

A 14-Day, 13-Night Adventure - Departing Friday 2 August 2019

# THE WESTERN QUEENSLAND 14-DAY ADVENTURE

*Featuring Mount Isa, Winton, Longreach, Charleville, Roma, Toowoomba, and Much, Much More!*

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**Day 1: Friday 2 August 2019 – Canberra Airport, Brisbane Airport, Mount Isa**

**Inclusions:** *Qantas Flight from Canberra to Brisbane and then Brisbane to Mount Isa, Porterage, Two-Course Alternate Drop Dinner & Accommodation at ibis Styles Mount Isa Verona Hotel (Walk-In Showers)*

This morning you are to make your own way to Canberra Airport by around 9.30am, to commence your journey to Brisbane and Mt Isa. Upon arrival at the Airport, you'll meet your fellow passengers, who are travelling with you on this tour. You are to board Qantas Flight 1546, which is scheduled to depart from Canberra at 11.15am, and arrive at Brisbane Airport at 12.55pm. After arriving in Brisbane, you'll have free time at the Airport, before you board Qantas Flight 1782, which is scheduled to depart at 3.20pm, and arrive in Mount Isa at 5.55pm. Upon arrival in **Mount Isa**, a luxury coach will be waiting to convey you on the ten-minute journey to your hotel for the next three nights – the **ibis Styles Mount Isa Verona Hotel**. Situated within a few metres of the Shopping Centre, this 57-room Hotel is regarded as one of the best hotels in the city, and boasts recently refurbished rooms, a popular restaurant, a swimming pool, and a modern bar. After arriving at the Hotel at around 6.30pm, your luggage will be conveyed from the coach to your room by the Hotel's porters, allowing you to alight from the coach and go straight to your room, without having to worry about waiting for your luggage to be unloaded. You'll have a few minutes to freshen up, before making your way into the restaurant by 6.45pm, where you'll sit down to a delicious **Two-Course Alternate-Drop Dinner**. For Main Course, you'll be served either Roast Pork with Crispy Crackling & Apple Sauce, accompanied by Baked Potatoes, Baked Pumpkin, Cauliflower Cheese, Steamed Greens and Gravy, or Roast Lamb Leg with Mint Jelly, accompanied by Baked Potatoes, Baked Pumpkin, Cauliflower Cheese, Steamed Greens and Gravy. For Dessert, you'll be served either Pavlova with Mixed Berries, a Berry Coulis and Whipped Cream, or Plain Cheesecake with Mixed Berries, a Berry Coulis & Whipped Cream. Following Dinner, Self-Serve Tea & Coffee will be available.

**Day 2: Saturday 3 August 2019 – Mount Isa City Centre, Historic Mount Isa Underground Hospital, Lake Moondarra**

**Inclusions:** *Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, Guided Tour & Entry to the Historic Mount Isa Underground Hospital, Two-Course, Self-Serve, All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Dinner & Accommodation at ibis Styles Mount Isa Verona Hotel (Walk-In Showers)*

This morning, you can make your way into the restaurant any time between 6.00am and 9.00am for a **Full Hot and Cold Buffet Breakfast**. Following Breakfast, the morning is yours to do as you please! This will be your only opportunity to explore the Shopping Centre, and to relax a little before the tour seriously begins later this afternoon. The city's Shopping Centre is within a five minute walk from the Hotel, so you'll be able to come and go as you please. After enjoying lunch in one of the city's coffee shops or cafes, you're to make your way back to the Hotel by 1.30pm, where you'll board the coach for the 5-minute journey to the **Mount Isa Underground Hospital & Museum**. This former hospital was constructed in 1942 by off-duty miners, who worked at the nearby Mount Isa Mines. The layout of the underground hospital consists of three parallel east to west tunnels, cut into shale rock, joined at their eastern ends by a 20 metre crosscut tunnel running north to south, forming a reversed 'E'. The tunnels vary in widths from 2.6 metres to 3.5 metres. Following the construction of a new hospital, the underground hospital closed down and fell into disrepair. Between 1997 and 2001, it was completely restored and fitted out exactly as it was when it was first built, based on photographs from 1942. Upon arrival, you'll be taken on a **30-Minute Guided Tour** of the Underground Hospital, before having time to browse through the adjacent **Beth Anderson Museum**. This Museum is packed full of wonderful medical memorabilia from the 1930s through to almost the present day. It houses an extensive range of antique medical equipment, large posters of the human anatomy, and a real skeleton that was used for educational purposes. As well as medical paraphernalia, the Museum also houses a range of interesting World War II items, and some geological exhibits. Many of the items in the Museum were donated by families who still reside in Mount Isa. You'll depart from the complex at around 3.00pm to be conveyed out into the surrounding countryside to visit Lake Moondarra. This artificial lake, on the Leichhardt River, is situated 16 kilometres downstream from Mount Isa. It provides water to both the City, and to the adjacent Mount Isa Mines. At the time of the dam's construction in 1956, it was the largest water scheme in Australia, funded by private enterprise. The Dam officially became known as Lake Moondarra after a competition to name the Dam was won by Mount Isa local, Danny Driscoll. The aboriginal name means 'plenty of rain and thunder'. Upon arrival, you'll have time to go for a stroll, and take some photos. You'll depart from the Lake at around 4.15pm, and return to the Hotel at around 4.45pm. After having time to relax and freshen-up, you'll make your way into the hotel's restaurant by 6.00pm, where you'll enjoy a **Two-Course, All-You-Can-Eat, Self-Serve Buffet Dinner**. The Main Course options will include Crumbed Lamb Cutlets, Scotch Fillet Steak in a Red Wine Jus, Barramundi in a Lemon Butter Sauce, Roasted Vegetable Medley (Potato, Pumpkin, Sweet Potato), Steamed Green Beans, tossed in Chopped Well-Fried Bacon, Garlic and Butter, Honeyed Carrots, a Tossed Garden Salad, and Gravy. The Dessert options will include Sticky Date Pudding with a Butterscotch Sauce, Apple Crumble, Chocolate Mousse, Freshly-Whipped Cream and Custard. Following Dinner, Self-Serve Tea and Coffee will be available.

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**Day 3: Sunday 4 August 2019 – Guided Mount Isa City Tour, Outback at Isa (Riversleigh Fossil Museum, Three-Hour Hard Times Underground Mine Tour, Mount Isa Experience & Mount Isa Visitor Information Centre)**

**Inclusions:** *Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, Entry to Outback at Isa (includes Entry to the Riversleigh Fossil Museum, Entry to the Mount Isa Experience, Entry & the Three-Hour Guided Tour of the Hard Times Underground Mine, with Afternoon Tea), Two-Course Self-Serve All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Dinner & Accommodation at ibis Styles Mount Isa Verona Hotel (Walk-In Showers)*

Again, this morning, you can make your way into the restaurant any time between 6.00am and 9.00am for a **Full Hot and Cold Buffet Breakfast**. Following Breakfast, you'll depart from the Hotel at around 9.15am, to be taken on a **1-Hour Tour of Mount Isa**. The tour will drive past points of historical significance, including the Mine, local churches and other important buildings. At 10.15am, you'll arrive at '**Outback at Isa**', where you will spend the rest of the day. This large tourism complex is Mount Isa's most visited attraction. The complex houses the Visitor Information Centre, the Hard Times Underground Mine, Isa Experience and Outback Park, Mount Isa Regional Art Gallery, Riversleigh Fossil Centre, Mount Isa Fish Hatchery Project, and the busy Outback Café. Upon arrival, our group will be split into two smaller groups. Each group will do the same itinerary, but at different times throughout the day. A full day is hardly enough to visit all the attractions in this exciting complex! You'll visit the '**Isa Experience**'. The Isa Experience lives, entertains and enthralls. This vibrant and entertaining exhibit, which also includes theatre movies, will provide you with an insight to the fascinating development of the mining industry, the cultural diversity of Mount Isa, and you'll be able to see depictions of the quiriness of daily life in the early days. The stunning, award-winning, dual plasma screens mysteriously begin as you enter the exhibit space. Blending the indigenous and white perspectives, it dramatically concludes with the didgeridoo 'morphing' into the modern lead stack that dominates the city skyline. The Isa Experience gives an intimate and in-depth perspective to the development of a multi-cultural society that existed well before the term was coined. Be sure to also visit the complex's '**Outback Park**'. This Park is an extensive creative landscape that captures the visitors' attention, with a central lagoon surrounded by lush native plantings, and a Lawn Hill Gorge inspired waterfall. A bridge extends across the lagoon, and paths lead around the Park to various shaded rest stops, where you can sit and take time to relax and take in the atmosphere for a few minutes, before heading off to the next attraction. Included in the cost of your day visit to this complex is a visit to the '**Mount Isa Fish Hatchery Project**'. Located in the green shed at the rear of the complex, this fish hatchery is a home to many volunteers, who work tirelessly to ensure that local anglers and visitors are able to continue reeling in Barramundi and other fish breeds in the lakes around Mount Isa. The hatchery prides itself in breeding Barramundi for the annual Lake Moondarra Fishing Classic, which attracts visitors from all over Australia, who attempt to catch one of the tagged fish. Upon entering the shed, you'll view the seven large tanks that display the local fish that have been bred, here, including the Sooty Grunter, Barramundi, and the Sleepy Cod. You're welcome to view an audio visual presentation that will inform you about how the hatchery improved aquaculture and lake sustainability around Mount Isa, as well as information about local fish life. Also in the Complex is the '**Riversleigh Fossil Centre**'. The Centre will provide you with a wealth of information about the fossils that have been extracted from the nearby Riversleigh Fossil Fields. Now a World Heritage Area, the Fossil Fields are home to one of the most significant and exciting fossil deposits in the world. There has been more than 500 new species of animal discovered amongst the 300 marked sites in the Fossil Fields, which more than confirms the significance and importance of the Fields. The Centre houses many of these finds, and they are depicted as dioramas and are exhibited in an authentic setting, to illustrate the unique discoveries that have been found in one of the world's richest fossil fields. Unlike many other of the world's fossil deposits, the Riversleigh fossils are not just a snapshot in time, but a window on the development of early mammal megafauna over the past 30 million years. You'll have time to stroll through the Centre, and learn about this fascinating part of our world's history. During the day, both groups will have over an hour to purchase lunch in the '**Outback Café**', and to browse around the Centre's lovely **Gift Shop**. Be sure to also allow sufficient time during the day to visit the Complex's '**Mount Isa Regional Art Gallery**'. This newly renovated Gallery houses an interesting and diverse range of local art, and at certain times throughout the year, it plays host to exhibitions by well-known artists from outside the region. From sculptures to paintings, portraits to landscapes, and abstract to indigenous art, the Gallery has something for everyone! The main feature of today's visit will be the '**Three-Hour Hard Times Underground Mine Tour**'. This specially-constructed replica mine, some 25 metres underground, was built in the grounds of the 'Outback at Isa' complex between 2001 and 2003, and was opened to the public in 2004. The actual Mount Isa Mines is not open to the public, for safety reasons; hence the reason why this replica mine was constructed. The replica mine was created by miners, using the same construction methods that are used in the nearby Mount Isa Mines, and gives visitors an insight into what an underground mine looks and feels like, and provides them with some sample experiences of the work that goes on in an underground mine. From the very beginning of this exciting tour, you'll know that you're in for a rather unique and special experience! After meeting your Tour Guide, who has worked as a miner for most of his life, you'll be kitted out in overalls, hard hats and cap lamps, before entering the Alimak Cage, to descend into the replica mine, below. Thirty seconds later, the gates of the cage open, and you're in the replica mine below – a far cry from the 5-10 minute journey that 'real' miners take to their destination, sometimes kilometres below the earth's surface, into the damp, musty, smelly and dangerous world below, that is their work environment for many hours each day. During the tour, your Tour Guide will inform you about the history of mining in the area, and enthrall you with stories from both the good times and hard times that miners experience working deep below the earth's surface. You'll learn about how the tunnels are formed and shaped by the

