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DISCOVERING THE OUTBACK OF QUEENSLAND AND CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Including Parrtjima festival in Alice Springs

Wednesday 07 April 2027 – Tuesday 27 April 2027



LONGREACH • WINTON • MT ISA • ALICE SPRINGS • ULURU • COOBER PEDY • MILDURA

LANDSCAPES • CULTURE • HISTORY • PEOPLE • LIFELONG MEMORIES

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Embark on an unforgettable 21-day journey through Outback Queensland and Central Australia, travelling from Port Macquarie through Longreach, Winton, Mount Isa, Alice Springs, Uluru, Coober Pedy, Mildura and beyond. Along the way, discover iconic outback towns, pioneering history, ancient landscapes, fascinating museums and some of Australia's most memorable natural and cultural experiences.

Highlights include the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame, Qantas Founders Museum, Australian Age of Dinosaurs, Hard Times Mine Tour, the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Parrtjima – A Festival in Light in Alice Springs, sunrise and sunset at Uluru, Kata Tjuta, the spectacular Field of Light, Coober Pedy's underground world and Mildura's dazzling Trail of Lights. With scenic cruises, outback dinners, local guides, historic pubs, cultural experiences and plenty of country hospitality along the way, this is a truly remarkable adventure through the heart of Australia.

Day 1: (MTLD)

PORT MACQUARIE – GOONDIWINDI

Wednesday 7th April

Welcome aboard for the beginning of our wonderful **Outback Queensland and Central Australia** adventure with Port Bus. Once everyone is comfortably settled, we leave the coast behind and begin our journey inland, with plenty of time to meet fellow travellers, settle into touring mode and look forward to the many memorable experiences ahead.

Day 1: (MTLD)

PORT MACQUARIE – GOONDIWINDI

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Our route takes us through the beautiful **New England Ranges**, where the scenery gradually changes from coastal landscapes to rolling tablelands, open grazing country and historic country towns. We travel through **Walcha**, known for its rural charm, cool-climate countryside and striking public art, before continuing to **Uralla**.

Here we stop for lunch at the **Top Pub Uralla**, where we can enjoy a relaxed meal and a chance to stretch the legs before continuing our travels. Uralla is a character-filled New England town with a strong gold-rush and bushranger

history, making it a fitting first taste of the heritage and stories that will feature throughout our journey.

This afternoon, we continue west through **Inverell** and across the changing countryside towards **Goondiwindi**, our destination for the evening. On arrival, we check into our accommodation and settle in for the night, ready to enjoy dinner and reflect on the first day of what promises to be an unforgettable 21-day outback adventure.

Dinner in motel | lunch at Top Pub Uralla

Best Western Ascot Lodge, Goondiwindi | 1 night

Day 2: (BLD)

GOONDIWINDI TO CHARLEVILLE

Thursday 8th April

We have an early start this morning as we farewell Goondiwindi and continue deeper into **Outback Queensland**. Settle back and enjoy the changing scenery as we travel north through wide-open grazing country, where the landscapes become broader, the towns more remote and the unmistakable character of the Queensland outback begins to unfold. Our travels bring us to



St George, a welcoming country town situated on the banks of the **Balonne River**. While here, we'll take in two of the town's striking public artworks — the **Cotton Mural** and **Transport Mural**, painted by renowned artist Kevin Taylor. These colourful works celebrate the industries, people and stories that have played an important role in shaping the region. After exploring a little of St George, we make our way to the **Australian Hotel Motel** for an included lunch and a chance to relax before continuing our journey.



This afternoon, we travel further west towards **Charleville**, a historic outback

town with strong links to Queensland's pastoral and pioneering past. Once an important frontier settlement, Charleville developed as the centre of a rich grazing district and, in its early days, even boasted its own brewery and registered bullock teams. On arrival, we check into our accommodation and freshen up before one of the special experiences of our tour.



Tonight, we visit the **Charleville Cosmos Centre**, where we turn our attention from the vast landscapes of the outback to the equally vast skies above. Interactive displays and fascinating presentations take us on a journey through astronomy, helping unravel some of the mysteries of the planets, stars and galaxies beyond our own. As darkness falls, we head to the **open-air observatory**, where Charleville's clear outback skies provide the



perfect backdrop for stargazing. Away from the bright lights of the city, we'll have the opportunity to gaze deep into the night sky and discover why the Australian outback is such a spectacular place to explore the universe — a memorable way to finish our second day on tour.

