history with its exquisite Art Deco architecture. Moree's main street showcases majestically restored heritage-listed buildings influenced by American, Egyptian, Greek and Spanish design, dating back to between 1920 to 1939 Art Deco period. The result is a breathtakingly unique CBD which is perfect for taking a trip down memory lane. Then on to Goondiwindi in time to check in and freshen up before dinner this evening.

(B,L,D) Goondiwindi Jolly Swagman Inn

DAY 5 - WARWICK, ABBEY OF ROSES

After breakfast we will visit the **statue of the Goondiwindi Grey**. 'Gunsynd' showed that dreams can come true by becoming the champion of his era winning the Cox Plate and the four big mile races – the only horse in History to have achieved this. We then arrive at the **Customs House Museum**. A border customs point before Federation, this authentically restored building and its magnificent cottage garden house a rich and colourful collection of mementos of yesteryear. Departing and making our way to **Warwick** for lunch at the beautiful **'Abbey of the Roses'**, we will enjoy a tour of the historic home before making our way back home following our adventure to Lightning Ridge.

(B,L)



TOUR OVERVIEW:

- Accommodation
- All meals as per itinerary, tours, entry fees
- Coach Touring and Commentary
- Millmerran Museum & Murals
- St George Town Tour
- Lightning Ridge
- Astronomers Monument
- Amigos Castle & Hot Artesian Pool
- Coopers Cottage & Walk-in Mine
- Chamber of the Black Hand & Opal Cave
- Moree & Goondiwindi
- Warwick & Abbey of the Roses
- Fully Hosted by our friendly staff

5 Days – \$1390*

*PP Twin Share, Single add \$225

2019 DEPARTURE DATES: 6 May; 16 September

Colleen McCollough's Norfolk Island Discovery

Discover the Norfolk Island that Colleen McCullough, the world renowned author of 24 books, called home for almost 36 years and visit her beloved property 'Out Yenna'.

DAY 1 – DEPART BRISBANE, ARRIVE NORFOLK ISLAND

Departing from your home port today, you will arrive on Norfolk Island. On arrival you will be met by our local tour operator – **Pinetree Tours** and transferred to Castaway Motel which will be your home for the tour. We then enjoy a welcome fruit punch on arrival before checking in to your rooms and our dinner this evening at our motel.

(D) Castaway Motel

DAY 2 – ORIENTATION TOUR, CONVICT SETTLEMENT

Our Half Day **Orientation Tour** is a must for every visitor. Visit historic Kingston, Cascade, Longridge and much more. See and hear about the famous convict buildings, beautiful beaches and golf course, the renowned **Melanesian Chapel**. Enjoy views from scenic spots on this full commentary conducted tour. This afternoon we enjoy an in-depth tour of the historic Georgian Settlement of Kingston. Walk through the cemetery and hear the history of interesting convict and colonial headstones. Dinner tonight is at **Barney Duffy's**.

(B,M/T, A/T,D) Castaway Motel

(B,D) Castaway Motel

DAY 3 – GLASS BOTTOM BOAT, WONDERLAND BY NIGHT

Christian's Glass Bottom Boat today with a wonderful view beautiful coral gardens and tropical fish inside the calm crystal waters of Norfolk's lagoon. Then enjoy a BBQ Dinner at a scenic spot on Norfolk Island. Following dinner we view the Wonderland by Night.

The setting is 10 acres of magical Norfolk pines and bushland lit up like an enchanted forest. Meander along (or ride in the 'moon buggy') a gentle winding path whilst a descendant of one of the *Bounty* mutineers recites poetry written by local poet Archie Bigg. The dioramas are lit up and the setting is magical. Afterwards enjoy a light supper.

DAY 4 – MUTINY CYCLORAMA, ISLAND FISH FRY

Fletcher's Mutiny Cyclorama is an unforgettable experience. This is one of only a handful of paintings of this type in the world and is based on an art form made popular in the 1800s. Walk inside the circular painting and be surrounded by the immense artwork. A spectacular 3D effect is achieved in this painting with its detailed artwork and realistic perspective and the story that traces the history of the *Bounty* leaving England through Tahiti, Pitcairn Island and arrival at Norfolk Island in 1856. Late this afternoon enjoy a feast of island dishes, salads, homemade bread and fresh fried fish, followed by Island desserts and tea or coffee. Enjoy some local entertainment on our exclusive private property 'Orn Daa Cliff' on Norfolk's western coastline.

