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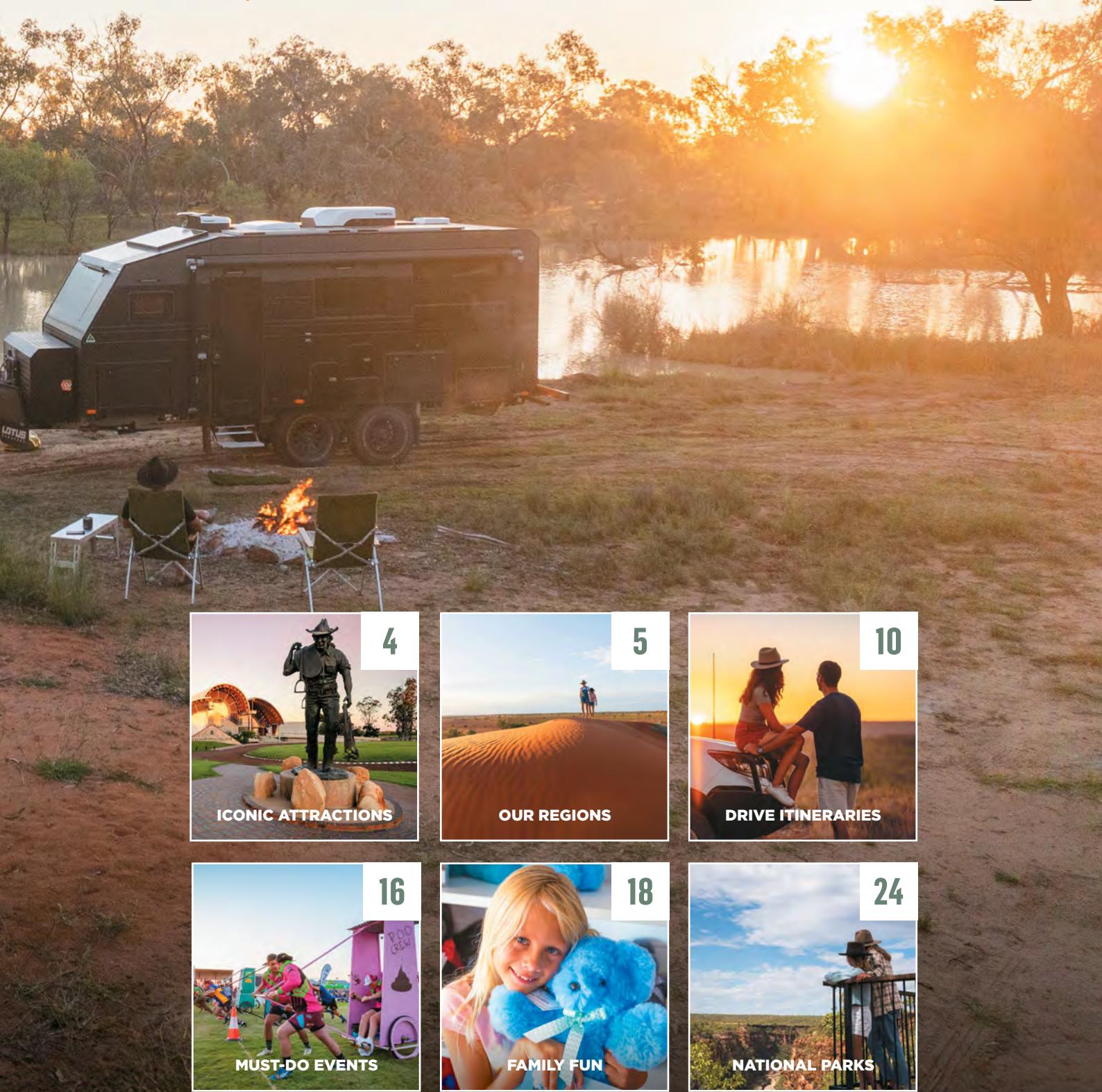
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The Outback makes up more than 65% of Queensland's footprint and covers breathtaking and diverse landscapes from the red sands of the Simpson Desert to the gorges and waterways of the eastern Outback regions.

From camel races and cowboys to stargazing, dinosaur experiences, mineral rich artesian springs, colourful pubs and watering holes and some of Australia's quirkiest events – a trip to Outback Queensland is one big adventure that every Australian should experience in their lifetime.

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Outback Queensland's Drive Guide has everything you need to plan your next incredible Outback Queensland holiday. From road trips to Outback events, Australian culture and wild adventure, we have it all. And we're ready to share it with you! We'll see you on the road.





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Outback Dreaming

5 Iconic Reasons to Drive Outback Queensland

Cunnamulla Hot Springs

The Outback is our cultural home. The place of ancient landscapes and pioneering history, Outback characters and stories, Indigenous culture and sacred places. And the place where the vast Outback plains nestle in with deserts, rivers, gorges, pastoral farmland and iconic station life.

In Outback Queensland you can experience the best that Australia has to offer, including road trips, quintessentially Aussie events, unique Australian culture and wild adventures.

1. Road Trips

Nothing is more Australian than a family road trip holiday – the joy of the open road and travelling through our vast and spectacular country. A road trip through Queensland's Outback is a fantastic and utterly iconic way to view this majestic and historical part of our country. Driving along the Outback roads, with the vast blue sky hugging the red earth, you can imagine a time when you would have been crossing on horseback with a drove of cattle, or picture how Indigenous people worked and lived here for tens of thousands of years.

From 10 days along the Matilda Way, to 4 days on the Dinosaur Trail, there is something for everybody. Take the kids, take the grandparents, you can even take the dog to most places these days. And driving in the Outback is much easier than you think – no stress, no traffic, no traffic lights and majority of roads are sealed.

