

# CREATE YOUR PERFECT OUTBACK QUEENSLAND ADVENTURE

Majestic gorges, ancient culture, natural wonders, unique events and unrivalled attractions – this vast land of contrasts is like no other place in the world!

here's so much to discover that your personal Outback Queensland adventure is truly yours to design. We cater for every interest, so whether you want to unravel your swag and camp under a glorious canopy of stars, glamp in luxury or take a fully escorted tour we've got you covered.

Check out this guide for ideas to plan your trip, including some of our 'must do' new experiences and family-friendly activities. If you love nature and views then don't miss the opportunity to take a drive, scenic flight or hike to witness breathtaking landscapes awash with wildflowers and colour after the rains of 2022.

In support of 2023 as the Year of Accessible Tourism, be assured most of our iconic Outback attractions and many of our experiences are access friendly.

The best way to explore the region is a road trip. We've got fabulous driving itineraries to help you plan your ideal route, with QR codes so you can view more details via our website.

And of course this is dinosaur country so a trip here isn't complete without at least one paleo-themed excursion!

Take a look and start planning your unique and unforgettable Outback Queensland adventure.

#### **Acknowledgement of Country**

Outback Queensland Tourism Association acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters, culture and community. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

We celebrate First Nations tourism and cultural experiences that foster learning, respect and understanding in the telling of Outback Queensland's story and those of the traditional custodians of this land.





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# NEW OUTBACK EXPERIENCES IN 2023

Add some new Outback experiences to your travel bucket list!





# DESERT GATEWAY DIRT BIKE TOURS, THARGOMINDAH

Explore the stunning Channel Country desert on a unique guided dirt bike tour. Choose a six-day Enduro Tour or three-day Experience visiting historic stations and landmarks, iconic pubs, red desert dunes, national parks and more along the way. BYO bike or hire option available.



# UNDERGROUND HOSPITAL & MUSEUM TOUR, MOUNT ISA

Take an immersive guided tour of a real-life underground World War II hospital. Hear fascinating wartime stories, explore hidden passageways and wards, and perhaps meet some original staff and patients.



#### **LANARIUM RETREAT, THALLON**

Relax in the beautiful bush setting of this luxurious private retreat on a working cattle and grain farm. Your group of up to seven guests will enjoy an all-inclusive package of activities, breakfast hampers, a gourmet sunset hamper and a selection of beverages on arrival.



#### **MUNGINDI SCULPTURE TRAIL, MUNGINDI**

Featuring magnificent sculptures by award-winning artist, the late Tony 'Nicko' McMillan, this 2.5km free nature trail crosses the QLD and NSW border. Information about each piece is provided. Begin at the Barwon River Park campsite.

#### **4WD CAR HIRE, REGIONAL QUEENSLAND**

Great news if you want to explore Outback
Queensland by car! From April, weekend and
short-stay 4WD hire packages will be available
through REX Airlines. Pick-up and drop-off points
include Quilpie, St George, Cunnamulla and
Thargomindah, with more to follow.





#### 9 MITCHELL GRASS RETREAT -'LITTLE TIN SHED' FUNCTION VENUE, LONGREACH

This fabulous new and fully accessible facility seats up to 50 guests and includes bar facilities and a commercial kitchen making it ideal for all kinds of events. Clients can be connected to local catering, bar and transport suppliers. Opens 1 April 2023.



#### 10 THE LAKE, QUILPIE

A newly renovated one-bedroom cottage is the latest addition to The Lake at Quilpie. Relax with a soak in artesian water in your own private bathhouse and delight in the 180-degree views of this stunning lakeside property.

# 11 BLACKALL SALEYARD TOURS

Experience the unique history, heritage and atmosphere of Outback Queensland's iconic saleyards – look out for new tours coming in 2023!

#### 12 OUTBACK PIONEERS' STARLIGHT RIVER CRUISE, LONGREACH

Step aboard the historic 'Pride of the Murray' paddlewheeler for a sunset cruise along the Thomson River. Or take a nostalgic stagecoach ride into the bush at sunset, including refreshments and a 2-course dinner with your stagecoach driver.



#### **CHINAMAN CREEK DAM, CLONCURRY**

The perfect spot for picnics, water sports and fishing for BIG Barra, this Outback oasis now features newly upgraded facilities including a playground, boat ramp, amenities, swimming and picnic areas.

15 ININGAI NATURE RESERVE, LONGREACH

Named in honour of the Iningai Traditional Owners, this beautiful nature reserve will be enhanced with a brandnew walking trail and new information boards along its three existing trails. Due for completion in April 2023.

#### 14 CUNNAMULLA HOT SPRINGS, CUNNAMULLA

Scheduled to open in June 2023, this sensational new experience beside the Warrego River will feature a precinct of seven pools filled with mineral and vitamin rich artesian water, naturally warmed from the Artesian Basin. The ultimate Outback chill-out!



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# ROMA BUTTER FACTORY MUSEUM TOUR, ROMA

Have a cuppa and take a self-guided tour to learn about the factory's history. Open Wednesdays between 9.30am and 12pm. Gold coin entry fee.



Get a real taste of the Outback on this working cattle and sheep property 58km from Winton and accessible by all-weather roads. The dog-friendly campsite sits alongside picturesque Wokingham Creek. Facilities include cold showers and toilets, covered picnic area, fire pits and the option of a historic property tour.



# 18 SECRET BASE

# WWII SECRET AIRBASE STAGE 2, CHARLEVILLE

Take a journey through wartime Charleville with new immersive and interactive exhibitions opening in March 2023.

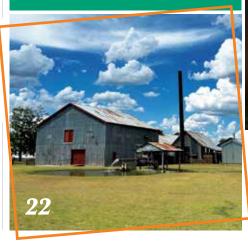
# 19 CRACKUP SISTERS HOUSE, WINTON

Celebrate Outback art, book a sleepover, try a workshop or watch a show - check out what's happening at this quirky new icon when you're in town.



# WESTERN QUEENSLAND SPIRIT - CELLAR DOOR, ROMA

This former grape and citrus farm is now a craft distillery producing gin and vodka. The Cellar Door is on track to open at Easter 2023 so pop by for a delicious blend infused with the natural flavours of Outback Queensland.



# 21 OUTBACK AT ISA BUSHTUCKER EXPERIENCE, MOUNT ISA Learn about the myriad of ways native plants have been used for everything from food and medicine to crafts, clothing and shelter, on a walk with an Indigenous heritage bush guide through Outback at Isa's beautiful native botanical garden.

#### BLACKALL WOOLSCOUR DROVER'S CAMP & NEW EXHIBITS, BLACKALL

Gain an insight of how drovers lived and worked at the Woolscour in the 1900s through the new Drover's Dining & Shearer's exhibit and outdoor Drover's Camp – with camp oven dinners. Opens March 2023.

# **NEW EVENTS IN 2023**

Art, music, rodeo, sports, shows and festivals... there's always something happening in Outback Queensland. Check out these new events launching in 2023.



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#### LADY SINGS THE MAROONS, OPERA QUEENSLAND, REGIONAL TOUR

15 May - 3 June 2023

Dive into the Queensland songbook and celebrate some of Australia's most loved artists – from The Saints and Gladys Moncrieff, to Savage Garden – with songs performed by the phenomenal Jess Hitchcock, Irena Lysiuk and Marcus Corowa.

#### STARS OF CHARLOTTE PLAINS, CUNNAMULLA 23 – 26 June 2023

OUTBACK RIVER LIGHTS FESTIVAL, CUNNAMULLA 13 – 15 April 2023

Immerse yourself in the rich culture and

water. Featuring free and ticketed events, join the locals in exploring through art, music, storytelling and light, and what connection to place means in the Outback.

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This working sheep station and hugely popular camping ground presents an extra special camping weekend to mark 100 years of family ownership. Family friendly activities include live music, a themed fun run, movie night, talent show, yabby delve, artesian baths and lots more.



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# ROAD TO RODEO MOUNT ISA – RODEO AND ROCK CONCERT, MOUNT ISA $7th\,May\,2023$

An action-packed day of fun with thrills, spills, live entertainment and all your rodeo favourites.



Until 24 March (Biloela), 15 April – 16 July 2023 (Birdsville)

Through recent archaeological discoveries and 130 years of First Nations and settler stories, explore the resilience of relationships forged on the Channel Country and their continuing ties to Country, the cattle and supporting industries.



#### MIRUSIA UNDER THE STARS, BALDY TOP, QUILPIE 26 August 2023

World-renowned Australian Soprano Mirusia performs her Songbird show under the canopy of a million-star sky at this famous elevated lookout. The show will feature inspiring songs that are sure to create wonderful memories. Bus transfers to Baldy Top will be available.





# **EVENTS**



CHECK OUT MORE OUTBACK EVENTS AND OUR FULL LIST ONLINE. DETAILS CORRECT AT THE TIME OF PRINTING.

lan your Outback Queensland holiday around some of our fun, quirky and unforgettable events in 2023. Mix with the locals for a taste of country life at iconic rodeos and musters, horse and camel racing, country shows, food and craft markets, car rallies and sports events.

Experience film, music, dance and art set amongst some of the world's most dramatic landscapes. Pick your favourites and combine them to create a memorable trip of a lifetime.

Getting to Outback Queensland is easy, with daily flights to major regional Outback towns, including Roma, Charleville, Mount Isa and Longreach, with other regional services offered weekly.

Alternatively, arrive by train, bus, or take a road trip to explore via well-maintained highways and sealed roads, or grab your 4WD and head off-the-beaten track.



FOR MORE DETAILS ON ALL OUR LOCAL SHOWS, RACING, RODEO AND CAMPDRAFT EVENTS SEE HERE:

**▲** Local Shows

Racing, Rodeo & Campdraft Events:



## january

1<sup>ST</sup> JAN - 15<sup>TH</sup> APR LONGREACH Out of This World: Australia in the Space Age

# **february**

3<sup>RD</sup> - 24<sup>TH</sup> MAR BILOELA

Kirrenderri: Heart of the Channel Country exhibition

**23**RD **MOUNT ISA** *Mount Isa Day* 

25<sup>TH</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup> ST GEORGE Battle on the Balonne

#### march

**3<sup>RD</sup> - 4<sup>TH</sup> DIRRANBANDI**Dirranbandi Show & Campdraft

11TH THALLON

Grazing at the Watering Hole

#### 11TH ROMA

Dancing Under the Stars Ball

#### 11TH - 7TH MAY WINTON

John Villiers Outback Art Prize Exhibition

#### 19<sup>TH</sup> CHARLEVILLE

Charleville Triathlon

**24**<sup>TH</sup> - **25**<sup>TH</sup> **ROMA** 

Roma Picnic Races & Ball

**24**<sup>TH</sup> **- 26**<sup>TH</sup> **ST GEORGE** *McIntyre* 900

#### 25TH CLONCURRY

Cloncurry & District Races

#### 31<sup>ST</sup> - 1<sup>ST</sup> APR WINTON

Winton Way Out West Fest

#### 31<sup>ST</sup> - 2<sup>ND</sup> APR ADAVALE

Adavale Muster in the Mulga

#### 31<sup>ST</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> OCT WINTON

The Royal Theatre weekly movie season

# april

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> EULO

Eulo Motorbike Gymkhana

#### 6TH ROMA

Roma's Easter in the Country Festival

#### 6TH - 9TH BURKE & WILLS

Burke & Wills Campdraft

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> EROMANGA

Eromanga Campdraft & Rodeo

#### 7TH - 9TH BOULIA

Boulia Races, Rodeo and Campdraft

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup> MAXWELTON

Maxi Races

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> ST GEORGE

Easter in the Vines

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> TOOMPINE

Toompine Easter Gunshoot 2023

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGATHELLA

Augathella Diggers Rodeo, Billycart Derby and Race

#### 11TH - 15TH CLONCURRY

Australian Campdraft Association Finals – Cloncurry Stockman's Challenge & Campdraft

#### 13<sup>™</sup> ST GEORGE

Queensland Music Trail: Oasis Afternoon

#### 13 - 15TH CUNNAMULLA

Outback River Lights Festival

#### 14TH - 15TH THANGOOL

Thangool Fly In Race Day

#### 14TH - 16TH THARGOMINDAH

Channel Country Challenge

#### 15<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup> JUL BIRDSVILLE

Kirrenderri: Heart of the Channel Country exhibition

#### 15TH CUNNAMULLA

Oueensland Music Trail: Light It Up

#### 19<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> CHARLEVILLE

Queensland Music Trail: Swing On In Dance Workshops

Queensland Music Trail: The Big Base Party

#### 20<sup>TH</sup> - 24<sup>TH</sup> BIRDSVILLE

Gulf to Gulf Northbound Cycle

#### 21<sup>ST</sup> TAMBO

Queensland Music Trail: The Sundowner

#### 21<sup>ST</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup> JULIA CREEK

Julia Creek Dirt n Dust Festival

#### 21<sup>ST</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup> INIUNE

Injune Campdraft

#### 22<sup>ND</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup> BETOOTA

Betoota Horse & Motorbike Gymkhana

#### 28<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup> HUGHENDEN

Festival of Outback Skies

#### 29<sup>TH</sup> TAMBO

Tambo Stock Show

#### 29TH QUILPIE

Quilpie Diggers Race Club Quilpie Cup

#### 30<sup>™</sup> ST GEORGE

St George Show

#### may

#### 1ST - 2ND TAROOM

The Taroom Show

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> BLACKALL

The Annual Blackall Show

#### 6TH MOUNT ISA

Mount Isa 100 Years Reunion Gala Dinner

#### 7TH MOUNT ISA

Road to Rodeo Mount Isa – Rodeo and Rock Concert

#### 11TH-13TH ROMA

Roma Show

#### 11TH - 15TH CHARLEVILLE

2023 Rail-Road-Ride Stage 2

#### 13TH - 14TH BIRDSVILLE

Birdsville Campdraft, Rodeo & Bronco Branding

#### 13<sup>TH</sup> TAMBO

Opera Queensland: The Sounds of Sunset

#### 14TH BLACKALL

Opera Queensland: Sing Sing Sing

#### 15TH CLONCURRY

Opera Queensland: Lady Sings the Maroons

#### 15TH- 16TH MITCHELL

Mitchell Show

#### 16TH MOUNT ISA

Opera Queensland: Lady Sings the Maroons

#### 16TH WINTON

Festival of Outback Opera – Festival Opening

#### 17TH WINTON

Festival of Outback Opera – Sing, Sing, Sing

#### 18TH WINTON

Festival of Outback Opera – Long Lunch

Opera Queensland: Lady Sings the Maroons

#### 18TH - 19TH MITCHELL

Wolfgang's Magical Musical Circus

#### 18<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> CHARLEVILLE

Charleville Show

#### 18<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup> EULO

Music in the Mulga

#### 19TH WINTON

Festival of Outback Opera: Dark Sky Serenade

#### 19TH - 20TH BILOELA

Callide Valley Show

#### 19TH - 25TH LONGREACH

Min Min Lights, 2023 Rail-Road-Ride Stage 3

#### **20TH CUNNAMULLA**

Cunnamulla Races

#### **20TH LONGREACH**

Festival of Outback Opera: Singing in the Night

#### 21<sup>ST</sup> LONGREACH

Festival of Outback Opera: Sing, Sing, Sing

Festival of Outback Opera: Opera Ball

#### 22<sup>ND</sup> LONGREACH

Opera Queensland: Lady Sings the Maroons

#### 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNDAH

Opera Queensland: The Long Way Home

#### 23<sup>RD</sup> BARCALDINE

Opera Queensland: Lady Sings the Maroons

#### 24TH BLACKALL

Opera Queensland: Lady Sings the Maroons

#### 26<sup>TH</sup> CUNNAMULLA

Cunnamulla Show

#### 26<sup>TH</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup> THARGOMINDAH

Shearer's Shindig

#### 26<sup>TH</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup> BEDOURIE

Bedourie Golf Open

#### 27<sup>™</sup> QUILPIE

Opera Queensland: Lady Sings the Maroons

#### 27TH CLONCURRY

Cloncurry & District Races

#### 27TH TAMBO

Tambo Races

#### 27<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup> RICHMOND

Richmond Golf Club Open

#### 27<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup> BOLLON

Bollon Polocrosse Carnival

#### 28TH - 8TH JUN MOUNT ISA

The Gulf Country, 2023 Rail-Road-Ride Stage 4

#### **30<sup>TH</sup> CHARLEVILLE**

Opera Queensland: Lady Sings the Maroons

#### june

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> ROMA

Opera Queensland: Lady Sings the Maroons

#### **3RD HUNGERFORD**

Hungerford Field Day

#### 9<sup>TH</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup> RICHMOND

Richmond Field Days and Races

#### **10**<sup>TH</sup> INJUNE

Injune Cup Races

#### 14TH BOLLON

Bollon Polocrosse Carnival

#### 16<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup> CLONCURRY

Cloncurry and District Show

#### 17TH BARCALDINE

Barcaldine Show

#### 17TH - 18TH ST GEORGE

Outback Queensland Masters – Round 1

#### 17<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPT ROMA

Sculptures Out Back

#### **18TH CHARLEVILLE**

Junior Fishing Competition

# **20**<sup>TH</sup> – **19**<sup>TH</sup> JUL BIRDSVILLE Gulf to Gulf Southbound

23<sup>RD</sup> - 1<sup>ST</sup> JUL WINTON
Vision Splendid Outback

## Film Festival

23<sup>RD</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup> CUNNAMULLA Stars of Charlotte Plains

#### 24<sup>TH</sup> TAMBO

Tambo Teddy Bears Picnic

#### 24<sup>TH</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup> BIRDSVILLE

Birdsville Horse & Motorbike Gymkhana

#### 24<sup>TH</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup> CUNNAMULLA

Outback Queensland Masters – Round 2

#### 24TH - 25TH BIRDSVILLE

Simpson Desert Ultra

#### 29<sup>TH</sup> - 2<sup>ND</sup> JUL CUNNAMULLA

Cunnamulla Rodeo School & Cunnamulla Fella Roundup

#### 30<sup>TH</sup> - 2<sup>ND</sup> JUL BEDOURIE

Bedourie Campdraft, Rodeo & Gymkhana

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#### **1<sup>ST</sup> CHARLEVILLE**

Halfway There Shindig

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> EULO

Fire to Fork

#### 1ST - 2ND QUILPIE

Outback Queensland Masters -

#### 4TH - 6TH BIRDSVILLE

Birdsville Big Red Bash

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> WINTON

Winton Opal Festival

#### **8TH BEDOURIE**

Bedourie Camel & Pig Races & Camp Oven Cook-off

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> RICHMOND

Outback Queensland Masters -Round 4

#### 14<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup> YOWAH

Yowah Opal Festival

#### 14TH - 16TH BOULIA

Boulia Camel Races

#### 15TH - 16TH KARUMBA

Outback Queensland Masters -Round 5

#### 15TH - 16TH BILOELA

Annual Old Wheels in Motion Rally

#### 15TH - 16TH THARGOMINDAH

Channel Country Music Muster

#### 16TH MOUNT ISA

Queensland Symphony Orchestra

#### 21<sup>ST</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup> HUGHENDEN

Hughenden Country Music Festival

#### 21<sup>ST</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup> MOUNT ISA

Outback Queensland Masters -Round 6 (\$1M Hole-in-one)

#### 23<sup>RD</sup> THARGOMINDAH

Channel Country Music Muster

#### 29TH RICHMOND

Richmond Rodeo

#### 29<sup>™</sup> CLONCURRY

Quamby Rodeo

#### 29TH THEODORE

Theodore Bulls N Barrels Bonanza

#### 29<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup> HUGHENDEN

Hughenden Rugby 7's

#### august

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> ROMA

Queensland Symphony Orchestra

#### 4TH - 6TH CLONCURRY

Curry Merry Muster Festival

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> RICHMOND

**Hughes Earthmoving** Diggers Day Races

#### 5TH - 11TH ARAMAC

Lake Dunn Sculbture Trail Adventure Trek

#### 9<sup>TH</sup> MOUNT ISA

Isa Street Festival

#### 10TH MOUNT ISA

Mount Isa Mines Indigenous Rodeo Championships

#### 10<sup>TH</sup> - 13<sup>TH</sup> MOUNT ISA

The Mount Isa Mines Rodeo

#### 12TH - 13TH QUILPIE

Quilpie Sporting Clays Club Annual Carnival

#### 14TH - 22ND YULEBA

Cobb & Co Festival

#### 17TH - 20TH BLACKALL

Better in Blackall Festival

#### 17TH - 20TH BEDOURIE

Bedourie Bikehana

#### 18<sup>TH</sup> - 19<sup>TH</sup> MOURA

Moura Coal and Country Festival

#### 19TH - 20TH CHARLEVILLE

The Camb Oven Classic

#### 19TH - 20TH OUILPIE

Quilpie Open Golf Weekend

#### 23<sup>RD</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup> CHARLEVILLE

Charleville Performing Arts Festival

#### 24TH - 28TH HUGHENDEN

Hughenden Campdraft

#### 25TH - 27TH CAMOOWEAL

Drover's Camp Festival

#### 25<sup>TH</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup> BETOOTA

Simpson Desert Racing Carnival -Betoota Races Weekend

#### **26<sup>TH</sup> OUILPIE**

Mirusia Under the Stars

#### **26<sup>TH</sup> RICHMOND**

Richmond Bush Sprints

**26TH THALLON** 

#### Thallon Truck Pull

29<sup>™</sup> QUILPIE Kangaranga Do Street Party

# september

#### 1ST - 2ND BIRDSVILLE

Birdsville Races

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> - 3<sup>RD</sup> RICHMOND

Richmond Campdraft & Richmond Pony Club Gymkhana

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> BIRDSVILLE

Simpson Desert Racing Carnival

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> OUILPIE

Quilpie & District Show & Rodeo

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> MITCHELL

Booringa Festival

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup> CLONCURRY

Cloncurry Beat The Heat Festival

#### 9<sup>TH</sup> MORVEN

Morven Races

#### **9<sup>TH</sup> ST GEORGE**

Sip Under the Stars

#### 9TH BEDOURIE

Bedourie Races

#### 9<sup>TH</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup> NINDIGULLY

Nindigully Campdraft

#### **10<sup>TH</sup> CHARLEVILLE**

National Bilby Day Festival

#### 16TH - 17TH THARGOMINDAH

Thargomindah Motorbike Sports & Enduro

#### 19<sup>TH</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup> WINTON

Outback Festival

#### 23<sup>RD</sup> - 24<sup>TH</sup> OUILPIE

Ouilpie Motorbike Ğymkhana & Enduro

#### 25<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup> BIRDSVILLE

Birdsville vs Bedourie Cricket Match

#### 29TH - 1ST OCT ST GEORGE

Dragon Country Sandgreen Cup

#### 29<sup>TH</sup> - 2<sup>ND</sup> OCT TOOMPINE

Welcome Back to Toompine

#### 30<sup>TH</sup> - 1<sup>ST</sup> OCT HUNGERFORD

Hungerford Horse & Motorbike Gymkhana

#### october

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> CHARLEVILLE

Wind on the Warrego Festival

#### **7<sup>TH</sup> RICHMOND**

Richmond Turf Club Picnic Races

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> NOCCUNDRA

Noccundra Campdraft, Rodeo & Motorbike Gymkhana

#### 13TH - 14TH WINTON

**OktoberWest** 

#### **28TH RICHMOND**

Ladies Day Races

#### november

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup> CHARLEVILLE

Charleville Cup Festival & Races

#### 11TH HUNGERFORD

Hungerford Remembrance Day

#### 11TH OUILPIE

Remembrance Day

#### **25<sup>TH</sup> NINDIGULLY**

Nindigully Pig Races

#### december

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> THARGOMINDAH

Christmas in the Bulloo Markets & Christmas Tree

#### 31<sup>ST</sup> MITCHELL

Mitchell New Year's Eve Rodeo

#### 31<sup>ST</sup> ROMA

Maranoa New Year's Spectacular

#### 31<sup>ST</sup> CAMERON CORNER

Cameron Corner New Year's Eve Party

Julia Creek Dirt n Dust Festival, Julia Creek



# **DINOSAUR KINGDOM**

#### Take a trip into Australia's prehistoric past.

There are plenty of ways to indulge your inner palaeontologist in Outback Queensland. Fill an entire weekend - or longer - with these prehistoric giants.

#### LARK QUARRY CONSERVATION PARK, NEAR WINTON

Explore the site of ancient hunter and prey interaction with a walk through the fossil remains of a dinosaur stampede caused by a carnivorous theropod stalking over 150 chicken-sized coelurosaurs and emu-sized ornithopods.





#### BARCOO INTERPRETATION CENTRE, ISISFORD

You'll be yelling Crikey! when you see the life-sized replica model of the Isisfordia duncani - a giant ancestor of the crocodile, displayed along with a 100-million-year-old Bulldog Fish and fossilised fauna, flora, reptiles and birds from the region.

#### **EROMANGA NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, EROMANGA ▼** Watch video here



Meet Titanosaur 'Cooper', Australia's largest dinosaur (aged 95 to 98 million years old); get handson with a visit to a dinosaur or megafauna dig site; or learn how to prepare ancient fossils in the lab. With

accommodation available on-site you can stay awhile too.

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#### **AUSTRALIAN AGE OF DINOSAURS MUSEUM, WINTON**



Travel through time at the world's largest Australian dinosaur fossil collection that includes 'Banjo' and 'Matilda', two of our most complete dinosaur skeletons.



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#### THE STONE HOUSE, BOULIA

Visit this collection of marine reptile fossils to delve deep into the Cretaceous Era and the ancient inland Eromanga Sea in which these fascinating marine creatures once swam.

#### KRONOSAURUS KORNER MUSEUM, **RICHMOND**



Encounter the marine greats and see palaeontology in action at this incredible museum housing almost 1,150 unique fossil specimens from the Richmond area.

Browse the displays, watch fossils being prepared in the laboratory or become a palaeontologist for the day at their free fossicking site.

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#### **BOODJAMULLA (LAWN HILL) NATIONAL PARK,** VIA MOUNT ISA

Nature and history come together at the World Heritage-listed Riversleigh fossil deposit. Discover the ancient ancestors of our native wildlife, from the largest freshwater crocodile to feather-tailed possums and kangaroos with sharp teeth.





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# FLINDERS DISCOVERY CENTRE AND MUSEUM, HUGHENDEN

Say Hi to 'Hughie', a life-sized skeletal Muttaburrasaurus and explore the impressive international fossil collections, interactive displays and Australian dino bones found on digs in the area.

# 38 MUTTABURRASAURUS INTERPRETATION CENTRE, MUTTABURRA

Muttaburra's greatest claim to fame is the fossilised skeleton of the Muttaburrasaurus langdoni found by local Doug Langdon. The land living, plant eating dinosaur lived 100 million years ago and is celebrated with a statue – don't forget to have your photo taken with this Queensland giant!



# DINOSAUR TOURISM COLLECTIVE

# TOP 5 REASONS TO MEET A DINOSAUR THIS YEAR

**1.** Get up close and personal in the lab to learn how the fossils are repaired and documented; or do some hands on fossil sorting with your enthusiastic fossil guide at Riversleigh Fossil **Discovery Centre.** 

2. Visit the **Flinders Discovery Centre** to check out an impressive fossil collection and a great light and sound show which will introduce you to nearby Porcupine Gorge – make sure you check out the Muttaburrasaurus fossil!