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majestic boom drills and mucking units. You'll get up and close with the machinery, and be able to try your hand at the air-leg drill, and feel the earth rumble with the firing of the blast face. During your tour, you'll enjoy a 'smoko' in the miner's mess hall, where you'll sit down to a **Traditional Miner's Lunch**, consisting of a Corned Beef Sandwich, a Cuppa, and a Home-Made Slice. The words that most visitors use to describe this tour is 'unforgettable', 'awesome' and 'truly impressive'. You're sure to talk about this tour for weeks and months to come! Please be sure to wear loose clothing, preferably a shirt and pants or leggings, as well as a pair of socks for your visit to the replica Mine. All other clothing will be provided! You'll depart from the Complex at around 5.00pm, to return to the Hotel. After returning to the Hotel, you'll have time to relax and freshen-up before heading into the restaurant by 6.00pm, for a delicious **Two-Course, All-You-Can-Eat, Self-Serve Buffet Dinner**. The Main Course options will include Roast Lamb, with Self-Serve Mint Jelly, Barramundi, Chicken (boneless) in a Creamy Dijon Mustard Sauce, Fluffy White Rice, Baked Potatoes, Baked Pumpkin, Green Beans, Cauliflower au Gratin, a Tossed Garden Salad, and Gravy. The Dessert options will include Dressed Pavlova, Fresh Fruit Salad, Plain Cheesecake, Freshly-Whipped Cream, and a Berry Coulis. Following Dinner, Self-Serve Tea & Coffee will be available.

### Day 4: Monday 5 August 2019 – Mount Isa, Cloncurry Town Centre, McKinlay, Kynuna, Winton

**Inclusions:** *Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, Entry to the John Flynn Place Museum (Cloncurry), Lunch at the Walkabout Creek Hotel (McKinlay), Two-Course Self-Serve All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Dinner & Accommodation at the Boulder Opal Motor Inn (Winton)* (Walk-In Showers)

This morning, you are to make your way into the restaurant any time between 6.00am and 7.15am to enjoy a **Full Hot and Cold Buffet Breakfast**. Your luggage is to be placed outside your room by 7.00am, to allow the porters to convey it to the coach, prior to your departure from the Hotel at 7.45am. After departing from the Hotel, you'll head to the town of **Cloncurry**. After arriving in the town at around 9.10am, you'll head straight to the **John Flynn Place Museum**. This Museum honours an Australian visionary, and those who joined his campaign for better living conditions in remote Australia. It records an era of technological advance when aviation and radio overcame the isolation of vast tracts of Australia. In particular, it records the role of Cloncurry within this great story, for it was here that John Flynn began his flying doctor experiment in 1928, and pioneered his dream of outback radio communication. The museum also plays tribute to the amazing work of Alfred Traeger, the inventive genius who gave a voice to Outback Australia through the pedal radio. The centre also encompasses the work of Allan Vickers, who joined the Aerial Medical Service of the Australian Inland Mission, and in 1931-1934 was a medical superintendent in Cloncurry. Incorporated within the museum is the Fred McKay Art Gallery, named after Flynn's successor, which houses an impressive art collection, acquired largely through Cloncurry's annual Ernest Henry Memorial Art Show. The gardens of John Flynn Place Museum incorporate a Cloister of Plaques commemorating the life and work of pioneer radio engineers and radio operators, the original flying doctors, the first aerial medical pilots, and early patrol padres. Upon arrival, you'll be given a **15-Minute Informative Talk** about the Museum and its history, before having free time to stroll through the exhibits. You'll depart from the Museum at around 10.15am, and head into the Town Centre, where you'll have time to browse the small shopping centre, and enjoy some refreshments. The Cloncurry Bakery comes highly recommended for a bakery item, and a cup of tea or coffee! You'll depart from the Shopping Centre to head to the nearby **Cloncurry Visitor Information Centre & Museum**. This complex, situated on the grounds of the Mary Kathleen Memorial Park, proudly showcases memorabilia relating to Cloncurry and the surrounding district. It houses memorabilia from the Mary Kathleen Uranium Mine and Township, as well as documents and photographs relating to the town's history. The star exhibit of the museum is Robert O'Hara Burke's (Burke and Wills) water bottle, along with the history and photographs of their exploration. A gem and mineral exhibition is also on display. This display has been ranked by experts as the most comprehensive collection of its type in Australia. The Centre also displays an exhibit of Aboriginal memorabilia and the breastplate once worn by George, King of Friesland. In the grounds outside the Centre, you'll be able to view historic steam engines, a traction engine, farm and mining machinery, and a unique Rail Ambulance. If you have time, you may wish to follow the path to the nearby scenic lookout, which offers spectacular views of Cloncurry. You'll depart from the Centre at around 12.00pm, to head to the isolated and lonely hamlet of **McKinlay**. There is really only one reason for stopping at McKinlay: Crocodile Dundee. In the movie, the local pub, the Federal McKinlay Hotel, was renamed the Walkabout Creek Hotel. Shortly after the movie became a box office hit in 1986, the pub was sold for \$290,000, and subsequently it was renamed and promoted as the town's one and only tourist attraction. Historically the town grew as a service centre for the surrounding pastoralists. Today, with the interest generated by Crocodile Dundee, it is nothing more than a couple of stores, a few houses and a pub. Like so much of Western Queensland, any future that it might have had was destroyed with the arrival of motor vehicles and farm mechanisation. It is a town with a single novelty. Sadly that novelty is now a sleight of hand. The pub has been moved to the main road, and the facade has been modernised. You'll arrive at the **Walkabout Creek Hotel** at around 1.15pm, and enjoy an included **Lunch**. Lunch will consist of Freshly-Made Sandwiches, Fresh Fruit and Self-Serve Tea and Coffee. After having Lunch and a quick browse around the Hotel, you'll depart from McKinlay at 2.05pm, to head to your next rest stop in the tiny lonely and isolated hamlet of **Kynuna**. You'll arrive at the **Kynuna Roadhouse** at around 3.00pm, and have time to use the restrooms and grab a refreshment, before departing at around 3.30pm. After departing from Kynuna, you'll head straight to the town of **Winton**, which will be your base for the next two nights. You'll

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arrive at the **Boulder Opal Motor Inn** at around 5.30pm. Upon arrival, again, you will not have to concern yourself with your luggage – the porters will convey it to your room, so it will be just a matter of disembarking from the coach, receiving your room key, and making your way straight to your room. After having time to freshen-up and relax, you are to make your way into the restaurant by 6.15pm, where you will sit down to a **Two-Course, Self-Serve Buffet Dinner**. The Main Course options will include Roast Beef, Chicken Breast Fillet in a Dijon Mustard Sauce, Potato Mash, Peas, Carrots, Corn, Cauliflower Cheese and Gravy. Your Dessert options will include Home-Made Trifle, Apple Crumble, Chocolate Mousse, Whipped Cream and Custard.

### Day 5: Tuesday 6 August 2019 – Winton Shopping Centre & Local Attractions

**Inclusions:** *Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, Entry & Informative Talk at the Waltzing Matilda Centre, Entry & Informative Talk at Corfield & Fitzmaurice (historic heritage listed general store, craft outlet, museum and Dinosaur Diorama), Entry to the Opal Walk & Historic Open Air Theatre, Entry & Informative Talk at the Winton Truck Museum, Arno's Wall, Willie Mar's Chinese Garden, the Musical Fence, Two-Course Self-Serve All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Dinner & Accommodation at the Boulder Opal Motor Inn (Winton)* (Walk-In Showers)

This morning, you are to make your way into the restaurant any time between 7.00am and 8.30am to enjoy a **Full Hot and Cold Buffet Breakfast**. Following Breakfast, today, you'll have two options available. Option No.1 is included in the cost of this tour. Option No.2 will incur an extra cost on top the tour price.