Breakfast and dinner at the accommodation | Lunch at Australian Hotel Motel

Breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Australian Hotel Motel

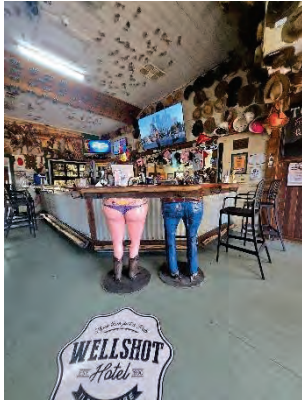
Hotel Corones Charleville | 1 night

Day 3: (BLD)

CHARLEVILLE TO LONGREACH

Friday 9th April

After breakfast, we continue our journey north through the heart of **Outback Queensland**, with another day full of memorable country experiences ahead. Our first major stop is **Tambo**, where we visit the famous **Tambo Teddies**. Here we'll hear the inspiring story of how three local women, faced with low wool prices and the hardships of drought, created an idea that would go on to become one of Queensland's best-known outback success stories. During our visit, we'll learn more about the teddies, the local wool industry and the people behind this uniquely Australian enterprise before enjoying lunch. From Tambo, we continue through **Blackall** and **Barcaldine**, travelling across classic western Queensland country as we make our way



towards Longreach. Along the way, we pass through **Ilfracombe**, and if time permits, we'll stop at the legendary **Wellshot Hotel** for the chance to "wet the whistle" and soak up a little more genuine outback character. Later this afternoon, we arrive in **Longreach**, where we settle into our accommodation for the next two nights and prepare for a very special evening.

Tonight, we dine at the **Qantas Founders Museum**, one of Longreach's most iconic attractions. After dinner, we experience **Luminescent Longreach**, a spectacular light and sound presentation that brings the story of Qantas to life in dramatic fashion, with images and storytelling



projected onto the mighty **Boeing 747**. It's a fitting end to a wonderful day — from handmade teddies and historic outback towns to one of Australia's great aviation stories under the Longreach night sky.

Breakfast at Coronas Hotel | Lunch at Tambo Teddies | dinner at QANTAS founders Museum
Saltbush Retreat Longreach | 2 nights

Day 4: (BLD)

EXPLORING LONGREACH

Saturday 10th April



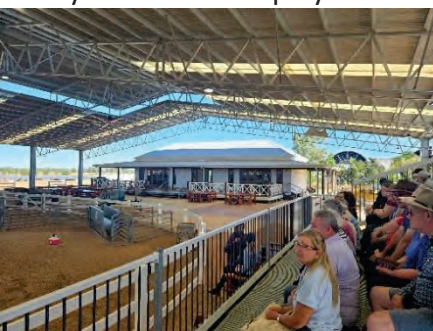
Today is all about discovering the stories, characters and traditions that make ****Longreach**** such an iconic outback destination.

We begin with a special visit to ****Rosebank Station****, a historic homestead that has been part of Longreach's social history for more than 100 years.

Here we meet the residents and enjoy an exclusive tour, hearing stories of station life, local families and the challenges and rewards of living and working in the bush. Morning tea is

included, giving us time to relax and take in the peaceful surroundings.

Back in town, we make our way to the legendary ****Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame****, where the people and stories of the outback are brought vividly to life. The displays celebrate the stockmen, drovers, pastoralists



and everyday Australians who helped shape life across the inland, with fascinating exhibits, historic artefacts and plenty of stories from the bush.

A real highlight is the ****Outback Stockman's Show****, where music, storytelling, horsemanship and a live muster combine for an entertaining and authentic taste of outback life. We then enjoy lunch at ****Drovers Place**** before having more time to explore the Hall of Fame at a relaxed pace.



Day 4: (BLD)

EXPLORING LONGREACH

Saturday 10th April

Later this afternoon, we swap the land for the water as we board a ****sunset cruise along the Thomson River****. Sit back and enjoy the changing colours of the outback sky as the sun sinks over the river, creating a beautiful and peaceful end to the day. As darkness falls, the evening continues with the much-loved ****Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show****, where great food, entertainment, music and stories come together under the stars. It's the perfect finish to a day filled with history, heritage and true outback atmosphere.