> 3. Learn to work on fossils with museum-trained technicians and measure up against Australia's Largest Dinosaur 'Cooper' at **Eromanga** Natural History Museum.

> > **4.** Visit awe-inspiring marine creatures such as 'Penny' the Richmond plesiosaur and take a selfie with 'Krono' Kronosaurus queenslandicus - a 10 metre, giant marine reptile at Kronosaurus Korner – who knew that the Outback used to be home to an inland sea?!

> > > 5. Check out the "March of the Titanosaurs" exhibition at the **Australian Age of Dinosaurs** – housing Australia's bestand stay for the evening to

preserved sauropod tracksite experience the Gondwana Stars Observatory.

















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RIVERSLEIGH FOSSIL DISCOVERY CENTRE

FLINDERS DISCOVERY

AUSTRALIAN AGE OF DINOSAURS

EROMANGA NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

KRONOSAURUS

DINOSAUR STAMPEDE NATIONAL MONUMENT

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# **GET SET FOR FAMILY FUN!**

Create lifelong memories with a family holiday packed with fun and adventure in Outback Queensland.

#### THE GREAT ARTESIAN SPA. MITCHELL

Relaxing for the body and therapeutic for the soul. And a great place for kids to relax, have fun and cool off.

#### THE BIG RIG, ROMA

Watch video here



Follow the history of gas and oil exploration in Roma with a visit

to the Big Rig, Bigger Big Rig Observation Tower and Tree Walk, or catch the night show.

#### ARTESIAN TIME TUNNEL. **CUNNAMULLA**

Learn the 100-million-year-old



#### **COSMOS CENTRE, CHARLEVILLE**

Observe the planets up close - and even the sun – through state-of-the-art telescopes.

#### **4.4** CHARLEVILLE BILBY EXPERIENCE, CHARLEVILLE

See super cute bilbies in their nocturnal house and learn about species threats and the successful breeding and release program.



#### **QUILPETA NIGHT SHOW, QUILPIE**

Catch the story of Quilpie, its dinosaurs, Indigenous peoples, opals and pastoral settlement on a supersized outdoor screen. Tues, Thu, Sun (Mar-Oct).

# **MUSEUM, EROMANGA**

to prep fossils and join fossil digs.

**CUNNAMULLA ALL ABOARD, CUNNAMULLA** 

Take a memorable journey 🔲 🕻

through Outback history with this new sound and light show hosted by a holographic Station Master.

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#### BIRDSVILLE HOTEL AND THE BIRDSVILLE COURTHOUSE MUSEUM, BIRDSVILLE

#### **₩atch** video here

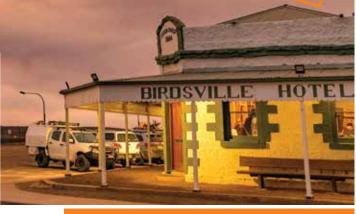
You can't visit Birdsville without dropping into the iconic Birdsville Pub! And don't miss the Courthouse housed in a historic stone building that served as the police station and courthouse from the late 1800s. This new experience reveals tales of crime and punishment in Outback Queensland's past.

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#### MIN MIN ENCOUNTER, BOULIA

A unique theatrical experience based on the famous light phenomenon featuring animatronics, fibre optics and loads of high-tech wizardry.





# TAMBO TEDDIES, TEDDY BEAR PICNIC, TAMBO

Find the true softies of Outback Queensland at this legendary store - they are very well known for stealing your heart! **5**]

#### DRIVE-IN THEATRE, JERICHO, NEAR BARCALDINE

Head to Jericho to discover the world's smallest drive-in. Movies are screened once a month and there's space for just 36 cars plus walk-ins.

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#### **BARCALDINE REC PARK, BARCALDINE**

There's water sports galore at this 1.1km long lake built to international and Australian water-skiing standards.



# AUSTRALIAN WORKERS HERITAGE CENTRE, BARCALDINE

Watch video here



 Wander through landscaped gardens featuring original historic structures, including a one-teacher school,

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railway station, police watch house and post office – with exhibits, café and gift shop to keep everyone happy.



#### JUMBO THE ELEPHANT, BLACKALL

Blackall is the birthplace of the Perry Bros Circus, the first to circumnavigate Australia. Relive the fun and magic of the circus with a visit to 'Jumbo' in Banks Park.

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# WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE, WINTON

A song that lives in the hearts of all Australians. Exhibits, historic buildings and artworks tell the Waltzing Matilda and Outback story.



#### **◆ THE ROYAL THEATRE, WINTON**

Check out what's on at the iconic open-air theatre. The Gold Winner of the 2022 Queensland Tourism Award for Outstanding Contribution by a Volunteer or Volunteer Group has been entertaining families since 1918.



#### **AUSTRALIAN AGE OF DINOSAURS MUSEUM,** WINTON

Take your dino-loving kids on an awesome adventure through time!

#### **QANTAS FOUNDERS MUSEUM, LONGREACH**

Have heaps of fun learning about the extraordinary history of our national airline. 60

#### KRONOSAURUS KORNER. **RICHMOND**

of awe-inspiring marine photographer's delight.

#### **FAMILY EVENTS**

Check out our events list online for all

details and dates.

Nowhere beats the Outback for fun and quirky events that will entertain the whole family! There are too many

dunny races, live music, dancing, night and light



#### **AUSTRALIAN STOCKMAN'S HALL OF FAME & OUTBACK** HERITAGE CENTRE, LONGREACH

Retrace the footsteps and celebrate the lives and work of Australia's stockmen and women.

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#### **LAKE FRED TRITTON, RICHMOND**

Drop by for a day of fun at the playground and waterpark - shaded spaces, lawns and free BBQ facilities make it the perfect spot for a family picnic.

#### HARD TIMES MINE UNDERGROUND TOUR, **MOUNT ISA**

Watch video here

Throw on your safety gear 🔳 🥫 and descend into the depths 🚜🕏 for a guided tour of this replica mine at Outback at Isa.



#### COBB & CO. STAGECOACH RIDE, LONGREACH

the original Longreach mail

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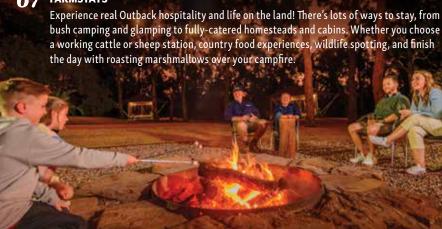
#### **JOHN FLYNN PLACE MUSEUM & ART GALLERY, CLONCURRY**

Watch video here 🤜

Take a step back in time and learn all about the importance of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.







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#### **OUTBACK SURFING**

You don't need an ocean to surf! with their hand-painted surfboards and help raise funds for the Royal

# THIS IS UNFORGETTABLE

**Opera Queensland presents** 

# FESTIVAL OF OUTBACK OPERA

16-22 MAY 2023



# WINTON

16 MAY **FESTIVAL OPENING**18 MAY **LONG LUNCH**19 MAY **DARK SKY SERENADE** 

#### LONGREACH

20 MAY SINGING IN THE NIGHT
21 MAY OPERA BALL
22 MAY LADY SINGS THE MAROONS

22 MAY LADY SINGS THE MAROUNS

















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# DISCOVER THE WORLD'S OLDEST CULTURE

Authentic cultural experiences celebrate the First Nations of Queensland and offer real insights into this ancient land and its people. Learn and connect with Indigenous culture through Dreamtime stories, art, music, dance, tours, bushtucker and more in Outback Queensland.



# BOOBOOK ECO TOURS – WALLAROO OUTBACK RETREAT, CARNARVON RANGES

This 72,000-acre cattle station is a five-star retreat with many surprises, including its Indigenous rock paintings and stencils at Rainbow Cave and Arch Rock, and ancient blade indents at the Axe Factory. As there's no general public access the tour must be prebooked.

# CARNARVON GORGE – CARNARVON NATIONAL PARK, INJUNE

This 27-million-year-old treasure attracts around 70,000 visitors every year. Walk to see the 'Art Gallery' featuring over 2,000 paintings, ochre stencils and engravings along a 62-metre stretch of sandstone wall. Guided tours are available but ensure you book in advance.

#### 73 CUNNAMULLA FELLA CENTRE, CUNNAMULLA

Be transported to a time when the Eromanga Sea covered the Outback; discover local Indigenous people's stories and culture; and view local artworks at the Art Gallery and Heritage Museum.

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#### **BETOOTA SERPENT, BETOOTA**

Head off the regular tourist trails to Bedourie, Betoota and Birdsville to see this large-scale, open-air artwork created from stone and gibbers to tell women's Dreamtime stories.

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#### SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND INDIGENOUS CULTURAL TRAIL

Explore Outback Queensland communities with sites significant to local Indigenous peoples on this route through Dirranbandi, St George, Surat, Roma, Mitchell, Charleville and Cunnamulla.

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#### **CHARLEVILLE COSMOS CENTRE, CHARLEVILLE**

Journey through the Cosmos with the 'Universal Dreaming' tour celebrating the connection of ancient cultures with the night sky. Available on request only. Stop in town to walk the 1km Indigenousdesigned 'Waadyanana Pathway' along the Warrego River.

#### **MOUNT ISA INDIGENOUS** RODEO CHAMPIONSHIPS (10 AUGUST 2023), MOUNT ISA

Get ready for an exciting event with rodeo action, music, dance, art and storytelling to celebrate the many visiting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities taking part.

#### **BUSH TUCKER GARDEN &** TRAIL, CLONCURRY

The Mitakoodi people have a rich connection to the land around Cloncurry. Visit the Cloncurry Unearthed Visitor Centre and Museum to see Indigenous artefacts and explore the garden and trail to find honeyberries, pigweed and native gooseberries.



#### **RED RIDGE, BLACKALL**

This not-for-profit community organisation undertakes a variety of community and public art projects, including visual and performing arts, fashion design, craft and textiles. Buy some art as a memento of your Outback trip.



#### OUTBACK AT ISA BUSH TUCKER EXPERIENCE, MOUNT ISA

The nutritional and healing properties of native plants is a respected knowledge passed through generations of First Nations people for thousands of years. Walk with an Indigenous heritage bush guide through Outback at Isa's botanical garden and fish hatchery to learn about the traditional use of native flora and fauna, and discover the significance and meaning of Indigenous artworks and artefacts in the history museum.

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#### THE STAR OF TAROOM, TAROOM

This 160kg ancient sandstone rock is carved with a large, beautiful star. Only recently returned to Country, it is now located at the Wardingarri Keeping Place at the Taroom Historical Museum. Open by request only - call: 0409 663 701.

#### KIRRENDERRI, HEART OF THE CHANNEL **COUNTRY EXHIBITION. BILOELA AND BIRDSVILLE**

The Channel Country is an intersection for Aboriginal trade networks that connected Australia. The exhibition is presented by The University of Queensland Anthropology Museum, Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation and Diamantina Shire Council.

#### TURRABURRA. VIA BARCALDINE

**▼** Watch video here



The Iningai people share their ancient stories through a 200-metre-long natural wall featuring thousands of etchings, petroglyphs and paintings at Turraburra,

formerly Gracevale Station near Barcaldine.



#### AUSTRALIAN STOCKMAN'S HALL OF FAME, LONGREACH

Indigenous peoples have played an enormous role in the pastoral history of Outback Australia. The 'Songlines and Stock Routes' exhibit explains the origins of stock routes and features over 350 video stories and interviews with Indigenous stockmen and women from across the country.

**DESERT DREAMING CENTRE & TRACKERS TOURS, BARCALDINE** In honour of the 'Desert Mob', Barcaldine's original tribes that interconnected far across the region, the Centre offers Indigenous and paleo cultural experiences through exhibits, workshops and a day tour of Barcaldine.

# **DAY TOUR EXPERIENCES**

Outback Queensland has a dizzying array of day tour options to suit every interest, from river cruises and scenic flights to immersive exhibitions, history, culture, nature and shows. Here's a few ideas to help you plan your trip.

**REMEMBER - BOOK AHEAD: DAY TOURS, KEY ATTRACTIONS AND MUSEUMS ARE ALWAYS POPULAR SO PLEASE PRE-BOOK** TO AVOID MISSING OUT!



**DISCOVER CARNARVON RANGES** OR ROMA TOWN TOURS, **BOOBOOK ECOTOURS** 



Find out more about this healthy fruit and finish with a cuppa and



SANDYTOWN RIVER **CRUISES, BALONNE** 

#### **BILBY EXPERIENCE, CHARLEVILLE**

See endangered native bilbies and learn about their conservation during this highly popular tour.



**WWII SECRET BASE & TOUR, CHARLEVILLE** 

Watch video here

Discover the secrets of Charleville and its use as a WWII American military base.



slice of homemade date loaf.



a camp oven dinner and

live entertainment.







# AUSTRALIAN STOCKMAN'S HALL OF FAME & STOCKMAN'S LIFE LIVE SHOW, LONGREACH

**→** Watch video here



 Take an immersive journey through Outback history and witness stockmen in action
 at the live show.

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#### SELF-GUIDED WALKING TRAILS, ROMA, CLONCURRY AND THARGOMINDAH

Make some time to get to know these Outback towns on a walk through key local and historical sites.

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# NULLAWOKKA FIRST NATIONS TOUR AND GALLERY EXPERIENCE, BOLLON

Browse through the gallery and join Gwamu/Kooma elder Bill Speedy for a cultural river walk.

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# UNDERGROUND HOSPITAL TOURS, MOUNT ISA

Step beyond its well concealed doorway to explore this underground WWII hospital.

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DINOSAUR STAMPEDE, LARK QUARRY CONSERVATION AREA AND WINTON REGION – RED DIRT TOURS, NEAR WINTON

Head off the beaten track to Merton Gorge and Lookouts, the Jumpups near Winton, and tour the tracks of fleeing dinosaurs.

#### NOGO STATION EXPERIENCE, OUTBACK PIONEERS, LONGREACH

Get a taste of pastoral life, past and present on this working

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#### FIXED WING AND HELICOPTER TOURS – ELITE AVIATION SERVICES, WINTON REGION & QUEENSLAND HELICOPTERS, LONGREACH

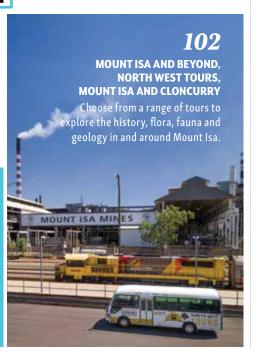
View the unique and contrasting Outback landscape from the air through a variety of exciting experiences.





# 99 TRACKERS TOURS, BARCALDINE

Learn about past and present Indigenous culture with local Iningai woman Cheryl Thompson.



## *Glamping*

# **ENJOY LIFE'S LUXURIES**

If you prefer a few stars with your accommodation rating, the Outback will surprise you with a choice of boutique and luxury options.



WALLAROO OUTBACK RETREAT,

Luxurious glamping tents set

amongst 100-year-old eucalyptus

next to the Carnarvon Ranges.

trees on a working cattle property

Watch video here

**NEAR INJUNE** 

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#### RANGELANDS OUTBACK CAMP. WINTON

Watch video here



Magain Located on a jump-up, this cattle property offers eight unique tents with spectacular views, guaranteed remoteness, king-size beds, wholesome food and fine wines.



#### MITCHELL GRASS RETREAT, LONGREACH

Close to town and key local attractions, all 15 luxury tents come with private deck and ensuite, a huge tub and even bigger views. There's also a pool – a true Outback luxury!



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#### **CLUB BOUTIQUE HOTEL.** CUNNAMULLA

Safari glamping at its finest, with boho-inspired bell tents fitted with queen beds, soft linens and a bar fridge stocked with snacks.



**MOBLE HOMESTEAD, QUILPIE** 

oasis with bed and breakfast style

accommodation and sumptuous food.

Kick-back at this luxurious mini

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#### SHANDONVALE STATION, BARCALDINE

On a working cattle station near Barcaldine, this century-old property offers a glimpse of rural life, with all the creature comforts of the city.

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#### **COOPER'S COUNTRY LODGE, EROMANGA**

Nestled onsite at the Eromanga Natural History Museum, these modern, self-catering motel-style facilities include a BBQ and alfresco dining area, with breakfast hampers available to order.

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#### THE LAKE, QUILPIE

This stunning lakeside property offers a wide range of accommodation options, from campsites and familyfriendly Shearers Quarters to its exquisite cottages - including one with a private artesian bath house.

# Luxury and Farmstays



#### THE STAGING POST, LONGREACH

A slice of history with heritage-themed rooms inspired by pioneer-era style and stagecoach travel.

#### GILBERTON OUTBACK RETREAT. **GILBERTON RIVER**

A station-stay experience with uninterrupted views of the Gilberton River from your private verandah bathtub.



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#### **LANARIUM RETREAT, THALLON**

Sit back and relax or immerse yourself in activities, paddock-to-plate cuisine and more to make the most of your stay at this luxurious private retreat on 'Shirbar,' a working cattle and grain farm.



**CUNNAMULLA** 

The Great Artesian Spa **MITCHELL** 

> Artesian Waters Caravan Park **YOWAH**

North Gregory Hotel WINTON

Shandonvale Station **BARCALDINE** 

Gilberton Outback Retreat **GILBERTON** 

Blackall Aquatic Centre & Spa BLACKALL

Channel Country Tourist Park & Spas QUILPIE

Bedourie Artesian Spa & Aquatic Centre **BEDOURIE** 

Moble Homestead QUILPIE

**SOAK UP THE** 

**OUTBACK VIBE** 

From its rich and rejuvenating artesian

to rest and relax during your adventure.

water, bathtubs with views and luxury soaks,

Outback Queensland is brimming with places

Lara Wetlands **BARCALDINE** 

> St George Pool ST GEORGE

> > The Lake QUILPIE

Artesian Mud Baths **EULO** 

Artesian Spa 135 ILFRACOMBE



Julia Creek Artesian Baths **JULIA CREEK** 













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138 Birdsville Hotel BIRDSVILLE

139 Tattersalls Hotel WINTON

140 Great Western Hotel **HUGHENDEN** 

**141** Redearth Boutique Hotel MOUNT ISA

**142** Roma Explorer's Inn Restaurant ROMA

North Gregory Hotel 143 (Daphne Mayo Dining Room)

# LUXE FOOD, **WINE AND TREATS**

Take your tastebuds on tour! From local coffee and organic beef, to wine, bushtucker, burgers and exquisite pastries - discerning foodies are spoiled for choice in Outback Queensland. Country hospitality at its best!





**ROMA** 





148 Dirranbandi Bakery DIRRANBANDI

154 Birdsville Bakery **BIRDSVILLE** 

149 Charlotte's Nest Café CHARLEVILLE

155 Mucka Pub MUCKADILLA

150 Casey's LONGREACH

**156** Royal on Ninety-Nine ROMA

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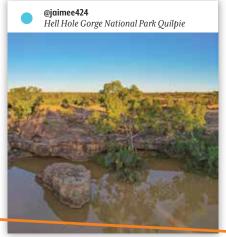
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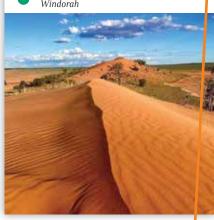










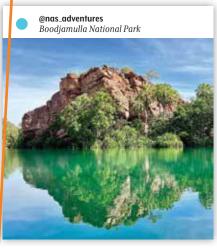


# TOP SHOTS FROM 2022!

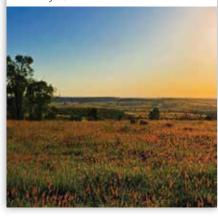
We just love these images! Here's some of our most popular images shared by visitors to Outback Queensland in 2022.

SEE YOU OUT THERE! AND MAKE SURE YOU HASHTAG US SO WE CAN SEE AND SHARE YOUR SHOTS.

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# DRIVE THE OUTBACK

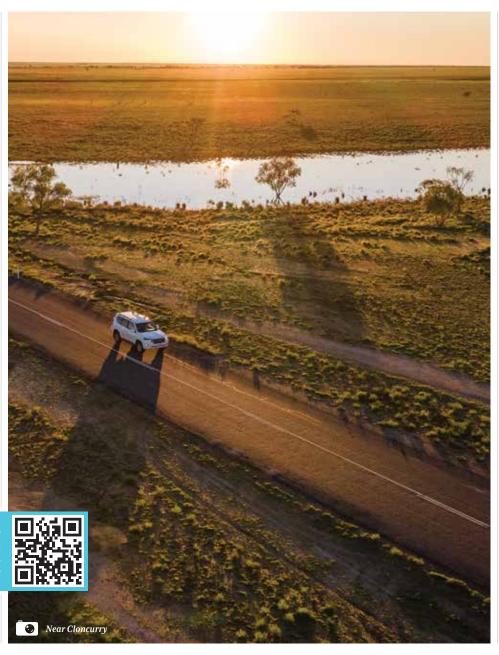
All roads lead to the Outback
– and your next amazing
drive adventure!

/ ith so many roads to explore the Outback, choosing which route to take may sound daunting.

Outback Queensland covers an area three times the size of New Zealand. We've compiled 20 driving routes for you, catering for every interest, from heritage sights and iconic attractions, to dinosaur trails and national parks.

Queensland's Outback is waiting to reveal its secrets to you. And with new experiences and events popping up continuously, there's no better way to discover them than on the road.

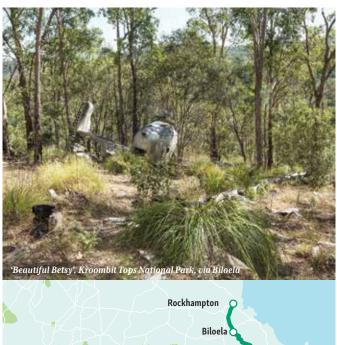
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#### ADVENTURE WAY



**ROUTE:** Brisbane – St George – Bollon – Cunnamulla – Thargomindah – Innamincka

**DISTANCE**: 1,437km **DURATION**: 5 days (one way)

Retrace the tracks of Cobb & Co as you traverse the unique and fascinating Adventure Way where the rewards are spectacular – vivid sunrises and sunsets and night skies with millions of stars. The Adventure Way takes you from St George to the Outback plains where the mulga slowly gives way to a treeless gibber landscape and Queensland meets South Australia.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Vineyard Tour and Wine Tasting at Riversands Winery St George
- ► Riverbank walkway and picnic St George
- ► Sandytown River Cruise Balonne River
- ► Bollon Heritage Centre Bollon
- ► Thrushton National Park Bollon
- ► Nullawokka First Nations Gallery and Tours Bollon
- ► Bronze Statue of Slim Dusty's 'The Cunnamulla Fella' Cunnamulla
- ► The Artesian Time Tunnel Cunnamulla
- ► Cunnamulla All Aboard show Cunnamulla
- ► Cunnamulla Hot Springs (scheduled to open June 2023) Cunnamulla
- ► Australia's first hydro-electricity system Thargomindah
- ► Burke and Wills' famous 'Dig Tree' near Innamincka

#### AUSTRALIA'S COUNTRY WAY



**ROUTE:** Sydney – Warwick – Toowoomba – Biloela – Rockhampton

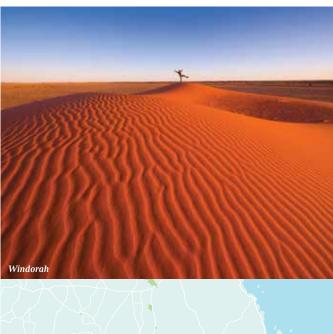
**DISTANCE**: 1,583km **DURATION**: 8 days (one way)

Australia's Country Way guides you to the delights and treasures that pepper the countryside of the Great Dividing Range. From Sydney to Rockhampton the holiday is as much about savouring the journey as reaching the destination. Stunning natural formations and welcoming towns, interspersed with crops and grazing land await.

- ► Isla Gorge National Park via Taroom
- Cracow Hotel country pub and historic town Cracow
- ► Dawson Folk Museum Theodore
- ► Water tower mural Moura
- ► Banana the bullock statue Banana
- Kroombit Tops National Park and "Beautiful Betsy" WWII bomber via Biloela
- Queensland Heritage Park Biloela
- ► Greycliffe Homestead Biloela
- ► Spirit of the Land mural Biloela
- ► Lake Callide via Biloela









#### AUSTRALIAN DINOSAUR TRAIL



**ROUTE:** Richmond – Winton – Lark Quarry – Hughenden – Porcupine Gorge – Richmond

**DISTANCE**: 735km **DURATION**: 5 days (loop)

Follow in the footsteps of the prehistoric creatures that once roamed this ancient land. The Australian Dinosaur Trail encompasses the towns of Winton, Hughenden and Richmond which all have their own unique dinosaur stories to tell. This journey offers visitors a range of unique experiences not available anywhere else in the world, let alone Australia.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Waltzing Matilda Centre Winton
- Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackways via Winton
- ► Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum Winton
- ► Flinders Discovery Centre Hughenden
- ► Hughenden Recreational Lake Hughenden
- ► 1.5 kilometre diverse "Eco walk on Flinders" Hughenden
- ► Porcupine Gorge National Park
- ► Kooroorinya Falls Nature Reserve
- Enjoy an Outback Sunset Mount Walker
- ► Explore Kronosaurus Korner Richmond
- ► Cambridge Downs Heritage Display Centre Richmond
- ► Lake Fred Tritton Richmond

#### BARCOO WAY



**ROUTE:** Tambo – Blackall – Yaraka – Welford National Park – Windorah

**DISTANCE**: 509km **DURATION**: 9 days

Follow the mighty Barcoo River west from Tambo and trek along the river road skirting the tranquil billabongs. These backroads take you through the prime sheep and cattle lands of Blackall-Tambo and Isisford to the rocky outcrops of Yaraka and through to the corrugated red dunes of Windorah. Discover awesome National Parks and incredible raw landscapes. A 4WD is recommended for some sections of this drive.

