

9 Day Qld Southern Outback Loop



Join us for a journey through Southern Outback Queensland, where you will experience everything from dinosaur fossils to welcoming local communities and country pubs. Magical outback sunsets, natural and man-made heritage and amazing artesian wonders. Some highlights of this outback experience are: Rudd's Pub, Jondaryan Woolshed, Roma's Big Rig, Roma town and saleyards tour, Mt Hope Station Sunset tour & camp dinner, Top Secret WWII tour and Cosmos Centre, Charleville and Eromanga Natural History Museum, home to Australia's largest dinosaur, the Titanosaur. Visit Thargomindah's Hydro Power Plant and the boulder opal town of Yowah. Enjoy lunch and a tour at Charlotte Plains Station and in St George visit the Riversands Winery and the Unique Egg. This excellent short tour is too good to miss, join us for a delightful holiday experience.

Departing: Sunday, 6th June 2021

Fitness Level: E - Easy

Meals: B = Breakfast, M = Morning Tea, L = Lunch, A = Afternoon Tea, D = Dinner

DAY 1 HERVEY BAY – TOOWOOMBA LD

Sunday, 6th June: With Wide Bay passengers on-board, make our way to Brisbane Coach Terminal where we pick up our Brisbane and Gold Coast passengers before making our way through the Lockyer Valley to the Darling Downs Zoo for lunch and free time. Our next stop is historic Rudd's Pub, where folklore says Steele Rudd sat while writing his famous Australian 'Dad & Dave' stories. Visit the memorial of iconic Sister Elizabeth Kenny who pioneered the treatment of infantile paralysis before making our way to our accommodation. Stay Comfort Inn Grammar View.

DAY 2 TOOWOOMBA - ROMA BMLD

Monday, 7th June: This morning enjoy some time at the Japanese Gardens before a guided tour and morning tea at the heritage-listed Empire Theatre. Then, on to the Jondaryan Woolshed for a delicious camp stew and damper lunch and time to wander and immerse yourself in the history of the Australian Wool Industry on the Darling Downs. Onwards to Roma. Two night stay Roma Explorers Inn.

DAY 3 ROMA EXPLORING BMD

Tuesday, 8th June: Start our day with a guided tour of the Roma Saleyards, the commercial hub of the cattle industry in Western Qld, followed by a delicious home-made morning tea. Next, enjoy a guided tour of Roma where you will hear untold stories of Roma's colourful characters and admire past and present day heroes. After some free time for lunch, it's off to the Big Rig for a tour of the 'Oil Patch' before returning to our motel to rest up for our Sunset tour and dinner at Mt Hope Station.

DAY 4 ROMA - CHARLEVILLE BMLD

Wednesday, 9th June: Farewelling Roma, head west to Charleville for lunch and a tour at the historic Coronas Hotel followed by a Top Secret WWII tour where you will learn about Charleville's role in World War II. Make our way to our motel to settle in and enjoy dinner, then it's off to the Cosmos Centre to gaze at the stars. Stay Mulga Country Motor Inn.

DAY 5 CHARLEVILLE - EROMANGA - QUILPIE BLD

Thursday, 10th June: Continue our journey to Quilpie where you can explore the town and opal shops and purchase morning tea. Rejoin your coach and make our way to St Finbarr's Church to view the magnificent opal lectern and altar before we head to Eromanga for lunch at the Royal Hotel. After lunch, wander the Eromanga Living History Centre. Mid-afternoon enjoy a guided tour at the Eromanga Natural History Museum, home to one of Australia's largest dinosaur, a 95-98 million year old titanosaur. Retrace our steps to Quilpie for our overnight stay. Stay Quilpie Motor Inn.

DAY 6 QUILPIE - CUNNAMULLA BMD

Friday, 11th June: Head southward today as we head to Thargomindah for morning tea and a tour of the Hydro Power Plant. Thargomindah was the first town in Australia and third in the World to produce hydro-electric power for street lighting by using the water pressure from the Artesian Basin. Next, head to Yowah for some free time to purchase lunch and explore the town. Known for its boulder opal and ironstone matrix opal (Yowah Nuts), the town is a 'Living Gallery' with the story of opal everywhere you turn. Continue on to Cunnamulla. Stay Warrego Hotel Motel.

DAY 7 CUNNAMULLA - ST GEORGE BLAD

Saturday, 12th June: Continue across vast plains and open horizons for lunch at Charlotte Plains Station, an authentic working sheep and cattle property 54 km east of Cunnamulla. Spend the afternoon with station owner Robyn Russell as she takes us on an extensive tour of the property—a wonderful opportunity to get a glimpse of life on the land and a true outback experience. Continue our journey, stopping at the Bollon Heritage Centre before arriving in St George. Stay Merino Motor Inn.

DAY 8 ST GEORGE - GOONDIWINDI BLD

Sunday, 13th June: Start our morning with a walk along the St George Riverside Walk then, make our way to Riversands Winery for a Cotton & Winery tour with lunch. Returning to St George admire the very rare and beautiful hand-carved and illuminated emu eggs by artisan Steve Margaritis at the Unique Egg. Leaving St George it's time for a beer at the Nindigully Pub before making our way to Goondiwindi. Stay Best Western Ascot Lodge Motor Inn.

DAY 9 GOONDIWINDI - HOME BM

Monday, 14th June: Homeward bound this morning, travel via Warwick to arrive in Brisbane mid-afternoon and the Wide Bay early evening.

Adult: \$3477 pp

Pensioner: \$3459 pp

Past Passenger: \$3450 pp

Single Supplement: \$784 pp

Final Payment Due: 22nd April 2021

Bookings Close on Saturday, 22nd May 2021