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(B,D) Castaway Motel

DAY 5 – BUSH BREAKFAST, PROGRESSIVE DINNER

This morning take a stroll through One Hundred Acres Reserve or for the more energetic, a leisurely 3.5km walk through scenic **Mt Bates** to **Captain Cook Monument**. If you prefer not to rise early and bush walk you'll be picked up a little later and taken to join the walkers at Anson Bay as they return from their walk and where you'll all enjoy a delicious **breakfast barbecue** on the clifftop. The rest of the day is at leisure. Tonight we enjoy a 3-course meal progressing to different Norfolk Island family homes. A fun night and a great way to meet the local people and sample some of the island dishes.

(B,D) Castaway Motel

DAY 6 – BEHIND THE HEDGES

Travel to **Anson Bay** to visit a small hobby farm, which has been instrumental in improving our local livestock industry. Close by see a demonstration at Norfolk's major pottery and browse at the **Cottage Pottery** shop. After a delicious morning tea at a scenic location, visit a beautiful private and commercial garden that supplies our local florists with stock. Finish the tour with a visit to a beautiful Banyan tree on a private property. This afternoon is at leisure. Dinner tonight at Paradise Hotel & Resort.

(B,M/T,D) Castaway Motel

DAY 7 – COLLEEN MCCULLOUGH TOUR, NIGHT AS A CONVICT

Colleen McCullough, the world renowned author of 24 books, called Norfolk Island home for almost 36 years. Today you will visit her beloved property 'Out Yenna'. You are escorted through her magnificent home and given a glimpse into the life of a modern day literary icon. If you have read her amazing books, you will love the experience of sharing the world of Colleen McCullough, author of 'Tim', 'The Thornbirds' and 'Morgan's Run'. Night as a Convict is a must do. Dress as a convict and join in with the Commandant for an evening of gaiety, feasting, singing and dancing. Great food and great fun.

(B,D) Castaway Motel

DAY 8 – DEPART NORFOLK ISLAND

Unfortunately all good things come to an end and following breakfast, will be transferred to the airport in time for your flight home.

TOUR OVERVIEW:

- Return Airfares ex BNE
- 4*Castaways Motel Norfolk
- Island Tour& Convict Settlement
- Glass Bottom Boat & Island Fish Fry
- Wonderland by Night
- Fletcher's Mutiny Cyclorama
- Progressive Dinner & Behind the Hedges
- Colleen McCullough's 'Out Yenna'
- Night as a Convict Dinner
- Fully Hosted by our Friendly Staff

8 Days — \$2825* *PP Twin Share, Single add \$320

2019 DEPARTURE DATE: 19 October



DAY 1 – DEPART HOME PORT, ARRIVE QUEENSTOWN

Welcome to New Zealand! Our timing for this tour is great as we'll enjoy a week of sunny April weather of around 20°C and it's the perfect spot to unwind and enjoy some touring and hospitality - Kiwi Style!

Queenstown NZ &

You are met on arrival by the host at the Queenstown Airport before being transferred to your hotel. The Copthorne Hotel is a year round resort on the shores of Lake Wakatipu. A welcome Dinner tonight is at your hotel.

(D) Copthorne Hotel

DAY 2 – DISCOVER QUEENSTOWN

Today we take you on a tour of the outlying areas of Queenstown. Departing from the hotel the first stop is the quaint village of Arrowtown. Time out at the village allows for lunch and shopping. The final visit today is to Gibbston Valley Winery. Join a quided tour of the vineyard and winery, completing the experience with a tasting in the caves. Travel 76 metres underground into the Gibbston Valley Wine Cave. Dinner tonight is at our hotel.

(B,D) Copthorne Hotel

DAY 3 – GLENORCHY TOURING & LORD OF THE RINGS MOVIE SET

Today is Easter Monday and this morning travel to the small settlement of Glenorchy at the head of Lake Wakatipu. Glenorchy's most recent claim to fame is its association to the Lord of the Rings movie trilogy. This is also the gateway to farmland and forests around the area that were used as film locations for a number of scenes in these movies. This evening ride the aerial gondola to Bob's Peak and enjoy a delicious 6 course buffet dinner while admiring the panoramic views of The Remarkable Ranges.