2. Outback Events

Outback Queensland is home to some of Australia's most iconic, wild and whacky events.

From the Birdsville Races or Big Red Bash to the iconic Vision Splendid Film Festival, Winton or Julia Creek Dirt & Dust Festival – Outback communities know how to throw a great celebration.

Other must-do Outback events include the Boulia Camel Races, Thargomindah's Shearers Shindig and Winton's Outback Festival. See more must-do events on page 16.

3. Australian Culture & History

Outback Queensland is rich in pioneering history, Indigenous culture, natural beauty, and adventure.

In Longreach, visit the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and take in their live show. Explore the Qantas Founders Museum and enjoy its night-time light and sound show on a Boeing 747. Experience the Cobb & Co Stagecoach ride with Outback Pioneers or jump aboard Outback Aussie Tours' historic Rail Motor for unforgettable onboard stories and Outback hospitality.

Explore Barcaldine's Australian Workers Heritage Centre, with unique spaces and recreated work settings that capture the spirit of our nation's workers and share the story of *Our Working Life*.

Check out Roma's The Big Rig which celebrates the region's rich oil history, learn more about Cobb & Co's contribution to the Outback at the Surat Changing Station, immerse yourself in bush history at Winton's Waltzing Matilda Centre (named after Banjo Paterson's iconic song) or learn about the evolution of Australia's shearing industry at Blackall's Woolscour.

Discover "Top Secret" WWII insights at Charleville's Secret Base, celebrate the region's rail history at Cunnamulla's All Aboard show and celebrate the critical role of the Royal Flying Doctor Service at the John Flynn Centre in Cloncurry.

Explore Indigenous culture through tours and experiences across the region. Visit Cloncurry Unearthed's Bush Tucker Garden, Carnarvon Gorge's Dreamtime rock art, and the Betoota Serpent sculpture. Take a Boobook Eco Tour to see ancient rock paintings, or join a bush Tucker tours at Outback at Isa.

4. Into the Wild

One of the best parts of visiting Outback Queensland is experiencing the wild side of Australia's unique landscapes. Highlights include Carnarvon Gorge in Carnarvon National Park and Cobb & Co Gorge – both stunning sandstone formations with abundant plant, bird, and animal life.

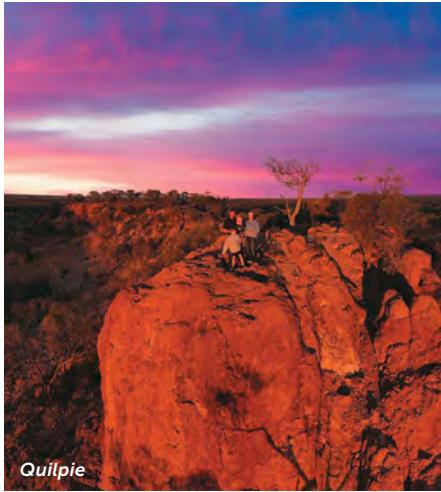
Outback Queensland is renowned for its dramatic scenery and incredible national parks. Currawinya National Park features expansive red sandplains, while Lark Quarry Conservation Park preserves dinosaur footprints from 95 million years ago. Birdsville serves as the gateway to Munga-Thirri (Simpson Desert) National Park, a must-see for any visitor.

The Waanyi People warmly welcome you to Boodjamulla National Park, known to them as their sacred Bujimala (Rainbow Serpent) country. Here you can explore fiery-red sandstone gorges and the emerald-green healing waters of Boulgi.

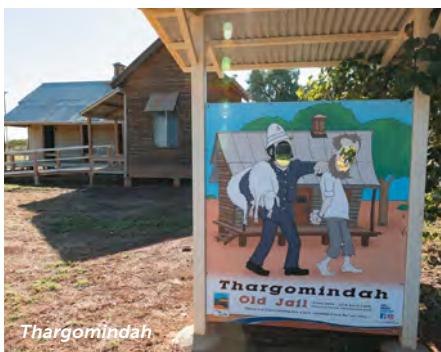
5. Adventure

If it's camels that you're after, you can cheer one on at the Desert Champions Way regional racing events. This fun trail celebrates the Outback's cameleering history with five iconic events located in Jundah, Birdsville, Boulia, Bedourie and Winton.

For camping, find yourself a spot within a real-life working Outback station at Lara Wetlands, near Barcaldine, at Charlotte Plains near Cunnamulla, or a glamping tent at Wallaroo Outback Retreat near Injune. Take a 4WD off-road to explore Hell Hole Gorge or Bladensburg National Park, or hunt for opals in Quilpie Shire. For archaeological adventure, don't miss our dinosaur experiences: Australia's Dinosaur Trail linking the towns of Richmond, Hughenden and Winton. And in the south west you will find the Eromanga Natural History Museum with 'Cooper' the dinosaur. Love fishing? Try to catch one of the river giants in the Sandstone Wonders and Barcoo regions. When you're all tuckered out, soak in the minerals of the artesian waters found across the Outback region.



Quilpie



Thargomindah

South West

Incorporating the communities of Roma, Charleville, Quilpie, Thargomindah, Eromanga, Cunnamulla and St George

Looking for adventure? You'll find it in the southwest, where one of the main drive routes through this Outback territory is aptly named 'The Adventure Way'.

Travel along the Warrego Way and experience big nature and vibrant colours as thriving wetlands and national parks gradually give way to red sands in the west. Adventure awaits by day, and by night the galaxy puts on a spectacular show under the vast Outback skies.

