

12 Day | Nth Queensland Savannah Way Adventure

21 September – 2 October 2022



WIDE OPEN PLAINS & BIG SKY COUNTRY

Escape to the outback and venture across alluring landscapes

Grab a fellow explorer and set out on a great adventure! Journey into the Nth Queensland Outback and be mesmerised by the seamlessly endless landscapes that trace along the horizon. Spend days uncovering strong pioneering history, fossil-rich lands and the industrious communities that call this remarkable place home!



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12 days - Twin / Double pp \$5720.00
Single \$6560.00
Deposit \$500.00

***Including - Airfares – Brisbane > Townsville
Cairns > Brisbane***

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DAY 1: (D) TOWNSVILLE TO CHARTERS TOWERS

Wednesday 21 September 2022

Those travelling from the Sunshine Coast will be transferred to the Brisbane airport and meet up with fellow travelers from Brisbane for the flight to Townsville.

Welcome to Townsville. -- We meet our coach captain at the airport ready for the adventure ahead. Heading west to **Charters Towers** we set out to uncover the far-reaching landscapes and welcoming communities of the Queensland Outback.

2 nights | **Cattleman's Rest Motor Inn, Charters Towers** | 07 4787 3555

Dinner at the hotel

DAY 2: (BLD) LONGHORNS & GOLD HISTORY

Thursday 22 September 2022

Be ready with your cowboy hats and boots as we visit the legendary **Texas Longhorns!** Our **Safari Tour** introduces us to the longhorns before a camp oven damper and billy tea, served from the genuine cowboy chuck wagon. Our morning also includes a **Gallery of Horns** museum tour and a **BBQ lunch**. After a special morning of discovery, we head back into town to be treated to a personalised **town tour**. Our knowledgeable guide uncovers many significant sites and facts about the glittering town's history. We also experience the **Venus Gold Battery** for a real insight into the gold rush era. Following our touch of gold fever, we return to the hotel for dinner.

Breakfast and dinner at motel | lunch at Texas Longhorns

DAY 3: (BLD) CHARTERS TOWERS TO RICHMOND

Friday 23 September 2022

Departing Charters Towers, we swap Gold for Dinosaurs! Once in **Richmond** we have lunch and a guided tour of the **Kronosaurus Korner Complex**. Stepping back a million years, our guide will lead us on a prehistoric journey through the numerous displays that showcase the fossils found in the once known Cretaceous Inland Sea.

1 night **Ammonite Inn Motel** | 07 4741 3932

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch in Richmond

DAY 4: (BLD) RICHMOND TO CLONCURRY

Saturday 24 September 2022

Travelling across this great land, we find ourselves watching the seamless horizon of the outback roll by as we drive through Julia Creek towards the birthplace of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, **Cloncurry**. After enjoying our **picnic lunches** we visit **John Flynn Place Museum**. Uncover the story of John Flynn who dedicated his life to overcome isolation in the outback by bringing communication, education and health to remote Australia. The museum commemorates the committed people who devoted their lives to the RFDS and John Flynn's vision to improve quality of life for rural Australians. We check into our accommodation at the Gidgee Inn Motel and relax.

2 nights **Gidgee Inn Motel - Cloncurry** | 07 4742 1599

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | picnic lunch

DAY 5: (BLD) DISCOVER MOUNT ISA

Sunday 25 September 2022

Good morning travellers! We spend today getting to know the lively outback town of **Mount Isa**. Arriving at the **Outback at Isa** complex we head underground on the thrilling **Hard Times Mine Tour**, letting our guide light the way as we descend to the tunnels in the Alamac cage. Wearing protective clothing, including a miner's cap and lamp, our guide will offer a real insight into a miner's life underground. Back on top soil you are treated to lunch and a 'one-stop shop' offering exciting and diverse activities, from the fascinating Laboratory Tours at the **Riversleigh Fossil Centre**, to the inspiring gallery exhibits. After a wonderful day unveiling the secrets of Mount Isa we return to Cloncurry.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at the Outback at Isa Complex

DAY 6: (BLD) KARUMBA

Monday 26 September 2022

We are back on the road again this morning. We head north to the **Burke & Wills Road House** where we stop for an early **lunch**. Keeping an eye out for wildlife along the way, we take in the expanse of this rarely seen and unique part of the Australian outback before arriving into **Karumba**. Tonight, we dine at the **Sunset Tavern**, a wonderful spot to enjoy dinner while chatting amongst ourselves about the adventure we've had thus far!

2 nights **End of the Road Motel - Karumba** | 07 4745 9599
Breakfast at motel | Lunch at roadhouse | Dinner at Tavern

DAY 7: (BLD) EXPLORING KARUMBA

Tuesday 27 September 2022

A relaxed morning before visiting the **Barramundi Discovery Centre**. Enjoying morning tea here, you'll then meet your guide who will unveil the life cycle of Barramundi. Be wowed by the diverse range of leather products made from barramundi, sea snake and much more. Take an opportunity to taste some of the 'swimming locals' at **Ash's @ the Point Café** before returning to the hotel. The afternoon is at leisure before a very special evening. Make sure you have packed your camera, as you board the **Crab & Croc Cruise**. Watch the sky turn into fire upon the reflective waters, while sipping on a glass of wine with nibbles. Return to the hotel for a light dinner before a good night's rest.

