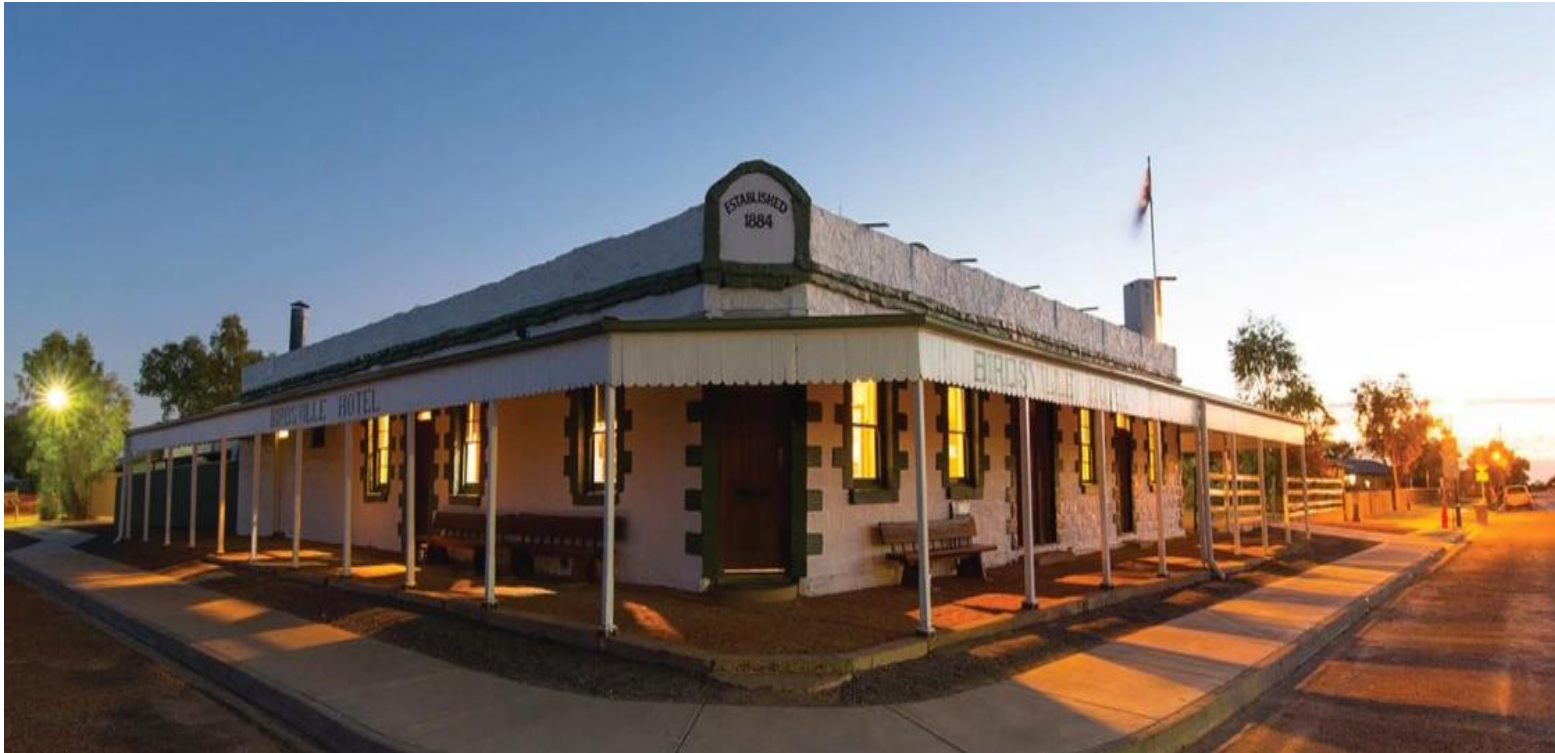


OUTBACK QUEENSLAND SILOS AND PUBS



Outback of Australia is dotted with historic pubs. Many are in remote locations, most are old and all of them have a fascinating history. Often, they are much more than a pub – they can be the centre of their community, often acting as post office, general store, cafe, church and even the police station! What is common with most of them is they are run by outback characters who in turn attract all sorts of personalities - from local stockmen and farmers to truckies, backpackers, seasonal workers and all sorts of travellers who are roaming through the heart of the country. We will stay in a range of motel style accommodation and enjoy some stunning outback scenery.

Day 1 (D) HOME TO MOREE

Monday 16th February 2026



We have a fabulous 10 days ahead of us, visiting some silo art and country pubs. No doubt, along the way, we will meet some real characters as we travel from the coast to outback Queensland. We have a travel day today so sitback and meet your fellow adventures taking in the ever-changing landscape. We make stops along the way including a stop at the **Royal Hotel** in Guyra for lunch before arriving late afternoon to Moree for our overnight accommodation.