Explore Outback towns, natural and manmade heritage, and key attractions such as Carnarvon National Park and Roma's Biggest Bottle Tree. St George and Surat, located on the banks of the

mighty Balonne River, are famous for Yellowbelly fishing.

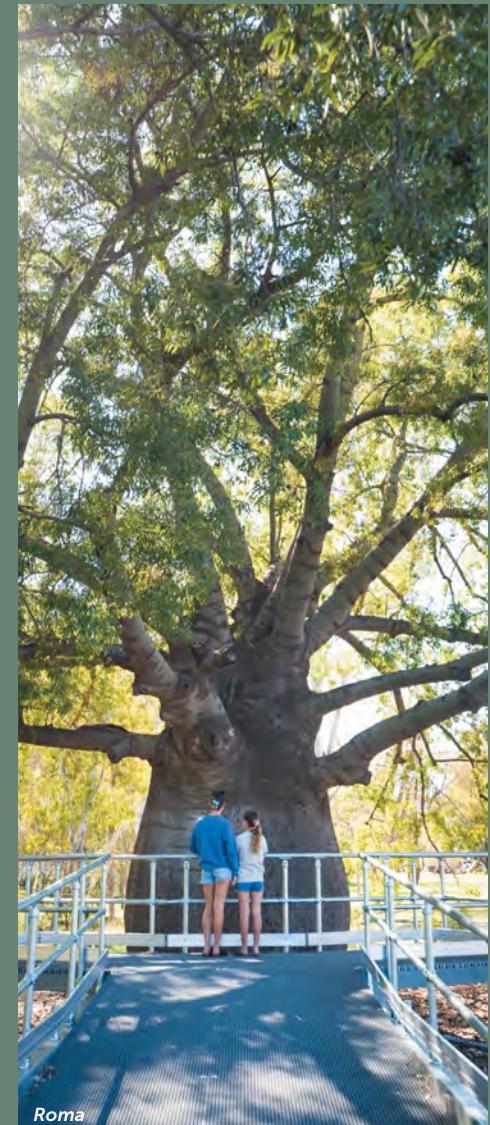
The southern districts offer stunning scenery and a rich history in cotton, opal, oil, and gas. Take the Natural Sciences Loop for a round trip connecting Charleville's Cosmos Centre, Quilpie, the Eromanga Natural History Museum, Thargomindah, and Cunnamulla.

Along your journey, relax and rejuvenate at unique natural wellness spots like the Eulo Mud Baths, Cunnamulla Hot Springs, and the Great Artesian Spa in Mitchell.

Further south, the giant silo murals in Thallon showcase local icons, while the historic Nindigully Pub - Queensland's oldest pub - is a must-visit on your travels.

Must Do's in the South West

- **The Big Rig in Roma** – tells of all the twists and drama of when oil and gas first flowed in our nation
- Catch all the mooing and auctioneer calls on Tuesdays at the **Roma Saleyards**, the largest in Australia
- Explore gorges, rock art and wildlife in the Carnarvons with **Boobook Explore**
- Enjoy a gin tour and tipple at **Western Queensland Spirit Distillery** in Roma
- Camp and bushwalk at **Carnarvon National Park**
- Learn about Australia's Cobb & Co history in Surat, at the **Cobb & Co Changing Station**
- Visit **Riversands Wines**, nestled on the banks of the Balonne River in St George
- 'Must-do' photo spot: the impressive murals painted on the **Thallon GrainCorp Silos**
- **Nullawokka Gallery** and **Cultural Walk in Bollon** – offers a range of First Nations artworks and walking tours
- Revitalise the body and mind at **Mitchell's Great Artesian Spa**
- Stargaze at The **Cosmos Centre** in Charleville
- **Top Secret WWII Base and Tour** – discover why Charleville was a secret US base
- See **Bilbies** in a nocturnal house in Charleville, home to the Queensland Bilby
- Visit the **Outback Date Farm** in Charleville to explore a large date plantation and sample fresh, locally grown dates
- Soak up nature's goodness in the artesian baths at **Charlotte Plains**
- Visit **Cunnamulla Hot Springs**, a tranquil and rejuvenating Outback escape – natural, scenic and immersive, offering a unique connection to culture, country and wellness
- Visit **Eulo Mud Baths**, a relaxing and revitalising Outback experience – natural, therapeutic and quirky, offering a unique way to unwind in the heart of the bush
- Explore the **Artesian Time Tunnel** in Cunnamulla
- **Currawinya National Park** in Hungerford, one of Australia's most important wetlands
- The **Fox Trap Hotel** in Cooladdi – a great icecream stop in one of Australia's smallest towns
- **Baldy Top Lookout near Quilpie** – search the far horizon atop the red rocky formation
- **Hell Hole National Park** – with its rugged gorges and rare yellow footed rock wallabies
- Meet Cooper, Australia's largest dinosaur at **Eromanga Natural History Museum**
- Explore Thargomindah's history with a fully automated, self-guided tour of the **Hydro Power Plant, Old Hospital and Old Jail**
- Pay tribute to Outback pioneers at the **Burke & Wills 'Dig Tree'**, near Innamincka



Roma



Central West

Incorporating the communities of Longreach, Winton, Barcaldine, Blackall and Tambo

The central west is the heart of Outback Queensland and wears its history on its sleeve, proudly the birthplace of Qantas, Waltzing Matilda and Australia's Labor Party.

Learn about our nation's workers at the Australian Workers Heritage Centre in Barcaldine, and take a 'Wing Walk' on a 747 jet at the Qantas Founders Museum in Longreach.

A visit to the Blackall Woolsour offers a rare, fully restored shearing and wool processing site and a fascinating glimpse into Outback pastoral life.

