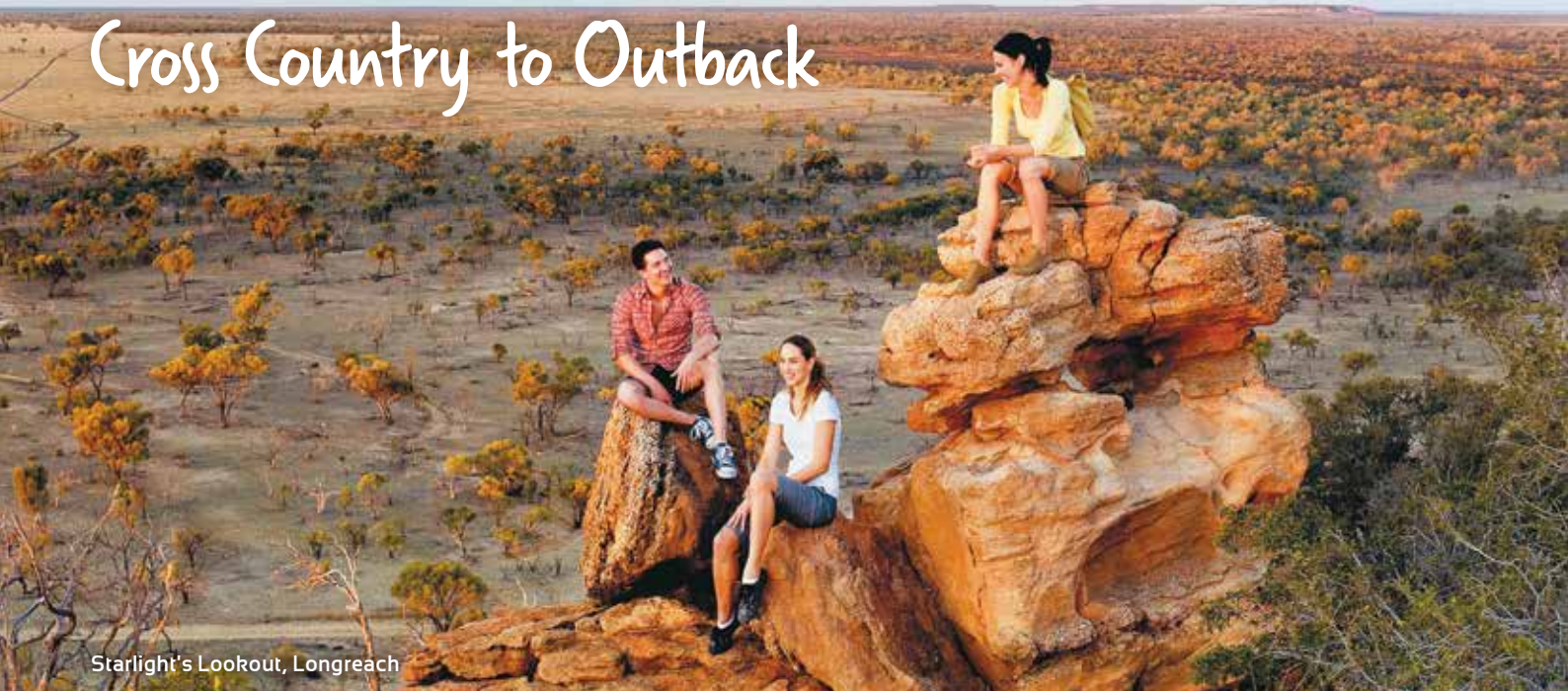


Queensland's Big Sky Country Drives

Cross Country to Outback



Starlight's Lookout, Longreach



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Girraween National Park
- Granite Belt food and wine trail
- Woolshed at Jondaryan
- Cosmos Centre & Bilby Experience
- Blackall Woolscour & Tambo Teddies
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Qantas Founders Museum
- Drover's Sunset Cruise
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs
- Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry
- Famous Outback pubs
- John Flynn Place Museum & Art Gallery

11 day one way itinerary featuring heritage stories, delicious local produce & incredible dinosaur attractions.

DAY 1: BRISBANE TO BALLANDEAN (237KM)

Travel the Cunningham Highway via the quaint township of Aratula to Warwick known for its roses and rodeo. Call into the Warwick Visitor Information Centre for a copy of the self-guided Heritage Buildings Trail. Continue your drive to Stanthorpe in the heart of Queensland's premier food and wine region then travel the short distance to Ballandean and Girraween National Park.

Accom: Girraween Environmental Lodge

DAY 2: GIRRAWEE NATIONAL PARK

Explore up to 17 km of walking tracks through this spectacular park with its massive granite outcrops, balancing boulders and clear tumbling cascades. If you feel like a sweet treat after your walk, head to the Bramble Patch Berry Farm for a berry ice-cream and to sample their delicious jams, sauces, chutneys and relishes - all made on site.

Accom: Girraween Environmental Lodge





Queens Park, Toowoomba

DAY 3: GIRRAWEEN TO TOOWOOMBA (143KM)

Travel back through Warwick and the quintessential country town of Clifton which has been used in a number of Australian movies including 'The Thornbirds'. Just a short drive north of Clifton is the village of Nobby and the well known Rudd's Pub, dedicated to author Steele Rudd. See the memorial to Sister Kenny who lived in the area and was known for her revolutionary treatment for the victims of polio. Continue your drive to the Garden City of Toowoomba.

