

14 DAYS

CORNER COUNTRY EXPLORER

Innamincka Sandhills



Medium level of
fitness required



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Mount Hope Station Tour & Camp Oven Dinner
- Roma Big Rig visit
- Roma Saleyard Tour
- Cosmos Centre Twilight Telescope Observation Session
- Meet the Bilby Experience
- Cunnamulla Fella Centre
- Eulo Artesian Springs
- Exclusive Thargomindah Sunset Drinks & Dinner under the stars
- Historic Noccundra Hotel
- Cameron Corner & Strzelecki Desert
- Cooper Creek Cruise
- Burke & Wills Dig Tree
- Birdsville Hotel and Big Red Sunset
- Birdsville Racetrack and Birdsville Billabong
- Betoota Ghost Town and Deon's Lookout
- Windorah Sandhills at Sunset
- Stonehenge private property tour and lunch
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame & Outback Stockman's Dinner & Show
- Qantas Founders Museum & Jets Tour
- Drover's Sunset Cruise including Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show



Channel Country Birdlife



Day 1 | TUESDAY | **BRISBANE**

Arrive in Brisbane and check-in to your accommodation early afternoon. At the Welcome Dinner tonight, meet fellow travellers. Hear all about the adventures ahead with a comprehensive tour orientation by your Savannah Guides Operator driver and host.

Overnight Royal on the Park, Brisbane (B) (L) (D)

Day 2 | WEDNESDAY | **ROMA**

We will travel north-west from Brisbane to the Garden City of Toowoomba for a nostalgic morning tea at the Historic Railway Station. Continue along the Adventure Way to Chinchilla, home of the Chinchilla Melon Festival and Miles, a vibrant rural township. Arrive in Roma, the heart of beef country and visit the Big Rig. Late afternoon, join a tour of Mount Hope, a working cattle station. This property is home to Droughtmaster cattle, coal seam gas and three generations of the Price family. Enjoy sunset nibbles and drinks followed by a delicious two-course camp oven dinner under the stars.

Overnight Roma Explorers Inn, Roma

(B) (L) (D)

Day 3 | THURSDAY | **CHARLEVILLE**

Visit Roma Saleyards, the largest cattle selling facility in Australia. On your guided tour you'll learn the day-to-day processes of the saleyards and have the opportunity to watch the cattle sales in action. Travel to Charleville for a tour and lunch at the historic Coronas Hotel. This afternoon we meet the rare and endangered Bilby at the Bilby Experience. Learn more about this native marsupial and the long-running captive breeding and conservation program. Discover the wonders of the magical outback night sky at the mesmerising Cosmos Centre Twilight Telescope Observation Session.

Overnight Mulga Country Motor Inn, Charleville (B) (L) (D)

Day 4 | FRIDAY | **THARGOMINDAH**

Follow the Warrego River to Cunnamulla, which came into being as a Cobb & Co coach stop. Visit the Cunnamulla Fella Centre, home to the art gallery and

Artesian Time Tunnel. Discover the quaint township of Eulo, hear tales of Isabel 'The Eulo Queen' and learn the story of the Eulo Artesian Mud Baths. Travel to Thargomindah and tour the historic Old Thargomindah Hospital to learn some fascinating tales from the 1800's. Discover the story behind Thargomindah's electrical street lighting story. Enjoy exclusive sunset drinks at the historic bore followed by a delicious hot pot and damper dinner under the stars.

Overnight Oasis Motel or Explorers Caravan Park Cabins, Thargomindah

(B) (L) (D)

Day 5 | SATURDAY | **TIBOOBURRA**

Travel south-west across the Dingo Barrier Fence to historic Noccundra Hotel. Then cross the border at Warri Gate into Outback New South Wales. View the eastern sections of the Sturt National Park. Traverse gibber plains and spectacular 'jump up' country to Tibooburra. The striking granite boulders around Tibooburra are said to be remnants of a mass underground granite dome dating back around 410 million years. Explore the National Park Interpretive Centre and Court House Museum.