Pioneering history is central to the region and can be explored in Longreach through

a galloping horse-drawn Cobb & Co stagecoach ride, sunset cruises on the Thomson River, and live performances with interactive displays at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame.

For prehistoric experiences, visit the world's only known dinosaur stampede site at Lark Quarry Conservation Park, the Australian Age of Dinosaurs museum in Winton with the largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils, and the Muttaburrasaurus Interpretation Centre in Muttaburra. Explore Winton's Rangelands Rifts on foot, enjoy spectacular sunsets from the 'jump-ups,' and stay overnight at Rangelands Outback Camp.

Must Do's in the Central West

- **Tambo Teddies**, located in Tambo, the Outback Teddy Capital with over 40,000 homemade teddy bears sold in the last 25 years
- Visit **Ben's Chicken Races** in Tambo, a quirky, lively, and unforgettable Outback event full of fun, community spirit, and unique local tradition
- **The Blackall Woolsour** – discover early Australian history and while in Blackall enjoy thermal spas, created by the drilling of the first artesian bore in the Outback in 1895
- **Jumbo the Elephant** – uncover the Perry Brothers Circus story in Blackall
- Visit **Barcaldine's Australian Workers Heritage Centre**, where exhibitions and historic buildings honour the stories of the nation's working people
- **Barcaldine Radio Picture Theatre**, a classic Art Nouveau movie theatre with original canvas seating and painted screen façade
- **The Tree of Knowledge in Barcaldine** – the unique architectural design that frames the petrified tree (or Tree of Knowledge) commemorating the history of the shearers' strike
- **Lake Dunn Sculpture Trail via Aramac** – where the natural landscape meets art with 40 creative scrap metal sculptures
- **Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame** – new galleries, exhibits, and stories – including the Indigenous Stockworkers exhibit
- **Qantas Founders Museum** in Longreach, and their dazzling 'Luminescent' lightshow – showcasing early Qantas history
- **Smithy's Dinner and Outback Show** for an authentic evening of Outback tucker and entertainment
- **Longreach Powerhouse Museum** – the largest preserved rural power-generating facility in Australia
- Visit **Darr River Downs**, an historic, authentic Outback station – restored, remote and atmospheric, offering a unique glimpse into pioneering life
- **Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum** – home to the largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils in the world
- **The Waltzing Matilda Centre in Winton**, the first museum to be dedicated to a song





Far West

Incorporating the communities of Diamantina, Barcoo and Boulia

If you are searching for offbeat characters and unconventional adventures, then head west – far west – 1,500 kilometres or about 17-hours straight drive west of Brisbane to the farthest corner of Queensland.

This is the land of red sand dunes, gibber flats, waterholes and channel country. Diamantina Channel Country is a riverine desert and a spectacular natural phenomenon. During and after the wet season it transforms into a vast network of shallow interconnecting channels and creeks across 95,000 square kilometres. Swelling waterholes attract up to 450,000 birds including packs of chattering zebra finches, Australian bustards and even the extremely rare night parrot. The desert

blooms to life with a stunning display of wildflowers after rain – a sight to behold and a photographer's delight.

Famed for the Big Red Bash in July and the Birdsville Races in September for bringing a big crowd together, there's always time and space to think in the Far West region.

Nothing is more iconic than standing atop Big Red at sunset, watching the sun dip from the first sand dune of the Simpson Desert (Munga-Thirri National Park).

The most popular route west is to take the Warrego Way from Brisbane - Chinchilla - Roma - Charleville - Windorah - Birdsville and travel via desert roads for the opportunity to travel between the three states.



Boulia Camel Races

Must Do's in the Far West

- The famous **Cooper Creek** symbolises the Channel Country and is renowned as the river where Australian explorers Burke and Wills died in 1861
- Windorah's **International Yabby Races** are held on the Wednesday night prior to the Birdsville Races
- Population 0 with one operating Outback Pub, **Betoota** is an experience like no other. And home to the **Betoota Serpent** made entirely out of naturally occurring stones, sand and rocks found in the area
- Cool down at the **Birdsville Billabong** and watch the birdlife as you walk, kayak, swim or fish
- The **Birdsville Bakery** and their famous pies – curried camel, steak, kangaroo and rabbit!
- The **Birdsville Hotel** – Queensland's iconic far western hotel and mandatory stopover point for a cool drink and meal
- The **Big Red Bash** is an iconic 3-day desert music festival held at the Big Red sand dune, 35kms out of Birdsville
- Visit the **Min Min Encounter in Boulia** – learn about the famous Min Min lights, a rare light phenomenon with balls of light that hover and dance above the ground
- **Middleton** (population: 2), home to the Middleton Hotel or 'The Hilton Hotel', the cheeky name for a camping ground across the road from the most remote pub in Queensland
- Follow the **Desert Champions Way** – celebrating the Outback's cameleering history
- At one million hectares, **Munga-Thirri National Park** (Simpson Desert) is Queensland's largest national park for 4WD adventures; the park is closed in summer and it's essential to check ahead for access and road conditions



Windorah

RIVERSLEIGH FOSSIL DISCOVERY CENTRE

North West

Incorporating the communities of Mount Isa, Cloncurry, Julia Creek, Richmond and Hughenden

It's Queensland's big sky country, where the rusty, dusty red Outback meets brilliant blue hues and explodes into bushfire orange sunsets. This is the land of fossicking and exploring deep gorges, of break-or-bust rodeos, crisp campfire nights and tall tales of remote and rugged experiences.