**Option No.1:** You'll depart from the Motor Inn at around 8.50am, for the 2-minute drive to the nearby **Waltzing Matilda Centre**. The Centre tells the story of Waltzing Matilda, Winton, and the Outback region. This Centre was built in 1988 to celebrate Winton's connection to A B 'Banjo' Paterson's famous 1895 song that has become Australia's unofficial anthem. The song was written in the region; hence the connection. The Centre housed a wide range of memorabilia and interactive displays, and it quickly became one of the premier tourist attractions in this part of Queensland, attracting thousands of tourists from all over the world and Australia each year. In 2015, an electrical fault caused the Centre to be destroyed by a fire, which totally devastated the local community, as the Centre, and the visitors it attracted, provided a huge financial gain to the town. After the fire, a larger, more modern complex was designed and built, and in April 2018, it was officially opened by the Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove. The award-winning building features a stunning display of cut and polished Winton Boulder Opal set into the floor of the Centre, which always attracts the attention of the many tourists who visit each day. The new Centre houses a world class Museum, which features audio visuals, a sound and light display, interactive displays, all helping to tell the story of Waltzing Matilda. It also houses an exhibition space, where exhibitions are frequently staged. At the time of this brochure going to print, the space was housing a display on Winton's contribution to World War I. In August, at the time of your visit, another interesting exhibition is sure to be in its place. The Centre houses a modern Art Gallery, which not only contains a permanent display of work by local artists, but at different times of the year, the work of artists and artisans from elsewhere in Australia is featured. You're sure to enjoy your visit to the Qantilda Museum at the rear of the complex. This Museum houses interactive displays that tell the story and history of the Winton Shire, including the Great Shearers Strike of 1891, and the birth of QANTAS. It also features a Chorregon Railway Display. The feature of this display is the BB 18¼ Class Steam Locomotive. This Locomotive was donated to the Museum by Queensland Rail, and is adjacent to the old Chorregon Railway Siding, which from 1927 until January 1987 was one of the principal sidings situated on the Winton - Longreach Railway Line. The siding was dismantled and moved to the museum in 1994. A carriage, which contains a first and second class compartment, was also donated by Queensland Rail. This carriage and other railway exhibits form part of the display. The Museum features a Bottle Room. This fascinating display of bottles was sourced by a group of dedicated local people, who spent a lot of time travelling all around the district, rummaging in dump sites and on properties to find a wide range of interesting bottles of all shapes, sizes and colours. Some of the bottles were used by Winton Cordial Manufacturers, which have gone on to be collector's items, as the factory no longer operates. Be sure to visit the Christina Macpherson Cottage, also at the rear of the Centre. This little cottage was moved to the present site as part of the Winton Bi-Centennial Programme, and was opened on the 21st May, 1988. Once a residence, the old kitchen now holds a wide range of mincers, separators, butter churns and other domestic items dating from the 1900's. Rifles, hand guns, and indigenous weapons and artefacts adjoin a rare display of furniture and regalia bequeathed to the museum by the Winton Masonic Lodge, which is now disbanded. Another interesting feature of the Centre is the Vehicle Shed. The Shed contains an interesting selection of vintage horse drawn vehicles, early model motor vehicles, and even a horse or tractor drawn grader. Many of the old horse drawn vehicles were used by drovers prior to the availability of motor vehicles, or came from station properties. The owners and managers were only too willing to pension them off once the motor car, such as the T Model Ford and Chev, became available. During your visit to the Centre, you may wish to take a break for a few minutes to enjoy a tea or coffee in the Tuckerbox Café. You'll depart from the Centre at around 11.00am, to walk across the street to the **Corfield & Fitzmaurice Museum**. The impressively designed store was built in 1916, and served the people of the township and the surrounding pastoral region until its closure in 1987. Today this stunning old building, which is heritage listed by the National Trust, now houses a fascinating display of Dinosaur Diorama, dinosaur fossils, an opal mining display, a wood industry display, and the not-for-profit Combo Craft Shop,

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which offers a wonderful range of handmade local craft. After being met by one of the Museum's volunteers, you'll be given a **15-Minute Informative Talk** about the Museum, before having time to explore the displays. You'll depart from the Museum to stroll to the nearby **Opal Walk & Open Air Theatre**. Located in Elderslie Street next to the North Gregory Hotel, the Royal Open Air Theatre is one of only two remaining open air picture theatres left in Australia. Built in 1918 and purchased by the Evert family in 1938, the Royal Theatre is now a combination of a museum and a picture theatre. The Theatre Museum is open during the day and includes the Opal Walk which offers an insight into the local opal industry. It also has exhibits which cover the history of the Theatre. Every Wednesday from April to September, the Royal Open Air Theatre has a Nostalgia Night which features 'memories of yester-year' with the old time slides and black and white film shorts. Patrons sit in old canvas seats, under the stars. After departing from this attraction at around 12.15pm, you'll have over an hour to explore the Shopping Centre, and enjoy lunch in one of the town's cafes, pubs or bakeries. At around 1.30pm, you'll board the coach to be conveyed a couple of blocks to visit **Arno's Wall**. This very unique tourist attraction is located in Arno's Park, on Vindex Street. The wall is two metres high and stretches along one side of the park for over seventy metres. It is constructed from concrete and rock brought in from Arno's opal mine at Opalton, and is studded with old lawnmower parts, boat propellers, vintage typewriters, plaster figures, copper pots, sewing machines and a complete early model Holden. Arno arrived in Australia from Germany with his wife in the 1960s after he had an adventurous life in the French Foreign Legion, as a merchant seaman, and working in the Vatican. He has said of the wall: "This wall contains every engine from the start of mankind up to now. The whole history of machines." You'll have sufficient time to stroll beside the wall, and take some photos, before reboarding the coach to head to the **Willie Mar Market Garden Heritage Site**. This market garden was possibly the last working Chinese market garden in Queensland. It was established in 1923 by Willie Mar Snr, to provide fresh fruit and vegetables to local residents. It continued to operate until a flood devastated the garden in 2000. It is possible to see remnants of the traditional pond watering system, and the collection of homemade rooster cages and garden tools. After a quick visit to view this site, you'll head to the **Winton Heritage Truck & Machinery Museum**. After arriving at the Museum at around 3.00pm, you'll be given a **20-Minute Informative Talk** about the Museum, and the vehicles that it features. The Museum is a community-based, volunteer-managed organization, dedicated to the preservation and presentation of Australia's unique road transport heritage. During your visit, you'll view fully-restored heritage trucks, tractors and machinery, a unique collection of workhorses from yesteryear. The highlights of the collection include the legendary lady truckie Toots Holzheimer's M A N Truck, an 1899 Winton Pheaton, an 1890 Ruston Stationary Steam Engine, a 1934 Dodge Fargo, as well as Leyland, International, Mack and Chevrolet trucks, all presented in pristine condition. You'll depart from the Museum at around 4.00pm, to head to the last tourist attraction of the day – the **Musical Fence**. Designed and created by percussionist and composer, Graeme Leak, and formally 'opened' in 2003, this unique and fascinating attraction is reputedly the first musical fence in the world. The Musical Fence is basically a series of instruments, mostly percussive, that sit in the open air. It was designed to be enjoyed, and it is quite impressive, even if you don't want to try it, but, go on, make some noise during your visit! After departing from this attraction, you'll return to the Motor Inn, arriving there at around 4.40pm.

**Option No.2:** You'll depart from the Motor Inn with the passengers who have chosen Option No.1 at around 8.50am, for the 2-minute drive to the nearby **Waltzing Matilda Centre**. After concluding your visit to the Waltzing Matilda Centre at around 11.00am, you'll have time to stroll around the Winton's Shopping Centre, where you can enjoy an early lunch in one of the town's cafes or coffee shops. At 12.00pm, you'll depart from the town in a specially built 16-Seat 4-Wheel Drive Bus, operated by local tour company, Red Dirt Tours, for the 90-minute outback journey to the world famous **Lark Quarry Conservation Park**, to visit the **Dinosaur Stampede National Monument**. This Park hosts evidence of the only known dinosaur stampede in the world, with more than 3300 preserved footprints. Upon arrival, you'll be taken on a **45-Minute Guided Tour** of the complex, before having time to take a short stroll to the nearby Lookout. Before returning to Winton, you'll be served a delicious home-made **Afternoon Tea**. You'll be dropped back at the Motor Inn at around 5.45pm. There are only 16 seats available on this tour. Bookings will be taken on a first in, first served basis. The cost for Option No.2 is \$80.00 per person, which is to be paid at the same time as the first deposit for this tour.

After completing either **Option No.1** or **Option No.2**, and returning to the Motor Inn, you'll have free time to relax and freshen-up, before heading into the restaurant 6.15pm, where you will sit down to a **Two-Course, Self-Serve Buffet Dinner**. The Main Course options will include Lamb Shank, Roast Pork with Crackling & Apple Sauce, Potato Mash, Peas, Carrots, Corn, Cauliflower Cheese, and Gravy. Your Dessert options will be the same as the previous night - Home-Made Trifle, Apple Crumble, Chocolate Mousse, Whipped Cream and Custard.