Overnight Granites Motel, Tibooburra

(B) (L) (D)

Day 6 | SUNDAY | **INNAMINCKA**

Travel through Sturt National Park to Cameron Corner where the boundary lines of the states of Queensland, South Australia and New South Wales meet. See the Strzelecki Desert, characterised by extensive red dune fields; home of the endangered Dusky Hopping Mouse. Pass by large cattle stations then travel through the heart of the oil and gas fields to Innamincka, on the banks of Cooper Creek. Learn the important role played by the Australian Inland Mission in providing essential medical services to remote towns.

2 nights Innamincka Hotel, Innamincka

(B) (L) (D)

Day 7 | MONDAY | **INNAMINCKA**

Retrace the last days of Burke & Wills and hear about the town with two lives. Visit the historic Burke & Wills Dig Tree then take your seat aboard the eco-certified sunset cruise on the Cooper Creek. Take in the stunning birdlife and spot the occasional inquisitive animal on the banks. (B) (L) (D)

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Cooper Creek



Birdsville Hotel

Day 8 | TUESDAY | BIRDSVILLE

Follow the Strzelecki Desert through flood plains, sand dunes and gibber country. See the historic woolshed on Cordillo Downs Station; once one of the largest pastoral properties in the country. Further north we'll pass the crumbling ruins of Cadelga Outstation as we travel to Birdsville through some of Australia's richest cattle country. Tonight have a yarn with the locals and enjoy a dinner at the famous Birdsville Hotel.

2 nights Birdsville Hotel, Birdsville

(B) (L) (D)

Day 9 | WEDNESDAY | BIRDSVILLE

This morning visit the Wirrarri Centre to view work by local Indigenous artists. Next take a stroll to the Birdsville Billabong where birdlife, fish and yabbies abound. Stand on the well known Birdsville Racetrack and explore the Inland Hospital and Royal Hotel ruins; poignant reminders of a pre-federation metropolis. Tonight we'll toast the glorious outback sunset from Big Red, a 40 metre high sand dune on the edge of the Simpson Desert.

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Day 10 | THURSDAY | WINDORAH

Travel on to the ghost town of Betoota, once a Cobb & Co changing station. Stand atop Deon's Lookout with its amazing view of the Diamantina Shire. We arrive in Windorah on the Cooper Creek where the Thomson and Barcoo Rivers merge. Explore Windorah in the heart of the Channel Country with its majestic red sand dune landscapes. Late afternoon, we'll



Tarpot's Cottage, Windorah



The Dig Tree



Cooper Creek Cruise

drive out to Windorah's red sandhills for a spectacular sunset.

Overnight Cooper Cabins, Windorah

(B) (L) (D)

Day 11 | FRIDAY | LONGREACH

Follow the Cooper Creek floodplain to Jundah on the banks of the Thomson River. At the picturesque Swanvale Lookout we'll be joined by a local station owner for a personal tour of his property followed by lunch at the Stonehenge Hotel. See the unusual Address Book at Stonehenge where visitors sign their town names in stone! We arrive in Longreach late afternoon.

3 nights Albert Park Motor Inn, Longreach

(B) (L) (D)

Day 12 | SATURDAY | LONGREACH

Wander the interactive displays of the Qantas Founders Museum to discover the real Qantas story. Hear the inspiring human stories of our national airline's early years. Step inside the 747 and 707 Jets on an interpretive tour followed by an exclusive Qantas Founders Museum lunch. Relax with some free time then join the Drover's Sunset Cruise on the beautiful Thomson River. Unwind with onboard nibbles and drinks whilst watching a magnificent outback sunset. Enjoy live entertainment and a two-course camp oven themed dinner under the stars at Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show.

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Day 13 | SUNDAY | LONGREACH

Enjoy some free time and lunch in downtown Longreach or relax at your accommodation. Explore the five themed galleries at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame. Then, take your seat at the Outback Stockman's Dinner & Show. This exciting show of horsemanship showcases the traditional Australian Stockman skills that are still used today. Enjoy a gourmet outback barbecue buffet dinner while you watch the action.

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Day 14 | MONDAY

Your Outback Queensland adventure comes to an end after breakfast with a complimentary transfer to your homeward bound connections. The journey may have ended, but the memories will last a lifetime. (B)

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