Morning tea from the coach | Lunch at the Royal Hotel, Guyra and dinner in motel

Artesian Spa Motel, Moree | 1 night

Day 2 (BLD) MOREE TO ROMA

Tuesday 17th February 2026

Departing early this morning we make our way to Surat. On arrival we have arranged a fascinating visit to the **Cobb & Co Changing Station Museum** where we will be welcomed by a local volunteer. The Museum is built on the original site of the Cobb & Co Store – and was once the drop off point for coach passengers and goods. This is also our lunch venue. Later we drive along part of the route that was taken by the last Cobb & Co Coach Service





Roma Explorers Inn | 1 night

in Australia to Yuleba and then onto Wallumbilla. Arriving in Roma we have some free time at the motel before tonight's entertainment – **Roma's Big Rig Night Show**. The Night Show is an outdoor cinema with an interactive display depicting a traditional oil rig site. The show itself is thoroughly entertaining, giving an overview of the discovery of Oil and Gas in Roma and the progression of the industry in Australia.

Breakfast and dinner in motel Morning tea from the coach | lunch at Cobb & Co Store

Day 3 (BLD) ROMA TO CHARLEVILLE

Wednesday 18th February 2026

We travel further west towards Charleville, where we head downtown to the famous **Hotel Corones** – built in stages, the hotel was completed in 1929 during Charleville's wool industry boom. Here we join a guided tour and



hear the rags to riches story of local character Harry Corones, followed by lunch in the hotel dining room. We visit the Historic House Museum and discover treasured items dating back to the 1800s'. Later an experienced guide will board the coach for a tour of the **USAAF Top Secret sites**. We find out why Charleville was selected for this top-secret site in WWII, visit intriguing historical sites and learn about the highly classified computerised bomb aimer. Early evening, it's off to the Cosmos Centre for the **Big Sky Twilight Tour**. See an amazing night sky brought into focus with the help of powerful Meade telescopes and listen to captivating stories from their experienced sky guide.

Breakfast and dinner at the motel Morning tea from the coach | lunch at the Hotel Corones

Mulga Country Motor Inn | 1 night



Day 4 (BLD) CHARLEVILLE TO QUILPIE

Thursday 19th February 2026



Today you'll visit one of the smallest towns in Australia to retain its own postcode. Cooladdi, taking its name from an Aboriginal term for 'black duck', was once home to 270 residents. On arrival in Quilpie make your first stop the **Visitor Information Centre, Museum and Gallery** where their local guide will board our coach for a town tour.

Discover the history and unique landscapes of Quilpie town, Baldy Top Lookout, St Finbarrs' Opal Altar and Quilpie Airport mini museum. The tour includes lunch at the **Quilpie Heritage Inn** (aka The Brick) which has been carefully restored to its original splendour. We can now check-in to our motel with time to relax before dinner.

Breakfast and dinner at the motel Morning tea from the coach | lunch at the Quilpie Heritage Inn

Quilpie Motor Inn | 1 night



Day 5 (BLD) QUILPIE TO THARGOMINDAH

Friday 20th February 2026

Today we travel to **Eromanga**, the 'furthest town from the sea' in Australia and significant in the discovery of dinosaurs. We enjoy a guided tour and morning tea at **Eromanga Natural History Museum**, home to Australia's largest dinosaur,

Day 5 (BLD) QUILPIE TO THARGOMINDAH continued

Friday 20th February 2026

a 95-98-million-year-old titanosaur called 'Cooper'. From here we enjoy lunch at the historic **Noccundra Hotel**, the only original surviving building in town. The hotel was built from locally quarried sandstone and was transported to Noccundra by camel train. This afternoon we push through to **Thargomindah**.

Breakfast and dinner at the motel | lunch at Noccundra Hotel

Thargomindah Oasis Motel | 1 night



Day 6 (BLD) THARGOMINDAH TO CUNNAMULLA

Saturday 21st February 2026



This morning, a local guide will board your coach at the **Thargomindah Visitor Information Centre** for a town tour with great local stories and insights. Relive moments of yesteryear at the Old Jail and Old Thargomindah Hospital courtesy of life-size holographic and interactive experiences. Head east along the Adventure Way to Eulo often described as the 'Montville of the Outback.' Relax with a pub lunch in the famous **Eulo Queen Hotel** before

sampling the town shops. See opals and art at the Telegraph House Gallery, pick up handcrafted leather goods or purchase some local goodies. While in town you can visit the Artesian Mud Springs; built up over centuries these mud springs were the original release valves for the Great Artesian Basin. Take a selfie with **Kenny the life-size Diprotodon** (giant Megafauna) found in the Eulo Area. Travel around 45 minutes 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. While in the centre spend some time wandering the history museum and art gallery.



