

# FESTIVAL OF OUTBACK OPERA LONGREACH



**Join thousands of music lovers from around Australia and the world who make the annual pilgrimage to the outback to experience majestic voices and big skies in beautiful harmony.**

## Day 1 (MTLD)



## PORT MACQUARIE TO MOREE

**Tuesday 19 May 2026**

Welcome to our **Outback tour featuring the Festival of the Outback Opera**. Sit back and meet your fellow travellers as we leave the coast and head into the New England Ranges. Our travels take us through Walcha and onto Uralla where we'll stop to purchase lunch. This afternoon we continue via Inverell and on to our destination of Moree.

Port Bus Morning Tea | Lunch at Uralla Bowlo | Dinner in motel  
Artesian Spa Motel | 1 night

## Day 2 (BMTD)

## MOREE TO MITCHELL

**Wednesday 20 May 2026**

Today is a travel day as we make our way across the border into **Queensland** and start heading into the outback. We cross the border at **Goondiwindi** where we will have a break and stretch our legs before continuing our journey to **St. George** to purchase lunch and visit **The Unique Egg**. This is a genuinely impressive and interesting collection of hand-carved emu eggs, illuminated from within. Created by Steve Margaritis over a period of more



**Day 2 (BD)****continued****MOREE TO MITCHELL****Wednesday 20 May 2026**

than 40 years, they have been displayed at World Expos but are on permanent display in a sports store in St. George! This afternoon we express to **Mitchell** and check in to our accommodation. Breakfast and dinner in motel Port Bus Morning Tea | lunch own arrangements and cost  
**Cambridge Motel, Mitchell | 1 night**

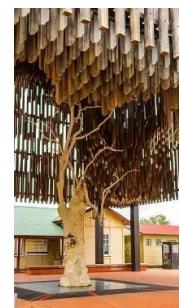
**Day 3 (BMTLD)****MITCHELL TO BARCALDINE****Thursday 21 May 2026**

This morning, we leave the Warrego Highway and meet up with the Landsborough Highway to continue our journey north. Stopping for breaks and our **picnic lunch**, we make our way through **Barcaldine** where this is our base for the next three nights. We make our way to Longreach for our sunset cruise down the majestic **Thompson River**. As the sunset fades into starlight, we dock at **Smithy's Outback Dinner and Show** for a night of great food and live entertainment under the stars.

Breakfast at motel | picnic lunch included | Smithy's outback dinner and show  
**Landsborough Lodge Motel, Barcaldine | 3 nights**

**Day 4 (BMTLD)****MEETING THE LOCALS****Friday 22 May 2026**

This morning, we discover the **Australian Workers Heritage Centre**, dedicated to celebrating the lives and proud heritage of ordinary working people. Spend time wandering the numerous displays telling the stories of railway workers, blacksmiths, farmers, nurses and teachers who shaped Australia as a nation. We visit the **Tree of Knowledge**, an iconic ghost gum which earned its claim to fame as the founding site



of the political movement we now know as the Australia Labour Party. Today is unique as we



are lucky enough to be here for the Longreach Show has been entertaining the Central West for 130 years. With a focus of recognising our agricultural roots and incorporating the talents of our community, the **Longreach Show** always aims to host an enjoyable event for everyone.

Port Bus breakfast in a Box | lunch included | Dinner in the Motel

**Day 5 (B) OUTBACK LEGENDS AND SINGING IN THE NIGHT OPERA****Saturday 23 May 2026**

We have the morning at leisure before returning to Longreach visiting the iconic **Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame** to experience the **Outback Stockman's Show**.

The show encompasses the modern-day aspects of being a stockman, as well as telling the tales of the past. From here we uncover some national treasures at the **QANTAS Founders Outback Museum**.

The historic photographs, memorabilia and multimedia displays bring the inspirational stories of one of the worlds pioneering airlines to life. This afternoon it's all about **Singing in the night\***. This majestic concert takes place on an 18,000-acre working cattle station with 360-degree views of uninterrupted horizon, which has played host to everyone from

the country's first stockmen to Queen Elizabeth II. On this very special evening some of Opera Queensland's finest singers perform under the stars, accompanied by an orchestra joined by musicians from the University of Queensland. As the sun sets over the desert horizon, the performers are illuminated by the spellbinding colours of the outback complemented by Bernie Tan-Hayes' spectacular lighting.