Breakfast @ Birdcage | Lunch at Drovers Place | Dinner at Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show



DAY 5: (BLD)

WINTON

Sunday 11th April



We see some dramatic and ever-changing scenery as we make our way to **Winton**. The area was once home to dinosaurs and is full of groundbreaking scientific discoveries and archaeological digs. Today we'll have the opportunity to learn about this prehistoric phenomenon at the **Australian Age of Dinosaurs** where we also enjoy our morning tea. The centre hosts the largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils and the largest

fossil perpetration laboratory in the Southern Hemisphere. It was here in Winton, that Banjo Paterson wrote his famous poem about the swagman and jolly jumbuck and "Waltzing Matilda" was heard for the first time in the North Gregory Hotel. We visit the **Waltzing Matilda Centre**, the only museum in the world dedicated to a song where we enjoy lunch at time



to explore. Our next visit will be a fun outback experience at the **The Crackup Sisters place**. We'll be able to play outback games, observe the International Flea Circus Training Facility, hear some of The Crackup Sisters story, learn about artists who chose the Outback as their stage, check out vintage stuff and generally have a laugh. We stay overnight in Winton tonight.

Breakfast at Birdcage | Lunch at Waltzing Matilda | dinner in motel
Boulder Opal Motor Inn, Winton | 1 night



Day 6: (BLD)

WINTON TO MT ISA

Monday 12th April

After breakfast, we continue our journey west as we make our way towards **Cloncurry** and then on to **Mount Isa**, where we'll settle in for the next two nights. Today's drive takes us through some wonderfully remote outback country, with a few fascinating stops along the way.

We pass through **Kynuna**, once an important **Cobb & Co staging post**, where horse-drawn coaches would pull in for a dusty rest before continuing across the vast Queensland interior. These little outback towns are a reminder of just how challenging travel once was through this part of the country.

Our lunch stop is at the famous **Walkabout Creek Hotel in McKinlay**. Originally built in 1900 as the Federal Hotel and once used as the local Shire Hall, this historic pub later found fame as the hotel featured in the movie **Crocodile Dundee**. It's a great place to enjoy lunch, soak up some outback atmosphere and hear a few stories from one of Queensland's best-known country pubs.



Day 6: (BLD)

WINTON TO MT ISA

Monday 12th April



This afternoon, we continue on to **Cloncurry**, located at the junction of the Landsborough and Barkly Highways. Known as one of Australia's hottest towns, Cloncurry also holds a special place in Australian history as the birthplace of the **Royal Flying Doctor Service**.

While in town, we visit **John Flynn Place**, where we learn more about the remarkable story of Reverend John Flynn and the beginnings of the RFDS. The centre preserves this

important piece of outback history and gives us an insight into how aviation and radio transformed medical care for people living in some of Australia's most remote regions.

From Cloncurry, we continue on to **Mount Isa**, one of the great mining cities of the outback. On arrival, we check into our accommodation and have time to relax and freshen up before coming together again for dinner.

Breakfast and dinner in the motel | lunch at Walkabout Creek Hotel

Ibis Styles Mt Isa | 2 nights



Day 7: (BLD)

MT ISA

Tuesday 13th April



Today we spend the day discovering more of Mount Isa, a fascinating outback city where mining, industry, history and culture all come together. Our main visit is to the Outback at Isa Complex, where we experience one of the city's most memorable attractions — the **Hard Times Mine Tour**. With miner's cap on and lamp switched on, we descend underground via the Alamac Cage and step into the world of a working miner. Our guide will share stories of life below the surface, explain the equipment and conditions faced by miners, and no doubt add a little humour along the way. Back above

ground, there is still plenty to explore within the complex. Depending on time and interest, we can discover the fascinating **Riversleigh Fossil Centre**, where incredible fossils reveal the ancient story of Australia's prehistoric wildlife, or explore the displays of the Isa Experience, which brings Mount Isa's mining and local history to life.