### Day 6: Wednesday 7 August – Winton, Longreach

**Inclusions:** *Hot & Cold Full Buffet Breakfast, Entry & Full Guided Tour of the Age of Dinosaurs Complex (the Fossil Preparation Laboratory, the Fossil and Skeleton Collections Museum, and the Dinosaur Canyon Outpost and Outdoor Galleries), Entry to the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame & Outback Heritage Centre, Two-Course Self-Serve All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Dinner & Accommodation at the Albert Park Motor Inn (Longreach) (Walk-In Showers)*

This morning, you are to make your way into the restaurant any time between 6.00am and 7.15am to enjoy a **Full Hot**

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**and Cold Buffet Breakfast.** Your luggage is to be placed outside your room by 7.15am, to allow the porters to convey it to the coach, prior to your departure from the Motor Inn at 7.50am. After departing from the Motor Inn you'll head to the **Australian Age of Dinosaurs.** Located 25 kilometres south of Winton, the Age of Dinosaurs is perched on top of an ancient mesa, with dramatic views of the surrounding countryside. The centre is proud of the fact that it is the home of the world's largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils, and the most productive fossil preparation laboratory in the Southern hemisphere. During your visit, you will have the total dinosaur experience! You'll have a Guided Tour of each of the three components of this world famous tourist attraction: **1. The Working Laboratory.** During this part of the tour the Tour Guide will take you behind-the-scenes through the most productive Fossil Preparation Laboratory in the Southern Hemisphere. You'll learn about how dinosaurs are found and recovered, and see the remnants of an ancient world with huge sea shells and plant fossils on display. You'll have the chance to touch a real dinosaur fossil and watch as fossil technicians prepare dinosaur bones for research and display. **2. The Collection Room.** The Room houses the only known specimens of Australia's largest and most complete carnivorous dinosaur - *Australovenator wintonensis*, nicknamed "Banjo", as well as Australia's most complete sauropod *Diamantinasaurus matildae*, nicknamed "Matilda" and *Savannasaurus elliotorum*, nicknamed "Wade". The Tour Guide will tell the story of "Banjo" and "Matilda" and how they are inextricably linked for eternity. You'll sit back and enjoy parts of the documentary "Monsters in the Outback" and watch as the fossils are put together, and the dinosaurs are brought back to life. **3. The Dinosaur Canyon.** Situated two kilometres from the main complex, the coach will convey you to this area, where you'll be taken on another Guided Tour of this highly interesting component of the attraction. During your visit to this area, you'll be given an interpretation of Australian natural history, including biodiversity and dinosaurs, you'll view four galleries containing life-sized dinosaur exhibits, view the Death in the Billabong exhibit, view the beginnings of the Cretaceous Garden and the Valley of the Cycads, view a Dinosaur Stampede exhibit, representing the Lark Quarry Stampede, and stroll along various pathways and lookouts in the Valley. Between each of the three Guided Tours, you'll have some free time to go for a stroll, grab a drink or refreshment, or to just take in the atmosphere of this unique attraction. After completing all three Guided Tours at around 11.45am, you'll have one hour to enjoy lunch in the attraction's Cretaceous Café, and have time to visit the wonderful Gift Shop. You'll depart from the attraction at 12.45pm, to head to the **Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame & Outback Heritage Centre in Longreach.** Upon arrival, at around 2.45pm, you'll have nearly two hours to explore this highly popular tourist attraction. The complex is a spectacular tribute to the people of outback Australia, and tells the story of the rural areas, from the arrival of the Aborigines, more than 40,000 years ago, to the settlement by the British, exploration, the establishment of grazing, agriculture, mining, forestry and other industries in country Australia. It follows the story through to the present day, where technologies of many kinds are playing a role in farming, business and communications. Themes also include development of the outback properties, living in the outback, and the stock worker. The founder of the Hall of Fame was artist Hugh Sawrey, a well-known painter and former stockman, who had the name registered in 1974, put up the initial funding, and enlisted supporters. His vision was to create a memorial to the explorers, overlanders, pioneers and settlers of outback Australia. This dream was shared by other outstanding Australians, including the legendary R. M. Williams. The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame was officially opened in 1988 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Since then, over one million people have visited this premier tribute to the men and women of the outback. During your visit, be sure not to miss the "Wool Bale" café, where you can enjoy a snack and relaxing cuppa. Longreach was chosen as the location for this complex because of its historical role as a stock route junction, and because of its current transport links. The original information centre, a sandstone cottage built by R. M. Williams, complete with hand-cut timber and black marble floors, was restored to its original character, and now houses the Hall of Fame's growing library collection. You'll depart from the complex at around 4.30pm, and make the short 5-minute journey to the **Albert Park Motor Inn**, that will be your home for the next two nights. Upon arrival, again, you will not have to concern yourself with your luggage. It is planned to deliver your luggage to the Motor Inn while you are visiting the Hall of Fame, and then the porters will deliver it to your room, ready for when you arrive at the Motor Inn. So, upon arrival, it will be just a matter of disembarking from the coach, receiving your room key, and making your way straight to your room. After having time to freshen-up and relax, you are to make your way into the restaurant by 6.00pm, where you will sit down to a **Two-Course, Self-Serve All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Dinner.** For Main Course, you'll have the choice of Roasted Lamb Leg, with self-serve Mint Jelly, Chicken Cacciatore, Baked Fish Fillets in a Sauce, Baked Potatoes, Baked Pumpkin, Streamed Greens, a Tossed Garden Salad, and Gravy. For Dessert, you'll have the choice of Panna Cotta, Sticky Date Pudding with a Butterscotch Sauce, Tiramisu, and Freshly-Whipped Cream. Following Dinner Self-Serve Tea & Coffee will be available.

### Day 7: Thursday 8 August 2019 – Longreach Shopping Centre & Local Attractions

**Inclusions:** *Hot & Cold Full Buffet Breakfast, 45-Minute Cobb & Co Stage Coach Ride, Smoko Morning Tea, One-Hour Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show, Visit to the famous Station Store, Entry to Museum & One-Hour Boeing 747 Jet Tour at the Qantas Founders Outback Museum, 45-Minute Outback Stockman's Show & Two-Course BBQ Dinner at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame & Outback Heritage Centre, and Accommodation at the Albert Park Motor Inn (Longreach) (Walk-In Showers)*

This morning, you are to make your way into the restaurant any time between 6.30am and 8.00am to enjoy a **Full Hot**

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**and Cold Buffet Breakfast.** Following Breakfast, you'll depart from the Motor Inn at around 8.10am, to head straight to one of the town's premier tourist attractions - **Kinnon & Co's The Station Store**. Upon arrival, the tour group will be divided into two smaller groups. Each group will do the same itinerary, but at slightly different times. During your visit, you'll enjoy a **45-Minute Cobb & Co Stagecoach Experience**, operated by local tour company, **Outback Pioneers**. Cobb & Co were the pioneers of stagecoach travel and mail services throughout Australia. On the Cobb & Co Stagecoach Experience you'll travel in a restored stagecoach, on an award winning tour – first at a leisurely pace through the town, and then full-tilt along a stretch of the original Longreach to Windorah main route. You'll experience the pounding hooves of the magnificent horses on the outback dirt road, and hear the rattle and creak of the coach during this unique and only stagecoach gallop in Australia! This is the closest feeling you can get to what it would have been like in Australia's pioneering past! Back at the Station Store, you'll enjoy a **'Smoko' Morning Tea**, consisting of Tea, Coffee & Scones, before taking your seat for the **1-Hour Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show**. This Show tells a fictional story set in the time of Harry Redford (Captain Starlight) and refers to his infamous adventures. It is Aussie outback humour and ingenuity at its best! It's an hilarious hour of entertainment, featuring animals, stockmen and improvised live theatre with a laugh a minute. Kids love it and so do adults. It's a must-do experience in Longreach. Based on the traditional outback travelling shows, it's hard not to be charmed by the simple delights of bush theatre. During the morning, you'll also have time to browse in **The Station Store**. This very popular tourist attraction is based on the original outback emporiums that stocked everything, and were a highlight for station folk coming into town for shopping. The historic building, which dates back to the 1880s, is stocked full of outback clothing, gifts, homewares, local crafts, souvenirs, leather ware, crockery, homemade delicacies, and much more! During your visit to the Store, be sure to pop out into the courtyard to view a collection of all sorts of outback memorabilia, including an extensive range of old domestic irons. Even in the early pioneer times, living in the outback meant dressing up to go to town, to church or visiting another station, and an iron was essential to get the edge! Before departing from the complex, you'll have over an hour to stroll around **Longreach Shopping Centre**. You may wish to purchase some refreshments during your visit, as there will not be a designated lunch hour during this day. At around 1.15pm you'll depart from the complex, to head to the famous **Qantas Founders Outback Museum**. This award winning, world-class museum and cultural display, eloquently tells the story of Qantas through interpretive displays, interactive exhibits, original and replica aircraft, an impressive collection of genuine artefacts, and the National Heritage Listed Qantas Hangar. The museum's aircraft collection incorporates four of the world's most significant aircraft – the Consolidated PBV Catalina Flying Boat, a Douglas DC-3, a Boeing 707 and the legendary Boeing 747. In addition, the museum houses full scale replicas of some of the most important aircraft in the early Qantas fleet – a de Havilland DH-61 Giant Moth, a de Havilland DH-50, and an Avro 504K Dyak; Qantas' first aircraft. Upon arrival, you'll enjoy a **1-Hour Boeing 747 (Jumbo Jet) Guided Tour**. Following the Guided Tour, you'll have nearly two hours to wander around the Museum, view the audio visual, visit the National Heritage Listed Hanger and displays, enjoy a refreshment or two in the complex's Café, and much more! You'll depart from the Museum at around 4.30pm, and return to the Motor Inn, where you'll have time to freshen up, before reboarding the coach to head to the **Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame & Outback Heritage Centre** for the **45-Minute Outback Stockman's Show & Two-Course BBQ Dinner**. Upon arrival, you'll have time to visit the bar to enjoy a drink or two, before sitting down to enjoy this highly popular Show. This live Show tells the story of real life stockmen and women who work on the land. It encompasses the modern-day aspects of being a stockman, as well as telling the tales of what it used to be like in the past. All be it with working dogs, horses, sheep, a bull and their larrikin Stockman Lachie Cossor. At the conclusion of the Show, you'll sit down to a delicious Two-Course BBQ Dinner, consisting of Steak, Sausages, Salads, Roast Potatoes, Roast Pumpkin, and Gravy. Following the Main Course, a tempting Dessert will be served. Self-Serve Tea and Coffee will then be available. You'll depart from the venue at around 8.30pm, to return to the Motor Inn.