A night to remember. **\*Port Bus is yet to purchase singing in the night tickets**

Port Bus breakfast in a Box | lunch and dinner own arrangements and cost.



## Day 6 (BMTLD)



## BARCALDINE TO MITCHELL

**Sunday 24 May 2026**

What a memorable night last night, the talent and the stunning back drop makes the evening one to cherish. Following breakfast we make our way to **Tambo** where we step into a world of whimsy and heartwarming tales when we visit **Tambo Teddies**. Stitched with love, we uncover the story of these beloved teddy bears, originally crafted by three local women determined to overcome the challenges of low wool prices and the unforgiving drought. We enjoy a tour and lunch here before reboarding the coach and relaxing as we make our way to Mitchell for the night.

Breakfast – Port Bus to Cook and prepare | Port Bus Morning Tea | lunch at Tambo Teddies | dinner in motel  
**Cambridge Motel, Mitchell | 1 night**

## Day 7 (BMTLD)

## MITCHELL TO MOREE

**Monday 25 May 2026**

Today we travel from Mitchell to Moree, with a delightful stop at **Riversands Winery**. Here, we'll be guided through a fascinating journey of both table and wine grape growing, learning about the process from vine to glass. Afterwards, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch and wine tasting — the perfect way to relax and savour the flavours of the region before continuing to Moree for our last night on tour.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | Port Bus Morning Tea | lunch at Riversands Winery  
**Burke & Wills Motor Inn Moree | 1 night**



## Day 8 (BMTL)

## MOREE TO HOME

**Tuesday 26 May 2026**

With a fantastic week away travelling with friends we make our way home. Stopping along the way for lunch at the Apsley Arms Hotel in Walcha. We arrive late afternoon, hearts full and spirits high, carrying with us wonderful memories of our adventures in the Queensland Outback.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | Port Bus Morning Tea | lunch at Apsley Arms Hotel

## Tour Inclusions

- 7 night's motel accommodation
- 4 motel breakfasts and 3 at **Landsborough Lodge Motel** – Port Bus to arrange
- 5 motel dinners and 1 out - see below and 1 own arrangements and cost
- 5 included lunches – see below
- Lunch at Uralla Bowling Club
- Entry to Unique Egg
- Picnic Lunch included from Cambridge Motel
- Entry and self-guided tour of the Australian Workers Heritage Centre
- Camden Park Station Lunch Tour with Outback Aussie Tours
- Drovers Sunset Cruise including Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show with Outback Aussie Tours
- The Stockmans Experience - entry to all galleries, A Stockman's Life - live show and Story of the Australian Stockman cinema show at Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Group museum entry and 747 / super constellation tour at the Qantas Founders Outback Museum
- Lunch & Tour of Workshop at Tambo Teddies
- Guided Vineyard tour (on coach) and tastings including lunch at Riversands Winery St George
- Lunch at the Apsley Arms Hotel



## Confirmed Accommodation

- Artesian Spa Motel, Moree (1 night)
- Cambridge Motel, Mitchell (2 nights)
- Landsborough Lodge Motel, Barcaldine (3 nights)
- Burke & Wills Motor Inn Moree (1 night)

**\$3,737 pp twin share  
+ \$778 pp single supplement  
\$900 pp deposit**

## For more information or to book;

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## Please Note

- Price is based on a minimum of 15 paying passengers. If numbers fall below 15 paying passengers, this may need to be recosted.
- Price is valid for above tour dates only and includes GST.
- Morning teas or afternoon teas are not included unless specified.
- The itinerary may be subject to change without notice. Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the itinerary as provided. Port Bus 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. Port Bus will not be held responsible for weather-based cancellations, or those closures made at the venue's discretion.



## Cancellation Policy

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given:

42 days or more—loss of deposit

29-41 days: 50% of fare plus deposit

30 days before and the Day of departure: 100% of the fare

