

# Queensland's Big Sky Country Drives

## Gourmet Country and Outback Stories



Girraween National Park



- HIGHLIGHTS:**
- The Falls Scenic Drive
  - Granite Belt Food & Wine Trail
  - Twilight Winery & Dinner Tour
  - Girraween National Park
  - Cotton Farm Tour
  - Historic Nindigully Pub
  - Outback river cruise
  - Bonus Downs Farm Stay
  - Japanese Garden, Toowoomba
  - Ravensbourne National Park

9 day itinerary includes delicious local produce, stunning landscapes and 'meet the maker' experiences

**DAY 1: BRISBANE TO KILLARNEY (180KMS)**

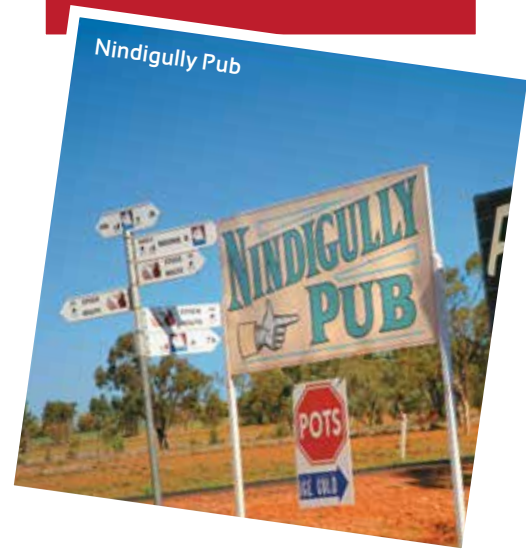
Travel south via the Ipswich Boonah Road to Boonah, heart of the Scenic Rim with its stunning mountain and country scenery. Take a coffee break in the delightful Flavours café located in the historic Butter Factory and visit the Boonah Regional Arts Gallery. Follow the Falls Scenic Drive via Lake Moogerah, Carr's Lookout and the spectacular Queens Mary Falls to Killarney.

**Accom:** Spring Creek Mountain Café and Cottages, Killarney

**DAY 2: KILLARNEY TO STANTHORPE (88KMS)**

Enjoy a gourmet breakfast at your mountain cottage with breathtaking views of the Condamine Gorge then discover some of the states finest sandstone buildings in nearby Warwick. Indulge in a High Tea and tour at the historic Abbey of the Roses, built for the Sisters of Mercy in 1891. Continuing on to Stanthorpe in Queensland's premier food and wine destination, call in for tastings at gourmet food producers and cellar doors.

**Accom:** Happy Valley Retreat, Stanthorpe







Maranoa River, Mitchell

**DAY 3: STANTHORPE**

Begin the day with a relaxing breakfast on your private verandah surrounded by 20 acres of Australian bushland, then head south to Girraween National Park featuring massive granite rock formations and eucalypt forests. It is a paradise for bushwalkers with scenic walks, wildlife viewing, camping and picnics. Tonight you may like to join a Twilight winery and dinner tour with local expert Filippos Tours

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**DAY 4: STANTHORPE TO ST GEORGE (406KMS)**

Travel west towards big skies and cotton country to Goondiwindi, famous as the home of racehorse legend, Gunsynd. Visit the museum or join a local farm tour to learn more about the cotton industry. Pass through the pretty wheat village of Bungunya then call into Queensland's oldest hotel, the Nindigully Pub for a cold drink and old-fashioned pub food. Drive a further 30 mins to St George, the inland fishing capital of Queensland.

**Accom: Riverland Motor Inn, St George**

**DAY 5: ST GEORGE TO BONUS DOWNS (255KMS)**

Spot local birdlife during a morning cruise on the Balonne River with Sandytown River Cruises then join the team at Riversands Winery for a personalised wine tasting and meal at their onsite café. Travel through Mitchell to Bonus Downs Farm Stay, a privately owned property built in 1911 by one of this country's most famous landholders.

**Accom: Bonus Downs Farm Stay, Mitchell**

**DAY 6: BONUS DOWNS FARM STAY**

Start the day with a Bonus Downs Jackaroo Breakfast and relax in your authentic station accommodation. The day is yours to wander the tranquil bush walks, take in the day's activities and enjoy the warm country hospitality of your hosts.

**Accom: Bonus Downs Farm Stay, Mitchell**

**DAY 7: BONUS DOWNS TO ROMA (134KMS)**

Travel into 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 Saleyards, 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 8: ROMA TO TOOWOOMBA (355KM)**

Continue along the Warrego Highway towards Toowoomba. Along the way visit the Miles Historical Village, one the Australia's leading regional museums. Take a break in Chinchilla the country's melon capital en route to the Garden City of Toowoomba in time to explore Australia's largest and most traditionally designed Japanese garden or stroll the magnificent Queens Park. Tonight, dine at one of Toowoomba's trendy restaurants offering fresh local produce menus.

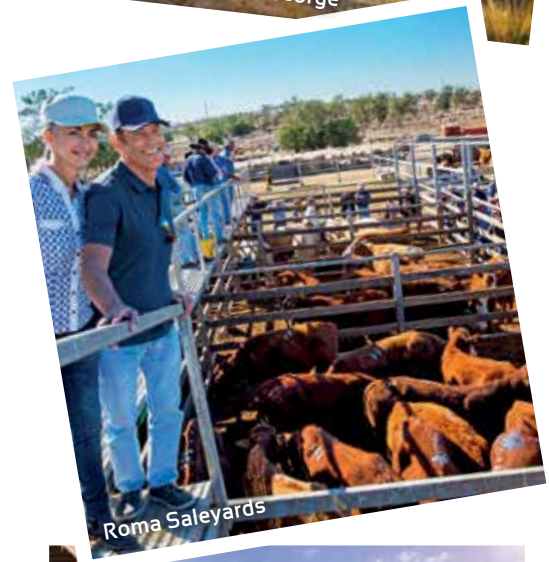
**Accom: Quest, Toowoomba**

**DAY 9: TOOWOOMBA TO BRISBANE (VIA ESK) (175KM)**

Take a scenic drive through the Toowoomba highlands to the picturesque villages of Highfields, Hampton and Cabarlah. Wander the enticing specialty, arts and crafts shops, purchase seasonal produce and share a meal in a cosy café. Breathe in the panoramic views and enjoy a picnic at Ravensborne National Park. Follow the scenic country drive via Esk back to Brisbane.



Balonne River, St George



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