### Day 8: Friday 9 August 2019 – Longreach, Barcaldine, Blackhall, Tambo, Augathella, Charleville

**Inclusions:** *Hot & Cold Full Buffet Breakfast, Two-Course Alternate Drop Dinner & Accommodation at the Mulga Country Motor Inn (Charleville) (Walk-In Showers)*

This morning, you are to make your way into the restaurant any time between 6.30am and 7.30am to enjoy a **Full Hot and Cold Buffet Breakfast**. Your luggage is to be placed outside your room by 7.15am, to allow the porters to convey it to the coach, prior to your departure from the Motor Inn at 8.00am. After departing from the Motor Inn and Longreach, you'll head to town of **Barcaldine**. Barcaldine, with a population of less than 2000 people, has an interesting and famous history. The name Barcaldine originates from the Oban region in Scotland and is pronounced bar-call-din. The town is home to the Tree of Knowledge, the reputed birth place of the labour movement in Australia. The Tree grew outside the Railway Station for about 180 years until 2006 when sadly, it was poisoned by an unknown culprit. The famous tree has been preserved and placed under an award winning structure that gives the illusion of a canopy over the Tree. Upon arrival in the town, you'll have around an hour to browse around the Shopping Centre, and to purchase some refreshments. You'll depart from the town at around 10.15am, to head to the town of **Blackall**. Nestled on the banks of the mighty Barcoo, Blackall's friendly locals always give visitors a warm welcome. Literally growing on the sheep's back, Blackall became a thriving outback township in the early years. Today it has less than 1000 inhabitants. Blade shearer Jack Howe put Blackall on the map in 1892, at the nearby Alice Downs Station, when he set a world record by shearing

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321 sheep in seven hours and 40 minutes. It took another 58 years before anyone matched this feat, and this was by machine shears. Jack Howe is memorialised in a bronze sculpture that can be viewed when wandering along the Shamrock Stroll, a historical walk around the town. Blackall has the reputation as the Arts Capital of the West, boasting an outdoor gallery of public artworks created by local and well renowned artists, which range from scrap metal sculptures, wool carvings and hand-painted murals, to large bronze depictions of the town's most famous. The first artesian bore in the outback was drilled in Blackall in 1885, and today visitors can rest, relax and revive in the natural artesian waters at the Blackall Aquatic Centre's thermal spa and swimming pool. Blackall is the home of the Black Stump, which was used for surveying purposes, and permanently marks the original Astro Station established in 1887. Anything west of this point is said to be 'beyond the black stump'. Upon arrival in the town, you'll have around an hour to stroll in the Shopping Centre, and to purchase lunch in one of the town's cafes or coffee shops. You'll depart from Blackhall at around 12.30pm, to head to the town of **Tambo**. With a population of around 400 people, upon arrival in this little town you'll step back in time, and enjoy the slower pace and all the history that the oldest town in the Central West area of Queensland has on offer. You'll have around 30 minutes to take a quick stroll through the Shopping Centre, before reboarding the coach at around 2.15pm, to head to the little town of **Augathella**. Upon arrival, you'll have around 30 minutes to take a quick stroll through the tiny Shopping Centre. Try to make it to Meat Ant Park, located right next door to the town library. Here, you'll be able to view the giant meat ant sculpture in the park; it is over a million times the size of an actual ant. While there, you can view the storyboards located around the park. Some history on the notorious bushranger brothers Patrick and James Kenniff can be found at the Kenniff tree. The brothers were a part of one of Queensland's largest manhunt, lasting over thirteen years. You'll be able to view the amazing murals and wrought iron sculptures along the main street, created by locals to showcase their love of the region. You'll depart from the town at around 4.15pm, to head straight to the town of **Charleville**, where you will check-in to the **Mulga Country Motor Inn**, which will be your home for the next three nights. Upon arrival, again, you will not have to concern yourself with your luggage – the porters will convey it to your room, so it will be just a matter of disembarking from the coach, receiving your room key, and making your way straight to your room. After having time to freshen-up and relax, you are to make your way into the restaurant, where you will sit down to a **Two-Course Alternate-Drop Dinner**. For Main Course, you'll be served either Roast Pork with Apple Sauce, a Medley of Roast Vegetables, Peas or Beans, and Gravy, or Roast Beef Rib Fillet with a Medley of Roast Vegetables, Peas or Beans, and Gravy. For Dessert, you'll be served either Coconut Cream Panna Cotta, or Pavlova, accompanied by Berries and Freshly-Whipped Cream.

### Day 9: Saturday 10 August 2019 – Charleville Shopping Centre & Local Attractions

**Inclusions:** *Hot & Cold Full Buffet Breakfast, Informative Talk & Entry to Charleville Historic House & Museum, Day-Time Visit to the Charleville Cosmos Centre & Observatory, 90-Minute Guided Tour of the Historic Hotel Coronas Charleville, with Afternoon Tea, Night-Time Visit to the Charleville Cosmos Centre & Observatory to view the Night Sky through the Telescopes, Two-Course Alternate Drop Dinner & Accommodation at the Mulga Country Motor Inn (Charleville) (Walk-In Showers)*

This morning, you are to make your way into the restaurant any time between 7.00am and 8.00am to enjoy a **Full Hot and Cold Buffet Breakfast**. Following Breakfast, you'll depart from the Motor Inn at around 8.20am, to head straight to **Charleville Historic House & Museum**. There aren't too many buildings in Charleville that can boast a history as long and colourful as the Charleville Historic House & Museum. Dating back to 1887, the building was purpose built as Charleville's first national bank, before it went onto become a private boarding house until the 1970's, when it was purchased by the Charleville and District Historical Society. It then became the museum it is today. Filled to the brim with treasures of yesteryear, some dating back as far as the 1800's, you'll be surprised at what you'll find, and it's well worth your time to take a look. Many of the original features of the bank still remain, which include marble fireplaces and the vault. The display is completed with a large early day machinery display in the grounds including a life size replica Cobb & Co Coach, Rail Ambulance and Steam Engine. Upon arrival, the President of the Charleville Historical Society will board the coach, to give a **15-Minute Informative Talk** about the House and its history. You'll then have around an hour to stroll through the House, and view the many exhibits. After completing your visit to the House, you can stroll into the surrounding **Charleville Shopping Centre**, where you'll have over two hours to explore the town, and purchase some refreshments. You'll depart from the Shopping Centre at around 12.15pm, to head to the **Charleville Cosmos Centre & Observatory**. Wow, brilliant, and other excitable descriptives are the words you hear as visitors view the incredible beauty of the Milky Way Galaxy, through the powerful Meade telescopes. Charleville's Cosmos Centre and Observatory is dedicated to ensuring visitors enjoy the wonder of the outback night sky. The guides at the Cosmos Centre will share their knowledge with you, and you will observe binary stars, star clusters, planets and the Moon. The Cosmos Centre operates both day and night experiences; both activities will build on your knowledge of astronomy, and bring you up to date with discoveries. Ask yourself have you ever: held a meteorite in your hand; seen the rings of Saturn; viewed star clusters 17,000 light years away; seen the craters on the Moon; wondered about dwarf planets; or viewed the sun through a telescope? At Astronomy by Day, you'll discover the truth about falling stars, learn about how the Solar System was formed, and hear all about the five new dwarf planets. It's fun, it's interesting and well worth a trip to the dark open skies of Queensland's Outback. During your day visit why not look at the only star in the sky - the Sun! The Centre's special

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solar scope allows you to see the solar flares. After arriving at the Centre at around 12.30pm, you'll have the opportunity to participate in an interactive astronomy exhibit, view a short informative film about astronomy, and stroll around the new planetarium. You'll also be given a short, informative talk about meteorites, before having time to browse around the Centre's Gift Shop. You'll, no doubt, depart from the Centre with a whole lot more knowledge about astrology, and the Solar System, and very excited about the prospect of returning tonight to the Centre to view the night sky through the telescopes. You'll arrive at Charleville's historic **Hotel Corones** at around 1.55pm, where you'll enjoy a **90-Minute Guided Tour**, followed by a delicious **Afternoon Tea**. This short history of the hotel, by John Piggot, was published in the Newcastle Herald on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017: *In its heyday, the Hotel was the hub of Charleville society, where life was a swirl of cocktail parties, women in gowns, balls and toasts to the king. It has had its ups and downs since then, but the grand old Hotel Corones is still standing proud and, under new owners Bob and Marion Branson, is looking ahead. The pub, which opened in 1929, was built by Harry "Poppa" Corones, who had risen from a poor 17-year-old migrant to be the first Greek hotel licensee in Australia. It was built in the days when Australia still rode on the sheep's back and woolgrowers were men of astonishing wealth. The author Mary Durack, who was part of that world, described them as "kings in grass castles". Some of them even lived in the hotel, leaving their properties in the hands of their managers and only venturing out to inspect their properties now and then. The pub also had a close association with the early days of flight in Australia. Guests included English solo aviator Amy Johnson, who had a champagne bath there during a stop on her celebrated 1930 England-Australia flight. Poppa being Poppa, nobody was shocked when later he rebottled the 16 bottles of bubbly. When Sir Hudson Fysh and others decided to form an airline, later known as Qantas, several of their meetings were held at Corones. It was at Poppa's suggestion that five of the first seven planes were named after the mythological Greek figures Hippomenes, Atalanta, Perseus, Hermes and Pegasus. Corones was also one of Qantas's earliest caterers. When planes stopped to refuel at Charleville, Poppa laid on silver-service feasts in the hangar, bringing out the food and staff from the hotel. During World War II, when US servicemen occupied the local aerodrome and hospital, Poppa held dances every night. Other guests included Blighty's favourite songstress, Gracie Fields, who once warbled for the locals in the foyer before sliding down the banister for an encore. A particularly impressive feature of the pub is its glorious bar, with its Roman mosaic floor, egg-shell mottled tiled walls and counters, and stained glass windows.* Upon arrival you'll be taken on a **90-Minute Informative Guided Tour** of the Hotel, during which time you'll hear about the Hotel's history, the rich and famous people who visited the Hotel over the years, and the odd ghost story thrown in for good measure. At the conclusion of the Guided Tour, you'll be served **Afternoon Tea**, before returning to the Motor Inn at around 4.30pm. You'll have over an hour to relax and freshen up, before making your way into the Restaurant by 6.00pm, where you'll sit down to a **Two Course, Pre-Ordered, Alternate Drop Dinner**. For Main Course, you'll have the choice of either Seared Atlantic Salmon, drizzled with Extra Virgin Olive Oil, served with Potato Mash and a Medley of Vegetables, or Chicken Breast Fillet with a Creamy Garlic Mushroom Sauce, served with Potato Mash and a Medley of Vegetables, or Lamb Shank with Gravy, served with Potato Mash and a Medley of Vegetables. For Dessert, you'll have the choice of either Bread & Butter Pudding served with Freshly Whipped Cream, or Vanilla Cheesecake served with Berries and Ice-Cream. Following Dinner, you'll reboard the coach at around 7.15pm, to head back to the **Charleville Cosmos Centre & Observatory**, where you'll have the opportunity to use the complex's telescopes to peer into the night sky and view stars, planets and outer space. You'll have around one hour to enjoy the experience, before returning to the Motor Inn at around 8.45pm.

