


# OUTBACK QUEENSLAND



**TUESDAY 8 JULY - MONDAY 21 JULY 2025**

 14 Days

 Queensland



7975 per person - Twin/Double share  
9230 Sole Occupancy

## Be mesmerised by the endless landscapes that trace along the outback horizon

Outback Queensland offers an unforgettable adventure. Highlights include **Charleville**, known for its rich history and the fascinating Cosmos Centre, offering a stargazing experience. **Longreach**, the heart of Queensland's outback is home to the iconic Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame. **Winton**, birthplace of the famous Waltzing Matilda, also showcases unique dinosaur fossils and the Age of Dinosaurs Museum. **Lightning Ridge**, famous for its opal mines, offers a quirky, unique vibe with underground homes and stunning landscapes. Journey into the Queensland Outback and spend your days uncovering strong pioneering history, fossil rich lands and the industrious communities of the remarkable outback.

*Potter Travel Team*

### PICK UP TIMES

8:00 am Crawford Street, Queanbeyan  
8:20 am Platform 6, Woden Bus Interchange  
8:40 am Canberra Theatre Bus Stop  
8:50 am Riggall Place, Lyneham

### INCLUSIONS

- 13 nights' motel accommodation
- 13 motel cooked breakfasts
- 11 motel two-course dinners
- 2 additional included dinners
- 10 included lunches
- Entry to CSIRO Australia Telescope National Facility
- Entry at The Great Cobar Museum
- Entry to Bilby Experience
- Hotel Coronas Stories Tour incl. morning tea
- Guided World War II Top Secret Tour
- Big Sky Twilight Session
- Guided tour at Tambo Teddies
- Ultimate dinosaur tour at Australian Age of Dinosaurs
- Entry to Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Stockman's Experience incl. show at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Guided tour at Qantas Founders Outback Museum
- Silver-Tails Rail Sunset Tour
- Camden Park Station Smoko Tour
- Old Time Tent Show
- Drover's Sunset Cruise
- Smithy's Outback Show
- Guided tour at Miners Heritage
- Entry to Sunset Experience at Roma Big Rig
- Guided tour and tasting at Riversands Winery
- Entry to Down to Earth Opals
- Tour at A Hidden Gem Bush Theatre
- Entry to Chambers of the Black Hand
- Guided tour at Taronga Western Plains Zoo
- Entry to Cowra Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre



## CANBERRA TO PARKES

**Day 1 - Tuesday 8 July 2025 (LD)**

Welcome to our tour to **Outback Queensland** where we explore regions that attracted pioneers and bush poets. This morning, we do some **silospotting** as we travel to **Murrumburrah**. The artwork by acclaimed street artist, Heesco, depicts the mill's history and the golden grain that delivered prosperity to the region. Continuing to **Grenfell** we stop to see the silo before **lunch at Unwind Café**. Heading towards **Parkes** we stop at the **CSIRO Radio Telescope** complex. After a fascinating visit, we check in to our motel for our first night on tour together. *North Parkes Motel*



## PARKES TO COBAR

**Day 2 - Wednesday 9 July 2025 (BLD)**

Today we head to **Cobar** where on arrival we visit the **Great Cobar Museum**, where we'll be immersed in an impressive array of artefacts and exhibits dating back to the early 1870s. The museum perfectly captures the essence of Cobar revealing the diverse local heritage. After a fascinating visit we check in to our accommodation and freshen up before dinner. *Copper City Motel*



## COBAR TO CHARLEVILLE

**Day 3 - Thursday 10 July 2025 (BLD)**

We have an early start today as we have a long travel day ahead. We arrive in **Cunnamulla**, a town created by Cobb & Co in 1879 when the first coach drove through from Bourke. Here we take a look at the **Cunnamulla Fella**, an iconic Australian bush character from a song written by Stan Coster and sung by Slim Dusty. The town erected the statue as a tribute to Stan and Slim and to the 'ringers' of the bush. This afternoon we continue to **Charleville** our home for the next two nights. *Mulga Country Motor Inn - 2 Nights*



## CHARLEVILLE

**Day 4 - Friday 11 July 2025 (BD)**

Our first stop this morning is to the **Charleville Bilby Experience**. If you love a great story, then here's one for you. Arriving in Australian penniless, pioneer Harry (Poppa) Corones, went on to build an empire and make Australian history several times throughout his life. We hear this amazing story while enjoying homemade scones at the iconic **Hotel Corones**. After time in town to purchase lunch, we visit **WWII Secret Base** – an interactive exhibition centre outlining Charleville's role during 1942-1946. Tonight, we are in for a treat at Charleville's best known attraction, **The Cosmos Centre**.





### CHARLEVILLE TO LONGREACH

**Day 5 - Saturday 12 July 2025 (BLD)**

After breakfast we continue north stopping for lunch in **Tambo**, where we step into a world of whimsy and heartwarming tales when we visit **Tambo Teddies**. Stitched with love, we uncover the story of these beloved teddy bears, originally crafted by three local women determined to overcome the challenges of low wool prices and the unforgiving grasp of drought. This afternoon we make our way through **Barcaldine** and **Ilfracombe** where, time permitting, we can “wet the whistle” at the famous Wellshot Hotel or take a wander along the Folk Transport Museum. From here we head to our destination of **Longreach** where we can check in and freshen up before dinner at **Welcome Home Café**. *Longreach Motor Inn - 4 Nights*



### WINTON

**Day 6 - Sunday 13 July 2025 (BLD)**

Today we travel to **Winton** where we see some dramatic and ever-changing scenery. The area was once home to dinosaurs and is full of ground breaking scientific discoveries and archaeological digs. At the **Australian Age of Dinosaurs**, we have the opportunity to learn about this prehistoric phenomenon. We then take a trip out to **The March of Titanosaurs Exhibition at Dinosaur Canyon**. It was also here in Winton that Banjo Paterson wrote his famous poem about the swagman and jolly jumbuck and “Waltzing Matilda” was heard for the first time. We visit the **Waltzing Matilda Centre**, the only museum in the world dedicated to a song. Here you’ll find state of the art interpretation and interactive displays telling the story and history of the Winton Shire including the Great Shearers Strike of 1891, the birth of Qantas and the legend of Waltzing Matilda.



