

7- Day Tour SW QLD October 3 > 9 2021



Journey into the SW Queensland Outback and meet the locals that call this place home

Be mesmerised by the seamlessly endless landscapes. Uncover strong pioneering history, and the industrious communities that call this remarkable place home!

Twin Share / Double pp \$2220
Single \$2495

Tour Highlights

- Tour of Jimbour House
- Miles Historical Village
- Surat Cob & Co
- Local Cotton Farm Tour at St George
- Wine tasting and Lunch at Riversands Winery St George
- Tour of the Anchorage Homestead
- Visit Dirranbandi
- Tour of Cubby Station
- Thallon Silo Art
- Tour & Lunch at Charlotte Plains Station
- Artesian Time Tunnel Cunnamulla
- Coronas Hotel Charleville
- Visit the Bilby Centre
- **Inclusions**
- 6 x Cooked Breakfasts
- 6 x Dinners
- 5 x Lunch
- 2 x m/tea
- All entry fees to attractions visited
- 1-night Dalby Manor Inn
- 3 -nights Riverland Motor Inn St George
- 1- night Cunnamulla
- 1 Night Explorers Inn Roma

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Day 1 03.10.21 Sunshine Coast to Dalby via Brisbane

Leaving from Noosa/Tewantin at 7.00am we travel to the Brisbane Coach Terminal picking up passengers along the way. After departing the BCT, we continue through the Lockyer Valley and climb the Toowoomba Range and stop for lunch.

Moving on to **Dalby**, we take a short detour and visit **Jimbour House** overlooking the Jimbour Plains. After a guided tour of this magnificent home, we can take a stroll around the magnificent gardens at our leisure before returning to Dalby for our overnight stay at the Dalby Manor Inn

Day 2 04.10.21 Dalby - Miles - St George

After a hearty breakfast we depart Dalby for **Miles** - Here, we go back in time as we journey through the Miles Historical Village.

After enjoying a "step back in time", we continue our journey ... stopping in **Surat** to visit the Museum, Art Gallery and the Cobb & Co Changing Station. Moving on, we arrive in **St George** and settle into the Riverland Motor Inn where we are staying for the next 3 nights.

Day 3 05.10.21 St George local touring

A local guide will hop on our coach for a heritage tour of St George including a visit to *Anchorage Homestead* (with morning tea) to discover the history of one of the oldest homes in the shire – **The Anchorage** is a heritage-listed homestead built in 1903. We then meet David (the owner) at **Riversands Wines** for a tour of the vineyard followed by a personal wine tasting and three course winery lunch. This afternoon we'll be joined by a local cotton farmer on a tour of a fully operational cotton farm to learn how cotton is grown, irrigated, and harvested.

Day 4 06.10.21 St George - Dirranbandi - St George

After breakfast we travel to **Dirranbandi** and are joined by a local guide and embark on an informative journey to **Cubby Station** .. the largest irrigation farm in the southern hemisphere. Returning to Dirranbandi for lunch we then visit **Thallon** for a look at the silo art before travelling back to St George.

Day 5 07.10.21 St George – Cunnamulla

Continuing west along the Balonne Highway we arrive at the turnoff for **Charlotte Plains**. This family owned and operated sheep station was established back in the 1860s. Property owner Robyn Russell will board our coach for a guided tour of the station, home to Merino Sheep and Dohne Rams as well as the more recent Aussie White Sheep. We will see the historic bore, sunk into the Great Artesian Basin to a depth of 561m, tour their historic woolshed and enjoy a relaxed lunch on the old homestead veranda.

Back on the road we travel on to **Cunnamulla** and the *Cunnamulla Fella Visitor Information Centre*. Join a self-guided tour of the **Artesian Time Tunnel**, meet 'Doug the Rigger', view engaging audio-visual displays and find out how the Great Artesian Basin was formed

Day 6 08.10.21 Cunnamulla – Charleville – Roma

After a scrumptious breakfast we travel north towards **Charleville** arriving mid-morning. We head into downtown Charleville and arrive at the famous **Hotel Corones** – built in stages, the hotel was completed in 1929 during Charleville's wool industry boom. We join a guided one-hour tour with exclusive access to normally restricted areas of the hotel and hear the rags to riches story of local character Harry Corones.

Next is the **Bilby Experience** and hear first-hand what the Save the Bilby Fund is doing to protect this environmental engineering marvel. Tour the nocturnal house where you will meet these beautiful bilbies.

Departing Charleville, we head eastwards arriving in **Roma**, the heart of beef country late afternoon with time to check-in and refresh before dinner the Explorers Inn

Day 7 09.10.21 Roma -Toowoomba – Home

Homewood bound ... we travel the Warrego Highway, arriving back in Toowoomba for our lunch break.

We enjoy our last afternoon reminiscing about the special time we have had together during this true "Outback Adventure" - arriving in Brisbane at approximately 3.30pm – we then continue to the Sunshine Coast.