### Day 10: Sunday 11 August 2019 – Charleville Local Attractions

**Inclusions:** *Hot & Cold Full Buffet Breakfast, Entry & Informative Talk at the Charleville Bilby Centre - for an Exclusive 'Up Close & Personal Experience', 90-Minute World War II Points of Interest & Charleville Town Tour, Packed Picnic Lunch, Two-Course Alternate Drop Dinner & Accommodation at the Mulga Country Motor Inn (Charleville) (Walk-In Showers)*

This morning, you are to make your way into the restaurant any time between 7.15am and 8.15am to enjoy a **Full Hot and Cold Buffet Breakfast**. Following Breakfast, you'll depart from the Motor Inn at around 8.45am, to head straight to the **Charleville 'Save the Bilby' Centre**, for a specially-arranged private **'Up Close & Personal Bilby Experience'**. The Bilby is an important part of traditional indigenous culture in the deserts of Central Australia. The large rabbit like ears of the Greater Bilby (referred to as Bilby) have also made it a popular Australian icon at Easter. Sadly, through habitat loss and competition with introduced animals, the number of these small mammals has dramatically reduced over the last 100 years. As members of a group of ground-dwelling marsupials known as Bandicoots, Bilbies have long pointed snouts and compact bodies. Bilbies measure between 29 and 55cm in length and differ from other Bandicoots by their larger ears, long silky fur and longer tails. Bilbies are remarkable burrowers, using their strong forelimbs and claws to build extensive tunnels. One Bilby may make up to twelve burrows within its home range to use for shelter. They have long slender tongues that they use to eat a specialised diet of seeds, insects, bulbs, fruit and fungi. Bilbies are active at night, sheltering in their burrows during the daytime. The Bilby is protected throughout Australia where it occurs. A national Recovery Plan is being developed to ensure the survival of the Bilby. Key recovery actions include: managing the Bilby's remaining habitat; breeding in captivity; monitoring existing populations; and re-establishing Bilbies in areas where they previously occurred. The 'Save the Bilby' project, based, here, at this Centre, is an example of a few determined individuals making a big difference. The local team aims to build a predator-proof enclosure surrounding part of a

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national park to reintroduce Bilbies into far western Queensland. They have raised money for their project by running "meet the Bilby" evenings, with a talk, video and meeting of the captive Bilby breeding colony, and by selling Bilby merchandise in shopping centres across southern Queensland. Upon arrival, you'll be given an **Informative Talk** about the Bilbies, and have the opportunity to **Stroke a Bilby**, whilst being held by one of the keepers. You'll also have the opportunity to take photos of the Bilbies during your visit, before visiting the Centre's small Gift Shop. After departing from the Centre at around 10.20am, you'll head to Charleville Shopping Centre, where you'll have the opportunity to take a stroll, and enjoy some refreshments in one of the town's cafes or coffee shops. You'll reboard the coach at around 11.50am, to commence your **90-Minute Guided Tour of Charleville & World War II Points of Interest**. During this interesting Guided Tour of the town, points of historical and architectural significance and interest will be pointed out. A lesser known fact to most people is the role that American Servicemen played in Charleville during World War II. In 1942, Charleville Airport was handed over to the United States Military for top secret purposes. The airport housed 101 buildings, up to 160 aircraft, including B-17 bombers that were used to knock out supply lines for the Japanese army in the Pacific. The area around the airport became a village in its own right, with over 3500 servicemen living in the compound, which is about the same as today's population of Charleville. This short history, titled 'Discovering Charleville's War Secrets, written by Rae Wilson, was published in the Queensland Times on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2015: *Charleville's role in the Second World War could have been lost forever if not for a proposed industrial estate unwittingly uncovering the town's mysterious history. Locals were sworn to secrecy about the 3500 American airmen and ground crews who took over the western Queensland's airfield in 1942. The top-secret site was selected to test the Norden bomb sight - a mechanical device that would attach to the Flying Fortresses to increase bombing accuracy - which meant it was rarely even referenced in war documents. Charleville was far enough from the Japanese airfields that they couldn't bomb the town and return home on a full tank of fuel, and the dry climate made it easier to test mechanical devices. They poked the lower branches of mulga trees through chicken wire - stretched across big telegraph poles at the airfield - to make it look like the forest was still intact. They made it high enough, and zig-zagged it across the runway, so they could just pull it back like a baby's pram to enter and exit. About 15km to the east, they carved a dummy airfield out of the mulga, putting balsa wood and cardboard planes on it to fool the Japanese if they ever did fly over. Almost all the 101 buildings constructed at the airfield were dismantled when the Americans left, with concrete slabs and bitumen baths long since covered in red dirt and desert scrub. Only three buildings and several concrete pads, discovered when the land was pegged as an industrial estate, remain. But other remnants of the camps, where men lived in tents, are still being uncovered as the town pieces together what happened there more than 70 years ago.* During the Guided Tour, you'll learn about the role the American Military played, visit areas around the airport to view the relics of the infrastructure that was once part of this project, and you'll get to hear a top secret or two! At the conclusion of the Guided Tour, you'll head to **Graham Andrews Parklands**, near the town centre. Constructed after the 1990 flood (the worst in Charleville's history) as a gift to the community, Graham Andrews Parklands has a little more than meets the eye. The park has some great features and activities for everyone to enjoy. Stop by and feed the locals (the feathered type), learn of the desperate measures taken in the early days to create rain in times of drought at the Vortex Rainmaking Gun display, and take a stroll around the lake and view the 18 different native Australian Trees. After arriving at the Park, you'll enjoy a delicious **Picnic Lunch**, consisting of two sandwiches (four halves) made on a mixture of brown and white bread, featuring fillings such as Ham & Cheese, Egg, Lettuce & Mayo, Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo, Corned Beef & Pickle, and a packet of two Biscuits. An included choice of cold drinks will also be available. After having time to stroll around the Parklands and enjoy Lunch, you'll return to the Motor Inn at around 2.30pm, where you'll have a free afternoon to relax and rest. After making your way into the Restaurant by 6.00pm, you'll sit down to a **Two Course, Pre-Ordered, Alternate Drop Dinner**. For Main Course, you'll have the choice of either Baked Barramundi with Thyme and Butter, served with Roasted Potatoes and Seasonal Greens, or Pork Loin Steaks with Apple Sauce, served with Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Greens and Gravy, or Penne Pasta Bolognese with House-Made Napoli Sauce. For Dessert, you'll have the choice of either Apple Crumble, served with Whipped Cream, or Bavarian Cheesecake, served with Ice-Cream.

### Day 11: Monday 12 August 2019 – Charleville, Morven, Mitchell, Bonus Downs Homestead, Roma

**Inclusions:** *Hot & Cold Full Buffet Breakfast, Entry, Guided Tour & Afternoon Tea at Bonus Downs Homestead, Two-Course Self-Serve All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Dinner & Accommodation at the Roma Explorers Inn (Roma)* (Walk-In Showers)

This morning, you are to make your way into the restaurant any time between 7.00am and 8.00am to enjoy a **Full Hot and Cold Buffet Breakfast**. Your luggage is to be placed outside your room by 7.45am, to allow the porters to convey it to the coach, prior to your departure from the Motor Inn at 8.30am. After departing from the Motor Inn and Charleville, you'll head to tiny town of **Morven**. Upon arrival, you'll have around 30 minutes to explore the tiny shopping centre, and to purchase a refreshment or two in the town's café or coffee shop. After departing at around 10.00am, you'll arrive in the town of **Mitchell**. The town is situated on the banks on the Maranoa River. The economy relies heavily on agriculture, tourism, primary production such as cattle, sheep, cypress pine milling, and a quarry with crops grown in the eastern part of the area. Mitchell was named after Sir Thomas Mitchell, who camped on and named the Maranoa River on June 3, 1846 during an expedition to find an overland route from Sydney to the Gulf of Carpentaria. Upon arrival, you'll have around an hour to explore the town and, if desired, to enjoy lunch in one of the town's eating establishments. Word has it

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that the Mitchell Bakery is a favourite with tourists to the area! After departing from Mitchell at around 12.00pm, you'll head off the Warrego Highway deep into some of the regions prime agricultural land, to head to **Bonus Downs**. Owned by graziers Lyle & Madonna Connolly, a visit to this farm is the ultimate outback experience. During your visit to the Farm, Madonna will serve you a delicious **Afternoon Tea**, consisting of Tea, Coffee, a home-made Lamington, a slice of light Fruit Cake, and an Anzac Biscuit. You'll also be given an **Informative Talk** about the Farm, its history, and its present day use. You'll depart from the Farm at around 3.00pm, to head to the **Roma Explorers Inn**, in **Roma**, where you'll stay for the next two nights. Upon arrival, again, you will not have to concern yourself with your luggage – the porters will convey it to your room, so it will be just a matter of disembarking from the coach, receiving your room key, and making your way straight to your room. After having time to freshen-up and relax, you are to make your way into the restaurant by 6.00pm, where you will sit down to a **Two-Course, Self-Serve Buffet Dinner**. The Main Course Buffet will include Slow-Roasted Lamb Shoulder with Mint Jelly, Salmon Fillet in a Lemon Butter Sauce, Chicken, Leek & Mushroom Pie, Roast Vegetable Medley (Potato, Pumpkin, Sweet Potato, Carrot), Chef's Selection of Steam Garden Vegetables, a Tossed Garden Salad, and Gravy. The Dessert Buffet will include Apple Crumble, Sticky Date Pudding with a Butterscotch Sauce, Chocolate Mousse, and Freshly-Whipped Cream. Self-Serve Tea & Coffee will then be available.