Head west on The Overlander's Way, where just four hours' drive west of Townsville, Outback Queensland's north west region begins. Passing through Hughenden, Richmond, Julia Creek, Cloncurry to Mount Isa, this adventure is packed with dinosaur fossils, jaw-dropping scenery and mining history that will lead you deep underground. Make sure you detour to visit the spectacular Cobbold Gorge - with its 'must do' glass-bottom bridge, and to enjoy canoeing or standup paddleboating (SUP).

Immerse yourself in ancient history from Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park, boasting spectacular gorge scenery, diverse wildlife, thrilling walks, serene canoeing, and the Riversleigh World Heritage Site with its 25-million-year-old fossil mammal deposits. The Riversleigh Fossil Discovery Centre in Mount Isa is a must with its interactive displays and augmented reality experiences.

Follow Australia's Dinosaur Trail famously linking the historic towns of Winton, Hughenden and Richmond to discover a range of unique experiences not offered anywhere else in Australia: Winton's Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum, the Dinosaur Stampede National Monument at Lark Quarry Conservation Park, the Flinders Discovery Centre and 'Hughie' the life-size replica of a Muttaburrasaurus in Hughenden, and Kronosaurus Korner in Richmond.



Cobbold Gorge

Must Do's in the North West

- **Porcupine Gorge National Park** – hike Outback Queensland's own 'Grand Canyon'
- **Cobbold Gorge** – walk the 'must-do' glass-bottom bridge
- **Richmond's Lake Fred Tritton** – your chance to catch a Barra
- **Walkabout Creek Hotel** in McKinlay is a dinky-di Aussie pub and the famous hometown to Crocodile Dundee
- **See a dunnart at Julia Creek's 'At The Creek'** – the cutest critters ever
- **Julia Creek Artesian Baths** – soak up an Outback sunset in exceptional surrounds
- **Cloncurry's water tower mural** overlooks the township and is part of the Australian Silo Art Trail
- **John Flynn Place** in Cloncurry commemorates the work and beginnings of the Royal Flying Doctor Service
- **Cloncurry Unearthed Museum and Visitor Information Centre** – pick up your fossickers licence and see local memorabilia
- **Cloncurry's Ballara Mining Heritage Trail** – a four-wheel-drive track through the three historic mining towns of Bulonga, Ballara and Highville
- **Mary Kathleen**, a picturesque ghost town and former uranium mine
- **Chinaman Creek Dam** near Cloncurry is stocked with the Outback's answer to lobster – the Redclaw crayfish
- **Explore Boodjamulla National Park** either on foot or by canoe, paddling through its stunning gorge.
- **Outback at Isa**, Mount Isa's major tourism facility is home to the visitor information centre, the **Riversleigh Fossil Discovery Centre** and the **Hard Times Mine Underground Tour**
- **Mount Isa Mines Rodeo**, held each August is the biggest and richest rodeo in the Southern Hemisphere
- **Lake Moondarra** at Mount Isa is a beautiful spot for a picnic – climb the lookout, bird watch, fish and canoe
- Visit the **Underground Hospital** in Mount Isa, Australia's first and only underground hospital



East

Incorporating the communities of Biloela, Theodore, Moura and Taroom

The easternmost part of Outback Queensland is simply gorge-ous!

The Sandstone Wonders region includes Lake Murphy, Kroombit Tops and Mt Scoria Conservation Parks, along with Isla and Nathan Gorge, and Expedition National Park – popular for camping and 4WD adventures.

Bring your fishing rod because the fish are always biting here, whether you're casting off at the Dawson River or Callide Dam. The region is famous for gold mining in years gone past. Cracow, where the gold mine still operates, has a Mining Heritage

Centre; and quaint historical villages and museums can be discovered throughout the area.

Biloela provides the perfect base for your eastern adventure, rich with history which you can discover at Queensland Heritage Park and Spirit of the Land Mural. Spend a few hours exploring Outback Queensland's past – there's restored churches, railway station buildings, machinery, interactive displays, photographs, family histories and a theatre room that showcases the region's rich heritage in agriculture, exploration, mining, and the pioneering spirit of Australia.

Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery



Must Do's in the East

- **Expedition National Park** – remote and ideal for those wanting real 4WD and camping adventures
- **Isla Gorge**, a national park best known for its sandstone rock formations and rare and threatened plant species
- **Glebe Weir** offers affordable pet-friendly camping near Taroom in the Banana Shire
- **Cracow Pub and Cracow Mining Heritage Centre** can be found in this quaint and friendly town showing insights into the life of yesteryear
- **Moura's Water Tower mural** painting of a gigantic pink galah in a gorgeous Outback sunset sky
- **'Banana'** – the statue of the dun-coloured bullock on the main street of Banana
- **Mt Scoria**, the 'musical mountain' with its rock formation standing 150m high
- **Lawgi Hall Mural in Thangool** depicting bottle trees against a sunset background of earth colours
- **Kroombit State Forest and National Park** – home to 'Betsy' the 1945 crash site of the ill-fated WW2 Liberator bomber
- **Lake Callide** – famous for family fishing, water sports, and lakeside camping
- **'Spirit of the Land' water reservoir mural in Biloela** is a 'must see' dedication to the land, as told through the eyes of two women from vastly different cultural perspectives
- **Queensland Heritage Park in Biloela** – heritage displays celebrating Australia's rich heritage and pioneering spirit
- Don't miss the region's best fishing spots: **Lake Callide, Glebe Weir, Dawson River, Cracow Beach, Dee River Crossing, Neville Hewitt Weir**, and **Lake Pleasant**
- **Baralaba Historical Village** has three heritage houses filled with memorabilia (open by appointment)

Drive Itineraries

There's more to explore in Queensland's backyard

Not sure which route to take to explore more of Queensland's backyard? Outback Queensland covers 932,678km² – that's more than three times the size of Italy or New Zealand, so it's no wonder you might not know where to start planning.