With lunch included, we have time to enjoy the attractions at a comfortable pace before returning to our hotel later this afternoon. After a full day uncovering the stories beneath and above Mount Isa, there will be time to freshen up and relax before dinner.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch included



Day 8: (BLD)

MT ISA TO TENNANT CREEK

Wednesday 14th April



Today we farewell **Mount Isa** and continue west through some of the most remote and expansive country of our journey. As we travel towards **Camooweal**, the distances really begin to put the size of the outback into perspective, with long stretches of open road and vast horizons unfolding around us. Passing through Camooweal, we cross the border into the **Northern Territory** and continue along the **Barkly Highway**. Our lunch stop is

at the legendary **Barkly Homestead**, a remote outback roadhouse positioned between Camooweal and Tennant Creek. It's a true outback stop, offering a welcome break, a hearty meal and a chance to soak up the atmosphere of life in this isolated part of Australia.

After lunch, we continue deeper into the Northern Territory, watching the



Day 8: (BLD)

MT ISA TO TENNANT CREEK

Wednesday 14th April

scenery change as we make our way towards **Tennant Creek**. Later this afternoon, we arrive at our overnight accommodation, where there will be time to settle in and relax before dinner.

It's been another classic outback travel day, filled with big distances, wide-open landscapes and the unmistakable sense of adventure that comes with crossing Australia by road.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Barkly Homestead

Bluestone Motor Inn, Tennant Creek | 1 night



Day 9: (BLD)

TENNANT CREEK TO ALICE SPRINGS

Thursday 15th April



This morning we continue our journey south through the heart of the **Northern Territory**, travelling across vast open country towards one of the outback's most recognisable natural landmarks.

Our first stop is at the **Devils Marbles**, a remarkable collection of gigantic rounded granite boulders scattered across a broad, shallow valley. Balanced in seemingly impossible positions and glowing beautifully against the red earth, these formations are one of the great symbols of the Australian

outback and make for a memorable stop along the way. From here, we continue south with a lunch break at the **Ti Tree Roadhouse**, giving



everyone a chance to relax, stretch the legs and refuel before the final part of today's journey. This afternoon, we make our way into **Alice Springs**, surrounded by the striking ranges and desert landscapes of Central Australia. On arrival, we check into our accommodation and settle in for the next few nights, ready to enjoy the many highlights that await us in and around the Red Centre.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch at Ti Tree Roadhouse

Crowne Plaza Alice Springs | 3 nights

Day 10: (BD) ALICE SPRINGS @ LEISURE & EARTH SANCTUARY (Drivers Day Off) Fri 16th

After several days of travelling across the vast Queensland outback and into the heart of Central Australia, today is yours to enjoy at a more relaxed pace. Take the opportunity to sleep in, enjoy the hotel facilities, wander into town, do a little local sightseeing or simply put your feet up and recharge for the adventures still to come. This evening, we come back together for a very special outback experience at **Earth Sanctuary**, located at **Quandong Homestead**. Set beneath the wide-open Central Australian sky, we'll enjoy a delicious bush BBQ



while soaking up the atmosphere of this unique desert setting. Throughout the evening, we'll be treated to music, entertainment and stories that bring the spirit of the outback to life. There will also be the chance to hear about Aboriginal Dreamtime traditions and even learn the art of making a classic **swagman's damper**. It promises to be a relaxed and memorable evening of good food, storytelling and true outback hospitality — the perfect way to finish a leisurely day in Alice Springs.

Breakfast in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost | dinner at Earth Sanctuary

Day 11: (BLD)

ALICE SPRINGS HIGHLIGHTS & PARRTJIMA

Saturday 17th April

We begin the day with a visit to **ANZAC Hill**, where panoramic views across Alice Springs and the surrounding ranges give us a wonderful sense of the town's location in the heart of Central Australia. From here, we make our way to the **Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve** for a guided visit and morning tea. Established in 1871, the Telegraph Station marks the site of the first European settlement in Alice



Springs and played a vital

role in Australia's Overland Telegraph Line, linking Darwin and Adelaide and connecting the country with the wider international telegraph network. Late morning, we continue to the **Royal Flying**

Doctor Service Alice Springs Base, where we learn more about the remarkable service

that has supported remote and regional Australia for generations. Opened in 1939, the Alice Springs base became an essential lifeline for people living and working across vast distances, providing emergency and preventative medical care to isolated communities and stations. We enjoy lunch here before continuing with our afternoon touring. Our next stop is the **National**

Road Transport Hall of Fame, where we discover the grit, ingenuity and determination behind Australia's road



transport industry. Fascinating displays and stories reveal how early transport pioneers battled enormous distances, rough terrain and isolation to build the networks that became so important to the development of Central Australia and the nation as a whole. Tonight, we finish the day with one of the tour's real highlights as we make our way to **Alice Springs Desert Park for**

Parrtjima – A Festival in Light. Set against the

spectacular backdrop of the Red Centre, Parrtjima brings together large-scale light installations, art, music, storytelling and cultural experiences in a truly unique setting. There will be time to wander through the displays, take in the atmosphere and enjoy the incredible combination of light, landscape and creativity. It promises to be a memorable evening and a spectacular way to experience Alice Springs after dark.