### Day 12: Tuesday 13 August 2019 – Roma Shopping Centre & Local Attractions

**Inclusions:** *Hot & Cold Full Buffet Breakfast, Entry & Guided Tour of the Roma Saleyards – the Largest Saleyards in the Southern Hemisphere, 90-Minute Guided Tour of Roma, including a visit to St Paul's Anglican Church, famous for its 50 Stained Glass Windows, Day-Time Visit to the Big Rig, Night-Time Visit to the Big Rig to view the 30-Minute Sound & Light Show, Two-Course Self-Serve All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Dinner & Accommodation at the Roma Explorers Inn (Roma)* (Walk-In Showers)

This morning, you are to make your way into the restaurant any time between 6.00am and 7.30am to enjoy a **Full Hot and Cold Buffet Breakfast**. You'll depart from the Hotel at around 7.45am, to head straight to the **Roma Saleyards**. These Saleyards are the largest cattle selling facility in the Southern Hemisphere, with over 400,000 head of cattle passing through the Saleyards each year. Twice weekly sales take place with buyers and sellers frequenting the facility from all over Queensland and Australia. The Roma Saleyards, being the commercial hub of the cattle industry in Western Queensland, not only attracts people doing business but also many tourists. Upon arrival, you'll be met by a retired local farmer, who will take you on an **Informative Guided Tour** of the Saleyards. With a lifetime of experience in the cattle industry, the Guide is sure to make this tour a memorable one! You'll get to witness live cattle auctions, see the way cattle are herded in and out of the pens, and to take in the whole drama of the experience. You'll have time to visit the canteen to purchase a refreshment or two, before departing from the venue at around 10.15am, to head to **Roma Shopping Centre**. Roma is the largest town in the Maranoa Region and offers an array of city-like conveniences with friendly country hospitality. There is an abundance of cafes ideally located throughout town and dining options include fine dining restaurants, niche cafes, contemporary pubs with alfresco dining, plus all your traditional take-away options. As you are in the heart of beef country be sure to try a mouth-watering grass-fed steak while you are in town. Leave some room in your suitcase because beautifully landscaped down-town Roma offers the perfect place to stroll and browse the beautiful local specialist shops, including the abundant craft supplies store and local Roma on Bungil Art Gallery. You'll have over two hours to explore the town centre, and to enjoy lunch in one of the town's cafes, bakeries or pubs. You'll reboard the coach at around 12.50pm, to head to the **Roma Visitor Information Centre & Big Rig**, where a local Tour Guide will board the coach to take you on a **90-Minute Guided Roma City Tour**. During the tour, you'll be provided with historical facts about the town, and both modern day and historical points of interest will be featured along the way. As part of this tour, you will visit **St Paul's Anglican Church**, which is famous for its 50 stained glass windows. You'll have time to visit the Church, and take some photos of these very striking windows. The tour will conclude when you return to the Roma Visitor Information Centre at around 2.35pm, where you'll have time to browse around the Centre, before being making your way into the **Big Rig**. Roma was the first place in Australia where natural gas was discovered. Like many western towns reliant on a rather small water supply and natural surface water, the people of Roma were determined to find an alternative source that would maintain their livelihood. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the town looked closely at the potential for underground water. Following multiple failed attempts, the first well struck water on Roma's Hospital Hill in 1899, while the second well was spudded in the hope of finding a better supply. At 3683 feet, natural gas was encountered. And, so, Australia's oil and gas industry was born! The Big Rig will take you on a thoroughly entertaining journey through time from Australia's first discovery of petroleum, through the boom and bust years of oil and gas exploration, and on to today's multibillion-dollar industry. During your visit, you'll be given an **Informative Talk**, before having time to stroll through the museum and exhibits. You'll depart from the complex at around 3.45pm, to return to the Hotel. After having time to relax and freshen-up, you'll make your way into the Restaurant by 5.30pm, for an early **Two-Course, Self-Serve, All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Dinner**. The Main Course options will include Crumbed Lamb Cutlets with Mint Jelly, Roast Pork with Crispy Crackling and Apple Sauce, Oven-Baked Snapper, seasoned with Herbs and Garlic, Potato Bake, Baked Pumpkin, Chef's Selection of Steamed Greens, Cauliflower au Gratin, a Tossed Garden Salad, and Gravy. The Dessert Buffet will include Warm Apple Pie, Plain Cheesecake with a Berry Topping, Freshly-Diced Fruit Salad, and Freshly-Whipped Cream. Self-Serve Tea and Coffee will then be available. Following Dinner, you'll depart

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### Day 12: Tuesday 13 August 2019 (cont.)

from the Hotel at around 6.45pm, to head back to the **Big Rig**, where you'll take your seat to enjoy a **30-Minute Sound & Light Show**. Maranoa Regional Council wanted to activate the Big Rig 'oil patch'. The solution was to create the 'Big Rig Night Show', a 30-minute sound and light spectacular that visitors can enjoy in comfortable seating under the outback stars. The show is a fascinating journey through the history of oil and gas discovery in the Maranoa region, with a spotlight on the trials and triumphs of early industry men and women in Roma. After enjoying this thrilling Sound & Light Show, you'll reboard the coach, and return to the Hotel at around 7.45pm.

### Day 13: Wednesday 14 August 2019 – Roma, Wallumbilla, Miles, Dalby, Toowoomba

**Inclusions:** *Hot & Cold Full Buffet Breakfast, Entry to Miles Historical Village Museum, Three-Course Alternate-Drop Dinner & Accommodation at the Quality Hotel Platinum International (Toowoomba)* (Walk-In Showers)

This morning, you are to make your way into the restaurant any time between 6.30am and 7.45am to enjoy a **Full Hot and Cold Buffet Breakfast**. Your luggage is to be placed outside your room by 7.30am, to allow the porters to convey it to the coach, prior to your departure from the Hotel at 8.15am. After departing from the Hotel and Roma, you'll head straight to **Wallumbilla**, where you will visit the tiny but popular **Calico Cottage**. This little shop is a not to be missed stop when travelling through the area. You'll be able to sample a baked treat, meet the locals and browse a wide range of local crafts. You'll depart from the outlet at around 9.15am, to head to the town of **Miles**. This vibrant rural township has a population of around 1800 people, and sits at the junction of the Warrego Way and Leichhardt Way. Upon arrival, you'll have around an hour to stroll around the shopping centre, and enjoy some refreshments in one of the towns eating establishments, before heading to the **Miles Historical Village & Museum**. This Village & Museum is the area's most popular tourist attraction, and has as its centrepiece an accurate recreation of a Queensland country town's main street at the turn of the century. The Village contains over thirty buildings, including a bootery, post office, a general store, bakery, the Union Hotel, a butcher's shop and a dairy. The complex also features the old Australian Bank of Commerce, the Dalwogan siding with a steam locomotive, the Red Rose cafe (a replica of the first Greek cafe in the town, which opened in 1925) and Andersen's Smithy, where the famous Condamine Bell was first made. There is also a collection of Condamine bells on display. You'll have around an hour to stroll through the Village, take a look inside the buildings, and capture a few photos of your visit. You'll depart from the Village at around 12.45pm, to head to the large town of **Dalby**. Dalby is a large and prosperous rural service centre, located in an area of fertile volcanic soil. It is surrounded by fields of wheat, cotton, mung beans, sunflowers, sorghum, millet and barley. Although the area is known as Queensland's wheat centre, the area also produces stud cattle, sheep, pigs and angora goats. The region's thriving cotton industry spreads from Dalby, south to Goondiwindi, and west across to St George. Upon arrival, you'll have around an hour to stroll through the town's shopping centre, and to enjoy a refreshment or two. You'll depart from Dalby at around 3.30pm, to head to the **Quality Hotel Platinum International**, in **Toowoomba**, where you will stay for the night. Once again, upon arrival you will not have to concern yourself with your luggage – the porters will convey it to your room, so it will be just a matter of disembarking from the coach, receiving your room key, and making your way straight to your room. After having time to freshen-up and relax, you are to make your way into the restaurant, where you will sit down to a **Three-Course Alternate-Drop Dinner**. For Entrée, you'll be served either Pumpkin Soup with Toasted Garlic Ciabatta, or Pea & Ham Soup with Toasted Garlic Ciabatta. For Main Course, you'll be served either Lamb Shank with Potato Mash, Broccolini and Pan Jus, or Prosciutto-Wrapped Chicken Breast, stuffed with Semi-Dried Tomatoes and Camembert, served with Potato Mash, Broccolini and a White Wine Cream Sauce. For Dessert, you'll be served either Pavlova with Raspberries and Freshly-Whipped Cream, or Chocolate Panna Cotta with Ice-Cream. Following Dinner, Self-Serve Tea & Coffee will be available.

### Day 14: Thursday 15 August 2019 – Toowoomba, DFO Brisbane, Brisbane Airport, Canberra Airport

**Inclusions:** *Hot & Cold Full Buffet Breakfast, Qantas Flight from Brisbane to Canberra*

This morning, you are to make your way into the restaurant any time between 6.30am and 8.00am to enjoy a **Full Hot and Cold Buffet Breakfast**. Your luggage is to be placed outside your room by 7.30am, to allow the porters to convey it to the coach, prior to your departure from the Hotel at 8.15am. After departing from the Hotel and Toowoomba, you'll head straight to the **Plainland Service Centre** on the motorway linking Toowoomba and Brisbane, where you'll have time to use the restrooms and enjoy a refreshment or two. After departing from the Service Centre, you'll head straight to the huge **DFO** (Direct Factory Outlet), which is situated close to Brisbane Airport. Upon arrival, you'll have around two hours to stroll around this large factory outlet centre. Containing around 100 outlets, you're sure to be tempted to purchase something during your visit! You'll depart from the Centre at around 12.30pm, to head to the nearby **Brisbane Airport**, where you'll make your way into the Departure Hall, to check in your luggage for your **Qantas** flight to Canberra. After arriving at the Airport, and checking in, you'll have time to relax, unwind, and to enjoy some refreshments, before boarding Qantas Flight 1549, which is scheduled to depart at 2.30pm, and arrive in Canberra at 4.20pm. After returning to Canberra Airport, it is at this point that the tour concludes for residents of Goulburn and the surrounding area.