(B,D) Copthorne Hotel

DAY 4 – WALTER PEAK HIGH COUNTRY

Today we cruise across Lake Wakatipu on board the TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm. Upon arrival we disembark and then you can wander and join in the farmyard walking tour which includes sheep dog handling and a sheep shearing demonstration. Your BBQ lunch is on the terrace in front of the Colonel's Homestead overlooking the lake.

(B,L) Copthorne Hotel

DAY 5 – MILFORD SOUND **OVERNIGHT CRUISE**

Described by Rudyard Kipling as the 'eighth wonder of the world', Milford Sound was carved by glaciers during the ice ages. Breathtaking in any weather, the fiord's cliffs rise vertically from the dark waters, mountain peaks scrape the sky and waterfalls cascade downwards from as high as 1000 metres. When it rains in Milford Sound, and it often does, those waterfalls multiply with magnificent effect. Today will be one of your trip highlights. Travel around Lake Wakatipu and through Te Anau and the Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound. Arrive in Milford Sound to board your scenic cruise down Milford Sound past towering Mitre Peak to the Tasman Sea. Cruise the world famous Milford Sound, overnight on board the ship. (B.L)

DAY 6 – CLEDDAU & EGLINTON VALLEY

Today the cruise returns to Milford Wharf where we board our coach and drive back to Te Anau travelling via the Cleddau Gorge, Homer Tunnel and the lovely Eglinton Valley. After passing through the tunnel, the Milford Road emerges into the impressive Cleddau Valley. Here you'll find one of the most impressive photo stops along the Milford Road called The Chasm. Bounded by steep mountain ranges on either side, this valley is named for the Cleddau River which flows through it. From Te Anau we retrace our steps beneath the towering Remarkable Ranges around the shores of Lake Wakatipu, arriving back into Queenstown

(B) Copthorne Hotel

DAY 7 – CROMWELL, LAKE DUNSTAN

This morning you will travel to Wanaka – a pretty all-year resort town set on the shores of Lake Wanaka. From Wanaka travel to Cromwell – a nearby town on the shores of Lake Dunstan. Here you can wander along the street of Old Cromwell town. This afternoon you'll return to Queenstown to your hotel before heading out to our farewell dinner.

(B,D) Copthorne Hotel

DAY 8 – FAREWELL QUEENSTOWN

Following breakfast this morning it's farewell to New Zealand before you are transferred from the hotel to the Airport for your flight home.

Return Flights Included



TOUR OVERVIEW:

- Return Flights ex, BNE, SYD, MEL
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Breakfasts , Dinners & Lunches
- Coach Touring with commentary
- Arrowtown & Gibbston Valley Winery
- Glenorchy & *Lord of the Rings* Movie Set
- Walter Peak High Country
- Lake Wakatipu Day Cruise TSS *Earnslaw*
- Overnight Milford Mariner Cruise
- Fully Hosted by friendly staff

8 Days – \$4590* *PP Twin Share, Single add \$1050

2019 DEPARTURE DATE: 6 April

Cairns Xmas Capers

Cairns > Kuranda > Port Douglas > Mossman Gorge > Daintree River Cruise > Skyrail > Reef Casino Xmas Lunch > Dundee's Restaurant > Harbour Cruise

DAY 1 – SATURDAY 21ST DEC. **DEPART BRISBANE**

Depart on the Spirit of Queensland Train in your Premium Economy Seats or upgrade to Deluxe RailBeds with all meals included.

(All meals on the train for RailBeds) Applicable Discount Rail Fare Applies

DAY 2 – ARRIVE CAIRNS

Arriving in Cairns mid afternoon. You will then be met by our friendly tour host and transferred to Cairns Queenslander. You will have time to freshen up before enjoying dinner.

(D) Overnight Cairns Queenslander

DAY 3 – SKYRAIL, KURANDA **BOTANICAL GARDENS**

Skyrail today up the mountain range to the Kuranda Village. You will have time to wander through the markets and taste the local cuisine before we meet our coach and travel back to Cairns and call into the Botanical Gardens with time to walk through the

lush gardens, renowned for having one of the best exhibitions of tropical plants in Australia.