- ► Tambo's Wilderness Way 4WD Loop experience Tambo
- ► Tambo Teddies Tambo
- ► The mighty Barcoo River swim and fish
- ▶ The historic Blackall Woolscour Blackall
- ► The Blackall Sculpture Trail Blackall
- ► Jumbo the Elephant Blackall
- ► The picturesque town of Isisford
- Avington Waterhole near Isisford
- ► Sunset at Mt Slowcombe near Yaraka
- ► Welford National Park
- ► Windorah with its famous red sand dunes
- Cooper Creek near Windorah









#### DINOS, CROCS AND GOLD



**ROUTE:** Townsville – Charters Towers – Hughenden – Julia Creek – Mount Isa – Cloncurry – Adels Grove – Cobbold Gorge – Townsville

**DISTANCE**: 2,934km **DURATION**: 14 days (loop)

This 14-day Dinos, Crocs and Gold journey begins in Townsville and incorporates everything from fossicking for gold, digging for fossils on The Dinosaur Trail, heading underground at the Hard Times Mine Tour, meeting the world's largest ever captured crocodile and walking the path of a volcano at Undara Experience. On the way back to Townsville, make sure to take a break and stop for a cold drink at a local pub along the way.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Flinders Discovery Centre Hughenden
- Outdoor artesian bathhouses Julia Creek
- ► See a live dunnart Julia Creek
- ► Explore Kronosaurus Korner Richmond
- ► Lake Fred Tritton Richmond
- Underground Hospital and Museum Tour Mount Isa
- Outback at Isa and Hard Times Mine Tour Mount Isa
- ► John Flynn Place Museum Cloncurry
- Cloncurry Unearthed and Bush Tucker Garden Cloncurry
- ► Water tower mural Cloncurry
- ► Lawn Hill Gorge, Boodjamulla National Park Adels Grove
- Cobbold Gorge Forsayth
- Undara Lava Tubes Undara

## DISCOVERY DRIVE



**ROUTE:** Townsville – Hughenden – Cloncurry – Mount Isa – Boulia – Winton – Townsville

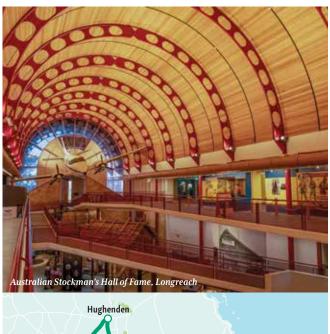
**DISTANCE**: 2,172km **DURATION**: 12 days (loop)

The Discovery Drive will take you on a journey packed to the brim with Outback legends, ancient discoveries and bucket-list adventures. The drive links the Overlander's Way and Australia's Dinosaur Trail with the fascinating Channel Country. Explore vast everchanging landscapes; see amazing prehistoric discoveries; and connect with Australia's pioneering communities.

- Flinders Discovery Centre Hughenden
- Hughenden Recreational Lake Hughenden
- ► Kronosaurus Korner and marine fossils Richmond
- ► Lake Fred Tritton Richmond
- At The Creek and dunnarts Julia Creek
- ► Artesian baths Julia Creek
- ► Cloncurry Unearthed Cloncurry
- ► John Flynn Place Museum Cloncurry
- ► Outback at Isa and Hard Times Underground Mine Tour Mount Isa
- Mount Isa Underground Hospital and Museum Mount Isa
- ▶ Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park via Mount Isa
- ► The Min Min Encounter and Boulia Heritage Complex Boulia
- ► The Waltzing Matilda Centre Winton
- ► Australian Age of Dinosaurs Winton

OUTBACK DRIVES

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#### ■ GEMS OF THE OUTBACK LOOP



**ROUTE**: Emerald – Jericho – Barcaldine – Muttaburra – Hughenden – Winton – Longreach – Blackall – Tambo – Roma – Carnarvon Gorge – Emerald

**DISTANCE:** 2,451km **DURATION:** 14 days (loop)

Explore Outback Queensland on this 14-day Gems of the Outback journey. Fossick for your fortune, meet Hughie the giant Muttaburrasauras, detour for the unique Lake Dunn Sculpture Trail, glide on the Thomson River at sunset, take a guided tour of the historic Blackall Woolscour, visit the largest cattle saleyards in Australia, and explore Carnarvon Gorge!

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Lake Dunn Sculpture Trail via Aramac
- ► The Tree of Knowledge Barcaldine
- ► Australian Workers Heritage Centre Barcaldine
- ► Flinders Discovery Centre and the Dinosaur Trail Hughenden
- ► Australian Age of Dinosaurs Winton
- Waltzing Matilda Centre Winton
- ► Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Longreach
- Qantas Founders Museum and Luminescent Show Longreach
- ► Powerhouse & Historical Museum Longreach
- ► Cruises on the Thomson River Longreach
- ► Tambo Teddies Tambo
- ► The Blackall Woolscour Blackall
- ► The Big Rig Roma
- ► Carnarvon National Park and Art Gallery Walk Injune

#### GREAT INLAND WAY



**ROUTE:** Sydney – St George – Roma – Injune – Emerald – Charters Towers – Cairns

**DISTANCE**: 3,005km **DURATION**: 16 days (one way)

The Great Inland Way starts in Sydney and takes in much of central New South Wales before reaching the Queensland border at Hebel. The Queensland leg extends from Outback Queensland to the Coral Sea, passing through Dirranbandi and St George, Surat, Roma and Injune, en-route to the sandstone escarpments of Carnarvon National Park. This 16-day adventure ends in Cairns where you can explore above and below the fringing Coral Sea.

- ► The famous Nindigully Pub Nindigully
- ► Balonne River fishing and exploring St George
- ▶ St George Heritage Trail and Heritage Centre St George
- Wine tour and tasting at Riversands Vineyards St George
- Cotton farm and vineyard tour St George
- Cobb and Co Changing Station Surat
- ► The Big Rig Roma
- ► Roma Bush Gardens Roma
- Adungadoo Pathway along Bungil Creek Roma
- ► Roma Saleyards largest cattle yards in Australia
- Carnarvon National Park and Art Gallery Walk Injune



# Love a Good Road Trip?

The Matilda Way is one road that most definitely leads to adventure, and a different one each day.

The fully sealed 1812 kilometre highway stretches from the New South Wales border all the way to the Gulf of Carpentaria, from Cunnamulla to Karumba. Traversing the 'real Outback', the route is filled with friendly local characters, unique attractions and unspoiled natural sites. Four days is a comfortable drive, depending on how long you spend discovering the unique charms of each township.

Along the Matilda Way you will discover little known secrets, experience the raw history of the region and natural wonders of the vast and ancient landscapes. As you're travelling, check the byways along the route; there are plenty of side-trips that add to the overall Outback experience. Just remember you are sharing the road with huge road trains, livestock and native animals, take care and give way, you'll protect your vehicle and the truckies will thank you for it. Come and enjoy experiencing the Outback along the Matilda Way.







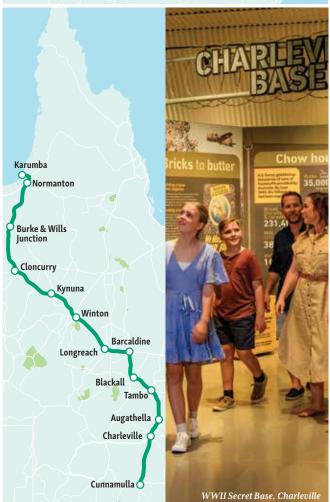




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#### LEICHHARDT WAY



**ROUTE:** Goondiwindi – Miles – Theodore – Rockhampton – Yeppoon

**DISTANCE:** 703km **DURATION:** 4 days (one way)

Named after the courageous explorer Ludwig Leichhardt, this inland road passes through the Queensland border town of Goondiwindi, via Theodore, and then on to the coastal town of Yeppoon. Drive through friendly country towns, past picturesque rivers, stopping for a picnic or spot of fishing. There are so many things to do along this inland route – from bush walks in National Parks, to historic museums full of artefacts and fun facts.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Isla Gorge National Park via Taroom
- ► The Leichhardt Tree Taroom
- ► Taroom Historical Museum and Star of Taroom Taroom
- ► Gilberts Lookout Taroom
- ► Cracow Hotel country pub and historic town Cracow
- ► Dawson Folk Museum Theodore
- ► Water tower mural Moura
- ► Moura Miners Memorial Moura
- ► Moura Coal and Country Museum Moura
- ► Banana the bullock statue Banana
- ► Baralaba Historical Village Baralaba
- ► Dawson River fishing & swimming via Baralaba
- ► Dululu township

#### **■ MATILDA WAY**



**ROUTE:** Cunnamulla – Charleville – Blackall – Longreach – Winton – Cloncurry – Karumba

**DISTANCE**: 1,812km **DURATION**: 10 days (one way)

The Matilda Way is one road that most definitely leads to adventure. The fully sealed 1,812 kilometre highway stretches from the New South Wales border all the way to the Gulf of Carpentaria, from Cunnamulla to Karumba. Traversing the route is filled with friendly local characters, unique attractions and unspoiled natural sites.

- ► The Artesian Time Tunnel Cunnamulla
- ► The Cosmos Centre and Observatory Charleville
- ► Bilby Experience and WWII Secret Base and Tour Charleville
- ► Tambo Teddies Tambo
- ► Historic Blackall Woolscour Blackall
- ► The Tree of Knowledge Barcaldine
- ► Australian Workers Heritage Centre Barcaldine
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Longreach
- ► Qantas Founders Museum Longreach
- ► Powerhouse & Historical Museum Longreach
- ► Thomson River cruises Longreach
- Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park Winton
- ► Australian Age of Dinosaurs Winton
- ► Waltzing Matilda Centre Winton
- ► John Flynn Place and Cloncurry Unearthed Museum Cloncurry
- ► The Barra Centre Karumba

#### **OVERLANDERS WAY** TOWNSVILLE CAIRNS COOKTOWN **TOWNSVILLE** OODJAMULLA (LAWN HILL) NATIONAL PARK NORMANTON Mingela Homestead Camooweal Ravenswood Charters Julia Creek Cloncurry Maxwelton Towers **MOUNT ISA** Hughenden Pentland Richmone Torrens Creek Prairie McKinlay **CLERMONT** BOULIA Kynuna Stamford Winton **MUTTABURRA** Travelling the Overlanders LONGREACH Way will allow you to take

in the wonders of the vast rugged cattle plains, dramatic basalt landscapes, spectacular gorges, prolific wildlife and take you on a journey through architecturally rich historic towns without even having to leave the bitumen.

This self-drive track served as an important line during World War II and stretches across 1100 kilometres taking you from the reef to the Outback in a matter of days.

- facebook.com/overlandersway
- twitter.com/overlandersway
- instagram #overlandersway

www.overlandersway.com

There is plenty to see and do for the adventurous enquiring soul, so pack your flippers and your hiking boots and get ready to experience an Outback adventure of a lifetime.

Travelling the Overlanders Way is easy, come by plane, train or coach, or get your free driving map and travel the Overlanders Way at your own pace.







**TOWNSVILLE HIGHWAY VIC**  **CHARTERS TOWERS VISITOR** INFORMATION CENTRE

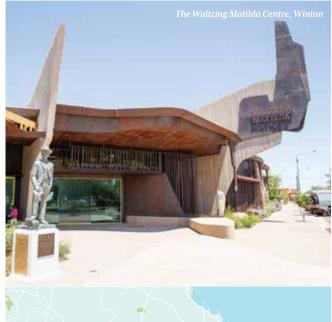
**FLINDERS DISCOVERY** CENTRE, HUGHENDEN P: (07) 4741 2970 visithughenden.com.au

KRONOSAURUS KORNER, **RICHMOND** P: 1300 576 665 kronosauruskorner.com.au

JULIA CREEK VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE **CLONCURRY UNEARTHED** VISITOR INFORMATION **CENTRE AND MUSEUM** P: (07) 4742 1361 cloncurry.qld.gov.au

**OUTBACK AT ISA** P: (07) 4749 1555 outbackatisa.com.au THE BARKLY TABLELAND AND HERITAGE CENTRE, CAMOOWEAL











#### NATURAL ENCOUNTERS TRAIL



**ROUTE:** Lark Quarry Conservation Park – Boulia – Winton – Lark Quarry Conservation Park

**DISTANCE**: 924km **DURATION**: 4-5 days (loop)

Learn about the mysterious Min Min Light then follow the Natural Encounters Trail to Winton via the Diamantina National Park. Explore desert landscapes and visit important wetland habitats. Travel across ancient mesas, gullies and timeless escarpments to Lark Quarry's dinosaur stampede. A 4WD vehicle is recommended for this trail.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Bladensburg National Park via Winton
- ► The Waltzing Matilda Centre Winton
- ► Australian Age of Dinosaurs Winton
- ► The Musical Fence and Arno's Wall Winton
- ► The Royal Theatre Winton
- ► The Min Min Encounter Boulia
- ► Boulia Marine Reptile Fossil Display Boulia
- ► Boulia Heritage Complex Boulia
- ► Boulia Heritage Trail Boulia
- ► Diamantina National Park and Warracoota Ruins
- ► Lake Constance and Hunters Gorge wetlands area and migratory birds
- ► Lark Quarry Conservation Park and dinosaur stampede trackways

#### NATIONAL PARKS LOOP



**ROUTE:** Brisbane – Bunya Mountains – Carnarvon Gorge – St George – Girraween National Park – Brisbane

**DISTANCE**: 1,973km **DURATION**: 8 days (loop)

Discover the world's largest forest of Bunya Pines and other rare species in Bunya Mountains National Park. Bush walk beneath towering white sandstone cliffs in Carnarvon National Park. See ochre stencils, rock engravings and some of the finest Aboriginal rock imagery in Australia. Explore Girraween National Park with its massive granite outcrops, balancing boulders and spectacular wildflowers in spring.

- ► The Big Rig Roma
- ► Roma Saleyards Roma
- ► Adungadoo Walkway on Bungil Creek Roma
- ► Roma on Bungil Art Gallery and the Walk of Art Roma
- ► Carnarvon National Park and Art Gallery Walk via Injune
- ► Rainforests, cascading waterfalls and cool rock pools
- ► Vineyard tour and wine tasting at Riversands Wines St George
- ► Balonne River and cruises St George
- ► The Unique Egg St George
- ► Historic Nindigully Pub Nindigully
- ► Thallon GrainCorp Silos Thallon
- ► Nullawokka First Nations Gallery and Tours Bollon









#### NATURAL SCIENCES LOOP



**ROUTE:** Charleville – Cunnamulla – Thargomindah – Eromanga – Quilpie – Charleville

**DISTANCE**: 995km **DURATION**: 5 days (loop)

This drive has it all; birds, opals, fossicking, rivers, geology, lakes, billabongs, artesian waters and bilbies. It's natural history and heritage all rolled into one. Discover Outback Queensland's natural and manmade heritage, Outback towns, wildlife and more.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Bronze Statue of Slim Dusty's 'The Cunnamulla Fella' Cunnamulla
- ► The Artesian Time Tunnel Cunnamulla
- ► Cunnamulla All Aboard show Cunnamulla
- ► Cunnamulla Hot Springs (scheduled to open June 2023) Cunnamulla
- ► Artesian Mud Baths Eulo
- ► Historic Old Hospital and Old Jail Thargomindah
- ► The famous Burke and Wills 'Dig Tree' via Thargomindah
- ► Australia's first hydro-electricity system Thargomindah
- ► Eromanga Natural History Museum Eromanga
- ► Outback sunset at Baldy Top Lookout Quilpie
- ► Quilpeta night show experience Quilpie
- ► Bilby Experience Charleville
- ► The Cosmos Centre Charleville
- ► WWII Secret Base and Tour Charleville

#### NORTH WEST LOOP



**ROUTE:** Cairns – Georgetown – Cloncurry – Julia Creek – Richmond – Hughenden – Townsville

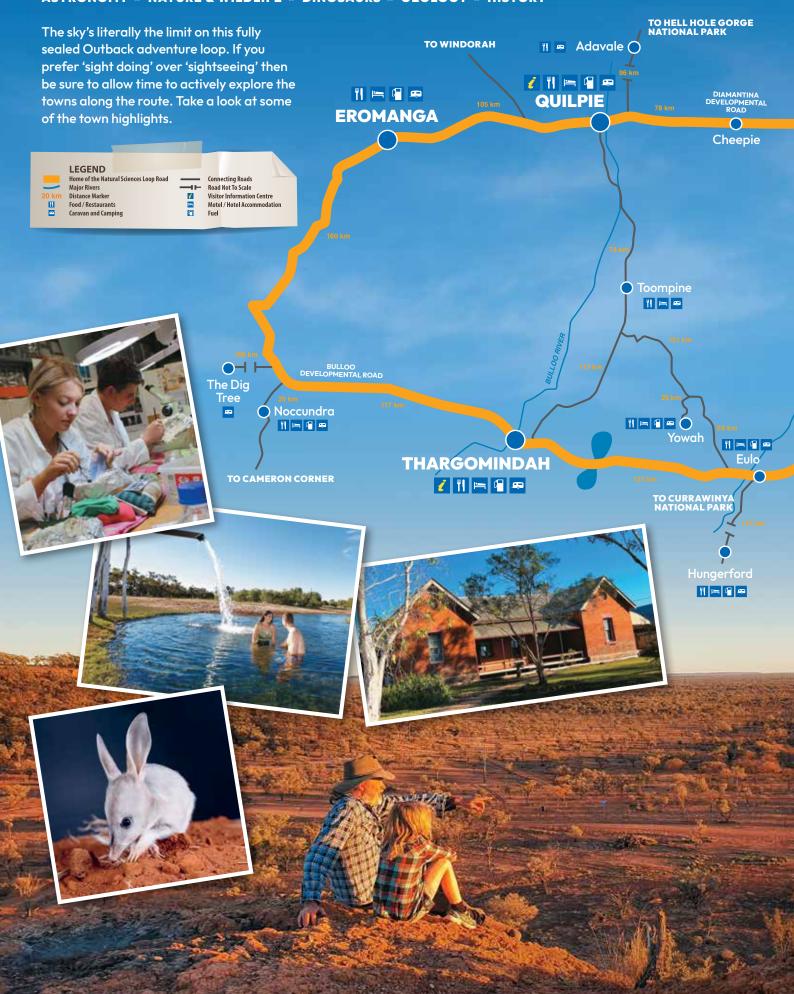
**DISTANCE**: 2,516km **DURATION**: 11 days (loop)

A 'must do' adventure self-drive route, the North West Loop features spectacular National Parks, timeless gorges, prehistoric discoveries and welcoming communities. The drive links The Savannah Way with the Overlander's Way via the northern section of the Matilda Way. Expect to indulge your adventurous spirit, be captivated by the open road, and sample delicious Gulf seafood.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Cobbold Gorge via Georgetown
- ► Cloncurry Unearthed and Visitor Information Centre Cloncurry
- ► John Flynn Place Museum Cloncurry
- ► At The Creek and dunnarts Julia Creek
- ► Artesian baths Julia Creek
- ► Kronosaurus Korner and marine fossils Richmond
- ► Lake Fred Tritton Richmond
- ► Flinders Discovery Centre Hughenden
- ► Mount Walker Lookout Hughenden
- ► Hughenden Recreational Lake Hughenden
- ► Porcupine Gorge National Park via Hughenden

# Explore the Natural Sciences Loop ASTRONOMY » NATURE & WILDLIFE » DINOSAURS » GEOLOGY » HISTORY





#### **CHARLEVILLE** Stargazing & Endangered Marsupials

- Get up close and personal with the endangered Bilby
- Discover the night sky and so much more at the Cosmos Centre
- See the Vortex rainmaker guns and learn their story
- Enlist yourself and experience the WWII Secret Base and Tour
- Follow the Outback Native Timber self-guided walk
- See the automated Weather Balloon release daily at 9:15am



#### **Charleville Visitor Information Centre**

Railway Station, King Street, Charleville | P (07) 4656 8359 info@murweh.qld.gov.au | www.experiencecharleville.com.au

#### **CUNNAMULLA** Artesian Bores & Natural Sandhills

- Discover the ancient water story at the Artesian Time Tunnel
- Kayak the tranquil waters of the Warrego River
- Feel the sand between your toes at The Beach in Wyandra
- Soak in an Artesian Bore or Artesian Mud Bath
- Fossick for the unique Yowah 'nut' opal



#### **Cunnamulla Fella Visitor Centre**

2 Jane Street, Cunnamulla | P (07) 4655 8470
visitor@paroo.qld.gov.au | www.cunnamullatourism.com.au

#### THARGOMINDAH Wetland Systems & The Dig Tree

- Take a tour of Australia's first hydro-electricity system, Old Hospital and Jail
- Enjoy the fully sealed scenic walking/riding path around Thargomindah
- Spend a day at the historic Noccundra Hotel and Wilson River
- Drive to the historic Burke & Wills Dig Tree (only 14km unsealed)
- Discover salt and freshwater wetlands at Lake Bindegolly and Currawinya National Park



#### **Thargomindah Visitor Information Centre**

Echidna Place, 37 Dowling Street, Thargomindah | P (07) 4621 8095 tourism@bulloo.qld.gov.au | www.explorebulloo.com.au

#### **EROMANGA** Giant Marsupial & Dinosaur Discoveries

- Journey to Australia's furthest town from the sea
- See giant Diprotodon (world's largest marsupial) fossils found in Eulo
- Meet Cooper, a Titanosaur, Australia's largest dinosaur
- Visit the Eromanga Living History Centre
- Discover Australia's largest oil producing region

#### **Eromanga Natural History Museum**

1 Dinosaur Drive, Eromanga | P (07) 4656 3084 info@enhm.com.au | www.enhm.com.au

#### **QUILPIE** The Boulder Opal & Hell Hole Gorge

- Fossick for boulder opals and admire the Opal Altar
- Climb Baldy Top summit for awesome sunset views
- Catch yabbies and yellowbelly in the Bulloo River
- Take a day trip to Hell Hole Gorge
- Spot native birds and wildlife at Lake Houdraman



#### Quilpie Visitor Information Centre, Museum & Gallery

51 Brolga Street, Quilpie | P (07) 4656 0540 tourism@quilpie.qld.gov.au | www.visitquilpieshire.com









#### OUTBACK ADVENTURE



**ROUTE:** Brisbane – Charleville – Cunnamulla – Brisbane

**DISTANCE**: 2,448km **DURATION**: 9 days (loop)

Start your journey by heading west to Roma, Toowoomba and Chinchilla. In Roma check out the Big Rig Night Show, then cool off with a swim in the Artesian Spa at Mitchell. In Charleville, join the up close and personal Bilby Experience and later take a tour of the Outback Night Sky. Meet Australia's giant dinosaurs at Eromanga Natural History Museum, some of the top 10 largest dinosaurs in the world.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► The Big Rig Sound and Light Show Roma
- ► Great Artesian Spa Mitchell
- ► Bilby Experience and Cosmos Centre Charleville
- ► WWII Secret Base and Tour Charlevillle
- ► Fossicking for Boulder Opals Quilpie
- ► Quilpeta night show experience Quilpie
- ► Outback Sunset Baldy Top Lookout
- ► Eromanga Natural History Museum Eromanga
- ► Lake Bindegolly National Park Eulo
- Artesian Mud Springs Eulo
- ► Sandytown River Cruise St George
- Riversands Wines St George
- ► Artesian Time Tunnel and 'Cunnamulla Fella' Cunnamulla
- ► Cunnamulla Hot Springs (scheduled to open June 2023) Cunnamulla

#### OUTBACK LEGENDS



**ROUTE:** Brisbane – Eromanga – Windorah – Longreach – Blackall – Charleville – Brisbane

**DISTANCE**: 3,440km **DURATION**: 15 days (loop)

This 15-day journey incorporates the very best of Outback Queensland. Travelling far west through ever changing landscapes into the heart of Channel Country, the drive continues to Longreach where you step back in time to experience some of Australia's most important moments of history. Heading back east through Charleville, learn about the endangered bilby and be taken on a journey of the cosmos.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Sandytown River Cruise St George
- ► Artesian Time Tunnel and 'Cunnamulla Fella' Cunnamulla
- ► Eromanga Natural History Museum Eromanga
- ► Opal fossicking Quilpie
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Longreach
- ► Qantas Founders Museum Longreach
- ► Tree of Knowledge Barcaldine
- ► Blackall Woolscour Blackall
- ► Top Secret WWII Tour Charleville
- ► The Cosmos Centre Charleville
- ► The Big Rig Roma
- ► Roma Saleyards Roma

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SAVOUR THE JOURNEY



From Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to the Southern Great Barrier Reef or the Outback, the journey is all about taking the time to explore roads less travelled.

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Girraween National Park



Tree of Knowledge, Barcaldine



Bunya Mountains National Park



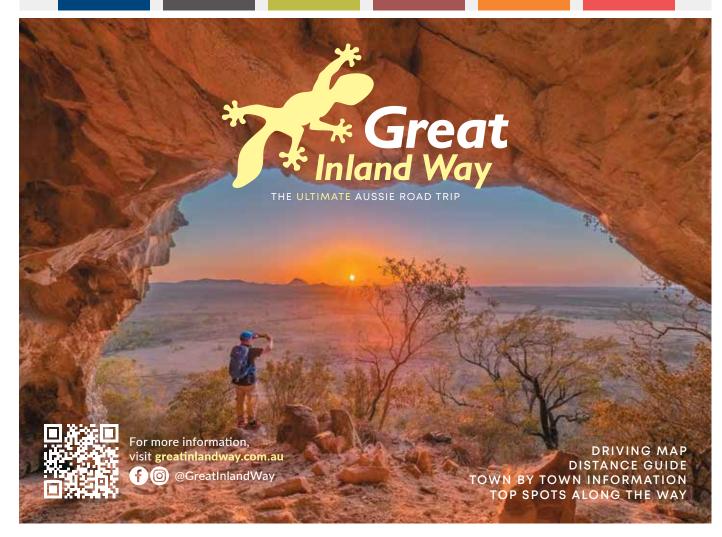


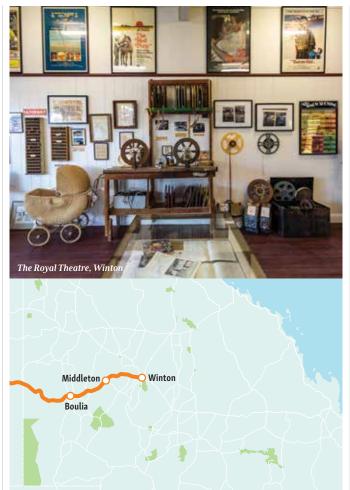


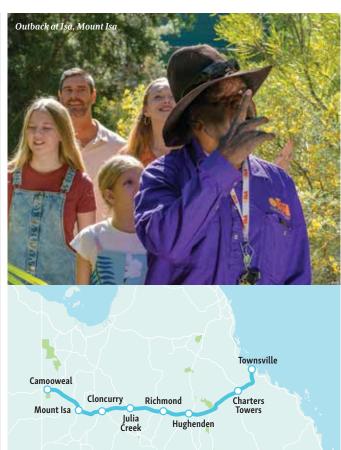


Capricorn Way

DAWSON HIGHWAY







#### OUTBACK WAY



**ROUTE:** Winton – Boulia – Jervois Station – Alice Springs – Yulara (Ayers Rock) – Warburton – Laverton

**DISTANCE:** 2,700km **DURATION:** 7+ days

This is an epic road trip, on Australia's Longest Shortcut – connecting you from Winton, Queensland to Laverton, Western Australia. Marvel at ancient landscapes, dig for fossils, look for the mysterious Min Min lights, enjoy the wildflowers, wildlife and landscapes on this Outback adventure. Travellers journeying along the Outback Way can enjoy some of Australia's most remote, interesting and picturesque desert areas. This drive includes unsealed roads.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Waltzing Matilda Centre Winton
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum Winton
- ► The Royal Theatre Winton
- ► Bladensburg National Park near Winton
- ► Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackways via Winton
- ► The Middleton Hotel Middleton
- ► The iconic Channel Country between Winton & Boulia
- ► Cawnpore Lookout near Middleton
- ► Boulia Heritage Complex Boulia
- ► Min Min Encounter and Visitor Information Centre Boulia
- ► The famous Urandangi Pub Urandangi (via Boulia)
- ► Boulia Marine Reptile Fossil Display Boulia

#### OVERLANDER'S WAY



**ROUTE:** Townsville – Hughenden – Richmond – Julia Creek – Cloncurry – Mount Isa – Camooweal

**DISTANCE:** 1,097km **DURATION:** 8 days (one way)

From the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef and pristine beaches of Townsville to the rugged rocky outcrops and red sand of north-west Queensland, the Overlander's Way will take you through towns rich with history, dinosaur discoveries and some of the world's quirkiest events; all without having to leave the bitumen. Follow the footsteps of Australia's droving heroes, who led thousands of cattle from the Northern Territory across Queensland to coastal markets.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Australia's Dinosaur Trail Hughenden & Richmond
- ► Flinders Discovery Centre Hughenden
- ► Hughenden Recreational Lake Hughenden
- ► Lake Fred Tritton Richmond
- ► Porcupine Gorge National Park Flinders region
- ► Marine Fossil Museum at Kronosaurus Korner Richmond
- ► 'At The Creek' to see a live dunnart Julia Creek
- ► John Flynn Place Museum and Art Gallery Cloncurry
- ► Cloncurry Unearthed and Bush Tucker Trail and Garden Cloncurry
- ► Outback at Isa and Hard Times Mines Underground Tour Mount Isa
- ► Camooweal Caves National Park Camooweal

# Outback Towing Tips & Techniques

- Drive at speeds suitable to the terrain being traversed.
- Always drive within your capabilities.
- Ensure that your load is properly secured. Limit the amount of load in the boot of the tow vehicle.
- Always drive appropriately for the road/track conditions.
- Know where the vulnerable/ low points are underneath both the car and trailer.
- Off-highway towing is challenging and is recommended for experienced off-highway drivers only.