The following pages highlight just some of Outback Queensland's best drive routes. We cover a huge area, so plenty more drive adventures are waiting for you on our website: www.outbackqueensland.com.au/drives



Adventure Way



ROUTE: Brisbane – St George – Bollon – Cunnamulla – Thargomindah – Innamincka

DISTANCE: 1,437km

DURATION: 5 days (one way)

Retrace the tracks of Cobb & Co as you traverse the unique and fascinating Adventure Way where the rewards are spectacular – vivid sunrises and sunsets and night skies with millions of stars. The Adventure Way takes you from St George to the Outback plains where the mulga slowly gives way to a treeless gibber landscape and Queensland meets South Australia.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Vineyard Tour and Wine Tasting at Riversands Winery – St George
- Riverbank walkway and picnic – St George
- Sandytown River Cruise – Balonne River
- Bollon Heritage Centre – Bollon
- Soak at Cunnamulla Hot Springs
- Bronze Statue of Slim Dusty's 'The Cunnamulla Fella' – Cunnamulla
- The Artesian Time Tunnel - Cunnamulla
- Australia's first hydro-electricity system – Thargomindah
- Burke and Wills' famous 'Dig Tree' near Innamincka

Australian Dinosaur Trail



ROUTE: Richmond – Winton – Lark Quarry – Hughenden – Porcupine Gorge – Richmond

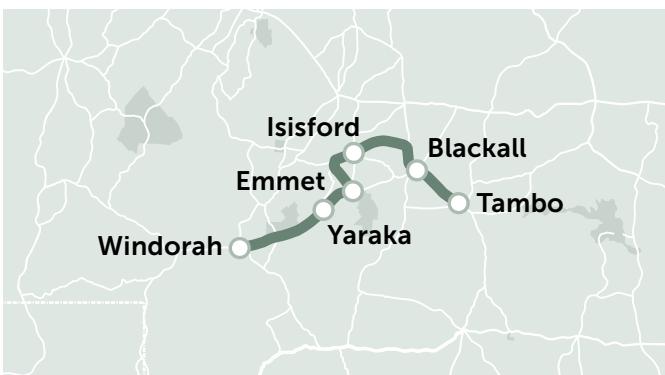
DISTANCE: 735km

DURATION: 5 days (loop)

Follow in the footsteps of the prehistoric creatures that once roamed this ancient land. The Australian Dinosaur Trail encompasses the towns of Winton, Hughenden and Richmond which all have their own unique dinosaur stories to tell. This journey offers visitors a range of unique experiences not available anywhere else in the world, let alone Australia.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Waltzing Matilda Centre – Winton
- Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackways – via Winton
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum – Winton
- Flinders Discovery Centre – Hughenden
- 1.5 kilometre diverse "Eco walk on Flinders" – Hughenden
- Porcupine Gorge National Park – Flinders Region
- Kooroorinya Falls Nature Reserve – Flinders Region
- Enjoy an Outback Sunset – Mount Walker
- Explore Kronosaurus Korner – Richmond
- Cambridge Downs Heritage Display Centre – Richmond



Barcoo Way



ROUTE: Tambo - Blackall - Yaraka - Welford National Park - Windorah

DISTANCE: 509km

DURATION: 9 days

Follow the mighty Barcoo River west from Tambo and trek along the river road skirting the tranquil billabongs. These backroads take you through the prime sheep and cattle lands of Blackall – Tambo and Isisford to the rocky outcrops of Yaraka and through to the corrugated red dunes of Windorah. Discover awesome National Parks and incredible raw landscapes. A 4WD is recommended for some sections of this drive.