(B,D) Overnight Cairns

DAY 4 – DUNDEE'S & CRUISE

Breakfast, enjoy a relaxing morning followed by lunch at the famous Dundee's Restaurant. We then depart for an enjoyable Harbour Cruise along Trinity Inlet. Dinner tonight at our hotel.

(B,L,D) Overnight Cairns

DAY 5 – REEF CASINO XMAS LUNCH

Merry Xmas, The big day has arrived !!!! The Reef Hotel Casino today for a wonderful Christmas Lunch with all the special trimmings to ensure you have a memorable day.

(B, L, Light Dinner) Overnight Cairns

DAY 6 – MOSSMAN GORGE, DAINTREE RIVER CRUISE, PORT DOUGLAS

This morning we tour the magnificent ancient Mossman Gorge. Then on to the Daintree River for our boat cruise, seeing crocodiles and other wildlife.



wander around the township and purchase lunch if you wish before we return in time for our dinner.

(B,D) Overnight Cairns

DAY 7 – DEPART CAIRNS

After breakfast this morning the group will depart to meet the train for our relaxing journey home.

(B, all meals in RailBeds)

DAY 8 – 28TH DEC, ARRIVE BRISBANE

This morning you will arrive at your home station after enjoying a wonderful Cairns Xmas.

8 Days - \$1590*

*PP Twin Share, Single add \$400 *Plus Applicable Discount Rail Fare

2019 DEPARTURE DATE: 21 December

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Golden Coast Xmas

Gold Coast > Broadwater Cruise > Tweed River Cruise > The Star Casino > Coolangatta > Byron Bay > Mt Tamborine > Sanctuary Cove

DAY 1 – ARRIVE GOLD COAST WATERWAYS CRUISE

Arriving on the Gold Coast, you will be met by our friendly tour host/coach driver then depart for Surfers Paradise to meet our cruise boat for a tour of the Gold Coast Waterways including the Broadwater, viewing Marina Mirage and Palazzo Versace. Travel past the marinas, which will be filled with visiting millionaires' yachts from all over the globe. We will then make our way to the Iconic Crowne Plaza Hotel, Surfers Paradise, where we will spend our Gold Coast Xmas.

(D) Overnight Crowne Plaza

DAY 2 – TWEED RIVER CRUISE

We board The Golden Swan for a Tweed River cruise, enjoying our morning tea and watching the changing scenery along the river. We will also have a delicious surf and turf lunch with a salad buffet. After our cruise we will do a City Sights Tour of the Gold Coast.

DAY 3 – CHRISTMAS DAY STAR CASINO LUNCH

The big day has arrived!

This morning enjoy a relaxing breakfast with a build up to the Main Event, our wonderful Christmas Lunch. You will be seated at the specially themed Xmas Dining Room and partake in a feast fit for Kings and Queens with all the trimmings including sumptuous Turkey and Christmas Pudding which will make this day a truly enjoyable one for all.

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DAY 4 – COOLANGATTA, BYRON BAY

Today we will visit the town of Murwillumbah overlooked by the awe inspiring might of Mt Warning, stopping for morning tea. We will then depart for Byron Bay for lunch and explore the local region, including the famous lighthouse.

5 Days - \$1590*

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DAY 5 – MT TAMBORINE

Breakfast before we travel to Mt Tamborine and stop

in at Gallery Walk, visit the Cuckoo's Nest to look at

the clocks or maybe pop into Granny Mac's and try

some fudge. We then enjoy lunch at famous Saint

Bernards Hotel overlooking amazing views of the

Gold Coast skyline before making our way home.

*PP Twin Share, Single add \$400

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The perfect Australian Outback rail adventure starts aboard the Spirit of the Outback. This fascinating overnight journey spanning between Brisbane and Longreach offers a unique insight into the history and culture of early Australia. Wonder at the ever changing landscape, as Spirit of the Outback journeys through the heritage towns of Blackwater, Emerald and Barcaldine, before arriving into the very heart of the Queensland Outback, Longreach. Experience all inclusive First Class, a discovery in itself, with hearty meals in the exclusive dining car and relaxing beverages shared with fellow travellers in the exclusive lounge car. This vast region perfectly illustrates the Australian spirit of exploration and adventure – a world that truly comes to life in front of your eyes. Arriving in Longreach, set off to discover the epic stories behind places like the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and the Outback Centre.









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