- Ensure that your caravan design is suitable for use off the highway.
- Check your warranty coverage as some items may not be covered for off-highway driving.
- Be realistic as to where you are going.
- Use a suitable tow vehicle. In most cases a low range capable vehicle is necessary.
- Know your approach, ramp over and departure angles and also the angles associated with the drawbar and trailer.

- Use an "off-road" style coupling.
- Have at least basic 4WD skills.
- Have electric brakes
   fitted to the
   trailer/caravan.
   Mechanical over-ride
   brakes may not be
   suitable for off-road use.
- In an "off-road/highway" situation set the bias on the trailer brakes. The trailer wheels will lock up before the car, preventing the trailer overtaking the car.
- Know where the wheels of the car and trailer are travelling.

#### Have a safe and enjoyable trip!

For more tips and advice, places to stay and where to purchase products and services visit:

caravangld.com.au













#### SOUTHERN OUTBACK DRIVE



**ROUTE**: Brisbane – Roma – Charleville – Quilpie – Eromanga – Thargomindah – Eulo – Cunnamulla – St George – Brisbane

**DISTANCE**: 2,410km **DURATION**: 10 days (loop)

Visit the largest cattle selling centre in Australia and answer the call of the universe with a tour of the Cosmos Big Sky Observatory. In Charleville, find out why you should join the Easter 'bilbies not bunnies' campaign on a visit to the Bilby Experience. Discover exquisite boulder opal in Quilpie. Follow the footsteps of giants in Eromanga and sample wines in St George.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Big Rig Tour and Night Show Roma
- ► Infamous Cattle Saleyards Roma
- ► Great Artesian Spa Mitchell
- ► Cosmos Centre and WWII Secret Base and Tour Charleville
- ► The Bilby Experience Charleville
- ► Opal fossicking Quilpie
- Quilpeta night show experience Quilpie
- ► Eromanga Natural History Museum Eromanga
- ► Australia's first hydro-electricity system Thargomindah
- Artesian Time Tunnel and 'Cunnamulla Fella' Cunnamulla
- ► Cunnamulla All Aboard show Cunnamulla
- ► Riversands Wine Tasting and Vineyards Tour St George
- ► Sandytown River Cruise St George

#### WARREGO WAY



**ROUTE:** Brisbane – Toowoomba – Roma – Mitchell – Charleville – Windorah – Birdsville

**DISTANCE**: 1,578km **DURATION**: 5 days (one way)

The Warrego Way starts at Brisbane and finishes in the iconic and remote outback town of Birdsville. Along the way, you can see ancient trees from the dinosaur age, endangered mammals, unwind in the soothing waters from the sub artesian basin, delight in yarns told over country bars, or just relax and enjoy the brilliant sunsets and starry nights.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- ► The Big Rig Roma
- ▶ Roma Saleyards, the largest in Australia Roma
- ► The Great Artesian Spa Mitchell
- Cosmos Centre Charleville
- ► Bilby Experience and WWII Secret Base and Tour Charleville
- ► Baldy Top Lookout Quilpie
- ► Quilpeta night show experience Quilpie
- Eromanga Natural History Museum, home to Cooper the dinosaur Eromanga
- Cooper Creek and fishing Windorah
- Spectacular red sand dunes near Windorah
- ► The Birdsville Hotel Birdsville
- ▶ 'Big Red' sand dune Simpson Desert, Birdsville
- ► Birdsville Billabong Birdsville
- ► Birdsville Courthouse Museum Birdsville

# Discover Queensland's Outback by RAIL

When you take an Outback adventure, you don't want to miss a minute of the breathtaking scenery. Onboard the train you can relax, enjoy the stunning landscapes and blue skies as you journey through Queensland's Outback.









Queensland Rail Travel offers a choice of three train journeys across Queensland's Outback with twice weekly return services to each region.

The **Spirit of the Outback** offers a unique journey immersed in the history and culture of Australia between Brisbane and Longreach into the central west – with a direct coach connection to Winton.

Or, travel through diverse country and vast landscapes between Brisbane and Charleville in the south west of the state on the **Westlander** – with coach connections continuing to Quilpie or Cunnamulla.

In the north, take the **Inlander** from Townsville to Mount Isa to explore natural and prehistoric treasures along the way.

Rail offers a great way to travel and a sense of adventure as the train travels through rugged mountain ranges and wide-open plains. Enjoy the time to simply sit back in comfort and discover the beauty of the outback as it comes to life.

Book your rail journey to discover Queensland's Outback.



# **TIPS FOR TRAVELLING WITH KIDS**

Let us assure you we have never received a complaint from kids being bored on an Outback Queensland adventure - in fact the opposite, they can't wait to go back again. To help you have the best family adventure too, here's our top tips - direct from those who have done it many times.



Australian Workers Heritage Centre, Barcaldine

#### Family roadtrip survival guide

When it comes to travelling with children, expect the unexpected. A three-hour drive can take five. So, keep your car packed with plenty of drinking water, wall-to-wall snacks, wet wipes for sticky fingers, and last but not least, a well-stocked first-aid kit.

#### Preparation and pit stops

Choosing the right time to set off can make a massive difference to your travel sanity. Involve the kids in the planning stage. Show them this guide and get them to highlight where they want to go! For some families it might be first thing in the morning while everyone is fresh, for others during the day to make the most of coinciding nap times. The key is to set realistic travel times and always factor in some additional time for inevitable or fun stops along the way - to enjoy an ice-cream, a picnic by a billabong, or a run down a big sand dune!

#### Snacks

If you think you have packed enough snacks.... pack some more! You don't want to have to pull over in the middle of nowhere and try to find snacks. Pack simple foods into a small cooler bag that are easy to eat with fingers, such as apples, grapes, dried fruit, cheese sticks, crackers and muesli bars. Our top tip? Avoid messy foods and avoid super sugary foods or you'll have them bouncing off the car doors.

#### **Audiobooks**

A roadtrip is the perfect setting to get your kids listening to educational or creative stories the entire family can enjoy. Our top tip for a really funny family roadtrip series is *The Tripp Diaries* series by Stig Wemyss, which is set in Australia. Audiobooks keep kids entertained but also keep a calm environment in the car for your driver. Remember to have a few options ready in case kids lose interest in one. Don't forget to visit your local library before leaving; you can borrow out audiobooks as CDs or even borrow them out online. And bring earplugs for listening - in case they want to listen to different stories.

#### **Empower them**

Give your children options so they feel in control. For example: 'Would you like to stop at this park for a play or keep driving and get to the caravan park so you can go for a swim?' When they have a stake in selecting your outings, they'll enjoy them more and appreciate feeling like they're a part of the trip and that you're listening to them and their requests.

#### **Keep Necessities on Hand**

Baby wipes, lots of baby wipes! There is nothing that can't be cleaned with a baby wipe. Take extra bags for storing rubbish or leftover food. Plenty of tissues. A spare roll of toilet paper will also come in handy if you do need to have an emergency roadside pit stop. A stable table is a brilliant idea to pack for bigger kids who want to read or colour on the way. And don't forget to pack hand sanitiser.



INTERNET CONNECTION IS NOT GREAT IN SOME PLACES - SO ENSURE YOU DOWNLOAD AUDIOBOOKS, MOVIES, GAMES ETC DIRECT TO TABLETS, PHONES OR LAPTOPS BEFORE YOU DEPART.

#### Nature & Environment

Outback Queensland is the perfect place for kids to explore and learn first-hand about their environment. Encourage them to look for and collect interesting items along the way, including feathers, flowers and stones. Point out landscape features along the way and spend time doing educational activities like visiting historical museums, fossicking and dinosaur experiences, exploring national parks and heritage trails. For older kids grab a scrapbook and gluestick before you leave, they can add tickets and brochures and create a journal of their travels.

Above, (top-bottom) Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame, Longreach; Cloncurry; Tambo Teddies, Tambo

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QUEENSLAND



# CREATE YOUR OWN OUTBACK ADVENTURE





n or off the beaten track, Outback Queensland is a vast and contrasting land that offers unique and unforgettable holiday experiences.

From nature and spectacular scenery to history, culture and quirky icons, there are so many different activities, events and places to choose from, it's easy to personalise your very own Outback Queensland adventure.

Outback Queensland stretches from Mount Isa in the north-west, Birdsville in the south-west, Thargomindah and St George in the south, Hughenden in the north-east, and Biloela in the east – covering a massive 932,678km², about 68% of Queensland, and 19 Outback Council regions.

As the region is divided into five sub-regions, exploring and planning your trip is simple. Check out the map and our regional guides to find the places and activities to include in your perfect Outback holiday.

## QUEENSLAND TOURISM AWARD WINNERS 2022

Congratulations to all our 2022 Queensland Tourism Award winners for your tourism excellence! We are immensely proud of all our Outback Queensland tourism operators and businesses for their work and dedication to creating incredible visitor experiences.

OUTBACK QUEENSLAND MASTERS Gold: Festivals and Events

QUILPIE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE, MUSEUM AND GALLERY Gold: Visitor Information Services

MITCHELL GRASS RETREAT

THE ROYAL THEATRE WINTON
Gold: Outstanding Contribution by a Volunteer or
Volunteer Group

AUSTRALIAN AGE OF DINOSAURS MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY Silver: Major Tourist Attractions

JULIA CREEK CARAVAN PARK
Silver: Caravan and Holiday Parks

AUSTRALIAN STOCKMAN'S HALL OF FAME Bronze: Major Tourist Attractions

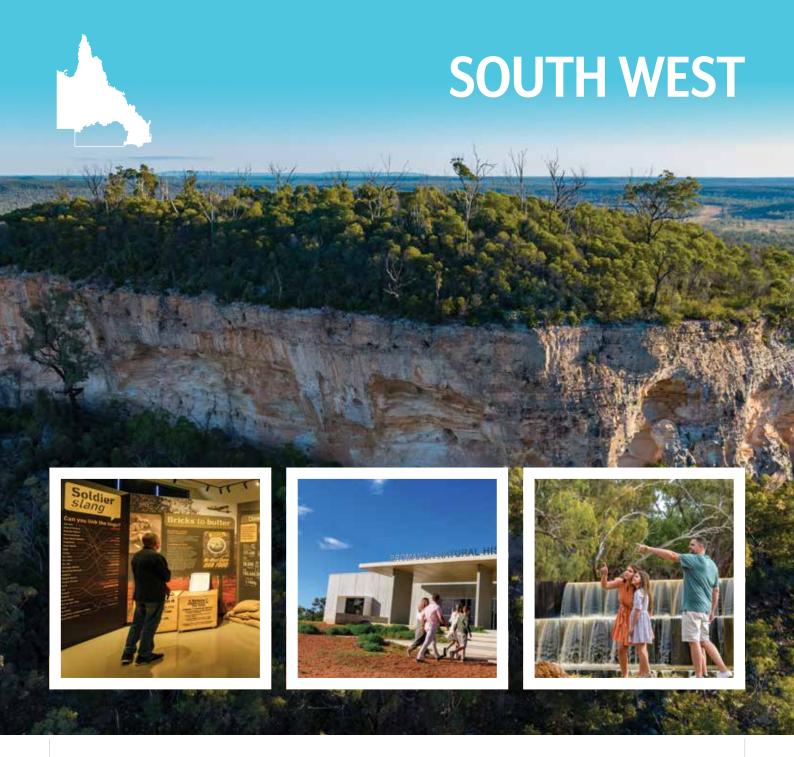
EROMANGA NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM Bronze: Cultural Tourism



# 2023 IS THE YEAR OF ACCESSIBLE TOURISM IN QUEENSLAND

Most major Outback Queensland attractions and experiences provide accessible facilities, such as wheelchair access. That's set to increase through a great new Queensland Government initiative to assist tourism businesses to enhance their destination experiences and accessibility for people of all abilities and provide skills training to support employees with a disability.

Please check operator websites for information about their current facilities and accessibility.



#### INCORPORATING THE COMMUNITIES OF Roma, Charleville, Quilpie, Eromanga, Thargomindah, Cunnamulla and St George

ooking for adventure? You'll find it in the south west. In fact, it's so adventurous, they named one of the drive routes which cuts through this Outback territory, 'The Adventure Way'.

Head out along the Warrego Way and experience big nature and colour as thriving wetlands and national parks give way to red sands in the west. Adventure by day, and by night - when the sun's gone down the galaxy puts on a nightly show.

Explore Outback towns, natural and manmade heritage, and experience big open skies. See the region's natural attractions including Carnarvon National Park, Roma's Biggest Bottle Tree, EJ Beardmore Dam, Cunnamulla Bushlands, Baldy Top Lookout and Lake Houdraman. St George and Surat are situated on the banks of the mighty Balonne River and are famous for Yellowbelly fishing.

Stunning scenery abounds in these southern districts, with a rich history in cotton, opal, oil and gas. Experience the history and sights on a round trip of the Natural Sciences Loop connecting key attractions and towns, including Charleville's Cosmos Centre, Quilpie's Night Show, the Eromanga Natural History Museum, Thargomindah's Hydro Power Plant Display and Cunnamulla's Artesian Time Tunnel. Further south, the giant silos mural in Thallon showcases icons of the district, and the much-loved Nindigully Pub, Queensland's oldest continually licensed pub, are not to be missed on your travels.



Main Wallaroo Outback Retreat Inset, (L-R) WWII Secret Base, Charleville; Eromanga Natural History Museum, Eromanga; Cunnamulla

# **ROMA REVEALED**

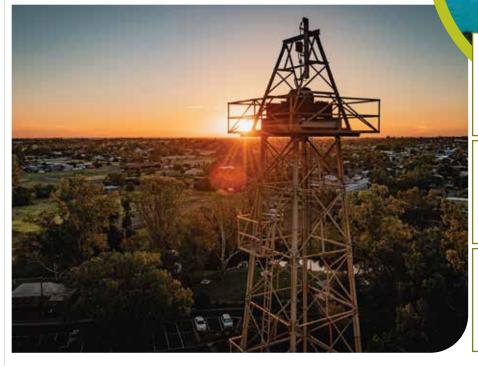


#### WHERE COUNTRY MEETS THE OUTBACK

Roma; Mitchell; Surat; Injune; Wallumbilla; Yuleba

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# ROMA Population: 6,848 ROMA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

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INJUNE.....Population: 460

# INJUNE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

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MITCHELL.....Population: 1,030

## MITCHELL VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

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#### Your Outback Adventures Start Here

#### Climb to the top of The Big Rig Tower

Join the many thousands of visitors who have climbed to the top of the 40m high Big Rig Tower for a bird's eye view over the Roma region. The Big Rig Tower, Museum and Night Show tell of all the twists and drama of when oil and gas first flowed in our nation, through immersive interpretive exhibits, machinery displays, audio-visual features and our local 'Roma Rigger' guides. Book your experience today at www.bigrigroma.com.au.

#### Do I hear a bid?

Hoof it over to the Roma Saleyards for their free behind-the-scenes tour held on Tuesday morning for all things beef. The Val Harms Jr Roma Saleyards Interactive Centre is open each day from 8am–5pm. The enormity of the Saleyards really needs to be seen to be believed.

# Hike through the magnificent Carnarvon Gorge

At 30km long and 60m deep, Carnarvon Gorge positively dwarfs mere humans. Before heading bush to marvel at this sandstone wonder, spend time at Injune and take in the history of the old characters of the town, both alive and dead.

#### Immerse in Surat to Yuleba Cobb & Co History

Cobb & Co was at one time the largest transport network in Queensland, with 3,000 horses covering 16,000km a week. The last horse drawn stagecoach ride took place in 1924 ending in Yuleba. Today you can follow the Cobb & Co Way departing from the Changing Station Museum in Surat retracing the route to Yuleba.

#### Soak in the Mitchell Great Artesian Spa

Share the secret locals have known for years: a soak in our mineralised waters is relaxing for the body and therapeutic for the soul. The Great Artesian Spa in Mitchell is open 7 days a week and the spa offers both cool and hot therapy pools that will relax tired muscles, ease tension and revitalise both body and mind.

# Enjoy traditional country hospitality at Calico Cottage

Wallumbilla is big on agriculture, rail history and hospitality. Stop into Calico Cottage for home baked country treats and view the locally made arts and crafts. The Harry Thompson walk also starts at Calico Cottage and meanders along the Wallumbilla Creek and loops back into the town centre.

- ► Be one of the first to visit Roma's hand crafted, small batch distillery opening in 2023. The unique botanicals used in the gin are sourced right here in the Western Queensland Outback. Follow @westernqldspirit for all the updates.
- Easter in the Country is Outback Queensland's premier Easter Festival, five days of activities for the whole family, including pro rodeo, live entertainment, mega Easter Egg hunt, horse races, dinner under the stars and street parade. Book early.
- ► Passionate local tour guides will unlock the ancient wisdom and geological wonders of the Carnarvon Ranges – Injunebased Carnarvon Gorge Eco Tours and Roma-based Boobook Ecotours operate regular tours.
- ► The award winning Mucka Pub offers a relaxed authentic Outback setting, awesome Mucka tucka, just 30 minutes west of Roma on your way to Mitchell.
- ► Glamp in style at Wallaroo Outback Retreat near Injune, nestled in the beautiful Carnarvon Ranges.

# **QUILPIE MEGA MOMENTS**



#### INCORPORATING THE TOWNS OF

Adavale; Cheepie; Eromanga; Quilpie; Toompine

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#### OUILPIE ...... Population: 595 **QUILPIE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE, MUSEUM & GALLERY**

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#### Amplify your Outback Adventure

#### Accessible Service for All

As you roll into town, be sure to call into the award-winning Quilpie Visitor Information Centre. Now with fully accessible facilities and a parents' room, more visitors can enjoy what's on offer at the Quilpie Visitor Information Centre. Enjoy a free cuppa in the courtyard, then explore the onsite Art Gallery and Museum. Opal lovers can buy local opal products at the Visitor Information Centre and learn the story of the Boulder Opal. Then, head out the back to the undercover picnic seating or explore the Military History Museum and Railway History Museum.

#### Mega Moments Screening Nightly

Whether you prefer the big sky or the big screen, Quilpie puts on a great show. The Quilpeta Night Show is presented on a massive outdoor screen behind the Visitor Information Centre; kick back in outdoor lounge chairs on an expansive green space. Pre-show nibbles and drinks are included. But, if you prefer your shows to be screened on the endless Outback sky, then drive the short distance to Baldy Top Lookout. A 10-minute easy climb to the summit will pay huge dividends with sensational 360-degree views .... incredibly beautiful at sunset. Be sure to pack sunset nibbles too!

#### Now that's a Dinosaur!

A sealed drive of around 106km west will take you to Eromanga. Dubbed the furthest town from the sea, Eromanga is actually closer than you think. A mere 95 million years ago, the mega of all Australian dinosaurs roamed this region and the Eromanga Natural History Museum has the fossilised remains to prove it. Join the one hour Australian Dinosaurs Tour to learn the story of one of the largest remaining sauropod groups in the Cretaceous Period. With more time, the whole family can learn how to prepare fossils as part of their Family Fossil Preparation program. Plus, there's some amazing megafauna fossils to view.

#### Calling Adventure Seekers...

Whether your version of adventure is chatting to a local publican in an authentic Outback pub, exploring a national park, staying on an Outback station or taking a soak in an artesian spa... Quilpie has the goods! Take a drive to the historic Toompine Hotel for a fabulous country-style lunch. Or, 4WD adventurers will relish the chance to discover nearby Hell Hole Gorge. Be sure to take time out for a relaxing soak in an artesian spa (Channel Country Caravan Park) or quirky bathhouse overlooking the spectacular Lake Houdraman (The Lake Quilpie).

- ► Indulge in an Elegant Emu High Tea
- ► See the opal altar at St Finbarr's
- Try your luck at opal fossicking
- ► Stroll the Bulloo River Walk
- Catch a yellowbelly
- Cook up freshly caught yabbies over the campfire
- ► Take a dip in Lake Houdraman
- Explore local birdlife habitats
- Visit Lyn Barnes Art Gallery
- Gather around the campfire at The Lake Quilpie
- Visit the iconic 'pub with no town' at Toompine
- ► 4WD in Hell Hole Gorge National Park
- See the dinosaurs at Eromanga National History Museum
- ▶ Join in on a local event
- ► Visit Rick's Memorial atop a spectacular Jump Up

# **CHARLEVILLE REGION**



#### INCORPORATING THE TOWNS OF

Charleville; Augathella; Morven; Cooladdi



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CHARLEVILLE.....Population: 3,300

#### CHARLEVILLE **VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

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## A Four Day Guide to Charleville and surrounds

#### Day 1

Report for duty at the WWII Secret Base where you'll uncover top secret information and can practise your skills as a Bombardier. Join the convoy and follow your guide on your very own WWII secret tour. Then visit the RFDS Base for a taste of medicine in the bush.

Don't miss the Hotel Corones tour for a glimpse into the life of Harry 'Poppa' Corones. You'll hear stories of his comical antics as well as tales of the rich and famous who've stayed at the hotel.

Finish the day with a wander along the Warrego River Walk.

#### Day 2

Start your day with date loaf and a tour at the Outback Date Farm. Then relax with a browse through the Mulga Lands Art Gallery or try your luck fishing on the Warrego River.

Don't forget to catch the Bilby Show at 3pm. You will not only see these furry creatures in their spectacular nocturnal house, but you will also learn about the plight of the bilby and our successful breeding and release program.

#### Day 3

Stroll around the award-winning Graham Andrews Parkland where you'll find an Outback Timber Walk, Vortex Rainmaking Guns and even a big red chair!

Then head out to Cooladdi, Australia's smallest town. Try a Cooladdi King Burger, see the grave of Vera Tighe, catch a yabby and explore Quilberry Creek, the old watering place for steam engines on the Charleville - Quilpie line.

Finish your night at the Cosmos Centre exploring the Milky Way. Using a powerful 14" telescope, your guide will transport you thousands of light-years into space where you will see nebulas, clusters, stars and planets in a way that is not possible to the naked eye.

#### Day 4

See how kids learn in the Outback with a tour of the Charleville School of the Air - you can even sit in on a lesson. Take a trip out to the Angellala Bridge Explosion site and read about what happened that fateful September day. On your way back to town, stop in at the Charleville Botanical Reserve for a cuppa or a picnic and see if you can spot some of the 100+ bird species that call it home.

End the day with dinner at the Bowls Club and a game of Barefoot Bowls.

- ► Easter at Augathella is a party that's been held for 90 years. Featuring billy cart races, a rodeo and horse racing, it's an event you don't want to miss.
- Visit Morven to see the miniature buildings and kerosene tin hut dating back to the Great Depression. Relax with a picnic lunch at Sadleirs Waterhole and don't forget to stop in at Tregole National Park to see the ooline trees and dainty black orchids.
- ► Hop aboard **Outback Airtours** for a unique trip to Birdsville. Have smoko at the bakery, wander around town and enjoy an Outback sized burger at the Birdsville Pub.
- ► Join a sun viewing tour at the **Cosmos** Centre, where you can see solar flares and sunspots through one of the largest sun scopes in Australia.
- ► Stop in and see the infamous Rude Jude at Judey's Browse Inn for all the local fishing tips.

# ST GEORGE REGION



#### INCORPORATING THE TOWNS OF

Bollon; Dirranbandi; Hebel; Mungindi; Nindigully; St George; Thallon







BALONNE SHIRE ...... Population: 4,500 **BALONNE SHIRE** 

**VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE** 

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#### A Three Day Guide to St George Region

#### Day 1 St George to Nindigully

MORNING Begin your exploration of Qld's Inland Fishing Capital on foot along the shady 2km-long Balonne Riverbank Walkway. After, make your way to the Unique Egg where you'll find emu eggs transformed into hand-carved pieces of illuminated art by a local artisan. Continue your tour of town by taking the St George Heritage Trail.

AFTERNOON Grab a coffee for the 46km journey south to Nindigully, home of Old's longest continually licensed pub. Set up camp on a shady spot of the Moonie River, then take in the Gully Walk before checking out the iconic Boomerangs - memorabilia from Hugh Jackman's first feature film, 'Paperback Hero'.

**EVENING** Head to the pub for happy hour, followed by dinner. Come hungry and tackle the pub's famous Road Train Burger, known to feed up to 10 people.

#### Day 2 Nindigully to Dirranbandi

MORNING Journey 33km south to Thallon where you'll be greeted by the breathtaking 30-metrehigh painted grain silos, featuring the spectacular 'Watering Hole' mural. Head to the Francis Hotel to grab some breakfast and your copy of the self-guided town history trails and discover Thallon's early European history. Don't leave town without getting a selfie with the giant 'William the Wombat' sculpture.

AFTERNOON Head 67km west to Dirranbandi which marks the end of the Southwest rail line. Call into Railway Park to find the old waiting room, the original parcels office and the 1913 Station Master's residence, now the Dirranbandi Rural Transaction Centre.

EVENING Join the locals for a good feed and a great yarn at the Dirranbandi Pub before bedding down for the night.

#### Day 3 Dirranbandi to St George

MORNING Make your way back to St George where you can sip your way through a personalised tasting at Qld's most western winery, Riversands Vineyard, and hear the stories about the characters whom their wines are named after.

AFTERNOON Cruise down the Balonne River onboard the 'Balonne Baroo Andoo' with Sandytown River Cruises and learn about the flora and fauna which includes over 240 species of birds.

**EVENING** Celebrate the end of another glorious St George Region day with dinner at one of the local pubs or motels.

STAY A FOURTH DAY ... Learn to throw a boomerang, discover bush medicine, historical scar trees and taste gourmet bush tucker with a descendant of the local Gwamu/Kooma people on a Cultural Walk in Bollon.