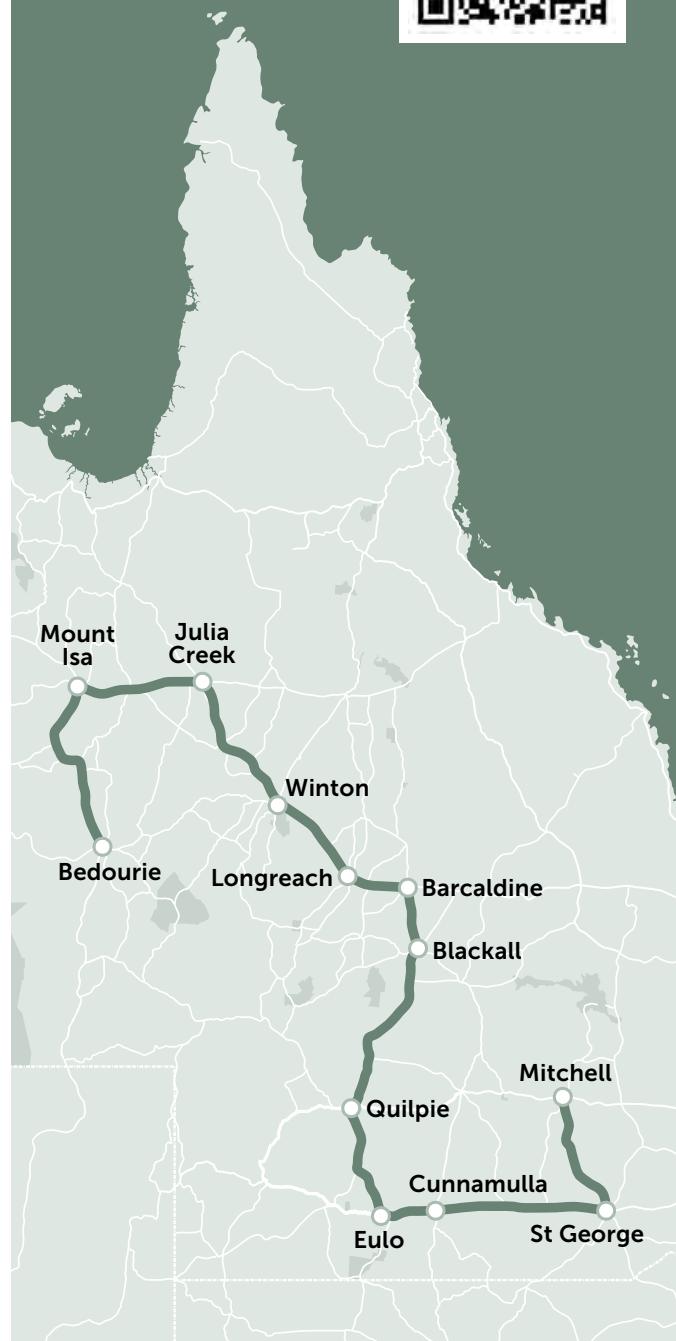
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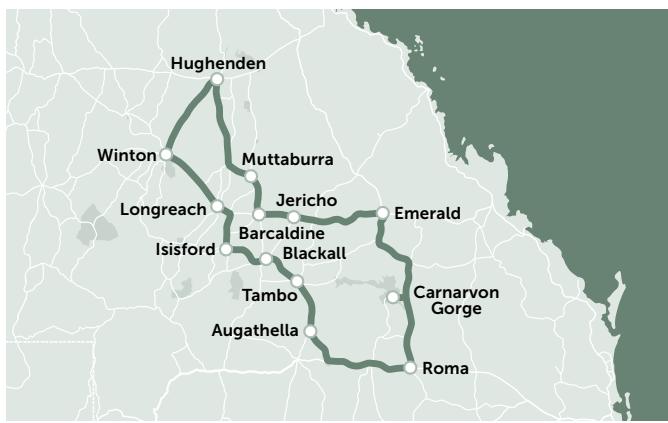
- Tambo's Wilderness Way 4WD Loop experience – Tambo
- Tambo Teddies – Tambo
- The mighty Barcoo River – swim and fish
- The historic Blackall Woolscoor – Blackall
- The Blackall Sculpture Trail – Blackall
- Jumbo the Elephant - Blackall
- The picturesque town of Isisford
- Avington Waterhole – near Isisford
- Sunset at Mt Slowcombe near Yaraka
- Welford National Park – Jundah
- Windorah – with its famous red sand dunes
- Cooper Creek – near Windorah

Wellness Way

ROUTE: Mitchell - St George - Cunnamulla - Eulo - Quilpie - Blackall - Barcaldine - Ilfracombe - Winton - Julia Creek - Mount Isa - Bedourie

Let the healing power of Nature be your guide on the Outback Queensland's Wellness Way Hot Springs Trail, where ancient waters, ancient cultures and ancient landscapes connect.





Gems of the Outback Loop



ROUTE: Emerald – Jericho – Barcaldine – Muttaburra – Hughenden – Winton – Longreach – Blackall – Tambo – Roma – Carnarvon Gorge – Emerald

DISTANCE: 2,134km

DURATION: 14 days (loop)

Explore Outback Queensland on this 14-day Gems of the Outback journey. Fossick for your fortune, meet Hughie the giant Muttaburra-saurus, detour for the unique Lake Dunn Sculpture Trail, glide on the Thomson River at sunset, take a guided tour of the historic Blackall Woolscour, visit the largest cattle saleyards in Australia, and explore Carnarvon Gorge!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Australian Workers Heritage Centre – Barcaldine
- Lake Dunn Sculpture Trail – via Aramac
- The Tree of Knowledge – Barcaldine
- Flinders Discovery Centre & the Dinosaur Trail – Hughenden
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs – Winton
- Waltzing Matilda Centre – Winton
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame – Longreach
- Qantas Founders Museum & Luminescent show – Longreach
- Tambo Teddies – Tambo
- The Blackall Woolscour – Blackall
- The Big Rig – Roma
- Boobook Explore – Roma and Carnarvons
- Carnarvon National Park & Art Gallery Walk - Injune
- Western Queensland Spirit – Roma



Great Inland Way



ROUTE: Sydney – St George – Roma – Injune – Emerald – Charters Towers – Cairns

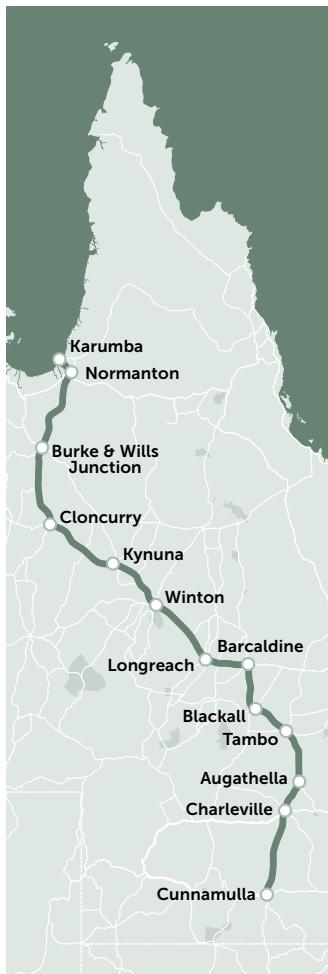
DISTANCE: 3,005km

DURATION: 16 days (one way)