Breakfast in hotel | lunch included | dinner own arrangements and cost



Day 12: (BLD)

ALICE SPRINGS TO ULURU

Sunday 18th April



keep an eye out for **Mount**

This morning we farewell **Alice Springs** and continue our journey south through the heart of Central Australia towards one of Australia's most iconic destinations — **Uluru**.

Although today is largely a travel day, the scenery is anything but ordinary. We pass through vast desert landscapes dotted with **spinifex, red earth and desert oaks**, with the ever-changing colours and wide-open horizons giving us a true sense of the scale and beauty of the Red Centre. At **Erdunda**, we turn west and continue towards Yulara. Along the way,

Day 12: (BLD)

ALICE SPRINGS TO ULURU

Sunday 18th April

Conner, an impressive flat-topped sandstone mesa that is often mistaken for Uluru by first-time visitors. It is a striking sight and a wonderful introduction to the dramatic landscapes that await us. Later this afternoon, we arrive in **Yulara** and check into our accommodation, where there will be time to settle in and relax before heading out again for a very special evening. As the day



draws to a close, we make our way to the **Uluru sunset viewing area**.

Here we can sit back and watch as the Rock changes colour before our eyes, shifting through shades of red, orange and purple as the sun sinks below the horizon. With drinks and nibbles to enjoy, it is a magical first experience of Uluru and a wonderful way to end the day. After sunset, we return to the resort, ready for an unforgettable day of exploring Uluru and Kata Tjuta tomorrow.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch at Erldunda

Voyages Sails in the Desert | 2 nights

Day 13: (BLD)

EXPLORING ULURU & KATA TJUTA

Monday 19th April

Today promises to be one of the true highlights of our journey as we rise early to witness the magic of **sunrise over Uluru** in the World Heritage-listed **Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park**. As the first light touches the landscape, the Rock gradually changes colour, creating a beautiful and unforgettable start to the day. Uluru rises approximately **348 metres above the desert floor** and stretches for around **9.4 kilometres at its base**, making it an extraordinary sight



from every angle. Meeting our local guide, we set out on the **Mala Walk**, following part of the base of Uluru while learning

more about the stories, traditions and deep spiritual significance the site holds for the **Anangu Traditional Owners**. We then spend time at the **Cultural Centre**, where we can deepen our understanding of the land, its people and the ancient culture that continues to shape this remarkable place. Early this afternoon, we travel on to **Kata Tjuta**, another spectacular natural wonder of the national park. We'll stop at



the viewing area to admire the vast domed formations, before continuing to another scenic stop for photographs and a short walk, taking in the scale and beauty of this incredible landscape. Tonight, we are in for another very special experience with the breathtaking **Field of Light**. As darkness falls, thousands of slender



stems topped with glowing glass spheres gradually illuminate the desert floor, creating a sea of colour beneath the night sky.

Wander through this

extraordinary installation and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of the Red Centre after dark.

From sunrise at Uluru to the glowing lights beneath the stars, this is a day filled with unforgettable sights, culture and truly magical outback experiences.

Breakfast in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost | dinner at Field of Lights



Day 14: (BLD)

YULARA TO COOBER PEDY

Tuesday 20th April

This morning we farewell **Yulara** and continue our journey south, leaving the magnificent landscapes of Uluru behind as we make our way towards **Coober Pedy**, the legendary opal-mining town in the far north of South Australia. We return to “**the track**” — **the Stuart Highway** — and settle in for another classic outback travel day. The scenery remains wonderfully remote, with vast stretches of red earth, open plains and endless horizons reminding us just how enormous Central Australia really is. Along the way, we’ll stop for a **picnic lunch en route**, giving everyone a chance to stretch the legs, enjoy some fresh air and take in the surrounding outback landscape before



Desert Cave, Coober Pedy | 2 nights

continuing south. By late afternoon, we arrive in **Coober Pedy**, a town unlike anywhere else in Australia. Famous for its opals and remarkable underground lifestyle, Coober Pedy has been shaped by generations of miners who came in search of precious gemstones and discovered creative ways to escape the harsh desert temperatures.

