



WEST QUEENSLAND'S - OUTBACK TREK
 9 Nights / 10 Days OR 10 Nights / 11 Days
 Featuring 'SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK' TRAIN JOURNEY



Journey aboard the legendary Savannahlander train, explore rugged outback landscapes, visit ancient lava tubes and enjoy warm country hospitality. For a touch of true-blue Aussie, have a drink at the Walkabout Creek Hotel made famous by the movie 'Crocodile Dundee' and visit Cloncurry where the Royal Flying Doctor Service started a century ago. This small-group adventure promises unforgettable sights, premium comfort and genuine Outback experiences.

HIGHLIGHTS:

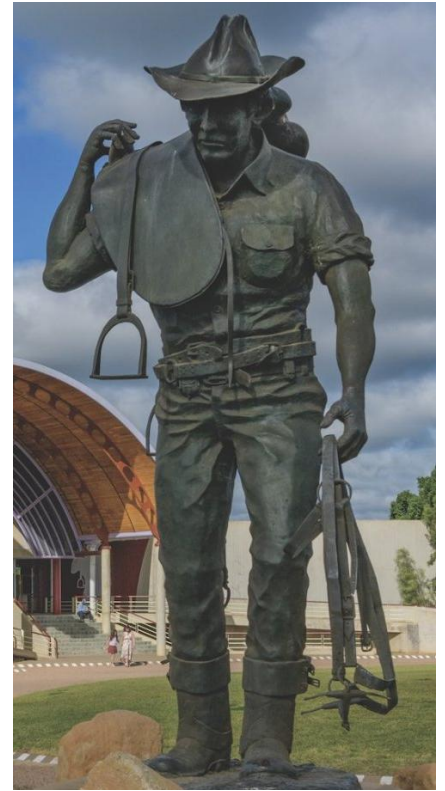
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame entry and Live Stockman's Show
- Qantas Founders Museum entry
- Silver-Tails Rail Sunset including Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show
- Walkabout Creek Hotel
- John Flynn Place RFDS Museum
- Normanton's Purple Pub
- Barramundi Discovery Centre
- Cruise the Gulf of Carpentaria
- Gulflander & Savannahlander
- Cobbold Gorge Tour & Cruise
- Talaroo Hot Springs
- Undara Lava Tubes
- Woodleigh Station lunch
- Lake Barrine

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DAY 1 - TUESDAY BRISBANE TO LONGREACH

Arrive Brisbane and board 'Spirit Of The Outback' train at 6.10 pm for the 1325 km journey that will take you north along the coast to Rockhampton where you head inland away from the ocean and balmy tropics to the rugged, sunburnt heart of the Outback.

Heading west with the sun rising you're travelling through the Central Highlands of Queensland passing country towns like Emerald with its' Federation-style historic station. Short stops are made enroute for refuelling and disembarking passengers so you can get off and stretch your legs. Climbing the Drummond Range the train travels through tight curves allowing you to see the front and back of the train. Hannam's Gap at 524m is the top of the Range. The hills give way to scrubland with termite mounds as it follows the flat Capricorn Highway. Cattle country and small outback towns appear along the route as you approach Longreach arriving there at 6.00 pm. A first-class cabin, although small, provides an armchair during the day and single sleeper at night. Shower and toilet facilities are shared. Excellent meals are included and there is a good selection of beverages and Queensland wine.



Comfortable sleeper cabins





Dining car



Quaint Queensland country towns

Day 2: Wednesday – Longreach

You will be met on arrival at Longreach Airport or the Train Station and transferred to your accommodation.

Day 3: Thursday – Longreach

Start your day with a relaxed breakfast cruise aboard the M.V. Longreach Explorer. Discover the sacred scar trees and the magic of being on the water in the heart of the Outback. Explore the fascinating themed galleries at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and enjoy the Stockman's Live Show, showcasing outstanding horsemanship in action.

After lunch, visit the Qantas Founders Museum to uncover the remarkable story of Australia's national airline. In the late afternoon, step aboard the Silver-Tails Rail Sunset experience and soak in sweeping views of the floodplains at sunset while enjoying signature canapés, drinks, and warm Outback hospitality aboard a beautifully restored heritage rail motor. Following the journey, you'll be transferred to the unforgettable Smithy's Outback Dinner and Show for an evening of delicious dining and entertainment.



Day 4: Friday – Cloncurry

After a relaxed breakfast, we follow the Matilda Way to Kynuna and the iconic Blue Heeler Hotel for a slice of Australian folklore. It was here that Banjo Paterson is said to have brokered a truce

with the shearers responsible for burning down the Dagworth Woolshed and 143 jumbucks. Rather than continue their conflict, the swagmen and squatters reportedly raised a final glass together and sang Waltzing Matilda at the bar.

Enjoy lunch at the legendary Walkabout Creek Hotel, made famous by the blockbuster film Crocodile Dundee. Later this afternoon, arrive in Cloncurry to explore one of Australia's most comprehensive gem and mineral collections at the Cloncurry Unearthed Visitor Information Centre. Continue with a visit to John Flynn Place Museum, where you'll discover the remarkable story of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, one of the world's largest and most respected aeromedical organisations.



Walkabout Creek Hotel

After checking in to your accommodation, join your fellow travellers for a relaxed pre-dinner drink, followed by dinner at the onsite Gidgee Inn Restaurant.