- ▶ Best Ride Take a town tour aboard the St George Bakery's classic 1917 T-Model Ford Bakery truck.
- ► Cotton On Find out the real story behind the development of cotton on a **Cotton** Farm and Vineyard Tour in St George.
- ► Make Tracks Set up your own bush camp and experience untouched nature at Thrushton or Culgoa Floodplain National Park.
- ► Touch a Piece of History Place your hands on the One Ton Post, IB Cameron's survey peg marking the Qld/NSW border near Mungindi.
- Russian Treats Take your tastebuds on a journey with delectable treats like Pryanick (traditional Russian honey bread), Turkish delight and baklava at Dirranbandi Bakery.
- Outback Art Don't miss the Hebel Hotel with its rusted red roof and artworks adorning the front of the pub by Australian realist painter, John Murray.

# **CUNNAMULLA REGION**



#### INCORPORATING THE TOWNS OF

Cunnamulla; Eulo; Wyandra; Yowah







CUNNAMULLA.....Population: 1,300



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#### Things to See and Do

#### **Artesian Time Tunnel**

Step into the Artesian Time Tunnel and be transported back in time 100 million years and hear the story of the Great Artesian Basin - the lifeblood of the Outback. Learn how the underground river flows beneath 1/5 of inland Australia and helps to water this great country, and how our landscape has been transformed and moulded by water, especially in the Paroo region with the natural wonders of mud springs, opals and the mighty Warrego and Paroo Rivers. While you're there, explore the history of Cunnamulla through the Bicentennial Historical Museum, telling tales of time past, and enjoy the local art displayed in the Cunnamulla Fella Visitor Centre's Art Gallery. www.cunnamullatourism.com.au

#### **Artesian Baths Galore**

If you are yet to experience an Artesian Bath, we've got you covered! Ease your tensions and head over to the Artesian Spa in Yowah which consists of hot and cooler pools and the spa. These are open all year round and are a great place to unwind even for those with mobility impairments. If your skin is as dry and cracked as a creek bed in drought, dial up the Outback therapy with an artesian mud bath at Eulo. A mineral-rich clay is mixed with artesian water, in your choice of

temperature, to provide a therapeutic experience so good it has been rumoured to take the bend out of corrugated iron. Charlotte Plains offers Artesian Baths in a relaxing outdoor setting fed directly from a free-flowing bore, allowing you to simply unwind and wash all the stresses and worries about your day away. These baths are best used at night simply to be out under the stars and just be at peace with the world.

#### Spend a day at the Beach

Wyandra began life as a water stop for the steam locomotives running the rails to Charleville and while it might be over 800km from the Gold Coast, Wyandra boasts its very own beach. Tucked into a bend on the Warrego River this sandy patch is the perfect spot for all the regular 'day at the beach' activities, so pack a picnic and the cricket bat!

#### All Aboard!

The Cunnamulla Railway Station has come to life with the All Aboard 3D Sound & Light Spectacular! This show tells the story of Cunnamulla and its connection to the Railway. Sit back and relax in the modern theatre as the holographic Station Master, Steven Tandy, whisks you back in time on a memorable journey to the 'end of the line'. www.railwaystation.com.au.

- ► Coffee Shop with a twist Rumour Has It ... is the one stop shop for coffee, tea and scones and all things quirky and crafty.
- ► Try something a little different Try Cunnamulla Coffee Shop's Camel Burger.
- ► Meet a local Legend Kenny the Diprotodon statue stands at Eulo ... go say G'Day!
- ► Rubber Duck Races Raising money for the Royal Flying Doctors, enjoy a thrilling race of rubber ducks down the bore drain at the Artesian Waters Caravan Park in
- A little slice of rural paradise -Alroy Station offers tranquil bush camping, spectacular night skies and camp oven dinners.
- More than just a caravan park -Wyandra Post and General Store Caravan Park hosts an original 1909 jail cell, old style open air theatre and dune buggy town tours.

# **EXPLORE BULLOO**



#### INCORPORATING THE TOWNS OF

Thargomindah; Hungerford; Noccundra; Cameron Corner

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#### More than just a One Night Stand

#### Self-guided Town Tours

Did you know, Thargomindah was the first town in Australia, and third in the world, to produce hydro-electric power for street lighting. How is this possible you may ask. Well, like many western towns, Thargomindah is situated over the Great Artesian Basin. In 1898, using water that is forced out from pressure, street lights were powered by means of generators coupled to a water turbine driven by the bore's natural water pressure. Take a self-guided town tour to experience the Hydro Power along with our Historic Old Hospital built prior to 1888 and the Jail built in the 1930s. The tour includes holograms, documentaries, projections and animatronic mannequins that come alive to tell tales of yesteryear. You can purchase your tour card at the Visitor Information Centre.

#### Hungerford and Currawinya **National Park**

Hungerford is located 164km south of Thargomindah, near the Paroo River on the Queensland/NSW border, and still has a Border Gate, which doubles as the Dingo Barrier Fence. The Royal Mail Hotel was established in 1873, and from 1875 through to 1904 was a Staging Post for Cobb and Co Coaches. It's now a heritage listed hotel but is still in operation today, being the focal point of the town. Just north of town lays Currawinya

National Park, one of Queensland's largest which contains many Indigenous Australians' sites of cultural significance. Lakes Numalla and Wyara within the park are listed as Ramsar wetland sites of international importance with over 200 bird species recorded. This makes Currawinya a bird watcher's paradise.

#### Noccundra

The present hotel was built in 1882 of sandstone quarried from Mt Pool in New South Wales and transported by camel train. The hotel is all that survives of the town today, listed by the National Trust in 1977, and a popular spot for caravanners to spend a week camping beside the Wilson River.

#### **Burke and Wills Dig Tree**

The Burke and Wills 'Dig Tree' is one of Australia's national icons and an enduring reminder of our pioneering spirit. Located on the northern bank of Cooper Creek on Nappa Merrie Station, it's a Coolibah tree believed to be 200-250 years old.

#### **Cameron Corner**

Where the three states of QLD, NSW and SA meet. The Cameron Corner Store was first opened by the late Sandy Nall in May 1989. Inside you'll find information on the world's longest fence, the Dingo Barrier Fence, which stretches over approx. 5,500km.

- ► Make the Visitor Information Centre your first stop. Local knowledge and passionate staff are what you will find along with a beautiful, spacious area to stretch your legs and find out all there is to know about the Bulloo Region.
- ► The 'Shearers Shindig' will be held 26 - 27 May 2023 in Thargomindah. This is an iconic Outback event for the whole family, from young to old. It is where our community makes visitors feel like locals so keep your eyes out for this awesome event.
- Our walking path surrounds Thargomindah, with just over 5km of sealed path which is fully solar lit. This path guides you to all of our attractions including a nature walk along the river and right though to the Hydro Power Plant. The perfect place to take in the vastness of the real Outback sunsets.

# Charleville Book today! Bilby Experience







Join a tour of our bilby nocturnal house and see some super cute bilbies. Hear about the plight of the bilby and how we are working to save them from extinction.

Buy a bilby souvenir or support our Save the Bilby Fund breeding program!

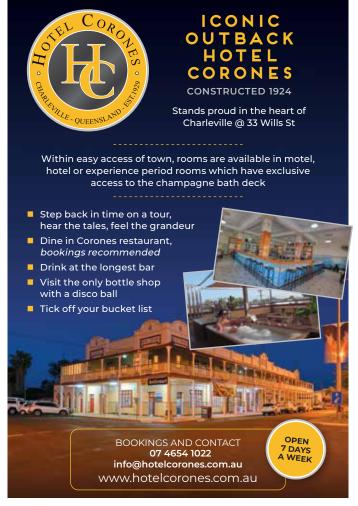


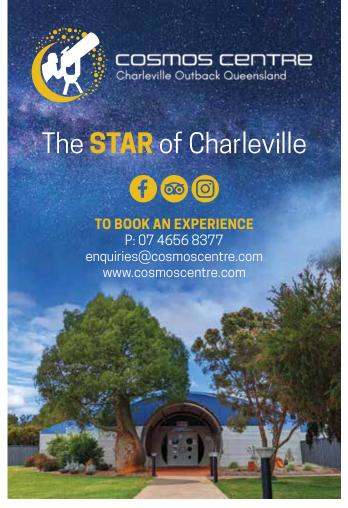
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- Featuring local and touring exhibitions
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96 Alfred Street, Charleville www.facebook.com/MulgaLandsGallery



#### HISTORIC HOUSE MUSEUM, CHARLEVILLE

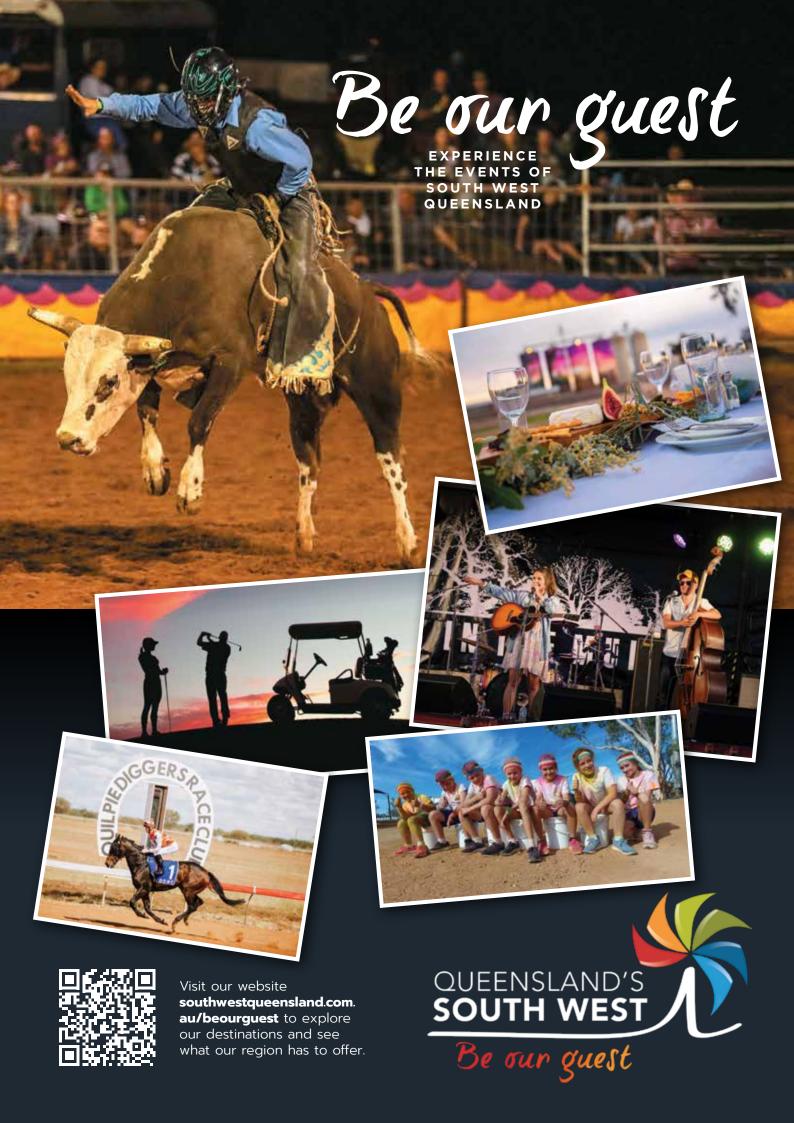


Charleville's Historical Museum is a gem of early colonial architecture and brims with precious collections from the Outback's past. It reflects the daily life and times, society, music and education of pioneering settlers and the Bidjara people. Be enthralled by fashions, vehicles, steam engine, tools – from making a pie to fixing a coach – used through the ages.

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#### INCORPORATING THE COMMUNITIES OF Diamantina, Barcoo and Boulia

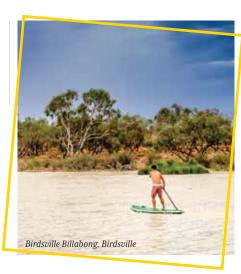
f you are searching for offbeat characters and unconventional adventures, then head west far west - 1500 kilometres or about 17-hours straight drive west of Brisbane to the farthest corner of Queensland.

This is the land of red sand dunes, gibber flats, waterholes and channel country. Diamantina Channel Country is a riverine desert and a spectacular natural phenomenon. During and after the wet season it transforms into a vast network of veins of shallow interconnecting channels and creeks that fill and spill across 95,000 square kilometres, swelling waterholes and attracting up to 450,000 birds including packs of chattering zebra finches, Australian bustards and even the

extremely rare Night Parrot. The desert blooms to life with a stunning display of wildflowers after rain - a sight to behold and a photographer's delight.

Famed for the iconic Big Red Bash in July and the Birdsville Races in September for bringing a big crowd together, there's always time and space to think in the Far West region.

Nothing is more iconic than standing atop Big Red at sunset, watching the sun dip from the first sand dune of the Simpson Desert (Munga-Thirri National Park). The most popular route west is to take the Warrego Way from Brisbane - Chinchilla - Roma - Charleville - Windorah - Birdsville and travel via desert roads for the opportunity to travel between the three states.



# **DIAMANTINA SHIRE**



#### WHERE THE DESERT MEETS THE CHANNEL COUNTRY

Birdsville; Bedourie; Betoota

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BIRDSVILLE.....Population: 60



#### BIRDSVILLE **VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

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BEDOURIE ......Population: 90



#### **BEDOURIE OUTBACK VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

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#### Simple Pleasures, Great Adventures

#### Birdsville

BIG RED - Sunrise or sunset on Big Red, the tallest dune in the Simpson Desert, is a must. Only 35km from Birdsville on a mostly sealed road, either test your 4WD skills and conquer the sand dune, or work your leg muscles and walk to the top. The view is worth it!

Please be respectful of this ancient landscape - it is a natural environment on a private pastoral property. BYO snacks and drinks. Tours and scenic flights are also available.

PELICAN POINT, BIRDSVILLE'S BEACH - A great idea is to have a dip at Pelican Point if you have done a lap of the Birdsville Racecourse, or taken a walk around town following the Footprints of Time paintings by local Indigenous artists or explored out at the cemetery. A swim in the calming waters at Pelican Point is sure to rejuvenate after your long trip. The bird life is truly remarkable at the billabong and so is sunset.

#### **Bedourie**

#### BEDOURIE ARTESIAN SPA & AQUATIC CENTRE

- The healing waters of the Great Artesian Basin await you in Bedourie. The spa at the Aquatic Centre is naturally heated, bubbling up from underground at 30-40 degrees Celsius.

After your spa, cool off in the Bedourie swimming pool located onsite. Entry passes can be purchased at the Bedourie Outback Visitor Information Centre.

PISE HOUSE - A mud hut in the main street of Bedourie dating back to the 1880s that reminds visitors of the simple and harsh pastoral life of old.

#### Betoota

THE SERPENT SCULPTURE - A sight to behold! Just outside Betoota, local First Nations people designed and constructed this creature of ancient times. Nearby is Deon's Lookout where you can survey the vast plains of the Channel Country before you, and learn about the pastoral history

Make sure you check out these sites while visiting the town of Betoota.

#### One to watch out for...

A new attraction due to open in Birdsville is the Birdsville Courthouse Experience which will give visitors an insight into justice in remote Queensland, encompassing storytelling/history from the point of view of both Indigenous and white settlers. You may even get to sit in on a court proceeding thanks to holographic technology.

- ► Pubs Birdsville, Bedourie and Betoota all have watering holes which are alive with history, where you can get to know the locals and make great memories.
- ► Places to Eat Each pub has delicious meals that make the Outback drive worthwhile. Bedourie and Birdsville Roadhouses also serve meals, and no trip is complete without a curried camel pie at the Birdsville Bakery!
- Outback Rivers and Billabongs Water abounds, with Eyre Creek and the Diamantina River winding through the region. Cuttaburra Crossing on Eyre Creek is beautiful, with abundant bird life making it a restful spot as you meander through the Outback. It is a well-renowned birdwatcher's paradise.
- The Munga-Thirri (Simpson Desert) -Whether going overnight to Poeppel **Corner**, or travelling right across the desert and its 1,100 sandhills, it's a magical experience which immerses you in the wonders of nature. Remember, preparation and research are critical for a desert trip.

# **BOULIA SHIRE**



LAND OF THE MIN MIN LIGHT

Boulia; Urandangi







BOULIA SHIRE.....Population: 480 in a shire of over 61,000 square kilometres!



**MIN MIN ENCOUNTER & BOULIA** VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

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#### 6 Things to See and Do

#### 1. Min Min Encounter Show

Visit the Min Min Encounter animatronic and laser show telling the legend of the Min Min Lights in a unique theatrical interactive experience. The show is one of a kind and immerses the visitor in its mesmerising tales of the eerie mysterious lights which appear to travellers when least expected. Travellers who camp in the region still report seeing these strange glowing balls of light late at night where no lights should be.

#### 2. Boulia Heritage Complex

Visit the Boulia Heritage Complex, where you can view the history of Boulia from the Prehistoric age to the modern era. There is a 135-year-old Heritage-listed stone house in the grounds and a fossil collection of marine reptiles excavated from the area which is one of the best in Australia. The fossilised bones of the Plesiosaur unearthed in this area are a big drawcard to all dinosaur enthusiasts.

#### 3. Heritage Trail

Follow the heritage trail of signs through Boulia depicting the history of its buildings, former historical landmarks and community members. Also view the wonderful murals scattered around town.

#### 4. Waddi Trees

View the unique and rare Waddi tree stands -Boulia boasts the most prolific growth of these trees in Australia.

The last known corroboree tree for the Pitta Pitta traditional owners is a Waddi tree behind the local primary school in Boulia. This wood is so hard it can damage an axe, and is almost impossible to burn.

#### 5. Longest Camel Race in Australia

Don't forget every third weekend in July to come and experience the longest Australian camel race, Queensland's answer to the iconic Melbourne Cup, only with camels. This is an award winning Queensland event and is a great family weekend of entertainment.

#### 6. Enjoy Nature

Bird watching, fishing, yabbying and stargazing can all be enjoyed in this vast Outback landscape alongside the friendly locals.

- ► For great food, either meals or snacks and coffee, there is a choice of three localities
  - 1. Maxie's Café Restaurant located at the Australian Hotel. You can order a camel burger (race losers)!
  - 2. The Boulia Roadhouse for food, fuel and grocery essentials.
  - 3. Camel's Rest Café located at the Min Min grocery/hardware store for everything you might need.
- ► Check out the **Wildlife Haven** adjacent to the Min Min store where you will find injured/sick animals being cared for by owners Bob and Val Spilsbury. It is also home to a herd of alpacas.
- ► Australia's Longest Shortcut: travel from Boulia to Perth on The Outback Way.
- Queensland Explore Centre can be found inside the Min Min Encounter tourism attraction.

# **BARCOO SHIRE**



#### INCORPORATING THE TOWNS OF

Jundah; Stonehenge; Windorah







BARCOO SHIRE ...... Population: 267



#### WINDORAH **VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

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#### Five Hidden Gems

#### 1. Stonehenge Address Book

Have you ever seen an address book entirely made of stones? Just a short 2km drive from Stonehenge towards Longreach (coming from Stonehenge) on the left-hand side of the road, you will see the Stonehenge Address Book. Leave your mark on our Shire!

#### 2. Swanvale Lookout

Situated halfway between Stonehenge and Jundah. At the top of the 'jump up' you'll find a rest area offering scenic views. The perfect place to pull up stumps and revel in breath-taking sunsets. Did you know that the Swanvale Lookout offers free camping?

#### 3. Visit Welford National Park

Take a day trip from Jundah or Windorah where you will find Welford National Park. Wind-blown sand dunes form a dramatic contrast to whitebarked ghost gums, golden-green spinifex and delicate wildflowers.

The Barcoo River, with its large permanent waterholes, dissects Mitchell grass plains and arid mulga woodlands.

#### 4. Windorah - Place of Big Fish

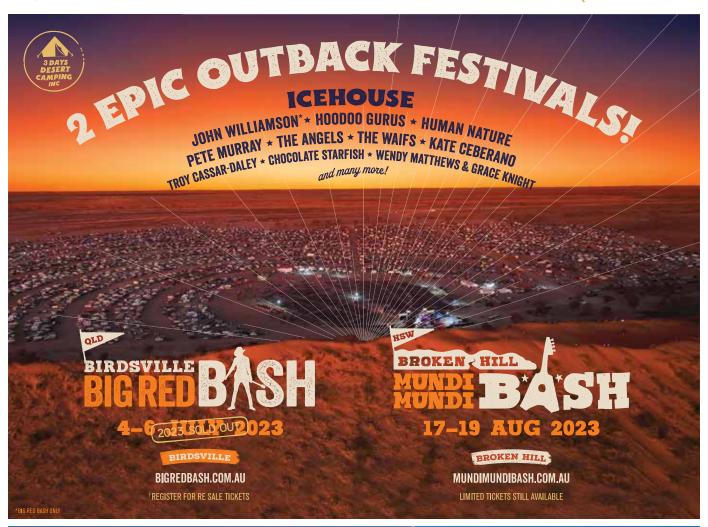
The Whitula Gate Museum offers a trip back in time. An extensive collection of Indigenous artifacts and early settler history is on display. Take a walk or drive around town to see the beautiful sculptures, mosaics, murals and enjoy an Outback sunset on the bright red sand of Sando's Sandhill. The Wednesday before the Birdsville Races in September is the night of the Windorah International Yabby Races. Join in the fun with live music, dancing and a flutter on a fast yabby!

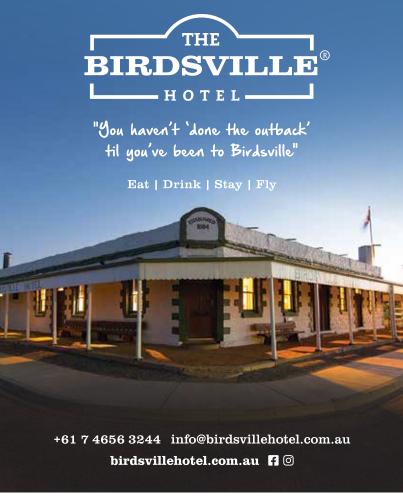
#### 5. Cooper Creek

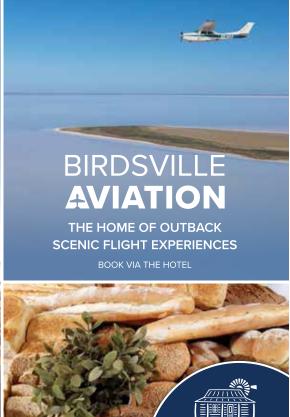
Cooper Creek is located 10km east of Windorah and is an idyllic free camping area. Visitors and locals alike often take time out to enjoy Cooper Creek. Throw in a line for a spot of fishing - there are yellowbelly in abundance, kayak the channels, have a swim or do some boating.

Whatever way you choose to experience the Cooper, rest assured the serene breezes of the Channel Country will hit the spot for a relaxing holiday oasis. Bring your own firewood to help us maintain the natural nesting habitat for the incredible bird life in the region.

- ► Trying to catch a blue claw? Try some cat food, dog biscuits or mangoes in your trap for the best luck!
- ► Looking for rich history? Site of Magee's Shanty - 90km east of Jundah, this is believed to be the site of the shanty immortalised in Banjo Paterson's poem 'A Bush Christening', not far from the ruins of the Cobb & Co. Pub and the lonely grave of goldminer Richard Magoffin who perished in 1885.
- ► Feeling lost? Our friendly Information Centres have mud maps and local secrets you can't find anywhere else.
- ► Windorah's 12km unsealed Nature Drive winds its way through the different landscapes between Windorah Township and Cooper Creek. Forty-five plants have been identified and signposted along the
- ► To find out more about the fantastic events held within the Barcoo Shire during 2023 visit www.visitbarcoo.com.au/events







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**BEDOURIE** VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

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BIRDSVILLE TOURIST PARK



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#### **BOULIA CAMEL RACES**



The 'Melbourne Cup of Camel Races' – the iconic Boulia Camel Races is the longest, most prestigious camel race in Australia! The tiny town of Boulia welcomes travellers to its famed camel races on the 3rd weekend of July annually. Large un-allocated campgrounds (no power), amenities, campfires welcome, live nighttime music, fireworks, glamping. Enjoy professional camel racing with Australian originality thrown in – camel tagging, mower racing, novelty races and plenty of humour. An adventure in the land of the mysterious 'Min Min Light'.

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#### INCORPORATING THE COMMUNITIES OF Longreach, Winton, Barcaldine, Blackall and Tambo

utback Queensland's central west is the heart of Outback Queensland and wears its history on its sleeve, proudly the birthplace of Qantas,

'Waltzing Matilda' and Australia's Labor Party.

Learn about our nation's workers at the Australian Workers Heritage Centre in Barcaldine, and take a 'Wing Walk' on a 747 jet at the Qantas Founders Museum in Longreach.

Pioneering history is at the core of the central west and you can explore it in Longreach with a visit to the Powerhouse and Historical Museum, a Cobb & Co. stagecoach ride, a Thomson River cruise and dinner show, and live performances and new state-of-the-art interactive displays at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame.

For Prehistoric times, visit the world's only known dinosaur stampede site at Lark Quarry Conservation Park or see the world's largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils at The Australian Age of Dinosaurs museum in Winton, and the Muttaburrasaurus Interpretation Centre in Muttaburra.

Explore Winton's Rangelands Rifts on a guided tour and experience spectacular sunsets from the 'jump-ups' to feel in awe of nature's beauty.

Delve into the life of a shearer at the Blackall Woolscour. Take a guided tour of the saleyards at Blackall, a great place to experience the excitement of sale days. And a must-do stop is at the famous Tambo Teddies store.



Main Australian Workers Heritage Museum, Barcaldine Inset, (L-R) Turraburra; Powerhouse Museum, Longreach; Australian Age of Dinosaurs, Winton

# LONGREACH REGION



#### **HEART OF OUTBACK QUEENSLAND**

Longreach; Ilfracombe; Isisford; Emmet; Yaraka







LONGREACH......Population: 3,500



#### LONGREACH REGION **EXPLORE CENTRE**

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## Experience our Longreach Region

#### The Australian Stockman's **Hall of Fame**

Explore the characters and events that have shaped Australia's Outback, bringing to life the rugged landscape and the incredible stories of everyday people who are at the heart of the Outback.

#### **Founding of Qantas**

Follow the history of Qantas through modern interactive displays, aircraft exhibits and tours through the aircraft. At night experience the spectacular Luminescent Longreach sound and light show, telling the story of Qantas through incredible projections on the fuselages of the aircraft.

#### The Powerhouse & Historical Museum

Step back in time when you visit Australia's largest preserved rural generating station, left as it was when it closed early 1985. The Longreach Archival Group have collated amazing displays showcasing our proud history. This heritage-listed museum is an absolute must see.

#### **Ilfracombe**

Visit the historic Wellshot Hotel for a cold drink and counter meal. This gem of a pub stands exactly as it was some 120 years ago. Just outside you'll spot amazing little war museums, and a mind-blowing line-up of unique machinery along the Lynn Cameron Machinery Mile.

#### **Isisford**

We have dinosaurs too! Discover a life-size replica of 'Isisfordia Duncani', the oldest modern Crocodile at the Outer Barcoo Interpretation Centre.