We check into our accommodation for the next two nights and have time to freshen up and settle in before dinner. Tomorrow, we’ll have the opportunity to discover much more about this fascinating town, its underground homes, opal-mining history and extraordinary desert surroundings.

Day 15: (BD)

EXPLORING COOBER PEDY

Wednesday 21st April

Today we set out to discover the fascinating underground world of **Coober Pedy**, with our host from the **Umoona Opal Mine and Museum** showing us around this remarkable outback town. We begin with an **opal cutting demonstration**, where we’ll see how rough stone is carefully transformed to reveal the brilliant colour and character hidden within. From here, we’ll explore an **underground home** and take part in a **mine tour**, gaining a real appreciation of the unique lifestyle that has developed here in



response to the harsh desert climate. Our touring continues with a visit to one of Coober Pedy’s famous **underground churches**, another wonderful example of how local residents have adapted their buildings to life below ground. We’ll also stop by the **Coober Pedy Golf Course**, a truly unusual outback course and one of the town’s most memorable curiosities. Later, we make our way out to **The Breakaways**, where colourful low hills rise from the surrounding desert landscape. The striking reds, ochres and creams create a dramatic contrast against

the open sky and make this one of the most photogenic areas around Coober Pedy. Before returning to town, we stop at the **Big Winch Lookout** for sweeping views over Coober Pedy and the surrounding opal fields. It’s a fitting way to end a day filled with geology, history, ingenuity and the wonderfully unique character of this famous outback town. We then return to the hotel with time to freshen up and relax before dinner.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost



Day 16: (BLD)

COOBER PEDY TO PORT AUGUSTA

Thursday 22nd April

After an early breakfast, we farewell **Coober Pedy** and continue our journey south through the vast landscapes of northern South Australia. Our first stop is at **Glendambo**, where we take a morning break and enjoy the chance to stretch our legs before continuing on through **Pimba** towards the fascinating township of **Woomera**. Woomera holds an important place in Australia's scientific and military history. Established in 1947, the **Woomera Rocket Range** became one of the world's major testing grounds for missiles, rockets and aerospace projects, with thousands of launches carried out over the decades. The area also played a significant role in international space research, including projects associated with the **European Launcher Development Organisation**, helping to place



Woomera firmly on the map during the early years of the space age. On arrival, we enjoy lunch at the **Woomera Heritage Centre**, where we can learn more about the remarkable history of the rocket range, the people who worked here and the technological developments that took place in this remote part of the country. This afternoon, we continue south towards **Port Augusta**, travelling through changing outback scenery as we approach the head of **Spencer Gulf**. On arrival, we check into our accommodation and settle in for the evening after another interesting day of history, travel and discovery.

Breakfast and dinner at the Motel | lunch in Woomera

Standpipe Golf Motor Inn, Port Augusta | 1 night

Day 17: (BLD)

PORT AUGUSTA TO MILDURA

Friday 23rd April

Today we continue our journey south and east, with another fascinating mix of history, heritage and regional scenery ahead. Our first major stop is **Burra**, one of South Australia's most important historic mining towns. Copper was discovered here in the 1840s, and the resulting boom played a significant role in the colony's early prosperity. We'll stop to see the famous "**Monster Mine**", once the



largest metal mine in Australia and a major employer in its day, helping to shape both the town and the wider region. From Burra, we travel on to the historic **Overland Corner Hotel** for lunch. This character-filled country pub is a wonderful place to pause and enjoy a meal while soaking up a little more of the atmosphere and history of regional South Australia. This afternoon, we continue towards the Riverland and stop to view the impressive **Paringa Silo Art**. Painted by



artist Jack Fran, the striking artwork features a series of large-scale images linked by soaring pelicans, creating a memorable tribute to the local landscape and community. We then cross the border into **Victoria** and continue on to **Mildura**, where we settle in for the next two nights. After another rewarding day on the road, there will be time to freshen up and relax before dinner.