**TOUR DEPARTS: FRIDAY 2 AUGUST 2019**  
**TOUR RETURNS: THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2019**

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## TOUR PRICE:

**SINGLE - \$6255.00 PP TWIN SHARE/DOUBLE - \$5340.00 PP TRIPLE SHARE - \$5240.00 PP**

(INCLUDING GST)

Passengers living in Goulburn and the surrounding area are required to make their way to and from Canberra Airport to travel on this tour  
To assist with the cost of transportation between this area and Canberra Airport, a discount of \$100.00 per person is offered off the tour prices listed above

### INCLUDED IN PRICE OF TOUR:

QANTAS ECONOMY FLIGHT FROM CANBERRA TO BRISBANE  
QANTAS ECONOMY FLIGHT FROM BRISBANE TO MOUNT ISA  
5-STAR LUXURY COACH TRAVEL  
GROUND FLOOR OR LIFT ACCESS ACCOMMODATION WITH WALK-IN SHOWERS (13 NIGHTS)  
7 x TWO-COURSE SELF-SERVE ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET DINNERS  
4 x TWO-COURSE ALTERNATE DROP DINNERS  
1 x THREE-COURSE ALTERNATE DROP DINNER  
1 x TWO-COURSE BBQ DINNER  
13 x FULL HOT & COLD BREAKFASTS  
3 x AFTERNOON TEAS  
1 x MORNING TEA  
2 x LUNCHES  
ENTRY & GUIDED TOUR AT HISTORIC MOUNT ISA UNDERGROUND HOSPITAL  
ENTRY TO OUTBACK AT ISA  
(INCLUDES ENTRY TO RIVERSLEIGH FOSSIL MUSEUM, MOUNT ISA EXPERIENCE & THREE-HOUR HARD TIMES UNDERGROUND MINE TOUR)  
ENTRY & INFORMATIVE TALK AT THE JOHN FLYNN PLACE MUSEUM  
ENTRY AND INFORMATIVE TALK AT THE WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE  
ENTRY & INFORMATIVE TALK AT THE CORFIELD & FITZMAURICE HISTORIC GENERAL STORE & MUSEUM  
ENTRY TO THE OPAL WALK & OPEN AIR THEATRE  
ENTRY & INFORMATIVE TALK AT THE WINTON TRUCK MUSEUM  
ENTRY & GUIDED TOUR AT THE AGE OF DINOSAURS COMPLEX  
(INCLUDING THE FOSSIL LABORATORY, FOSSIL & SKELETON MUSEUM & THE DINOSAUR CANYON OUTPOST & OUTDOOR GALLERIES)  
ENTRY TO THE AUSTRALIAN STOCKMAN'S HALL OF FAME & OUTBACK HERITAGE CENTRE  
45-MINUTE COBB & CO STAGECOACH RIDE & ONE-HOUR HARRY REDFORD OLD TIME TENT SHOW  
ONE-HOUR BOEING 747 JET TOUR & ENTRY TO THE QANTAS FOUNDERS OUTBACK MUSEUM  
45-MINUTE NIGHT-TIME OUTBACK STOCKMAN'S SHOW AT THE AUSTRALIAN STOCKMAN'S HALL OF FAME  
ENTRY & INFORMATIVE TALK AT CHARLEVILLE HISTORIC HOUSE & MUSEUM  
ENTRY TO CHARLEVILLE COSMOS CENTRE & OBSERVATORY (DAY-TIME VISIT)  
90-MINUTE GUIDED TOUR OF HISTORIC HOTEL CORONES CHARLEVILLE  
ENTRY TO CHARLEVILLE COSMOS CENTRE & OBSERVATORY FOR NIGHT SKY TELESCOPE EXPERIENCE  
CHARLEVILLE BILBY CENTRE – FOR AN EXCLUSIVE 'UP CLOSE & PERSONAL EXPERIENCE' WITH THE BILBIES  
90-MINUTE GUIDED TOUR OF CHARLEVILLE & POINTS OF INTEREST CONNECTED WITH WORLD WAR II  
ENTRY & GUIDED TOUR OF BONUS DOWNS HOMESTEAD  
GUIDED TOUR & INFORMATIVE TALK AT ROMA SALEYARDS  
90-MINUTE GUIDED TOUR OF ROMA  
ENTRY TO ST PAULS ANGLICAN CHURCH TO VIEW OVER 50 STAINED GLASS WINDOWS  
ENTRY & INFORMATIVE TALK AT THE BIG RIG – DAY-TIME VISIT  
ENTRY TO THE BIG RIG FOR 35-MINUTE SOUND & LIGHT SHOW – NIGHT-TIME VISIT  
ENTRY TO THE MILES HISTORICAL VILLAGE & MUSEUM  
QANTAS ECONOMY FLIGHT FROM BRISBANE TO CANBERRA

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ON

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BY PAYING THE FIRST AND SECOND REQUIRED DEPOSITS, AND THE FINAL PAYMENT FOR THIS TOUR,  
YOU ARE AGREEING WITH THE TERMS & CONDITIONS OUTLINED ON THE PAGE TITLED 'BOOKING & PAYMENT PROCEDURE'

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# BOOKING & PAYMENT PROCEDURE

## JOINING THIS TOUR - DETAILS FOR RESIDENTS OF GOULBURN AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

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## PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE SPECIAL PAYMENT CONDITIONS FOR THIS TOUR

THERE ARE ONLY 36 SEATS AVAILABLE ON THIS TOUR; CONSEQUENTLY IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU BOOK EARLY!  
THIS TOUR HAS ALSO BEEN OFFERED TO RESIDENTS ON OUR MAIL-OUT LIST IN CANBERRA, THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS, THE CENTRAL COAST AND SYDNEY.

YOU WILL NOTE THAT THERE ARE SPECIAL PAYMENT CONDITIONS FOR THIS TOUR.

THESE SPECIAL PAYMENT CONDITIONS ARE DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE ARE REQUIRED TO FORWARD SUBSTANTIAL DEPOSITS FOR THE FLIGHTS, COACH HIRE, ACCOMMODATION, DINNERS, AND OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE TOUR.

1. **Ring to book your seat, or seats, on this tour by Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, 2019.** If, when you ring to book, the tour is already full, your booking will be placed on a standby list to await any cancellations.
2. **The first deposit of \$800.00 per person must be received by Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019.**

### PAYMENT METHODS

- Cheque
- Money Order
- Bank Transfer
- Visa or Mastercard - PLEASE NOTE: Credit Card payments attracts a 1.85% processing fee.

To pay the required deposits and the final tour payment by credit card, please call 4868 2263.

To pay the required deposits and the final tour payment by bank transfer, please call 4868 2263 to obtain our bank account details.

To pay the required deposits and the final tour payment by cheque or money order, please make the cheque or money order payable to **Out & About Day Tours**, and address your envelope to:

**OUT & ABOUT DAY TOURS  
PO BOX 369  
MOSS VALE NSW 2577**

2. **The second deposit of \$2000.00 per person must be received by Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, 2019.**
3. **The balance owing for each passenger must be received by Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, 2019.**
4. If you pay the required deposits and the balance owing by cheque or money order, **please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope with each of your payments** to enable the post of a receipt for each of the payments.
5. If you pay the required deposits and the balance owing by cheque or money order, **enclose a list of all the names and required departure points** of any passengers that you have included in your booking.

**A RECEIPT FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND DEPOSIT PAYMENTS WILL BE POSTED OUT TO YOU WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS OF THE CLOSING DATE FOR EACH OF THESE PAYMENTS**

**A RECEIPT FOR THE FINAL TOUR PAYMENT WILL BE POSTED OUT TO ARRIVE TO YOU ABOUT SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOUR**

### BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS - APPLICABLE TO ALL PERSONS WHO BOOK ON AND PAY TO TRAVEL ON THIS TOUR

If a person has paid the required first deposit of \$800.00, and the person cancels their booking between Friday 5 April 2019 and Friday 17 May 2019, the person will only be eligible for a refund of \$400.00. The remaining \$400.00 will be retained by the aforementioned establishments and businesses.

If a person cancels their booking after Friday 17 May 2019, the required first deposit will not be refunded.

If a person has paid the required second deposit of \$2000.00, and the person cancels their booking between Friday 17 May 2019 and Friday 28 June 2019, the person will only be eligible for a refund of \$1000.00. The remaining \$1000.00 will be retained by the aforementioned establishments.

After Friday 28 June 2019, all money paid will be deemed totally non-refundable.

**If a person cancels their booking on this tour for whatever reason, any payments made by the person for this tour cannot be transferred to another tour.**

**Money will not be refunded to any person who cancels their booking or who is unable to travel on the tour after Friday 28 June 2019, for whatever reason.**

**If you are concerned about losing money paid for this tour, due to having to cancel your booking, or for being unable to travel on the tour, for whatever reason, Out & About Day Tours recommends for you to take out Travel Insurance.**

**Travel Insurance companies such as NRMA, Cover-More, One Cover, Budget Direct and others, may offer travel insurance for tours such as this.**

**The cost of travel insurance normally ranges between \$50.00 to \$200.00, depending on the passenger's age, health conditions, and required length of cover.**

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Should this occur, all fares remitted by passengers will be fully refunded within seven (7) days of the tour being cancelled.

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Any changes to the itinerary will be decided by the tour organiser in consultation with the Coach Driver, either prior to, or on the day of the tour.

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Menu choices, itineraries and other components of this tour may change due to circumstances beyond the control of Out & About Day Tours.

If this should occur, passengers will be advised of any changes.

**By booking on this tour, it is deemed that you unreservedly agree with the Booking Terms & Conditions as set out above.**