11 Day | Nth Queensland Savanah Way Adventure

29th June > 9th July 2024



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!



11 days - Twin / Double pp \$5820.00 Single \$6770.00 Deposit \$500.00

> inc Airfares – Brisbane > Townsville Cairns > Brisbane

Inc - Home p/up & return*
* Brisbane > Sunshine Coast Regions

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DAY 1: (D) ARRIVE TOWNSVILLE

Saturday 29 June 2024

Welcome to the start of our exciting outback Queensland tour. Together with our fellow travellers, our journey kicks off with a flight to **Townsville** where our friendly coach captain awaits to greet us with a warm welcome. Upon reaching our overnight accommodation, we have the opportunity to recharge before our onsite dinner. As we settle into our rooms later, we begin to anticipate the adventure ahead.

1 night | The Ville Resort Casino | 07 4722 2333 Dinner at the hotel

DAY 2: (BLD) LONGHORNS TO RICHMOND

Sunday 30 June

With an early start, we set out to uncover the far-reaching landscapes and welcoming communities of the Queensland Outback. Our first stop is **Charters Towers** where we'll need to be ready with our cowboy hats and boots to visit the legendary **Texas Longhorns!** This special morning of discovery includes a **Safari Tour**, introducing us to the longhorns before a camp oven damper and billie tea, served from the genuine cowboy chuck wagon and a **Gallery of Horns** museum tour. After an early **lunch** we trek west via Hughenden onto **Richmond**, an area rich in fossils from the once-known Cretaceous Inland Sea.

1 night Ammonite Inn Motel | 07 4741 3932 Breakfast and dinner at Hotel | lunch at Texas Longhorns

DAY 3: (BLD) RICHMOND TO CLONCURRY

Monday 01 July

We have time to take in the **Kronosaurus Korner Complex** this morning. Stepping back a million years, our guide will lead us on a prehistoric journey through the numerous displays. Travelling across this great land, we find ourselves watching the seamless horizon of the outback roll by as we drive to Julia Creek for a **lunch** break. A little further on is our destination of **Cloncurry**, the birthplace of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. We visit **John Flynn Place Museum** and 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 | 07 4742 1599 Breakfast and dinner at hotel | picnic lunch provided

DAY 4: (BLD) DISCOVER MOUNT ISA

Tuesday 02 July

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 5: (BLD) KARUMBA

Wednesday 03 July

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 | 07 4745 9599 Breakfast at motel | Lunch at roadhouse | Dinner at Tavern

DAY 6: (BLD) BARRAMUNDI DISCOVERY CENTRE & CROC CRUISE

Thursday 04 July

This morning we visit the Barramundi Discovery Centre. Here you'll 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. Later, taking an opportunity to taste some of the 'swimming locals' at Ash's @ the Point Café, we enjoy some lunch before a few hours at leisure. Late afternoon we prepare for 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 7: (BLD) THE GULFLANDER TRAIN & COBBOLD GORGE

Friday 05 July

With an early breakfast under our belt, we make our way to Normanton to board the **Gulflander Train**. Taking us on a journey to Critters Camp, this nostalgic track 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. Our coach will meet us at the other end where we are back on the open road to the old gold mining town of **Croydon**. 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 8: (BLD) EXPLORING COBBOLD GORGE

Saturday 06 July

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 9: (BLD) MOUNT SUPRISE

Sunday 07 July

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



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 at hotel | lunch at own arrangements | Dinner Cruise

DAY 11: (B) HOMEWARD BOUND

Tuesday 09 July

What an astounding Queensland Outback Adventure experienced over the past 11 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.

Breakfast at hotel

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Tour Inclusions

- 10 night's motel accommodation
- 10 motel cooked breakfasts
- 8 motel 2 course dinners
- 8 included lunches
- Safari tour and lunch at the Texas Longhorn Tours, Charters Towers
- Entry and guided museum tour at Kronosaurus Korner, Richmond
- Picnic lunch on Day 3
- Entry to John Flynns Place, Cloncurry
- Guided tour and lunch at Outback at Isa-Mine Tour, Mount Isa
- Lunch at the Burke & Wills Roadhouse, Cloncurry
- Dinner at the Sunset Tavern, Karumba
- Guided tour at the Barramundi Discovery Centre, Karumba
- Lunch at Ash's @ the Point Café, Karumba
- Sunset cruise with Croc & Crab Tours, Karumba
- One way train ride on the Gulflander Train, Normanton
- Lunch at Croydon Club Hotel, Croydon
- Gorge and Station Tour at Cobbold Gorge
- Lunch at Cobbold Gorge
- Lunch at Undara Lava Lodge
- Archway Explorer Tour at Undara Lava Tubes
- Dinner Cruise with Spirit of Cairns, Cairns

Confirmed accommodation

- The Ville Resort Casino
- Ammonite Inn Motel Richmond
- Gidgee Inn Motel Cloncurry
- End of the Road Motel Karumba
- Cobbold Gorge Camping Village
- Undara Lava Lodge
- Pullman Cairns International

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