

Queensland's Big Sky Country Drives

Adventure Way Discovery



Artesian Bore, Cunnamulla



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Sunflower Tourist Drive
- Glengallan Homestead
- Historic Rudd's Pub
- Woolshed at Jondaryan
- Open-air Mud Bath in Eulo
- Bilby Experience & Cosmos Night Show
- Big Rig Night Show
- Jimbour House gardens
- Bunya Mountains National Park
- Taste of South Burnett & Kingaroy Observatory

8 day itinerary discovering Australian stories, adventures and starry night constellations.

DAY 1: BRISBANE TO TOOWOOMBA (VIA WARWICK) 249KM

Travel south on the Cunningham Highway to historic Warwick, soaked in early settlement history with sandstone buildings and castle-like churches. Follow the Sunflower Route to Allora, the childhood home of P.L. Travers who wrote the Mary Poppins stories. Visit the heritage listed Glengallan Homestead, a 19th century country house and Rudd's Pub named after author Steele Rudd en route to Toowoomba.

Accom: Quest, Toowoomba

DAY 2: TOOWOOMBA TO ST GEORGE (386KM)

Continue your drive west to the heritage-listed Woolshed at Jondaryan, the oldest and largest operating Woolshed in the world. Download the self-guided tour app for an interactive walk through restored colonial buildings and the original Woolshed building. Follow the Adventure Way drive route through Dalby to St George, the inland fishing capital of Queensland.

Accom: Riverland Motor Inn, St. George



Bilby Experience, Charleville



Sunflower Tourist Route

DAY 3: ST GEORGE TO CUNNAMULLA (294KM)

Discover hand-carved illuminated emu eggs at The Unique Egg, 'unique' to St George. This world-class collection has been handcrafted over a period of more than 40 years. Continue on the Adventure Way to Cunnamulla for a visit to the Cunnamulla Centre and a side trip to Eulo for an open-air mud bath accompanied by wine and nibbles.

Accom: Country Way Motor Inn, Cunnamulla

DAY 4: CUNNAMULLA TO CHARLEVILLE (198KM)

Follow the Mitchell Highway to Charleville, heart of the 'mulga country' and immortalised in Slim Dusty's song by the same name. Get up close and personal with the Bilby, one of Australia's most endangered species at the Bilby Experience. Join experienced night sky guides at the Cosmos Centre to view distant stars, planets and star clusters through powerful telescopes.

Accom: The Rocks Motel, Charleville

DAY 5: CHARLEVILLE TO ROMA (266KM)

Travel to Mitchell for a therapeutic soak in the Great Artesian Spa. Visit the original courthouse where local bushrangers the Kenniff Brothers were committed to stand trial. Drive east on the Warrego Highway to Roma where twice weekly you can join a free tour of the Roma Sale yards, the largest cattle selling facility in the southern hemisphere. Enjoy an amazing theatrical presentation, recreating the story of Australia's Oil and Gas Industry at the Big Rig Night Show.

Accom: Roma Explorer's Inn, Roma

DAY 6: ROMA TO BUNYA MOUNTAINS (330KM)

Continue along the Warrego Highway towards Dalby then drive through the rich black soil grain growing area of the Jimbour Plains to heritage listed Jimbour House. Stroll through the beautiful formal gardens of this French classic sandstone homestead built in 1875. Discover quaint arts and craft shops nestled in the foothills of the Bunya Mountains in the picturesque town of Bell then take the Kingaroy Road to Bunya Mountains National Park where its pristine rainforest and ancient bunya pines await.

Accom: Bunya Mountains Accommodation

DAY 7: BUNYA MOUNTAINS

Discover cool mountains, rainforests and waterfalls on a selection of spectacular walking tracks within the Bunya Mountains National Park. Enjoy the privacy of your Bunya Mountain Chalet, hand feed King Parrots and Crimson Rosellas, tour the rainforest in a Clydesdale drawn wagon and enjoy the simple pleasure of billy tea and damper. Watch for the Chocolate Wattled Bat at dusk and try your luck at spotting nocturnal animals.

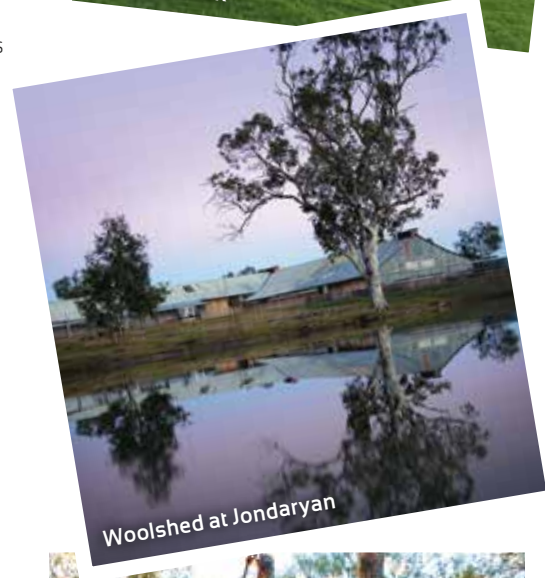
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DAY 8: BUNYA MOUNTAINS TO BRISBANE (221KM)

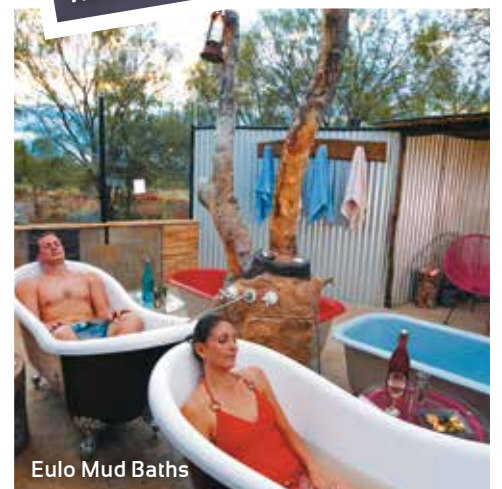
Travel down the Bunya Highway to Kingaroy and Taste South Burnett, a one-stop shop for locally produced wine, cheese and fudge. Visit the Kingaroy Observatory to view the real surface of the Sun by day and the starry constellations by night. Indulge with a gourmet platter at Crane Wines, a rustic cellar door perched high on the Booie Range with breathtaking views east over the valley. Your final leg of the drive will travel through the timber town of Blackbutt and the country township of Woodford back to Brisbane.



Bunya Mountains National Park



Woolshed at Jondaryan



Eulo Mud Baths



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