Learn how Isisford came to be with a visit to Whitman's Museum and historic town centre. Keep an eye out for the Outback's biggest Yellowbelly sculpture.

#### **Emmet**

Once a thriving town of thirty, Emmet was a water stop railway siding for the steam train. The town has long gone but the history remains with stories to be found in the railway and shop museum.

#### Yaraka

If you love stories about trains and the railway then pop into the End of the Line Museum.

Have you ever witnessed a view that left you absolutely gobsmacked? The 360° outlook from Mount Slowcombe is one of them. Join the daily sunset tour for awesome views of our beautiful landscape.

- ► Soak in the Artesian By this we mean water from the Great Artesian Basin at Ilfracombe's Artesian Spa.
- ► Delve into the Barcoo Oma Waterhole and the Barcoo Weir are favourite recreation spots for lovers of camping, fishing and most things water related.
- Leap into the Thomson River Entertainment – Heighten your sunset experience with a river cruise and authentic Outback entertainment. Choose to glide the waterway in old world style aboard a paddle wheeler before a traditional campfire dinner. Or relax with 360° views on the top deck of the catamaran, top it off with a two-course table service camp oven dinner.
- ► Stay a few nights in Yaraka! Whether it be a powered site at the caravan park or a room at the Yaraka Hotel, why not stay a few days to explore the area and meet the locals. Take a dip in the swimming pool with spectacular views of the surrounding mesas. The best thing about a stay here ... all the facilities are within a couple of steps from each other.

# WINTON REGION



# **DINOSAUR CAPITAL OF AUSTRALIA**

Winton; Corfield; Opalton; Middleton

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WINTON ..... Population: 1,134



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# 5 Things to See and Do

## 1. Australian Age of Dinosaurs

The AAOD Museum, located on The Jump-Up, is home to the largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils in the world and is Australia's first International Dark-Sky Sanctuary. The Ultimate Dinosaur tour includes a guided tour of the Fossil Preparation Laboratory, Collection Room and March of the Titanosaurs exhibition and a self-guided walk of Dinosaur Canyon. www.australianageofdinosaurs.com

# 2. The Royal Theatre Winton

Established in 1918, Australia's most iconic open-air theatre is one of only two of its kind still operating in Australia. The Royal Theatre on the main street of Winton operates seasonal programs, including screenings of current releases, classics of yesteryear, Australian movies and Nostalgia nights, reliving the history of the golden age of cinema. Discover the history of Australian cinema and its place within Winton's local culture at the theatre's museum. www.royaltheatrewinton.com.au

# 3. Waltzing Matilda Centre

If there is one song that lives in the hearts of all Australians, it is 'Waltzing Matilda'. The Waltzing Matilda Centre is the first museum in the world dedicated to a song, boasting state-of-the-art

interpretation telling the story of Waltzing Matilda, Winton and the Outback region. The museum opened in April 1998 and was devastatingly destroyed by fire in June 2015, before being rebuilt and re-opening in April 2018 ... it is the pride of Winton and Outback Queensland once more. The Centre is a landmark celebrating Winton's resilience and over the years has earned a place in the hearts of many Australians and visitors from around the world. www.matildacentre.com.au

# 4. Dinosaur Stampede

The dinosaur trackways at Dinosaur Stampede National Monument were formed 95 million years ago when Outback Queensland was a vastly different place. It's now home to the only known dinosaur stampede in the world. Over 3,300 footprints of these long-extinct dinosaurs are scattered over the rock face. www.dinosaurtrackways.com.au

# 5. Opalton, Home of Qld's Boulder Opal

Opalton is situated 123km from Winton. It is one of the largest opal fields in Queensland and is known for the quality of opal mined. It is believed that opal was first discovered by George Cragg, a stockman from Warrnambool Station, in 1888. Opalton was once a bustling township with more than 600 men working the opal field. Now the population has dwindled to approximately 25 today. www.qboa.com.au

- ► Arno's Wall is two metres high, runs for more than 70 metres and is studded with all things imaginable including the kitchen
- ► Bladensburg National Park Rugged ranges and mesa topped hills feature picturesque waterholes and spectacular
- Corfield & Fitzmaurice Heritage-listed building was once Winton's general store and is now a craft shop and museum highlighting the wool industry and general store heritage display.
- ► The Musical Fence Designed by percussionist and composer Graeme Leak, it is the first permanent musical fence installation in the world.
- Winton's Diamantina Heritage Truck & Machinery Museum is home to an evergrowing collection of vintage and heritage trucks and machinery, all in working order.

# **BLACKALL-TAMBO REGION**



**INCORPORATING THE TOWNS OF** 

Blackall; Tambo

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BLACKALL.....Population: 1,408

# BLACKALL VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

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TAMBO......Population: 283

# TAMBO VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

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# Top 5 Things to See and Do

# Blackall's Historical Woolscour

Discover history in action at the Blackall Woolscour, Australia's last remaining steam operated wool washing plant. Built in 1908, the Woolscour was deemed a state-of-the-art facility to prepare and wash raw woollen fleece by removing impurities from its fibres. The Woolscour is now a fully functioning Heritage-listed museum that provides a unique and authentic experience for visitors to the region. The Woolscour offers tours seasonally. www.blackallwoolscour.com.au

# Blackall Aquatic Centre and Spa

Need some rest and relaxation? Take some time from your travels to indulge in the therapeutic hot artesian waters of the Blackall Aquatic Centre. Set in beach style surrounds with quiet outdoor ambiance, the perfect place to unwind. Enjoy the spacious 20-seat spa, fed from the warm bubbling bore water and the 50m Olympic size pool. Call in for a refreshing dip – it's heaven after a day's driving.

# **August is Festival Time!**

Mark your calendars! From 17 – 20 August 2023 the Better In Blackall Festival will be combining the best that Blackall has to offer. This small community explodes into a four-day festival that showcases the spirit of our Outback town. Packed

with local grazing plates, sunset wine and food tastings, street parties, cultural displays, billycart races, BBQ cook-offs, live music and so much more! www.betterinblackall.com

#### Ben's Chicken Racing

Meet Ben the 'chook trainer' and his egg-citing 'ladies', enjoy a laugh, some fundraising, cold beer and good food on your next visit to Tambo. Every evening from April to October at 5pm the Royal Carrangarra Hotel plays host to Ben's Chicken Racing. You can join in on this hilarious fun ... if you bid high enough at the auction, you can own a brightly coloured chicken for the duration of the race – proceeds support charities such as the Royal Flying Doctor Service. www.chickenracing.com.au

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- Download the Blackall-Tambo Region App for your complete guide to our communities, events, attractions and local services.
- ► Take a selfie with The People's Sign Blackall's version of a Hollywood sign hailed a showstopper!
- A little-known piece of history that may come as a surprise to some, you can visit the first Qantas Crash Site while in Tambo.
- Take the tour at Ram Park Museum and visualise how the pioneers tried to tame the Outback. Various displays and antiques paint the story of Blackall's colourful past.
- Visit Jack Howe and learn about this legendary shearer. Just around the corner, you will also find the Black Stump, another historically significant landmark in our region.
- ► Stretch your legs along Tambo's Coolibah Walk or Blackall's Pathway to Health.
- Check out the latest exhibitions at Blackall's Bushman's Gallery or Tambo's Grasslands Gallery. There are plenty of 'alfresco artworks' to enjoy along our Sculpture Trail!

# **BARCALDINE REGION**



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Alpha; Jericho; Barcaldine; Aramac; Muttaburra

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BARCALDINE......Population: 2,865

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# Drive the Five

## 1. Alpha: Gateway to the West

Begin your journey through our region by exploring Alpha. There are 28 murals to discover throughout the town. Call into the Information Centre, located in the same precinct as the Beta Hut and Tivoli Theatre Museum. You can also wander through the Jane Neville Rolfe Art Gallery, Settlers Park and view the artwork of the Fossilised Forest and Scrap Metal Cattle Sculptures.

# 2. Jericho: On the banks of the Jordan

Jericho is a popular camping spot for travellers. Redbank Park is a great place to not only camp but to fish, birdwatch and bushwalk. If you time your adventure right, you can catch a double feature at the smallest operating drive-in theatre in the Southern Hemisphere.

Visit the Crystal Trumpeters, a structure created by local historians which tells the story of the battle of Jericho and also see the barbwire Trumpeter.

# 3. Barcaldine: Garden City of the West

Discovering Barcaldine starts with a wander down Oak Street to visit the award-winning Tree of Knowledge Memorial. The illuminated canopy is a highlight for a night time visit with the colours changing to different themes throughout the year.

The rich history of the region is on display at the Australian Workers Heritage Centre and the Barcaldine and District Historical Museum.

# 4. Aramac: Home of the World's Longest Sculpture Trail

Aramac is the gateway to the Lake Dunn Sculpture Trail. The trail is a 209 km journey with 40 creative scrap metal sculptures. Along the way, stop off at Lake Dunn, Gray Rock, Horsetailer's Gorge and the Healing Circle.

When you return to Aramac, learn about the infamous Harry Redford (Captain Starlight) and how a distinctive white bull was his undoing.

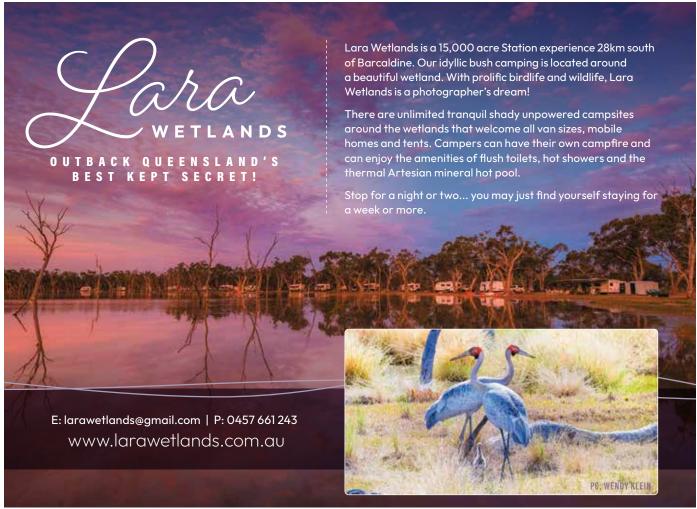
# 5. Muttaburra: Home of the Muttaburrasaurus Langdoni

Your first exciting experience in Muttaburra starts with a visit to the home of Queensland's Fossil Emblem, the Muttaburrasaurus Langdoni at the Muttaburrasaurus Interpretation Centre.

Step back in time and explore Muttaburra's history at the Dr Arratta Hospital and A.A. Cassimatis General Store and Cottage. Take a selfie at the geographical centre of Queensland sculpture and drive around Muttaburra to survey the locally made public artworks.

- Our towns each have their own street art.
   Do a mini art trail while you are visiting and see how many scrap metal sculptures and murals you can count.
- There are over 300 geocaches in our region and we challenge you to stay a while and find them all.
- There are a variety of camping options in our region: caravan parks, freedom parks, showground and on-farm camping.
- There is a miniature clay village that replicates the Jericho township at the Jericho Information Centre.
- Keep your eye out for the miniature
   Adorabulls in the streets of Aramac.
- ► Do a bit of noodling and fill your buckets with agates while visiting Muttaburra.
- Check out the history of one of Queensland's oldest towns at the Tramway Museum in Aramac, home of Aunt Emma.







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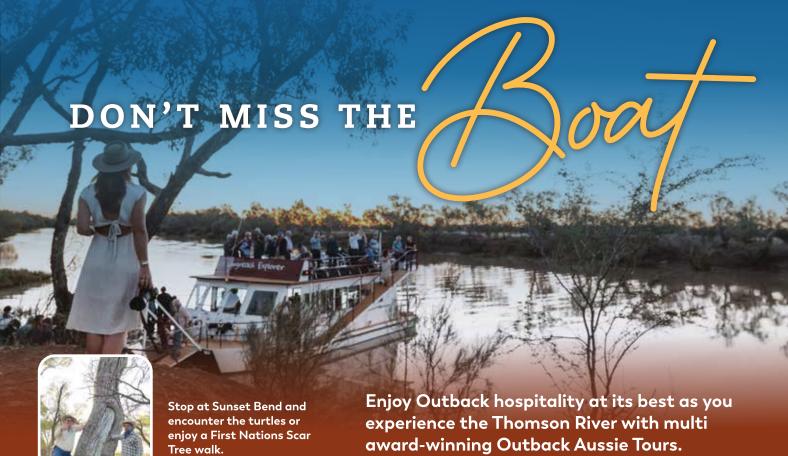


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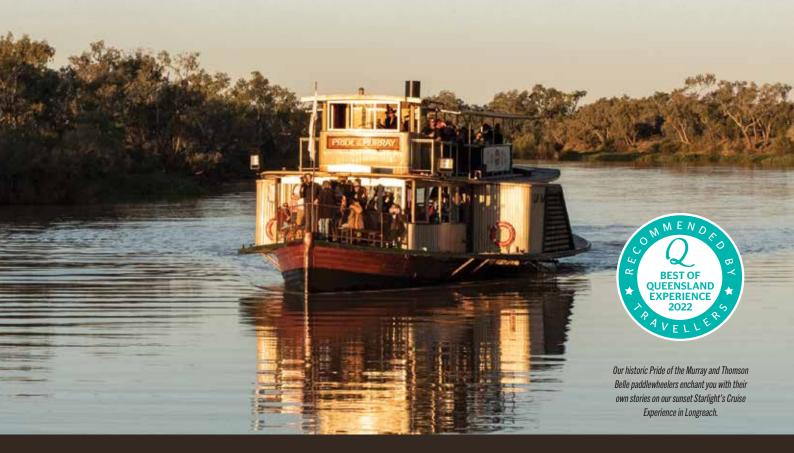


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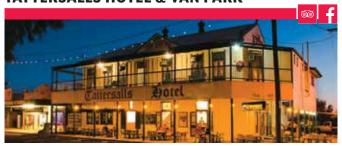


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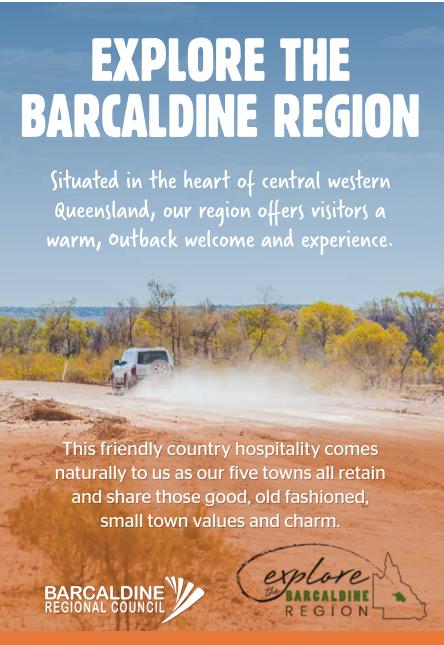
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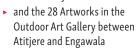
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ead west on The Overlanders Way, where just four hours' drive west of Townsville, Outback Queensland's North West region begins. Passing through Hughenden, Richmond, Julia Creek, Cloncurry to Mount Isa, this adventure is packed with dinosaur fossils, jaw-dropping scenery and mining history that will lead you deep underground. Take a detour to visit the spectacular Cobbold Gorge - with its 'must do' glass-bottom bridge.

Follow Australia's Dinosaur Trail through Hughenden and Richmond to discover a range of unique experiences not offered anywhere else in Australia: the Flinders Discovery Centre and 'Hughie' the lifesize replica of a Muttaburrasaurus in Hughenden, and Kronosaurus Korner in Richmond. While in Richmond cool off at Lake Fred Tritton.

In Cloncurry don't miss the John Flynn Place Museum, Cloncurry Unearthed Visitor Information Centre and Museum, Clem Walton Dam or Chinaman Creek Dam near Cloncurry. Relax at the Julia Creek Artesian Baths or see a live dunnart at At The Creek Visitor Information Centre.

Immerse yourself in ancient history at Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park, Adels Grove and the Riversleigh World Heritage Site with its 25-millionyear-old fossils. Outback at Isa and the Hard Times Underground Mine Tour is a must do in Mount Isa, along with the Underground Hospital and Museum.



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# 5 Things to See and Do

# Visit Outback at Isa

Book yourself in for a Hard Times Mine Tour and experience life in an underground mine, guided by an ex-Mount Isa miner. Whilst you're there don't forget to check out the Riversleigh Fossil Centre and available from February 2023 embark on a walk alongside an Indigenous heritage bush guide as you explore the beautiful Outback at Isa Native Botanical Garden right here in the heart of Mount Isa. Learn about traditional bush methods used to make tools, medicine and food firsthand.

This brand new 90 minute tour covers Aboriginal culture in the Mount Isa History Museum and adventuring through the park. The tour also includes 30 minutes behind the scenes at the local neighbouring fish hatchery.

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# Enjoy a historic tour of Mount Isa and Mary Kathleen Mine

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# **Underground WWII Hospital**

Built during WWII after the Darwin bombing, the Underground Hospital features a heritage-listed tent house in its original condition and is a must visit in Mount Isa. Run by volunteers, tours run daily in the dry season and you can even enjoy a cup of tea and biscuit before leaving. www.undergroundhospital.com.au

#### Lake Moondarra

Located 16km north of Mount Isa City, Lake Moondarra is an aquatic oasis in the desert. The main water source for Mount Isa and also the location for water sports, barramundi fishing and recreation, a BBQ out at the lake is a must when visiting Mount Isa. If you're out there at night don't forget to look up and soak in our Milky Way skies!

#### Get western at the Isa Rodeo!

Held the second weekend in August each year, the Mount Isa Mines Rodeo is the largest rodeo in the Southern Hemisphere and the highlight on the social calendar for tourists and locals alike. Rodeo brings the city to life with the CBD closed for the Isa Street Festival on the Wednesday night, Mailman Races and time trials held Thursday night with rodeo kicking off Friday to Sunday. You can't come out west and not attend the Isa Rodeo! www.isarodeo.com.au

# **100 YEARS CELEBRATIONS**

- ► Mount Isa Day February 23, 2023 -Family Fun Precinct
- ► Mount Isa 100 Year Reunion Dinner and Ball - May 6, 2023 - Mount Isa Mines **Entertainment Centre**
- North West MPX May 10-11, 2023 -Mount Isa Civic Centre
- Outback Queensland Golf Masters (Mount Isa) - July 21-23, 2023 -Mount Isa Golf Club
- Mount Isa Street Festival 100 Years Celebrations - August 9, 2023 -Mount Isa CRD
- ► Mount Isa Mines Rodeo 100 Years Celebrations - August 11-13, 2023 -Buchanan Park
- Drovers Camp Festival August 25, 2023 Camooweal Drovers Camp

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# *Julia Creek – more than just the 'Gateway to the Gulf'*

The major centre of McKinlay Shire, Julia Creek, is ideally situated on the Overlanders Way (Flinders Highway) which spans the Outback from Mount Isa to the coastal city of Townsville. The Shire is connected by a fully-sealed network of roads connecting McKinlay – with the Walkabout Creek Hotel made famous by *Crocodile Dundee* and the annual McKinlay Races; Kynuna which was put on the map by Banjo Paterson with the penning of *Waltzing Matilda* and the shearers' strike at Dagworth Station and of course, the famous Blue Heeler Hotel and then we have a small, quaint town of Nelia with a beautiful brolga sculpture.

## At the Creek

Learn about the lifestyle and history of the area at the Visitor Information Centre known as 'At the Creek'. Never heard of a dunnart? Meet these cute but feisty creatures at the daily Feeding Shows. Never been mustering in helicopter? Why not try the virtual reality helicopter mustering experience. Don a VR headset and immerse yourself into a station muster featuring horses, cattle, choppers and motorbikes.

# **RV** Friendly

Julia Creek offers a 96 hour stay for RVs and fully self-contained caravans. Although free, a permit is required from the Camp Hosts during high season (April to September) or from the Visitor Information

Centre during low season. An idyllic spot where you can set up beside the creek, enjoy the breeze, birds and sunsets. Once your 96 hours is up, book in and power up at the Julia Creek Caravan Park.

# Julia Creek Caravan Park

Ample powered drive through sites, powered van sites, unpowered grass sites and large grassed areas for camping. There are also self-contained airconditioned cabins and twin single units all at very competitive rates. A few steps from the Caravan Park are the Swimming Pool and Water Park (free entry for Caravan Park guests), Tennis Courts and Dog Off Leash area.

# Artesian Bath Experience

The absolute jewel in the crown is the highly lauded Artesian Bath experience at the Julia Creek Caravan Park. There are six artesian bath houses; each containing two clawfoot bath tubs and other salubrious trimmings. Enjoy the stunning Outback vistas whilst taking a soak in the million-year-old water from the Great Artesian Basin. A cheese platter, pamper pack and your favourite tipple put the finishing touches on this award-winning experience. Bookings are essential (07 4746 7108). From June to September, join in the award-winning Bush Dinner nights at the Caravan Park each Monday night, where you can enjoy the warmth of a campfire and hear a local yarn or two.

- ➤ Did you know that the roads from Kynuna to Julia Creek and onto Burke and Wills Junction are all fully sealed? We call this route the 'Barra Express'. Everything you need is available in Julia Creek food, fuel, gas, clothing, camping and fishing supplies plus much, much more.
- ➤ Enjoy a day trip from Julia Creek taking in the local sights in nearby towns, rich in so much history. The only thing more Australian than having a beer in the original bar set of Crocodile Dundee at McKinlay's Walkabout Creek Hotel would be writing your name upon the wall in the Blue Heeler Hotel at Kynuna where the striking shearers brokered a truce. Both 'swagman' and 'squatter' sank their last drinks at the bar. 'Stranger, go in peace from here as a friend' Waltzing Matilda.
- Bookings are essential for the Julia Creek Caravan Park Artesian Bath experience.
   Please call (07) 4746 7108.
- Book the Julia Creek Caravan Park online at www.atthecreek.com.au

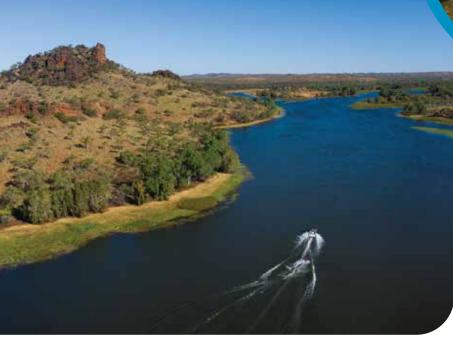
# **CLONCURRY SHIRE**



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CLONCURRY...... Population: 3,705



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# Discover the Highlights of Cloncurry

## Helping a Mate

Cloncurry was the birthplace of the Royal Flying Doctor Service in 1928. Visit the John Flynn Place Museum which commemorates the inspiring work of Reverend John Flynn, taking you on a journey following in Flynn's footsteps from the birth of what became the legacy of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Flynn's vision took him on a lifelong adventure connecting him with the likes of innovators such as Alfred Traeger, who 'gave voice to the Outback' with his pedal radios, veteran pilots, nurses and everyday heroes living in the most remote conditions.

#### **Oasis in the Outback**

Chinaman Creek Dam is truly an oasis in the Outback and only a five minute drive from the Cloncurry town centre. The dam is a great spot for a picnic, swim, kayak, paddleboard, water ski and fish. You might just be lucky enough to catch a metre barra. A must stop when visiting Cloncurry with the newly upgraded recreation area which includes a playground, picnic area, amenities, boat ramp and swim area.

# **Unearth Cloncurry's Rich History**

Explore the history of the North West at Cloncurry Unearthed Visitor Information Centre and Museum. Get up close and personal with memorabilia from the Mary Kathleen Uranium Mine, Robert O'Hara

Burke's water bottle, as well as one of Australia's most comprehensive gem and mineral collections. Cloncurry Unearthed also boasts Aboriginal artefacts and the breastplate once worn by George, King of Friezland. Grab a cool drink, coffee or ice cream and explore the Mary Kathleen Parklands and outdoor machinery display.

# **Abandoned Mining Town**

See the ruins of the once thriving Mary Kathleen Township. Once a bustling home to almost 1000 residents, today it is a spooky ghost town. The remains of the roadway, slabs of the houses, and garden areas give a feel for what the township was like before it finally closed down. Located 68km west of Cloncurry the township is easily accessible however to get that amazing aqua blue photo of what once was the open cut mine, you'll need a 4WD.

# **Beginnings of Qantas**

Cloncurry is proud to be involved with the beginnings of Australia's famous national airline Qantas. History says that Qantas was conceived in Cloncurry, born in Winton and grew up in Longreach. Cloncurry was the destination of the first Qantas passenger flight. An original Qantas hangar is still in use at the Cloncurry Regional Airport. Visitors can see the outside and read the information boards along the hangar.

- ► Camp Under the Stars Head out to Clem Walton Park/Corella Dam where you can forget about the rat race and lose yourself in the Aussie bush. Camp under the stars and enjoy the peace and quiet while trying your hand at fishing, enjoying a swim in the dam or having a BBQ with friends and
- ► Waterpark and Swimming Pool If you are visiting Cloncurry during the warmer months the waterpark and swimming pool are must do for families.
- ► Fossicking Cloncurry is a fossicker's dream with a variety of minerals and gemstones that can be found in the Cloncurry surrounds. Remember to get a fossicker's licence before you set off. Visit Cloncurry Unearthed for more information.
- ► Events Soak up the atmosphere at one of Cloncurry's famous festivals and events from the Beat the Heat Festival, Curry Merry Muster Festival, Cloncurry Stockman's Challenge, Cloncurry Show and so much more. For event details visit experiencecloncurry.com

# **RICHMOND SHIRE**



INCORPORATING THE TOWNS OF

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...Population: 648



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# 5 Things to See and Do

#### Kronosaurus Korner

Step back in time to when half of Australia was under water and meet the carnivorous creatures that dominated life below the surface. The great inland sea, which covered the Richmond landscape 110 million years ago, has left behind an intriguing story of marine creatures from the Cretaceous period of earth's evolution. Our self-paced experience allows guests to step back in time and watch our prehistoric past come back to life.

# Cambridge Downs Heritage Display Centre

Built from local flagstone rock the Cambridge Downs Heritage Display Centre is a replica of the original Cambridge Downs Homestead built in the late 1860s, housing a small collection of historical displays relating to farming and gold mining in the region. The replica homestead provides a place for the display of local records and artefacts. It is hoped that the Centre will grow as residents, both past and present, offer other exhibits.

# **Lake Fred Tritton**

Lake Fred Tritton has a relaxed, yet energetic vibe and is bursting with activities to excite the whole family. It is perfect for swimming, skiing, canoeing and the playgrounds and water park will

keep the kids entertained for hours. Whether you are walking the dog or taking the kids out for a ride on their bikes or scooters, the walking path is the perfect place for a stroll. For the fishing enthusiasts, the Lake is stocked with 18 species of fish, so it's a great spot to cast a line from the jetty or launch your tinnie from the boat ramp. Pack a picnic or even a 'snag' to sizzle on the free BBQs and enjoy a picturesque Outback sunset. Camping is strictly prohibited at Lake Fred Tritton.