We have a look at the **Cotton Mural** and the **Transport Mural** painted by well-known artist Kevin Taylor. Late afternoon follow the short River Walk to a viewing area over the river where you can see local birdlife and grazing kangaroos. Be sure to time your arrival at the viewing platform to watch the sunset.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Eulo Queen Hotel

Country Way Motor Inn, Cunnamulla | 1 night

Day 7 (BLD) CUNNAMULLA TO ST GEORGE

Sunday 22nd February 2026

Continuing east we travel along the Balonne Highway to the turnoff for **Charlotte Plains**, a family owned and operated sheep station 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'll 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 verandah. We arrive at St George early afternoon with time to refresh before dinner.

Breakfast and dinner at the motel Morning tea from the coach | lunch Charlotte Plains station
Riverland Motor Inn, St George | 1 night



Day 8 (BD) ST GEORGE TO GOONDIWINDI

Monday 23rd February 2026

We venture to the township of Thallon this morning where we see Queensland's first silo project, completed in just three weeks in July 2017. Working closely with the Thallon community including Indigenous members, the artists developed a design which aimed to celebrate and share what the community loves about their town and district. The final artwork **The Watering Hole** represents icons of the district including a



majestic sunset, The Moonie River, Indigenous culture, wildlife and agricultural heritage. While here, we look at some unique street art, the **Wombat Water Tanks** and a peep at the Thallon Primary School mural. Backtracking somewhat to Nindigully, we break to purchase lunch at the Nindigully Pub, before travelling on to Goondiwindi an attractive Darling Downs town.

Breakfast and dinner at the motel Morning tea from the coach | lunch own arrangements and cost
Best Western Ascot Lodge, Goondiwindi | 1 night

Day 9 (BLD) GOONDIWINDI TO BALLINA

Tuesday 24th February 2026

Departing Goondiwindi we make our way to Yelarbon, stopping to see the silo art for the trip. The mural titled 'When the rain comes' depicts a young boy at play, cooling off in the Yelarbon Lagoon. In his hand is a paper boat that is set to float across the Yelarbon lagoon. The paper boat is made from historical newspaper remnants that were found in the old Yelarbon jail, symbolising the history of the region and the creativity needed to drive



future endeavours. Next, we continue to the small town of **Texas**, situated on the attractive Dumaresq River. Primarily a sheep and cattle grazing area, Texas boasts a variety of other industries – orchards, small crop farming, feedlots and a growing tourism industry. Our destination today is Tenterfield, known as The Birthplace of Our Nation – Sir Henry Parkes' vision of a united Australia was presented in his famous Federation Speech on 24th October 1889.

This led to the federation of all Australian States into the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901. We visit the **School of Arts**, a memorial to Sir Henry Parkes, and where the celebrated speech took place and the **Tenterfield Saddler** made famous in Peter Allen's song dedicated to his grandfather, George Woolnough. Built of quarried blue granite and featuring red cedar doors the shop is still in its original condition. We enjoy lunch at Behind the Hedge before travelling through to Ballina for our last night on tour.

Breakfast and dinner in motel Morning tea from the coach | lunch at Behind the Hedge

Ballina Byron Islander Resort | 1 night



Day 10 (BL) BALLINA TO HOME

Wednesday 25th February 2026

What a wonderful holiday we have had travelling with friends. We travel south along the coast and deviate into the picturesque area of Yamba – a seaside town on the southern side of the Clarence River estuary. The **Yamba Lighthouse** is located on South Head and stands 41m above sea level offering

10 (BL) BALLINA TO HOME

Wednesday 25th February 2026



us fine views of the coastline. It is also a popular whale watching site during whale season. Travelling through Coffs Harbour we reach Urunga where we'll stop for lunch at the **Anchors Wharf Café**, situated right on the Kalang River. Later, we arrive home with many wonderful memories of travelling through the scenic Outback Queensland.

Breakfast in motel | Morning tea from the coach | lunch at Anchors Wharf Café

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- 9 night's motel accommodation
- 9 motel breakfasts
- 9 motel dinners
- 9 included lunches – see below
- Lunch at the Royal Hotel Guyra
- Entry and Lunch at the Cobb & Co Changing Station
- Entry to the Night Show-Roma Big Rig
- Lunch at Hotel Corones, Charleville
- Tour + Beverage with Hotel Corones Stories Tour
- WWII Base and Tour USAAF Top Secret sites, Charleville
- Big Sky Twilight Session at Charleville Cosmos Centre & Visitors Centre
- Quilpie Town Tour
- Lunch at Quilpie Heritage Inn
- Tour and morning tea at Eromanga Natural History Museum
- Lunch at Noccundra Hotel
- Locally guided tour of Thargomindah
- Lunch at Eulo Queen Hotel
- Entry and self-guided tour of the Artesian Time Tunnel, Cunnamulla Visitor Information Centre
- Tour, morning tea and ploughman's lunch at Charlotte Plains Cattle Station
- Visit the Sir Henry Parkes School of Arts, Tenterfield
- Entry and lunch at Behind The Hedge, Tenterfield
- Lunch at The Anchors Wharf Café, Urunga



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