Breakfast and dinner at motel | lunch at Ash's @ the Point Café

DAY 8: (BLD) THE GULFLANDER TO A NATURAL WONDER

Wednesday 28 September 2022

We make our way to Normanton to board the **Gulflander** to Critters Camp. This nostalgic rail journey takes us from wetlands and grasslands to savannah 'from nowhere to nowhere'! En-route, our guide will keep us entertained with trivia and amusing stories of colourful local characters. Back on the open road with the coach we head to **Croydon**, an old gold mining town once the biggest in the Gulf. Just after Georgetown, we leave the main road for Forsayth. 45kms further on is **Cobbold Gorge**, situated on Robin Hood Cattle Station. The station lies within the rugged sandstone formations that dominate the local area, deep in the heart of the Gulf Savannah region of Far North Queensland. Settle into the comfortable, air-conditioned cabins and relax into this outback oasis before dinner.

2 nights **Cobbold Gorge Camping Village** | 07 4062 5470
Breakfast and dinner at motel | lunch in Croydon

DAY 9: (BLD) EXPLORING COBBOLD GORGE

Thursday 29 September 2022

Today we immerse ourselves in the natural wonder of this truly unique part of the outback and explore the remarkable **Cobbold Gorge**. Grasp the uniqueness of the narrow gorge with its majestic and sheer walls aboard a custom-made, electric powered boat. Gliding along in almost eerie silence, you'll find yourself keeping an eye out for the resident freshwater crocodiles. This will be an unforgettable highlight of your trip! We return to the Village for lunch before our next adventure. Ever wondered about life on a working cattle station? There is no better opportunity to get a taste of outback Queensland than from an insider's view of Robin Hood Station. After a special day exploring this truly unique part of the Australia we retire to our rooms after dinner.

Breakfast and dinner at motel | lunch at Cobbold Gorge Camping Village

DAY 10: (BLD) MOUNT SUPRISE

Friday 30 September 2022

Early this morning we farewell Cobbold Gorge and head to the **Undara National Park**. Arriving at the Lava Lodge, set in pristine tropical Savannah woodlands, we enjoy lunch and time to settle in before our afternoon tour. Out on a personal **Archway Explorer Tour**, your Savannah Guide draws your attention to interesting environmental, geological and historical features before reaching the **Lava Tubes**. Formed over a million years ago, they are oldest standing and best-preserved system found anywhere in the world. We then return for dinner and a well deserve rest.

1 night Undara Lava Lodge | 07 4097 1940
Breakfast, lunch and dinner at motel

DAY 11: (BD) ARID OUTBACK TO TRINITY INLET CRUISE

Saturday 1 October 2022

Today is our final full day on tour, to which we shall end our adventure across this great land by witnessing some wonderfully green scenery. Enjoying comfort stops along the way we head straight to **Cairns**. Mid afternoon we check into our accommodation and freshen up for the special evening ahead. As the night takes hold, we'll board the **Spirit of Cairns** for a magical cruise along the Trinity Inlet. Enjoying dinner on the glistening water, it will be a dazzling end to our wonderful tour.

1 night Pullman International, Cairns | 07 4031 1300
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at own arrangements

DAY 12: (B) HOMEWARD BOUND

Sunday 2 October 2022

What an astounding **Queensland Outback Adventure** experienced over the past 12 days! You have achieved a remarkable feat traveling this vast yet rewarding countryside, spending your days discovering spectacular gorges and picturesque waterways; uncovering unique pioneering history, fossil rich lands and meeting the industrious locals who call this place home. You will now board your flight and arrive home with many everlasting memories to share. On Arrival at the Brisbane Airport, Sunshine Coast passengers will be transferred home.

Breakfast at hotel

The itinerary may be subject to change without notice. Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the itinerary as provided, CT Travel reserves the right to alter the touring and attractions as dictated by circumstances and conditions outside the company's control.

Alterations may be made to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Every attempt will be made to ensure alterations do not adversely affect the operation of the tour. CT Travel will not be held responsible for weather-based cancellations, or those closures made at a venue's discretion.



Tour Inclusions

- 11 night's motel accommodation
- 11 cooked motel breakfasts
- 10 motel dinners
- 9 included lunches
- Guided tour & lunch at the Texas Longhorn Tours, Charters Towers
- Guided tour of town including the Venus Gold Battery, Charters Towers
- Lunch at the Moon Rock Cafe & Bakery, Richmond
- Guided tour of Kronosaurus Korner, Richmond
- Entry to John Flynn Place Museum, Cloncurry
- Guided tour of Hard Times Mine, lunch and Riversleigh Fossil Centre at the Outback at Isa, Mount Isa
- Dinner at the Sunset Tavern, Karumba
- Morning tea and Guided tour at the Barramundi Discovery Centre, Karumba
- Lunch at Ash's @ the Point Café, Karumba
- Sunset tour with Croc & Crab Tours
- One way Gulflander Train from Normanton to Critters Camp
- Lunch at the Croydon Club Hotel
- Gorge Cruise, lunch and Station Tour, Cobbold Gorge
- Lunch and 2hr Archway Explorer at Undara Lava Lodge, Mount Surprise
- Dinner Cruise - Spirit of Cairns
- Airfares

Confirmed accommodation

- Cattleman's Rest Motor Inn, Charters Towers
- Ammonite Inn Motel, Richmond
- Gidgee Inn Motel, Cloncurry
- End Of The Road Motel, Karumba
- Cobbold Gorge Camping Village
- Undara Lava Lodge, Mount Surprise
- Pullman Cairns International

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