Breakfast and dinner at motel | lunch at Overland Corner Hotel

Quality Hotel Mildura Grand | 2 nights



Day 18: (BLD)

MILDURA AND THE TRAIL OF LIGHTS

Saturday 24th April



After breakfast, we spend the morning discovering **Mildura** with a locally based expert who will introduce us to the history, characters and stories that have shaped this important Murray River city. We'll hear about the **Chaffey Brothers**, who arrived from Canada in the 1880s and played a major role in establishing irrigation in the region, transforming Mildura into the productive agricultural centre it is today. Our sightseeing continues with a visit to the **Mildura Arts Centre**, where several attractions are gathered in one

location. Here we'll have time to explore **Rio Vista Historic House**, wander through the **Gallery**, and enjoy the **Sculpture Park**, taking in a mix of local heritage, art and creative expression. Lunch today is at the **Sculpture Park**, a lovely spot to relax and enjoy a meal before we head out to **Varapodio Estate**. At this award-winning olive oil farm, we'll enjoy a tour and tasting, learning more about how the oils are produced and sampling some of their delicious products. There will also be time to browse the range of olive oils, dressings, mayonnaise, soaps and cosmetics. Later this afternoon, we return to the hotel with some free time to relax, explore Mildura at your own



pace or simply put your feet up before dinner. Tonight, we enjoy a very special finale to the day with the spectacular **Trail of Lights**. As darkness falls, thousands of glowing lights illuminate the landscape, creating a magical setting around Lock Island. With shimmering firefly lights, sculptural elements and the natural environment all working together, it promises to be a beautiful and memorable evening under the Mildura night sky.

Breakfast and dinner at motel | lunch at Mildura Boathouse

Day 19: (BLD)

MILDURA TO NARRANDERA

Sunday 25th April

This morning we farewell Mildura and continue our journey east, with another day of regional history, art and country scenery ahead. Our first major stop is **Balranald**, where we visit the **Discovery Centre & Museum**. Here we can explore the **Discovery Interpretive Centre** and the historic **Old Gaol**, gaining an insight into the stories, people and development of this fascinating Riverina town. We'll also enjoy lunch here before continuing our travels. From Balranald, we make our way to **Hay**, where we stop to admire the impressive **Hay Water Tower Art**. Using the town's water towers as a striking canvas, artist Matt Adnate created a moving tribute to the local men



and women who contributed to Australia's war efforts. The towering portraits have become a memorable addition to the growing regional art trail and are a wonderful example of how public art can bring local history to life.

This afternoon, we continue through the wide-open landscapes of the Riverina towards **Narrandera**, where we arrive later in the day and check into our overnight accommodation. After another rewarding day of history, sightseeing and travel, there will be time to settle in and relax before dinner.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | Lunch at Discovery Centre and Museum

Narrandera Gateway Motel | 1 Night

Day 20: (BLD)

NARRANDERA TO SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Monday 26th April

Following breakfast, we continue our journey east as we begin making our way towards the Southern Highlands. With the long outback stretches now behind us, today offers a gentler pace as we travel through country towns and changing rural scenery. We'll stop along the way for a morning break before continuing to the village of **Bowning**, where we enjoy lunch at the charming **Rollonin Café**. Set within a beautiful old slab hut, this character-filled venue has a wonderful connection to the region's coaching history, having once served as a **Cobb & Co coaching station** during the



Springs Mittagong | 1 night

mid to late 1800s. Today, the historic building provides a warm and welcoming place to pause for lunch, relax and enjoy a little taste of the past before we continue our journey. From Bowning, we travel on to **Mittagong**, where we check into our accommodation for the final night of the tour. With just one more day to go, there will be time to settle in, enjoy dinner and reflect on the many remarkable places, people and experiences we've shared along the way.