Day 5: Saturday – Karumba

This morning, we travel north along the Burke Developmental Road to the Burke & Wills Roadhouse, where we stop for morning tea. Along the way, enjoy the ever-changing colours of Queensland's rugged cattle country from the blackened trunks of Gidgee scrub and golden Mitchell grass plains to the striking rust-red termite mounds that dot the landscape.



Arriving in Normanton, take time to stroll the historic streets, visit the iconic Purple Pub, and snap a selfie with Krys the Crocodile, the life-size statue commemorating the largest saltwater crocodile ever captured. After lunch, we continue on to Karumba, where a relaxing dinner awaits at your accommodation.

Day 6: Sunday – Karumba

Discover the fascinating world of the mighty barramundi at the Barramundi Discovery Centre, the only hatchery in the world breeding the Southern Gulf strain of this iconic fish. Your guided tour of this state-of-the-art interpretive centre includes the chance to hand-feed a barramundi, offering a

memorable close-up encounter with one of Australia's most celebrated species.

Afterwards, enjoy a delicious lunch of freshly prepared fish and chips before spending the afternoon at leisure. Explore the charming township, browse local attractions, or simply unwind at your accommodation.

As the day draws to a close, step aboard a sunset cruise on the spectacular Gulf of Carpentaria. Journey to a remote sand island where you'll raise a toast to the



setting sun and indulge in a feast of fresh local seafood while brilliant twilight colours fill the evening sky.

Day 7: Monday – Cobbold Gorge

This morning, set out on a nostalgic rail journey aboard the famous Gulflander—affectionately known as the “Tin Hare”—travelling from Normanton to Critters Camp. Originally built to link the once-bustling river port of Normanton with the goldfields of Croydon, this historic line offers a unique glimpse into Queensland's outback heritage.

Enjoy lunch at the historic Croydon Club Hotel. Built in 1887, it is the last remaining hotel of the original 37 that once served the thriving gold rush town. Next, travel to another former gold-mining township, Georgetown, where you'll explore the impressive mineral collection at the Terrestrial Centre.

After a full and rewarding day, arrive at the secluded Outback oasis of Cobbold Gorge in time to enjoy a sunset drink overlooking the tranquil infinity pool. Dinner this evening will be served at the Cobbold Gorge Resort Restaurant.

Day 8: Tuesday – Cobbold Gorge

This morning, enjoy a cruise through the stunning sandstone gorge at Cobbold Gorge, located on a privately owned cattle station. The gorge is home to a range of native fish and freshwater

crocodiles. You'll glide quietly between towering cliff walls in a specially designed battery-powered punt.

There is also an optional guided walk to the top of the escarpment, offering sweeping views from the striking Glass Bridge. After lunch, the afternoon is yours at leisure. You might unwind beside the infinity pool, take an optional scenic helicopter flight, or explore marked bushwalking trails in search of local wildlife and birdlife. Dinner tonight will



be served at the Cobbold Gorge Resort Restaurant.

Day 9: Wednesday – Mt Surprise

This morning we visit one of Queensland's most extraordinary geological wonders, set in the heart of Gulf Savannah country, Talaroo Hot Springs. Here, we take a guided tour along the elevated boardwalk and enjoy a delicious morning tea while soaking in the natural beauty of the area. Leaving Talaroo Hot Springs, we continue with a scenic drive to Mount Surprise before heading on to the Undara Experience for lunch and check-in.



This afternoon, we join a guided tour of the remarkable Undara Lava Tubes, part of the world's longest lava flow from a single volcanic crater.

You'll learn fascinating insights into the region's environmental, geological, and historical significance.

Tonight, we dine in a truly unique setting among restored antique railway carriages at the Fettler's Iron Pot Bistro.

Day 10: Thursday – Cairns

Boarding the famous Savannahlander this morning, we embark on an adventurous journey from Spring Creek to Mount Surprise. Travelling through contrasting landscapes and Forty Mile Scrub National Park, we continue to Woodleigh Station.



Relax and enjoy lunch in view of the 100-year-old bougainvillea, with time for a stroll around the expansive gardens. We then continue through the Atherton Tablelands for a short stop at Lake Barrine, an enchanting natural lake surrounded by World Heritage-listed rainforest.

Arriving in Cairns late afternoon, we enjoy a farewell dinner at your accommodation.

Day 11: Friday

Arrangements end after breakfast.

GREAT BARRIER REEF OPTION:

Extend your stay in Cairns to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Great Barrier Reef and islands on a full day tour either by sailing vessel or luxury catamaran with snorkelling equipment and lunch included. We recommend an additional 2 – 3 nights so you can take the Skyrail and visit Kuranda Markets. Please enquire.



SCHEDULE 2027: Longreach to Cairns
7 July, 25 August, 8 September

COST 2027: per person share twin/double in AUST\$

10 day tour Longreach / Cairns

Share twin AU\$7914 Single room supplement AU\$1446

11 day tour Brisbane / Longreach / Cairns

Share twin AU\$8319 Single room supplement AU\$1446

***Includes One-way Sleeper Rail on the 'Spirit of the Outback' with meals included. Pricing confirmed pending availability.**

COST INCLUDES:

- 9 Nights ensuite accommodation – with stays at Longreach Motor Inn, Gidgee Inn, End of the Road Motel, Cobbold Gorge Village, Undara Experience and Rydges Esplanade.
- Touring with experienced guides. operator driver and host
- Transport by luxury 4WD coach from Longreach to Cairns
- MEALS: 9 breakfast, 8 lunches & 8 dinners
- All entries/activities as per itinerary
- Longreach accommodation arrival/departure transfers

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