

2024 Birdsville Races

with Port Bus & Travel West version #2
Thursday 5th to Monday 9th September 2024



A unique and true outback race meeting! The first race meeting was held in September 1882 as an event for hack and stock horses with a few local spectators and was largely attended by nearly 150 station owners, managers, stockmen, and other employees.

The Birdsville Cup is a much sought-after trophy and is famous throughout the world.

Day One:

Thursday 5th

Pick-ups commence by 07:00 we then head North. Stopping for morning tea at the Coffs Harbour Coach Terminal. Yes, it is all about the food as our next stop is at the **Woodburn Riverview Park**. Grab a bite to eat from a variety of stores, supporting their local community. Arrive and check in at **Ibis Brisbane Airport**.

Includes: air-conditioned coach transport, Port Bus morning tea, & accommodation.

Day Two:

Friday 6th

06:00 - we meet up with Graham and Debbie Reid, owners/operators of Travel West, and board our chartered ATR72 flight at Brisbane Domestic Terminal, Brisbane Airport bound for Birdsville! 07:00 – depart Brisbane and fly over Darling Downs agricultural farmlands and into mulga country, near Charleville. Travel West over the Warrego, Paroo & Bulloo Rivers, Cooper Creek, and Diamantina River before arriving in Birdsville.



Along the way enjoy comprehensive commentary about the western river systems that make up the Lake Eyre Basin and some other interesting history.

Upon arrival we will be guided to 'Tent City', our accommodation for the next 2-nights. Showers and toilets are nearby the tents.

During our stay, we'll have plenty of opportunities to enjoy the atmosphere at the historic Birdsville Hotel.

Today is the first day of the 2-day race meeting at the Birdsville Racetrack.

11:30 (TBC) – transfer to the racetrack for an entertaining day and hopefully to back a winner or two!

At the track: entry to the QBE Pavilion is included today and is extremely popular offering the following: general entry to day 1 of the Birdsville Races, entry to the trackside QBE Pavilion, open from 12 noon; clear fronted marquee with full views of the track; gourmet dining featuring OBE Organic produce – cocktail style hospitality – seating is not guaranteed; exclusive trackside access; 4.5 hour beer and wine package; complimentary race book; Sky Channel coverage & live music.



Day Three:



Birdsville Cup Day!

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Saturday 7th

Day Four:

This morning we'll enjoy a bit more time in Birdsville before boarding our chartered flight back to Brisbane, arriving approximately 16:00.

Includes: Flight home, transfer to motel, dinner & accommodation.

Sunday 8th



Day Five:

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BIRDSVILLE IN
SEPTEMBER**

Monday 9th

Breakfast and then time to check out around 07:30 as we head for home. Roadside coffee stop at Helensvale. Lunch is at the **RodnReel Hotel**. Our final coffee n comfort stop is at Boambee before drop offs commence from the Donut around 17:30. **Includes:** Breakfast, morning tea and memories.

Duration: 5 Days & 4 Nights

\$5,515 twin | \$653 s/sup

For more information or to book;

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Not Included in package:

- Breakfast on day 1 (grab some from home), day 3 & 4 (buy your own onsite)
- Lunches on day 1 (buy your own from Woodburn), day 3 & 4 (buy your own) & 5 (buy your own from the Rod n Reel Hotel) - there are multiple food options at the track i.e., burgers, pies, sandwiches etc
- Dinners – there are multiple food trucks onsite i.e., burgers, pies, sandwiches etc
- Towel for use at showers and a torch