Breakfast in motel | lunch at Rollonin Café | dinner at Mittagong RSL Club

Day 21: (BL)

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS TO HOME

Tuesday 27th April

With our bags packed and plenty of wonderful memories to take with us, we farewell **Mittagong** this morning and begin the final leg of our journey home. What an incredible adventure it has been, travelling through **Outback Queensland, Central Australia and the Red Centre**, with so many unforgettable landscapes, characters and experiences along the way. As we make our way north, there will be plenty of time to relax aboard the coach, reflect on favourite moments from the tour and enjoy the company of the friends we've made along the way. Our final lunch stop is at the **Raymond Terrace Bowling Club**, where we can enjoy one last meal together before continuing home. We expect to arrive back later this afternoon, bringing our remarkable **21-day Outback Queensland and Central Australia tour** to a close. From Longreach and Winton to Alice Springs, Uluru, Coober Pedy and beyond, it has been a truly memorable journey through the heart of Australia. Thank you for travelling with **Port Bus** — we hope you return home with plenty of stories to tell, wonderful photos to share and memories that will stay with you for many years to come.

Breakfast in Mittagong RSL Club and lunch at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club



TOUR INCLUSIONS

- 20 night's motel accommodation
- 20 breakfasts
- 14 hotel dinners and 5 out - see below
- 18 included lunches – see below
- Lunch at Top Pub Uralla
- Lunch at the Australian Hotel Motel
- Outback Stargazing Night entry at Charleville Cosmos Centre & Visitors Centre
- Lunch and Tour of Workshop at Tambo Teddies
- Dinner and Luminescent Longreach light and sound (30 minutes) at Qantas Founders Outback Museum
- Historic Rosebank Station Tour including coach transfers with Outback Aussie Tours
- Breakfast at the Birdcage, Longreach x 2
- Stockman's Experience including after the Rains Experience, A Stockman's Tale - Cinematic Experience, Entry Museum & Galleries + Live Outback Stockman's Show at Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Lunch at The Drovers Place, Longreach
- Drover's Sunset Cruise (including Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show) with Outback Aussie Tours
- Ultimate Dinosaur Tour at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs
- Lunch and self guided tour at Waltzing Matilda Centre, Winton
- The Dusty Hour - Blue Chip - Cabaret Table at The Crackup Sisters
- Lunch at the Walkabout Creek Hotel
- Entry to John Flynn's Place, Cloncurry
- Mine Tour, Riversleigh Tour, Isa Experience History Museum, Includes Crib Port Lunch at Outback at Isa
- Lunch at Barkly Homestead
- Lunch at Ti Tree Roadhouse
- Transfers and Spirit of the Outback dinner and show at Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre
- Entry and morning tea at the Old Telegraph Station
- Entry to Royal Flying Doctors Service and Lunch at Base Cafe 0870
- Group entry to the train museum, National road transport hall of fame at National Road Transport
- Parrotjima light festival at Alice Springs
- Lunch at Erldunda Desert Oaks Resort
- Entry to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park-Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park
- Sunset catering drinks and canapes from Voyages Sails in the Desert
- Full Day Guiding - Base drive / Walk around Uluru in Morning. Afternoon drive to KataTjuta / Mount Olga Gorge - Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park
- Field of Light Dinner
- Picnic lunch from Erldunda Desert Oaks Resort



TOUR INCLUSIONS continued

- Breakaways Tour including town tour of Coober Pedy and underground church
- Visit and lunch at the Woomera Heritage & Visitor Information Centre
- Locally guided tour of Burra
- Lunch at the Overland Corner Hotel
- Locally guided tour of Mildura
- Entry to Galleries, Rio Vista Historic House, Mildura
- Lunch at the Mildura Boathouse
- Tour and Tasting at Varapodio Estate
- Entry to Trail of Lights, Mildura
- Entry to the Discovery Centre and lunch at Balranald Discovery Centre & Museum
- Lunch at the Rollonin Café
- Breakfast and Dinner at the Mittagong RSL Club
- Lunch at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club



ACCOMMODATION

- Best Western Ascot Lodge (1 night)
- Hotel Coronas (1 night)
- Saltbush Retreat Longreach (2 nights)
- Boulder Opal Motor Inn, Winton (1 night)
- Ibis Styles Mt Isa (2 nights)
- Bluestone Motor Inn, Tennant Creek (1 night)
- Crowne Plaza Alice Springs (3 nights)
- Voyages Sails in the Desert (2 nights)
- Desert Cave Hotel, Coober Pedy (2 nights)
- Standpipe Golf Motor Inn (1 night)
- Quality Hotel Mildura Grand (2 nights)
- Narrandera Gateway Motor Inn (1 night)
- Springs Mittagong (1 night)



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- Price is valid for above tour dates only and includes GST.
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- 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 that may arise. 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.
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