# **Fossil Hunting Sites**

Get your hands dirty and look for your own prehistoric souvenirs at one of the area's two designated fossicking areas just 12km from town. While you probably can't expect to find a complete skeletal structure, the chances are good that you'll uncover the fossil of a small fish or marine reptile, a tooth or squid. A permit and specimen guide can be purchased at Kronosaurus Korner before you head out and anything you find you can take back to Kronosaurus Korner and the team will help you identify your find.

# **Richmond Bush Sprints**

The Richmond Bush Races has become an annual event from 2016 and is part of an expanding Bush Racing circuit – next race August.

- ► The best steak in Queensland You haven't tasted steak until you taste Moselle Meats' home grown steak. Processed just minutes from the paddock and aged to perfection. A juicy, mouthwatering culinary experience awaits you.
- Visit the Lillyman family at the Federal Palace Hotel where you will find cold beer, good food and great people!
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  - 2. Gaming Room
  - 3. Restaurant
  - 4. TAB
- ➤ The Mayor and his Mare The 'found' sculpture is constructed of pieces of metal and machinery that have been donated by local individuals, families, businesses and properties, and reflects the history and heritage of the Richmond Shire.

# **FLINDERS SHIRE**



# INCORPORATING THE TOWNS OF

Torrens Creek; Prairie; Hughenden; Stamford

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FLINDERS SHIRE...... Population: 1,395

# FLINDERS DISCOVERY CENTRE

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# Outback Towns, Endless Horizons

# Day 1

MORNING - Flinders Discovery Centre is a great place to start your tour of the region. The fabulous local staff can let you know of any local events happening and assist with tailoring your itinerary and book local tours. Learn about the making of ancient landscapes and the dinosaurs that roamed the area. The museum also holds the stories of local industries, characters and the night sky. The centre has a café, open seven days a week during tourism season.

AFTERNOON – Try your hand at discovering your own fossil at one of the local fossick sites. You don't need a permit, just some water, basic tools and patience. If digging is not your scene, try fossicking through the main street where you will find locally-crafted and outback-inspired goods.

**EVENING** - Relax at the end of a busy day by taking in the outback sunset skies at Mt Walker. You can self-drive or take a Sunset Tour with a Ploughman's Platter provided.

#### Day 2

MORNING – Porcupine Gorge is one of the best kept secrets in Outback Queensland. Five hundred years in the making and half a day to explore. You can hike to the bottom for a swim, or for the ultimate

experience, take a flying tour over Porcupine Gorge and White Mountains with Fox Helicopter Tours.

AFTERNOON – Take a town tour, which explores local industries, history and the town's Art Trail. The Art Trail is marked on the visitor's map and encompasses murals and sculptures.

**EVENING** – Head to one of the local pubs for a round of pool, a cold drink and a great locally grown steak.

# Day 3

MORNING - Head east of Hughenden to Kooroorinya Nature Reserve (approx. 1 hour drive) where you can relax by the gorge and drop in a fishing line. This spot is pet friendly and has great camping facilities as well. The Reserve has a great history with the site coming to life every May for the Kooroorinya Picnic Races which have been running for 106 years.

AFTERNOON - Drop in at Prairie Pub, on your way back to Hughenden. Full of curios and antiquities, the publicans are always up for a yarn and Buffy the buffalo is always up for a slice of bread.

**EVENING** – Grab some takeaways and head to the eastern dock on the Hughenden Recreational Lake where you can take in the wonderful birdlife and sunset over the water.

- ► Hughenden Recreational Lake is ideal for swimming, watercraft, birdwatching and fishing. There are free BBQ shelters and walkways which are wheelchair accessible.
- ► Torrens Creek Exchange Hotel is the best road stop between Charters Towers and Hughenden. Great pub meals with hotel walls just waiting for you to leave your mark.
- White Mountains National Park turns to shades of yellow, red and purple late July as the wildflowers and wattles all come into flower. They can be viewed from within the park, by air or the side of the highway.
- ➤ Tourist Drives are a great way to see the region. The Shire has three biways which all offer unique landscapes from basalt ridges, beautiful valleys, open downs and plateau viewing points.
- The Golden Lab is a funky little retro van offering some of the best coffee and homemade cakes in town. Located on Richmond Hill Road just beside Hughenden Freight.



# EVENTS IN 2023

**MOUNT ISA DAY** February 23

**MOUNT ISA 100 YEARS GALA DINNER** - May 6 **ROAD TO RODEO MOUNT ISA** - May 7

**NORTH WEST MPX** May 10 - 11

**MOUNT ISA SHOW OF MOUNT ISA CITY** 

**ISA STREET FESTIVAL** August 9

**MOUNT ISA MINES RODEO CELEBRATING 100 YEARS** OF MOUNT ISA CITY

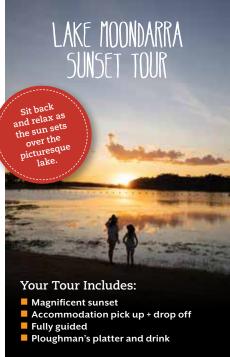
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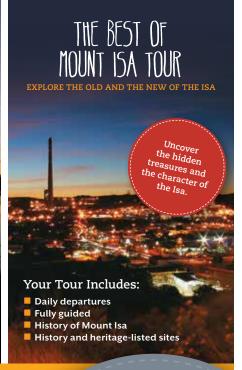
**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS** June 23 - 24















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#### TOURS

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Opens at 9.00am daily. Closing hours may vary by season. (Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Anzac Day)

# Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre & Hatchery Karumba Visitor Information Centre

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# **JULIA CREEK - 96HR RV FRIENDLY AREA**



Suitable for self-contained RVs and Caravans (must have a toilet and shower on board), this FREE camping area adjacent to Julia Creek is an ideal spot to observe the wildlife or to wet the line. Cruiser bikes so you can pedal up town, water and picnic tables are all provided free of charge. On Monday nights from June to September the iconic Julia Creek Caravan Park Bush Dinners are held – all welcome! Permits obtained from the Julia Creek Visitor Information Centre or Volunteer Camp Hosts on site. If you wish to be an RV Camp Host Volunteer in 2023, please contact the award-winning Julia Creek Visitor Information Centre – the centre was crowned the best in Oueensland in 2019.

Contact 'At the Creek' Visitor Information Centre for directions P 07 4746 7690 E tourism@mckinlay.qld.gov.au atthecreek.com.au





At the centre of five crossroads, if you are heading to the outback, you are bound to drive through Hughenden. Pull up the handbrake and stay a while as this little town has plenty on offer.

Flinders Discovery Centre should be your first stop to meet the friendly locals who can create an itinerary to suit your interests.

Ancient landscapes, dinosaurs and fossils are one of the region's drawcards, and there are several ways to explore these assets. Fossick for fossils, take a helicopter tour over the grandeurs of the White Mountains, trek down into the 500 million year old Porcupine Gorge and explore the three scenic tourist drives.

Town has plenty on offer as well, with an art trail, guided tours, over 15 km of walking and biking trails and a recreational lake purpose built for swimming, fishing and watercraft.

The region has a full events calendar so be sure to view our website and time your stay to join in the merriment of outback life.









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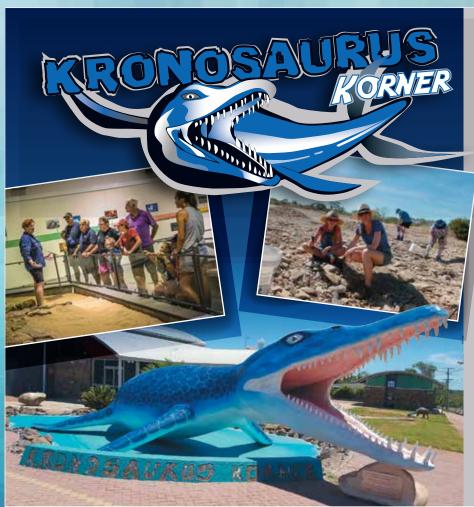


## THE DROVER'S CAMP CAMOOWEAL

Droving Heritage Centre (gift shop | coach tours welcome); Opens daily – May to Sept 9am – 3pm.

- Guided Tours available May to Aug 9.30am, 11.30am & 1.30pm – wheelchair friendly (Off season entry avail – phone prior to arrival)
- ▶ Bush Camping available \$20/night
- ► Drover's Camp Festival 4th weekend in August Barkly Hwy, 1km East of Camooweal P 07 4748 2022 E info@droverscamp.com.au droverscamp.com.au





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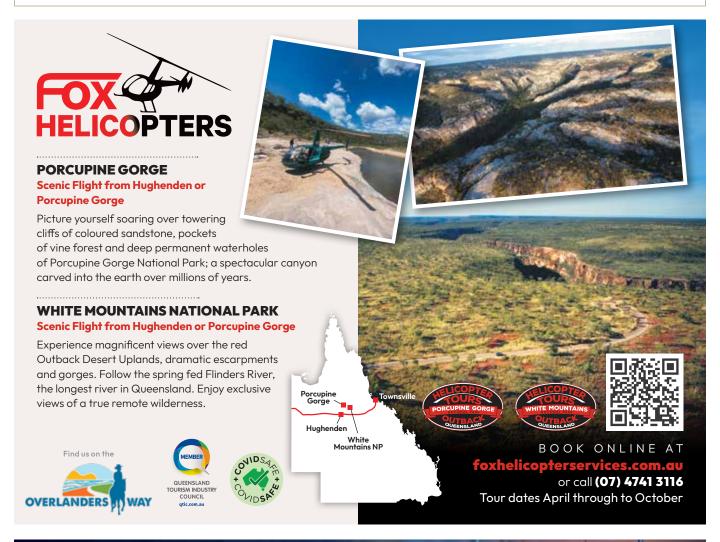


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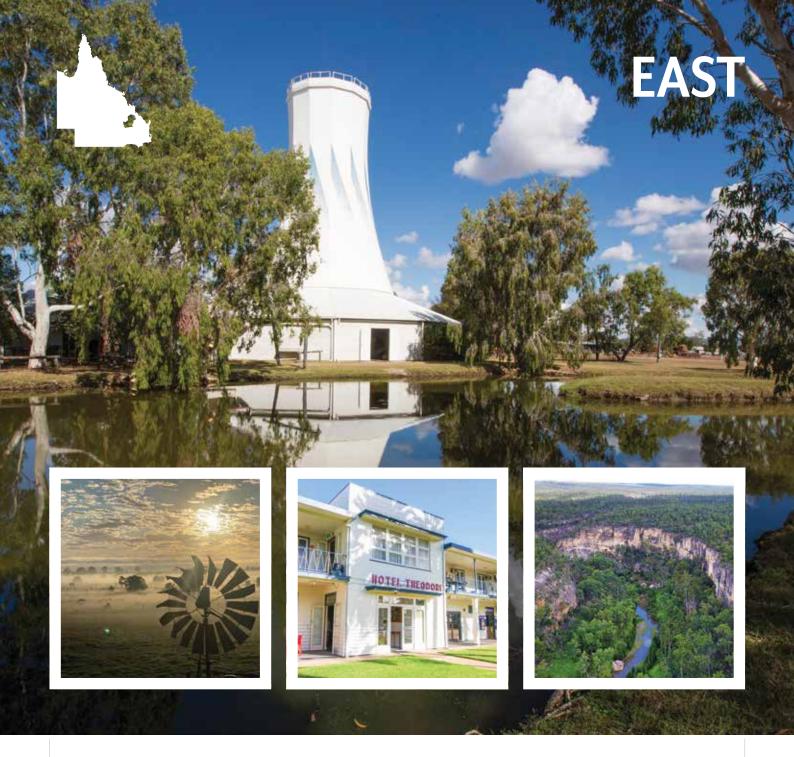
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he easternmost part of Outback Queensland is simply gorge-ous!

The Sandstone Wonders region includes Lake Murphy, Kroombit Tops and Mt. Scoria Conservation Parks, along with Isla and Nathan Gorge, and Expedition National Park popular for camping and 4WD adventures.

Bring your fishing rod because the fish are always biting here, whether you're casting off at the Dawson River or Lake Callide. The region is famous for gold mining in years gone past. Cracow, where the gold mine still operates, has a Mining Heritage Centre; and quaint historical villages and museums can be discovered throughout the area.

Biloela provides the perfect base for your eastern adventure, rich with history which you can discover at Queensland Heritage Park and Spirit of the Land Mural.

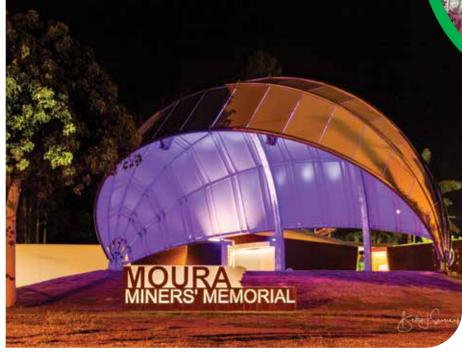
Spend a few hours exploring Outback Queensland's past - there's restored churches, railway station buildings, machinery, interactive displays, photographs, family histories and a theatre room that showcases the region's rich heritage in agriculture, exploration, mining and the pioneering spirit of Australia.



# **BANANA SHIRE**

Banana; Baralaba; Biloela; Cracow; Dululu; Goovigen; Jambin; Moura; Taroom; Thangool; Theodore; Wowan

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# Step Back in Time and Discover our History

# Biloela

QUEENSLAND HERITAGE PARK Get lost in the showcase of snapshots of the past, the scene set of times past such as a blacksmith shop, the dairy industry, canvas tents being makeshift homes, the farming life, and the men and women who typically lived back then – all set with murals as the backdrop, creating a unique and authentic experience.

# BANANA SHIRE REGIONAL ART GALLERY

As the only art gallery in the Banana Shire, the Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery offers an incredible showcase of local artists and touring exhibitions. Its collection covers a variety of mediums including Pottery, Prints, Etchings, Oils, Watercolour and Fibre and is representative of a mix of genres by not only past and present local artists but also national artists, such as Pro Hart, Lionel and Norman Lindsay, John Shirlow and Ron McBurnie. The collection is varied and promises delight to any art lover.

#### **Taroom**

# TAROOM MUSEUM AND THE STAR OF

TAROOM Visit the Taroom Museum and follow in the footsteps of explorer Ludwig Leichhardt in the rich farming land around the Dawson River in 1844. Discover The Star of Taroom, an ancient groove stone, a tool sharpener used by Iman

people as a waypoint directing people towards food sources and a boundary marker of traditional country. Hear the story of the return of the stone and its journey of healing and reconciliation.

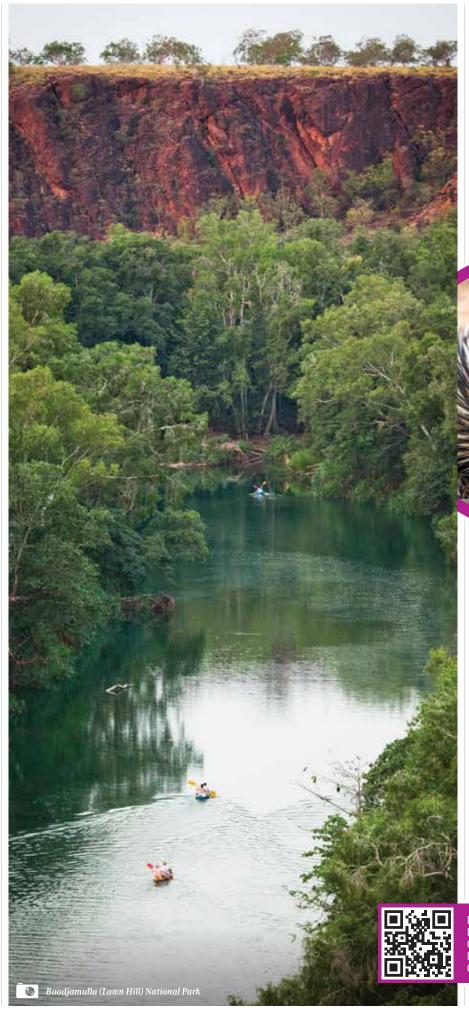
# Moura

MOURA MINERS MUSEUM Experience entering a mine shaft that leads to a spectacular domed roof that represents terrace mining. Pay tribute to the brave miners that have died during the building of the mine and whose names line the walls of the memorial.

#### **Theodore**

DAWSON FOLK MUSEUM Beyond the great divide, Theodore must be one of the most lush looking villages. It has the look of a coastal resort, being 140 metres above sea level and 559 kilometres from Brisbane via the Warrego and Leichhardt Highways. On the corner of Second Avenue and Western Lane is Theodore's Dawson Folk Museum. Housed in an old powerhouse, the museum is a must do for history buffs. Step back in time with a huge collection of regional relics, including an ancient telephone exchange and photographs depicting the town's early past. The history of early station families, Aboriginal items, and farm machinery are among the exhibits.

- ► Pubs Biloela, Theodore, Moura, Taroom, Cracow, Baralaba and Wowan each have watering holes where you can get to know locals and enjoy a palmy and schooner of your favourite beer.
- Totally Gorge-ous Sandstone Wonders -Named because of the magnificent rock formations and sandstone vistas within our three national parks - Kroombit Tops, Isla Gorge and Expedition.
- ► Outback Fishing With so many wellstocked rivers, creeks and lakes, fishing enthusiasts come from all over Queensland for the great fishing on offer in these parts. Fishing the rivers and lakes of the Shire isn't just about the beauties you bring up from the bottom – the catches of fat, freshwater Barra, Saratoga, Cod and Yellowbelly, it's also the thrill of the chase.
- ► **Self-Driving Podcast Tour** Hear the stories of the Banana Shire's Sandstone Wonders with the Storytowns self-driving podcast tour. Geo-located, you can download the App via the Apple or Play Store (Android) on your phone and let the tour begin!



# EXPLORE OUR NATURAL WONDERS

# WATERHOLES AND GORGES

Echidna

Outback Queensland may look dry and rugged, yet across this contrasting landscape is a vast network of rivers, lakes, waterholes and waterfalls to explore.

Highlights include Combo Waterhole, the largest in a string of waterholes along the Diamantina River and thought to be the inspiration for Banjo Paterson's 'Waltzing Matilda'. The Birdsville Billabong is a favourite among locals, visitors, kayakers, swimmers and avid birdwatchers.

For stunning waterfalls, witness the lush Indarri Falls cascading down to Duwadarri Waterhole on Lawn Hill Creek in Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park or relax by a tranquil oasis at Adels Grove.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT EXPLORING THE OUTDOORS IN OUTBACK QUEENSLAND PLEASE POP INTO A LOCAL VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE.

OUTBACK ADVENTURES

Outback Queensland Traveller's Guide 2023



# **FISHING**

Year-round warm weather and freshwater lakes, underground springs, beautiful winding rivers and immense gorges make fishing an excellent Outback Queensland activity. Check out waterside campsites for idyllic fishing spots and maybe try your luck in one of the region's annual competitions.

# **KEY SPOTS TO FISH**

**DAWSON RIVER** Southern Saratoga, Barramundi, Cod, Black Bream, Eels and Banded Grunter

WARREGO RIVER, BAKERS BEND AND DILLALAH Cod, Spangled Perch, Yellowbelly, Jewfish and Black Bream

LAKE MOONDARRA, MOUNT ISA Archerfish, Barramundi, Catfish, Sleepy Cod, Sooty Grunter and Longtom

MOONIE RIVER, NINDIGULLY Yellowbelly and Murray Cod

THOMSON RIVER NEAR LONGREACH Yellowbelly

LAKE JULIUS, MOUNT ISA Sooty Grunter

NORMANTON, KARUMBA Barramundi

COOPER CREEK, BARCOO RIVER Barcoo Grunter

COOPER CREEK, NEAR WINDORAH Yellowbelly

ADELS GROVE, LAWN HILL GORGE Barramundi, Bream, Grunter, Perch, Cod and Catfish

PUNCH BOWL, JULIA CREEK Cod

LAKE CALLIDE, NEAR BILOELA Barramundi, Saratoga, Cod, Golden Perch and Redclaw Crayfish

FIVE MILE WATERHOLE, NEAR BLACKALL Yellowbelly
PAROO RIVER, NEAR HUNGERFORD Yellowbelly and Catfish
BULLOO RIVER, NEAR THARGOMINDAH Yellowbelly
and Yabbies

# **WILDFLOWERS**

Photographers, get your cameras ready – the Outback puts on a native wildflower show like no other, especially just after rain. From dainty desert wildflowers to showy Eremophilas, glorious Wattles and native Mulla Mulla, Outback Queensland is home to some of Australia's

rarest and most stunning flora. Wildflowers are found across the Outback, with popular spots around Thargomindah, Quilpie and the Far West region. Other key places are:



► Thrushton National Park (via Bollon)

► Botanic Walkway, Longreach

Wildflowers on the outskirts of Winton



# **BIRDWATCHING**

Nomadic woodland Bustards, elegant Brolgas dancing in courtship and Wedge Tail Eagles soaring high on thermals – the Outback is teeming with native and migratory birds so there's fantastic birdwatching opportunities all year-round.

# THE OUTBACK'S BEST BIRDS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

BROLGA around Longreach, Winton and Boulia

**EMU** many places, but particularly around Yaraka

THE GREY FALCON Cunnamulla

RAINBOW BEE-EATER Combo Waterhole Conservation Park near Kynuna

PURPLE-CROWNED FAIRY-WREN Boodjamulla National Park

HALL'S BABBLER around Longreach, Idalia National Park, Cunnamulla

**BOURKE'S PARROT** Eulo Bore

PAINTED HONEYEATER dry open forests and woodlands across Outback Queensland

FRECKLED DUCK swamps created by floods in Bulloo and Lake Eyre Basins

CRESTED BELLBIRD across the Outback Queensland interior

MAJOR MITCHELL'S COCKATOO Balonne Shire

NIGHT PARROT location is a mystery - but let us know if you find one!

# Clem Walton Dam, near Cloncurry

# **HIKING AND BUSHWALKING**

In Outback Queensland there's no shortage of incredible landscapes to explore on foot. Here's a selection of our 'top spots' for bushwalking, hiking and trekking:

COBBOLD GORGE, VIA FORSAYTH: The escarpment trail is peppered with native plants like the 'Soap Tree' Acacia and Gidgee and offers spectacular views at its peak. If you prefer canoeing or stand-up paddleboarding, then the gorge is an ideal spot.

CURRAWINYA NATIONAL PARK, VIA CUNNAMULLA: This internationally recognised wetland is one of Australia's most important inland waterbird habitats and a must for birdwatchers! Short walks to The Granites and Budjiti Lookout walks are a great way to see some of the park's unique features.

**PORCUPINE GORGE NATIONAL PARK, VIA HUGHENDEN:** Try the beautiful bushwalks along the Pyramid Track or Pyramid Lookout Track to see sandstone gorges, valleys and incredible views over the park.

CARNARVON GORGE SECTION - CARNARVON NATIONAL PARK, VIA INJUNE: Hike through a contrasting landscape of rainforest, towering sandstone gorges, Aboriginal rock art and diverse native flora and fauna. Book in advance for a Guided Tour.

BICENTENNIAL NATIONAL TRAIL / KROOMBIT TOPS NATIONAL PARK, VIA BILOELA: The Australian Bicentennial National Trail traverses Kroombit Tops National Park with designated campsites along the way. A large section of the trail is only open to hikers, non-motorised vehicles and horses.

RIVERSLEIGH WORLD HERITAGE SITE, BOODJAMULLA (LAWN HILL)

NATIONAL PARK, VIA GREGORY: Take a step back to the time when Australia was part of the ancient supercontinent of Gondwana. The Riversleigh Fossil Trail is located at one of the world's most significant fossil deposits, with abundant wildlife and cultural sights to see.

*Note:* Several tour companies offer guided and escorted walks and treks in Outback Queensland, including local tour operator Trek West.

Cooking damper over coals

# **CAMPING**

Camping is super fun in Outback Queensland and it's an affordable way for families to enjoy a memorable Outback adventure. Many camping areas have creeks, rockpools and waterholes for swimming and bushwalking tracks to explore, so there's plenty to keep everyone occupied.

Some Outback farmstay properties also have camping options, including Charlotte Plains near Cunnamulla with their popular outdoor baths and family activities, and The Lake near Quilpie, located next to a large and very picturesque lake.

In addition, there are over 35 national and conservation parks in Outback Queensland – check out the National Parks section on the following pages for details.





CLONCURRY REGION Amethystine quartz, amethyst, alluvial gold, garnets and Maltese cross

RICHMOND REGION
Ancient marine fossils

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FLINDERS FOSSICKING FIELD HUGHENDEN

OPALTON FIELD NEAR WINTON Opal and ironstone

FIELD Fossils, moonstone, peridot

YARAKA Opals

> QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL FOSSICKING AREA, QUILPIE Opals

Opals ('Yowah nuts')

# **GEM HUNTING**

# Family Fossicking fun!

ossicking for gemstones is one of the most fun and exciting activities for families to do in Outback Queensland. Not only will you experience iconic towns and amazing scenery along the way, you'll have great fun looking for a gemstone souvenir to take home too. Here are some top spots to fossick across the Outback.

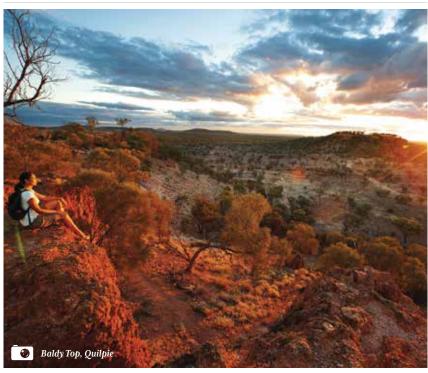
The ideal time for fossicking is April to September to avoid high temperatures and potential rainfall. In most areas you'll need to buy a Fossicking Licence and be sure to check the rules about tools and digging along with maps to make sure you aren't on someone else's claim.



# **TAKE IN THE VIEWS**

Top lookout spots to get the best view (and the best photos!) in Outback Queensland:

- ► Big Red (sand dune), Simpson Desert, via Birdsville
- ► Starlight's Lookout, Longreach
- ► Boolimba Bluff, Carnarvon Creek
- Dinosaur Canyon, Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum, Winton
- ► Baldy Top, Quilpie
- ► The Globe Tourist Lookout, Barcaldine
- ► Mount Slowcombe Lookout, Yaraka



# **NATIONAL PARKS**



# TRAVEL SAFELY

- Many parks in Outback Queensland are very remote, with minimum services and no facilities. You need to be experienced in remote area travel and self-sufficient with food, water and fuel. Plan ahead; camping permits and fees must be paid in advance. Check Park Alerts for park access, closures and conditions.
- For important safety tips visit: www.parks.des.qld.gov.au/experiences/ safety\_in\_parks\_and\_forests.html
- Connect with Queensland National Parks:



qld.gov.au/NationalParks



qld.gov.au/Camping



qld.gov.au/ParkAlerts



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# **Bladensburg National Park**







In Mitchell Grass Downs and Channel Country, vast

grassland plains surround impressive flat-topped

variety of wildlife and glimpse the rich Aboriginal

company. Access is from Winton via the Winton-

Jundah Road and the Route of the River Gum.

DON'T MISS: Drive the 72km return 'Route

of the River Gum' to discover many places of

A spectacular gorge, with orange cliffs over

emerald-green waters, is an oasis within the

arid landscape of the Barkly Tablelands and Gulf

Homestead, now an information centre.

Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill)

**National Park** 

interest including waterholes along mostly-dry

Surprise Creek. Explore the restored Bladensburg

plateaus and sandstone ranges. See an amazing

heritage and pastoral history of Bladensburg. Bush camp at Bough Shed Hole, where wallaroos, red kangaroos and prolific birdlife will keep you







rock art and stone engravings. Canoe through the peaceful gorge and spot for wildlife. Discover ancient fossils of mammals, giant birds and crocs on the Riversleigh Fossil trail.

# Carnarvon National Park -**Carnarvon Gorge Section**











Discover towering sandstone cliffs, gorges, ancient culture and diverse nature. Camp in the visitor area during Easter; June to July; and September to October Queensland school holidays, or bush camp at Big Bend year-round. Explore on foot to appreciate this rugged wilderness. Access is from Injune and Rolleston via the Carnarvon Highway and the sealed 45km Carnarvon Gorge Road.

DON'T MISS: Explore hidden gorges and timeless Aboriginal rock art - the Art Gallery has over 2,000 engravings, ochre stencils and paintings along its 62m-long walls. Enjoy elevated views on the 6.4km return Boolimba Bluff walk.

# Carnarvon National Park -Ka Ka Mundi Section





Over 30km of remote sandstone escarpments and plateaus dominate the skyline in this remote section of the park. Old cattle yards are reminders of early European settlers. Bush camp at Bunbuncundoo Springs sheltered by overhanging sandstone cliffs. Access is from Springsure via the

Dawson Development Road, Buckland Road and signed tracks through Yandaburra. 4WD vehicles are recommended.

DON'T MISS: Visit the springs and spot a myriad of wildlife attracted to the water, including king parrots, wompoo fruit-doves and swamp wallabies. View Mount Mooloolong's imposing sandstone spire or Mount Ka Ka Mundi, a remnant of volcanic basalt.

# Carnarvon National Park -**Mount Moffatt Section**











Enjoy spectacular views from Queensland's highest plateau and culturally significant Aboriginal rock art sites. Camp near the Maranoa River, or at the Rotary Shelter Shed for views, or in shaded woodland near Marlong Creek. Access is from Mitchell or Injune via Womblebank Station. High-clearance 4WD vehicles are recommended. Allow three hours' travel time from either town.

DON'T MISS: Cultural sites and rock formations. such as Cathedral Rock and The Tombs, on the lower sandstone slopes, and a basalt-crested plateau for magnificent views.

# Carnarvon National Park -Salvator Rosa Section









The park's western-most section features crystal clear springs flowing into Louisa Creek and the Nogoa River beneath sandstone crags and spires.

# Savannah Plains. At Riversleigh World Heritage Site, 25-million-year-old fossils reveal our prehistoric past. Bush camp in Lawn Hill Gorge or on the banks of Gregory River. Access is from Mount Isa via the Overlanders Way and Camooweal-Gregory Downs Road. 4WD vehicles are required.

DON'T MISS: Learn about Waanyi Aboriginal culture at Wild Dog Dreaming and view ancient Bush camp on the broad sandbank of the Nogoa River. Access is from Springsure via the Dawson Developmental Road and from Tambo via the Wilderness Way loop. 4WD vehicles are required.

DON'T MISS: Birdwatch and admire wildflower displays in spring. Picnic beneath the pink-hued cliffs at Louisa Creek junction.

## **Combo Waterhole Conservation Park**



Waterholes dot the channels of Diamantina River, meandering through Mitchell Grass Downs providing a refuge for wildlife in dry times. Its most famous, Combo Waterhole, may have inspired bush poet Banjo Paterson's 'Waltzing Matilda', our unofficial anthem. Circle the waterhole, spot birdlife and picnic in the shade of a coolabah tree. Access is from Winton along the Matilda Way. 4WD vehicles are recommended.

# Culgoa Floodplain National Park



Coolabahs, black box and grasses flourish on this Murray-Darling Basin floodplain. Bush camp beside lagoons and spot waterbirds in the wetlands. Look for emus, mulga parrots, Major Mitchell cockatoos and apostlebirds on the plains. After rain, listen out for elusive water-holding frogs. Access is from Cunnamulla or St George via sealed and unsealed roads. A 4WD vehicle is essential.

# Currawinya National Park













Red sandplains, ranges and mulga scrub contrasts with rivers, wetlands and large sprawling lakes in one of Queensland's largest parks. Bush camp or picnic at Ourimperee Waterhole, along the Paroo River, or at Myninya, a semi-permanent wetland. Discover rich Aboriginal heritage, and pastoral history dating from the 1860s. Access is from Cunnamulla via Eulo and the Hungerford Road. 4WD vehicles are required.

DON'T MISS: Explore Lake Numalla's sandy shoreline or birdwatch over Lake Wyara. Enjoy fishing, canoeing and spectacular birdwatching and learn about the endangered bilby.

# Diamantina National Park









Dunes, grass plains, weathered sandstone ranges and resident and migratory birds feature in the braided channels of the Diamantina River. Bush camp at Hunters Gorge and Gum Hole camping areas. Discover relics from pioneer settler days, enjoy majestic desert views and amazing birdlife. Access is from Winton via the Kennedy Developmental Road and an unsealed track along the Diamantina River. 4WD vehicles are essential.

DON'T MISS: Explore the 90km one-way Warracoota Circuit Drive through land important to the Maiawali and Karuwali people. Visit Janet's Leap lookout for views of Diamantina Gates.

# **Expedition National Park**



Gorges, cliffs, spectacular views and wildflowers are highlights of this rugged park. Camp at Starkvale (Robinson Gorge) beside its waterhole; at Beilba in woodland with gorge views; or at Lonesome in forest by the Dawson River. Access to Robinson Gorge section is via Taroom or Bauhinia Downs; access to the Lonesome and Beilba sections is via Injune.

DON'T MISS: Hike to a lookout over Robinson Gorge, or Shepherds Peak for valley views. Admire Beilba's wildflower displays - grevilleas, acacia, flannel and pea flowers - in late winter and spring. Birdwatch by day and spotlight for gliders, geckos and owls at night.

# Hell Hole Gorge National Park





The deep gorges, rugged cliffs and waterholes of remote Hell Hole Gorge contrast with the arid mulga landscape. Bush camp near the waterhole and hike along the plateau high above the creek. Spot red-tailed black cockatoos, spinifex pigeons and yellow-footed rock wallabies, and see stunning wildflower displays after rain. Access is from Adavale via unsealed Adavale-Blackall road and Milo-Gooyea road. 4WD vehicles are required.

Combo Waterhole Conservation Park



# Idalia National Park



Craggy escarpments emerge from dense mulga woodland on the Gowan Range tablelands. Bush camp in thick mulga scrub at Monks Tank, take a scenic drive and spot birds and wildlife - there's six species of kangaroos and wallabies to see! Check out the rusted pastoral-era relics and stockyards at Old Idalia. Access is from Blackall via Isisford Road, Yaraka Road and Idalia-Benlidi Road. 4WD vehicles are required.

DON'T MISS: Walk to Wave Rock, a cliff overhang carved by wind and sun; and Rainbow Gorge, with its white, red and yellow sandstone.

# Isla Gorge National Park



Soft precipice sandstone has formed a breathtaking panorama of cliffs, peaks, overhangs, tunnels and arches. See this breathtaking site change from yellow to orange and pink as the sun moves. Enjoy brilliant displays of wildflowers, views or walk the historic hand-paved Flagstaff Road. Stop over on your journey for a picnic or camp atop a cliff face and watch the sunrise over the landscape below. Access to Isla Gorge lookout is from Miles or Banana via the Leichhardt Highway and a short access road.

# Kroombit Tops National Park



Sandstone escarpments, gorges, creeks and waterfalls make Kroombit Tops a cool retreat. Bush camp by a creek or blackbutt forest setting. Listen for the endangered Kroombit tinker frog call - a series of sharp, metallic 'tinks'. Major access routes are from Gladstone, Biloela, Monto or Ubobo. 4WD vehicles are required (2WD access is possible from Gladstone and Ubobo, with limited access within the park).

DON'T MISS: The resting place of Beautiful Betsy, a WWII Liberator bomber that crashed on the plateau in 1945.

## Lake Bindegolly National Park



A string of salt and freshwater wetlands provide an important wildlife refuge in an arid landscape thousands of waterbirds flock to this inland oasis to feed and breed. Enjoy a picnic and explore the 9km Lake Bindegolly circuit around the lake's edge, birdwatching along the way. See wildflowers in spring. Access is from Cunnamulla via the Adventure Way.

# Lake Murphy Conservation Park









Nestled beneath Murphy's Range in the central highlands, Lake Murphy fills only when nearby Robinson Creek overflows. Following rain, see ducks and large wading birds revelling in the



Munga-Thirri (Simpson Desert) National Park

shallows of this ephemeral perched lake, or, in the dry season, watch wallabies graze the land where water has evaporated. Camp in the pleasant semishaded open camping area and spotlight at night for greater gliders and masked and powerful owls. Access is from Miles or Banana via the Leichhardt Highway and Fitzroy Developmental Road.

# Lark Quarry Conservation Park







The erosion of ancient rocks has formed a striking landscape of jump-up country with flat-topped hills (mesas), gullies and steep escarpments. Take the 'roller-coaster' drive over the mesas to the shores of a lake where dinosaurs left over 4,000 footprints! Now protected in the Trackways building, the footprints can be visited by guided tour and fees apply - you can buy tickets in Winton, Access is from Winton via the Winton-Jundah Road. 4WD vehicles are recommended.

DON'T MISS: Experience the age of dinosaurs on a tour of the Dinosaur Trackways. Walk through spinifex and climb broken escarpments to gaze east over Mitchell grass plains.

# **Lochern National Park**







Camp by a permanent waterhole in the shade of coolabah trees. Throw in a line at a waterhole; or kayak at Broadwater Waterhole. Explore the 40km Lochern habitat drive to see historic pastoral relics and watch waterbirds in the lagoon. Access is from Longreach via the Longreach-Jundah road and an unsealed road to the park boundary. 4WD vehicles are recommended.

#### Moorinva National Park









Dry, flat plains and open woodlands are crossed by seasonal watercourses providing a refuge for wildlife. Bush camp near the old Shirley shearing shed and explore the park's internal roads by 4WD or mountain bike. At night, listen for barking owls and look for sugar gliders soaring between trees. Access is from Townsville via the Overlanders Way and Aramac Torrens Creek Road. 4WD vehicles are recommended.

## **Mount Scoria Conservation Park**







This striking mountain, a volcanic plug formed by volcanic activity 20-26 million years ago, rises above plains of grazing land and features basalt columns, rocky scree slopes, open woodlands, vine thickets and diverse birdlife. Explore the short walk to the base of the mountain for views of the summit, the distinctive basalt columns and scree slopes. Access is from Biloela and Thangool via the Burnett Highway and a 5km sealed road.

# Munga-Thirri (Simpson Desert) National Park



Queensland's largest park features 80,000-yearold dunes, with windswept crests and slopes secured by spinifex and cane grass separated by flat plains of wind-polished gibber pebbles, mineral-encrusted claypans and open shrub. Bush camp under the stars for the exhilarating isolation of 'big dune' country. Discover wildlife adapted to harsh conditions such as mulgaras (burrowing marsupials), lizards and birds. Access is from Birdsville via the old Birdsville track, private property and desert tracks. High-clearance 4WD vehicles are essential.

DON'T MISS: Stop for a photo at Big Red to start your adventure. At Poeppel Corner, visit the salt lakes where Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory meet.

Note: All national parks within the Simpson Desert close annually from 1 December to 15 March due to high daytime temperatures.

# Porcupine Gorge National Park











Towering cliffs of coloured sandstone, pockets of vine forest and the deep waterholes along Porcupine Creek contrast with the savannah plains surrounding Porcupine Gorge. Bush camp near the rim of the gorge and gaze over this 'little Grand Canyon' from the lookout. Access is from Hughenden via the Kennedy Developmental Road.

# **Welford National Park**









The coolabah-lined Barcoo River slices through Mitchell grass plains and arid mulga woodlands; and spinifex and ghost gums grow atop vivid red sand dunes. Bush camp near the Barcoo River. Explore the Desert. Discover Aboriginal cultural sites, including water wells and stone arrangements. Access from the south is via Blackall, Quilpie or Windorah, and from the north via Longreach or Jundah. 4WD vehicles are recommended.

#### White Mountains National Park











A rugged wilderness of spectacular white sandstone bluffs and gorges hosts diverse plants and animals. Picnic at the scenic Burra Range lookout or camp in open woodland at Canns Camp Creek. Mountain bike to Sawpit Gorge lookout or Poison Valley. Look for frilled lizards and spiny knob-tailed geckos among rocky outcrops, and in winter see colourful displays of wildflowers. Access is from Charters Towers and Hughenden via the Overlanders Way.

# Wiliyan-Ngurru National Park







Wide expanses of Mitchell grass plains and spinifex woodland cover the Barkly Tablelands, while beneath the surface, caves and sinkholes have formed in 500-million-year-old dolomite. Take a picnic break in this peaceful park. Watch for woodland and waterbirds, and stroll to view cave and sinkhole entrances (access not permitted). Explore the park's internal roads by mountain bike. Access is from Mount Isa via the Overlanders Way and Urandangi Road. 4WD vehicles are recommended.



Porcupine Gorge National Park

# TRAVEL TIPS

Outback Queensland covers a massive 932,678km² and can be a daunting experience for a first-time traveller.



FOR MORE TIPS VISIT OUR WEBSITE: OUTBACKQUEENSLAND.COM.AU/TRAVELLERS-TIPS

e assured though, we promise it's a very friendly place, and these tips will make getting there and getting around even easier for you!

# **Visitor Information Centres**

Make sure you pop into the local Visitor Information Centres (VICs) along the way – you'll always get a friendly welcome and plenty of local advice. You'll also be able to get required permits, maps, brochures and guides, and local tips on where to go and what to do. Locations of the VICs are listed on the back of this guide.

# **Escorted tours**

Visit Outback Queensland in comfort and style on a multi-day tour accompanied by expert guides to introduce you to key attractions and destinations.

Tours are tailored to suit different tastes and needs, from small special interest group tours to senior visitors looking for personal service.

Specialist tour operators servicing the Outback include: Travel West, Blue Bus Tours, AAT Kings, Fun Over Fifty, Boobook Ecotours, Palmers Coaches, Queensland Rail, Trek West, Outback Aussie Tours, Red Dirt Tours and Barcaldine & Beyond Tours.

#### Pack the essentials

On major highways fuel stops are rarely more than 200kms apart, so you shouldn't need to carry

extra fuel unless you are heading somewhere more remote. However, when you do see 'no fuel' signs, it means exactly that. Check your maps in advance for driving distances between fuel stops.

We do recommend packing the car with road trip essentials. This includes maps of the area, first aid kit, plenty of water, a spare tyre, a good toolbox, a radio and a torch so you're prepared for anything.

Note: If you are travelling in a vehicle that requires Autogas, check in advance where you can re-fuel. Autogas (LPG) is only available for purchase in Mount Isa, Emerald and Roma.

#### Check the weather

Hot and sunny days go hand-in-hand in Outback Queensland. The most temperate and ideal travelling weather is between April and October (winter/spring).

If visiting between May and August make sure you also pack your winter woollies. Winter nights can fall below freezing, especially in the desert regions, so you don't want to be without a warm swag, beanie, gloves and a cuppa.

Outback weather conditions can be very changeable. Dust storms, rainstorms and intense heat are fairly standard. That means road conditions can change almost daily. Each morning, before you set out for your destination, check the road conditions. You can speak to the locals, get information from the Visitor Information Centre or even reach out to police or rangers.

And remember, no matter the season, a widebrimmed hat and sunscreen are recommended for any time of the year.

#### Time your trip with an event

If you need an excuse to head to the Outback, time your trip with Outback Queensland's events calendar – chock full of memorable and quirky events all year round.

Not only is the Outback home to the biggest rodeo in the Southern Hemisphere (the Mount Isa Mines Rodeo) and the world's most remote music festival (here's looking at you Birdsville Big Red Bash), the Outback also offers a huge range of sporting, race, music and cultural events.

While most towns have phone coverage with the Telstra network, expect a 'no service' reading travelling between towns. A satellite phone and/or UHF radio are always recommended while travelling.

# Watch out for wildlife

From kangaroos and emus to camels and echidnas, there is no shortage of wildlife to play 'I Spy' with in Outback Oueensland.

Most Outback creatures are active at dawn and dusk, when these Aussie animals enjoy grazing on the edges of the roads, and often wander across them in front of unsuspecting cars. Where possible, time driving to the middle of the day, and avoid driving at dawn and dusk.

#### Be cautious on the roads

Take extreme care when passing and overtaking road trains, heavy vehicles and caravans. Ensure you have a clear line of sight, allow plenty of room and be prepared to move over to the side to overtake.

If a road train or heavy vehicle is approaching you from ahead or from behind, move as far left as possible, or better still, pull right over to the side of the road and stop to allow it to pass, especially if you are towing a caravan or camper.

When meeting road trains and heavy vehicles on single lane roads, slow right down and move to the left. Move off the road entirely if it is safe to do so and stop to avoid driving into any obstacles on the verge. Be cautious in wet conditions as road verges are often soft and slippery, so when pulling to the left, keep your right wheels on the bitumen and move slowly to avoid being bogged.

# Check for road closures

Plan your route wisely and check for road closures and road works to avoid unnecessary delays. Be sure to check for updates along the way too in case there has been a sudden change in road conditions.

Note: Many unsealed Outback roads get closed after rain to avoid damage to the roads, and also to avoid people getting bogged. Make sure you check roads are open for use after rain; and don't travel on unsealed roads if the road is noted as closed. The locals in particular get very annoyed when their roads are ruined by cars driving on muddy roads when they shouldn't be.

# Take regular breaks

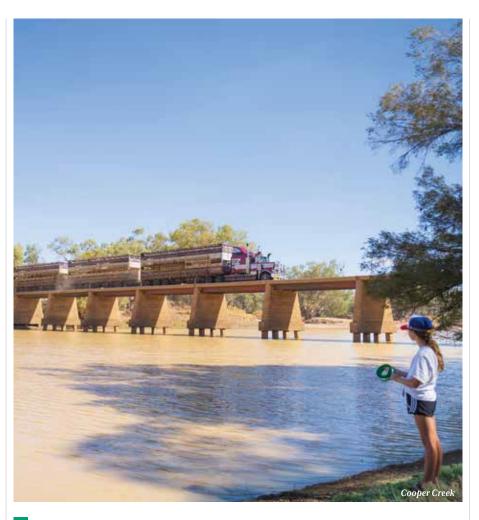
As with any long road trip, regular breaks are essential. With vast landscapes, seemingly endless horizons and the odd mirage to contend with, the journey can be just as exciting as the destination. We recommend not travelling too far in one day, stopping as soon as you become tired, and taking the time to make pit stops for meals, refuelling and exploring. As a rule of thumb, take breaks every couple of hours to ensure you stay alert for possible obstacles.

## Leave the gate as you find it

Much of the vast and seemingly empty Outback is actually covered by huge cattle stations. As such, there's key road etiquette you need to be aware of. Most important is to leave any gates as you find them. In other words, if they are open, leave them open. And if they are closed, then always close them behind you.

# If you get into trouble

The number one rule in the Outback is to always stay with your vehicle. Try to reach help via your mobile, UHF radio or satellite phone. Do not try to walk for help – it's very easy for people to become disoriented and dehydrated. If you are going to more remote areas, it is suggested to have a satellite phone, UHF radio and an EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) device with you.



# **GETTING THERE**

# Rail experiences

Jump on board one of five Outback rail services for a scenic route to the Outback, where you can sit back and relax and watch the coast turn to country. Queensland Rail services include:

**SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK** *Brisbane to Longreach* 

THE INLANDER
Townsville to Mount Isa

GULFLANDER Normanton to Croydon

THE WESTLANDER
Brisbane to Charleville

THE SAVANNAHLANDER Cairns to Forsayth

# Bus services

Enjoy a hassle-free holiday with Greyhound Australia coaches, taking you across the major drive routes of Outback Queensland.

# Self drive

Embark on the ultimate Outback road trip with major drive routes taking you to all corners of the Outback. You can also pick up a hire car from major retailers like AVIS, Budget and Hertz from Roma, Charleville, Longreach, Mount Isa, Biloela and St George. Or hire a campervan or motorhome from Apollo or Britz Rentals.

# Air connections

See the Outback from above. Air services available with Rex, Qantas, Virgin and Link Airways to:

- Barcaldine
- Boulia
- ▶ Julia Creek
- Roma

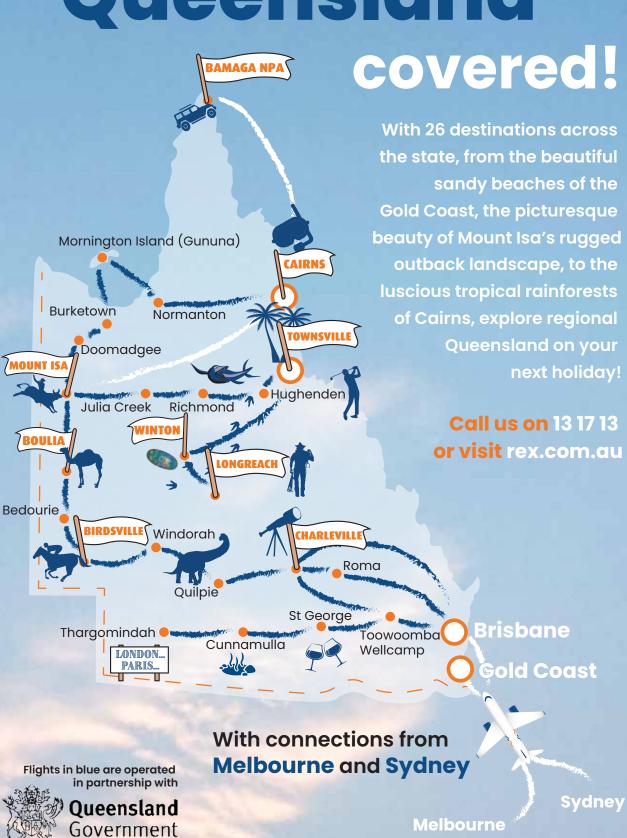
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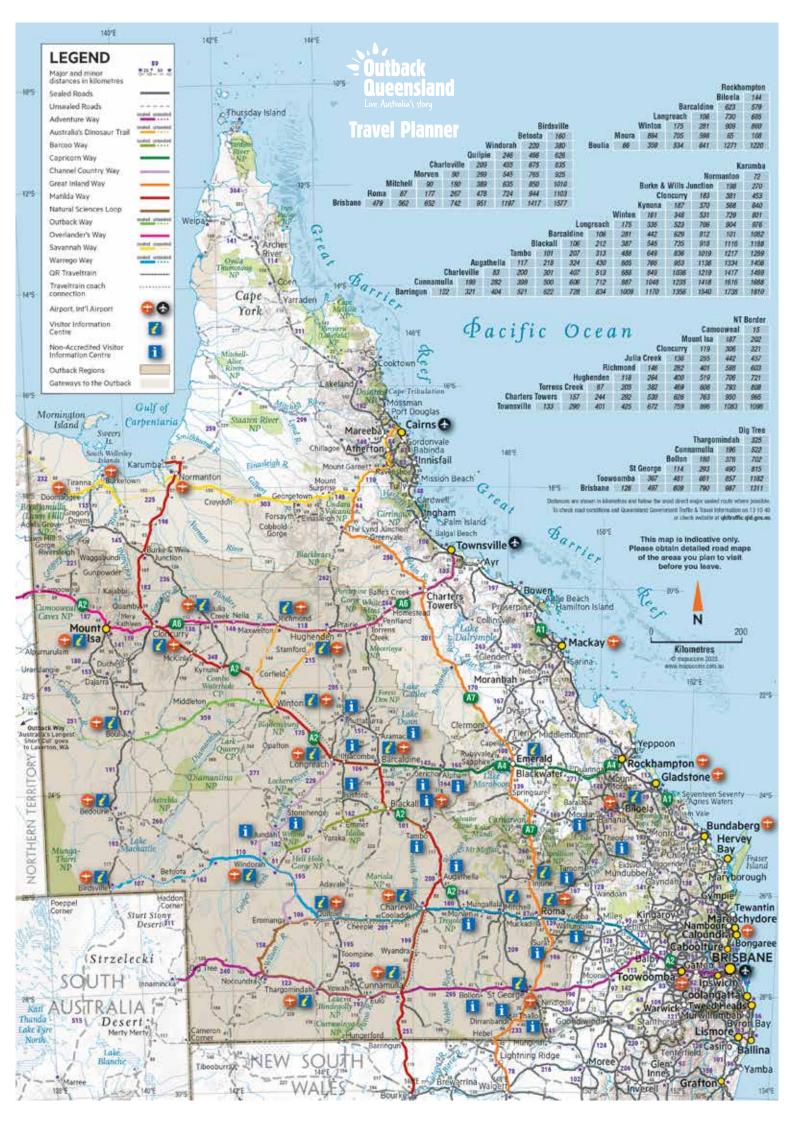
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- Mount Isa
- ► Thargomindah

- ▶ Birdsville
- ► Cunnamulla
- Quilpie
- ▶ Windorah

- ► Blackall
- Hughenden
- ► Richmond
- ► Winton







# **VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES**

# Alpha

Rowley Roberts Information Centre

# Aramac

P (07) 4652 9999

# **1** Augathella

Augathella Information Centre Main Street, Augathella P (07) 4654 5244

# Barcaldine

# **Bedourie**

Bedourie Outback Visitor Information Centre 13 Herbert Street, Bedourie P 1300 794 257 visitors@diamantina.qld.gov.au THEDIAMANTINA.COM.AU

# Biloela

Biloela Rural Hinterland Visitor Information Centre 11 Exhibition Avenue, Biloela P (07) 4992 2400 rhvic@bigpond.com SANDSTONEWONDERS.COM

# Biloela

Biloela Visitor Information Centre Callide Street, Biloela P (07) 4992 2405

# Birdsville

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# Blackall

Blackall Visitor Information Centre 108a Shamrock Street, Blackall P (07) 4657 4637

# **i** Bollon

# Boulia

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Cloncurry Unearthed Visitor Information Centre & Museum 48 McIlwraith Street, Cloncurry P (07) 4742 1361 info@cloncurry.qld.gov.au **EXPERIENCECLONCURRY.COM** 

#### Cunnamulla

Cunnamulla Fella Centre 2 Jane Street, Cunnamulla P (07) 4655 8470 visitor@paroo.qld.gov.au CUNNAMULLATOURISM.COM.AU

# i Dirranbandi

**Dirranbandi Rural Transaction Centre** 35-37 Railway Street, Dirranbandi P (07) 4625 8411

# Hughenden

Flinders Discovery Centre & Dinosaur Display Museum 37 Gray Street, Hughenden P (07) 4741 2970 info@flinders.qld.gov.au VISITHUGHENDEN.COM.AU

# 1 Ilfracombe

Wellshot Centre McMaster Drive, Ilfracombe P (07) 4658 2233



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🚺 Julia Creek

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