Accom: Quest, Toowoomba

DAY 4: TOOWOOMBA

Take a leisurely stroll through the stunning Japanese Garden and beautiful Queens Park then join a tour of the Cobb and Co Museum. Tonight dine in one of the many outstanding restaurants or historic pubs within walking distance of your accommodation.

Accom: Quest, Toowoomba

DAY 5: TOOWOOMBA TO ROMA (351KM)

Head west to the heritage-listed Woolshed at Jondaryan, the largest operating woolshed in the world. Tonight learn the story of Australia's early oil and gas industry with an entertaining outdoor light and sound presentation at Roma's Big Rig.

Accom: Roma Explorer's Inn, Roma

DAY 6: ROMA TO CHARLEVILLE (266KM)

Travel the Warrego Highway to Mitchell for a therapeutic soak in the ancient waters of the Great Artesian Spa. Continue your drive to Charleville, heart of the 'mulga' country. See the endangered Bilby at the Bilby Experience then view distant stars, planets and star clusters at the Cosmos Centre Night Show.

Accom: The Rocks Motel, Charleville

DAY 7: CHARLEVILLE TO LONGREACH (516KM)

Call in to the pretty outback town of Tambo and visit the Tambo Teddies Workshop with its sheep skin teddy bears. Take a tour of the historic Blackall Woolscour before arriving in Longreach late afternoon.

Accom: Albert Park Motor Inn, Longreach

DAY 8: LONGREACH

Discover Australia's pioneering stories at the Stockman's Hall of Fame then watch the entertaining Outback Stockman's Show. Take the guided Jets Tour at Qantas Founders Museum then join the Drover's Sunset Cruise on the majestic Thomson River late afternoon.

Accom: Albert Park Motor Inn, Longreach

DAY 9: LONGREACH TO WINTON (179KM)

Board your Cobb and Co Stage coach for an exhilarating gallop through the bush then explore the Kinnon & Co Station Store. Continue your drive to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs, just east of Winton for an interpretive tour of the largest collection of Australian Dinosaur fossils.

Accom: The North Gregory Hotel, Winton

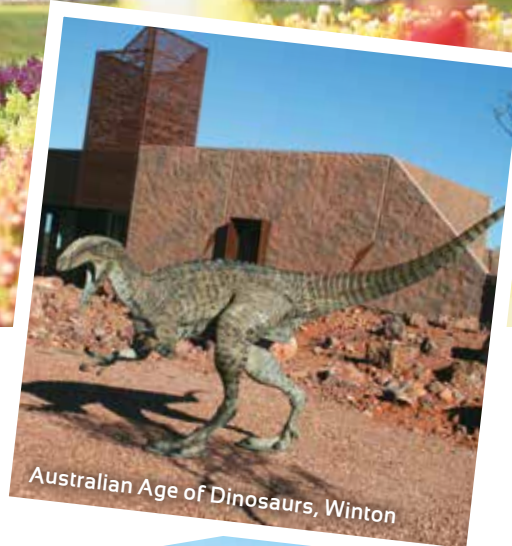
DAY 10: WINTON

Join a full day tour to Lark Quarry to view the world's only recorded fossilised footprints of a dinosaur stampede from 95 million years ago. Tonight have a real outback pub meal at the famous Tatts Hotel.

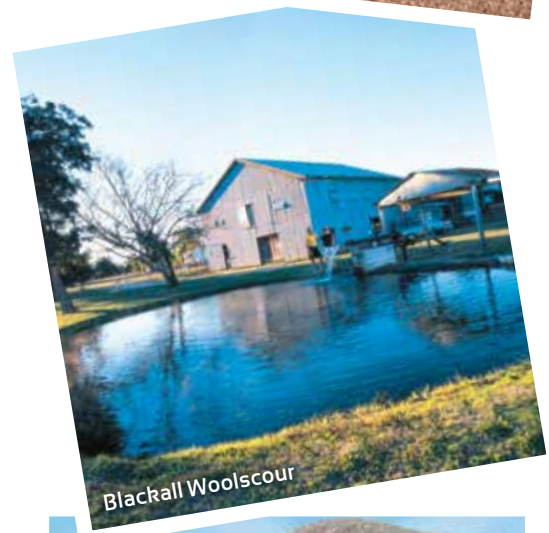
Accom: The North Gregory Hotel, Winton

DAY 11: WINTON TO MT ISA (470KM)

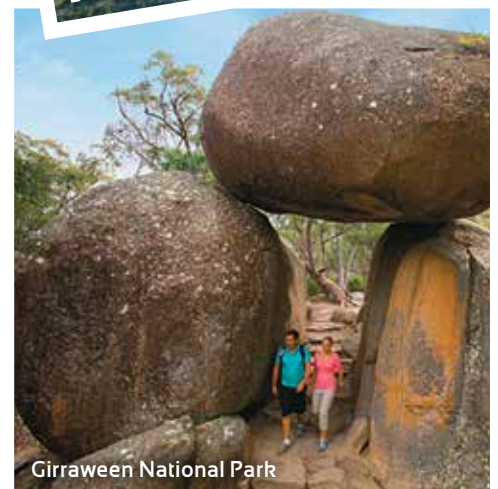
Travel north west to McKinlay's Walkabout Creek Hotel made famous in the Crocodile Dundee movie. Learn the Royal Flying Doctor's story at Cloncurry's John Flynn Place. You can drop off your car in Mount Isa, then join a return flight to Brisbane.



Australian Age of Dinosaurs, Winton



Blackall Woolscour



Girraween National Park



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