### LONGREACH

**Day 7 - Monday 14 July 2025 (BD)**

Today’s adventure starts at the iconic **Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame** where the centre showcases the people of the bush, revealing the incredible and sometimes unknown stories of the everyday people who lived and worked on the stock routes. Here the story is brought to life at the **Outback Stockman’s Show**. Experience the action of a live muster and witness the bond between man and animal working together. Then we uncover some national treasures at the **QANTAS Founders Outback Museum**. The historic photographs, memorabilia and multimedia design displays bring the inspiration stories of one of the worlds pioneering airlines to life. Late afternoon we join the **Silver Trails Rail**. Journey through the spectacular changing colours of floodplain, Gidgee, Open Downs, Ghost gums and Red Mulga Country onboard the heritage 2000 class rail. Travelling as the sun slowly sets west, the afterglow forms on the secret lagoon making it an incredible way to finish the day.

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### LONGREACH

**Day 8 - Tuesday 15 July 2025 (BLD)**

This morning, we head out of town for a special experience as we get an insight to the area through the eyes of local graziers and pioneer families. **Camden Station** is situated on the vast open Mitchell grass plains. We then head into town and really step back in time at Kinnon & Co on the main street. Their **Station Store** has an amazing range of traditionally made leatherwear and a treasure trove of historic nostalgia. While we're here we enjoy the wonderful **Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show**. It's a hilarious hour of entertainment featuring animals, stockmen and improvised live theatre with a laugh a minute. Late afternoon we take a **cruise down the majestic Thompson River**. As the sunset fades into starlight, we enjoy **Smithy's Outback Dinner and Show** for a great night of food and entertainment.



### LONGREACH TO EMERALD

**Day 9 - Wednesday 16 July 2025 (BLD)**

Departing Longreach this morning we retrace our steps to **Ilfracombe** and **Barcardine** and then onto **Alpha** where we stop to enjoy our packed lunches. We have our afternoon stop at the **Miners Heritage in Rubyvale** where we take an interesting underground tour. For those of us who don't want to go underground, there is a chance to fossick to find a treasure of our own. The final leg of our journey today is to **Emerald**, the commercial hub of Central Queensland.

*Western Gateway Motel*



### EMERALD TO ROMA

**Day 10 - Thursday 17 July 2025 (BLD)**

We uncover Emerald this morning including the **National Trust listed Railway Station**, which is well worth a visit. Distinguished by the semi circular roof to the pillared portico, it is arguably one of the finest public buildings in the Central Highlands. Outside the Town Hall we'll see a 250-million-year-old fossilised tree unearthed from the banks of the Mackenzie River. From Emerald we head south to **Roma**, take a look at Heroes Avenue where 93 bottle trees were planted memorialising the local men lost in the First World War. This evening, we visit the **Big Rig for a Sunset Experience**. Ignite your interest in sabotage, drama and intrigue through the eyes of a "Roma Rigger" guide, with a glass of Outback port and an original short story history film under the stars in the outdoor theatre. *Roma Explorers Inn*





### ROMA TO LIGHTNING RIDGE

**Day 11 - Friday 18 July 2025 (BLD)**

We have a morning on the coach before arriving at **Riversands Winery** for lunch. Back on the coach we travel through Dirranbandi to **Lightning Ridge**. Famous for magnificent opals, Lightning Ridge is home to the unique black opal, a rare and luminous gem mined from the surrounding plains. It is the only place in Australia (and one of the few places in the world) where the highly prized opal is found. We finish our day at **Down to Earth Opals**, who have been mining, designing and specialising in selling to the world one of a kind jewellery pieces and top gem quality loose opals.

*Wallangulla Motel - 2 Nights*



### LIGHTNING RIDGE

**Day 12 - Saturday 19 July 2025 (BD)**

This morning we visit **The Hidden Gem**, a unique off grid art camp originally built by acclaimed local artist John Murray. Here we are hosted by award-winning entertainers, Mel and Susie, known as Australian **Champion Bush Poets and Yarnspinners**. At **Chambers of the Black Hand**, we'll be captivated by local artist, Ron Canlin, who has created the most amazing paintings and sculptures 11.2 metres underground. The second level is a mine that has been worked for over 100 years, and all the old shafts and rivers that were used by the old miners are still there.



### LIGHTNING RIDGE TO DUBBO

**Day 13 - Sunday 20 July 2025 (BD)**

We say farewell to Lightning Ridge and travel south through Coonamble and Gilgandra to **Dubbo**. Here we visit the **Taronga Western Plains Zoo**. Witness majestic animals roaming free as we explore this wildlife paradise. We'll be amazed at every turn as we travel across the large, open range areas with its clever use of moats instead of fences. We are joined by a local guide who will board our coach and provide us with an insight into the animals and zoo. We then check into our accommodation for our final night on tour together.

*The Oxley Motel*



### HOMeward BOUND

**Day 14 - Monday 21 July 2025 (BL)**

Today we are travelling through Molong and Canowindra we **stop in Cowra for lunch**. Late afternoon we arrive home from an incredible Outback Queensland tour.

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