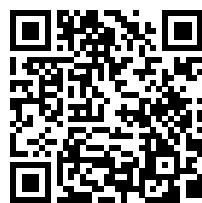
The Great Inland Way starts in Sydney and takes in much of central New South Wales before reaching the Queensland border at Hebel. The Queensland leg extends from Outback Queensland to the Coral Sea, passing through Dirranbandi and St George, Surat, Roma and Injune, en-route to the sandstone escarpments of Carnarvon National Park. This 16-day adventure ends in Cairns where you can explore above and below the fringing Coral Sea.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The famous Nindigully Pub - Nindigully
- Balonne River fishing and exploring – St George
- St George Heritage Trail and Heritage Centre – St George
- Wine tour and tasting at Riversands Vineyards – St George
- Cobb and Co Changing Station – Surat
- The Big Rig – Roma
- Boobook Explore – Roma and Carnarvons
- Roma Saleyards – largest cattle yards in Australia
- Carnarvon National Park & Art Gallery Walk - Injune



Matilda Way



ROUTE: Cunnamulla – Charleville – Blackall – Longreach – Winton – Cloncurry – Karumba

DISTANCE: 1,812km

DURATION: 10 days (one way)

The Matilda Way is one road that most definitely leads to adventure. The fully sealed 1,812 kilometre highway stretches from the New South Wales border all the way to the Gulf of Carpentaria, from Cunnamulla to Karumba. Traversing the route is filled with friendly local characters, unique attractions and unspoiled natural sites.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Artesian Time Tunnel – Cunnamulla
- Cunnamulla Hot Springs – Cunnamulla
- The Cosmos Centre and Observatory – Charleville
- See a bilby and Top Secret WWII Tour – Charleville
- Tambo Teddies – Tambo
- Historic Blackall Woolsavour – Blackall
- The Tree of Knowledge – Barcaldine
- Australian Workers Heritage Centre – Barcaldine
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame – Longreach
- Qantas Founders Museum – Longreach
- Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park – Winton
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs – Winton
- Waltzing Matilda Centre – Winton
- John Flynn Place & Cloncurry Unearthed Museum – Cloncurry
- The Barra Centre – Karumba



Knotasaurus Park, Eromanga

Natural Sciences Loop



ROUTE: Charleville – Cunnamulla – Thargomindah – Eromanga – Quilpie – Charleville

DISTANCE: 995km

DURATION: 5 days (loop)

This drive has it all; birds, opals, fossicking, rivers, geology, lakes, billabongs, artesian waters, and bilbies. It's natural history and heritage all rolled into one. Discover Outback Queensland's natural and manmade heritage, Outback towns, wildlife and more.

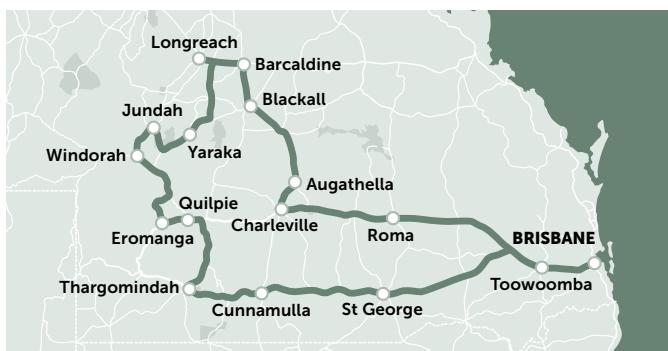
HIGHLIGHTS

- Bronze Statue of Slim Dusty's 'The Cunnamulla Fella' – Cunnamulla
- The Artesian Time Tunnel – Cunnamulla
- Cunnamulla Bushland – Cunnamulla
- Historic Old Hospital and Old Jail – Thargomindah
- The famous Burke and Wills 'Dig Tree' – via Thargomindah
- Australia's first hydro-electricity system – Thargomindah
- Eromanga Natural History Museum – Eromanga
- Outback sunset at Baldy Top Lookout – Quilpie
- See a bilby in a nocturnal house – Charleville
- The Cosmos Centre – Charleville
- Top Secret WWII Tour – Charleville

near Windorah



Winton



Outback Legends



ROUTE: Brisbane – Eromanga – Windorah – Longreach – Blackall – Charleville – Brisbane

DISTANCE: 3,440km

DURATION: 15 days (loop)

This 15-day journey incorporates the very best of Outback Queensland. Travelling far west through ever changing landscapes into the heart of Channel Country, the drive continues to Longreach where you step back in time to experience some of Australia's most important moments of history. Heading back east through Charleville, learn about the endangered bilby and be taken on a journey of the cosmos.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Unique Egg – St George
- Sandytown River Cruise – Balonne River
- Artesian Time Tunnel and 'Cunnamulla Fella' – Cunnamulla
- Eromanga Natural History Museum – Eromanga
- Opal fossicking – Quilpie
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame – Longreach
- Qantas Founders Museum – Longreach
- Tree of Knowledge – Barcaldine
- Australian Workers Heritage Centre – Barcaldine
- Blackall Woolscour – Blackall
- Top Secret WWII Tour – Charleville
- The Cosmos Centre – Charleville
- The Big Rig – Roma
- Roma Saleyards – Roma

Outback Way



ROUTE: Winton – Boulia – Jervois Station – Alice Springs – Yulara (Uluru) – Warburton – Laverton

DISTANCE: 2,700km

DURATION: 7+ days

This is an epic road trip, on Australia's Longest Shortcut – connecting you from Winton, Queensland to Laverton, Western Australia. Dig for fossils, look for the mysterious Min Min lights and enjoy the wildflowers, wildlife, and landscapes on this Outback adventure. Traveller's journeying along the Outback Way can enjoy some of Australia's most remote, interesting and picturesque desert areas. This drive includes unsealed roads.

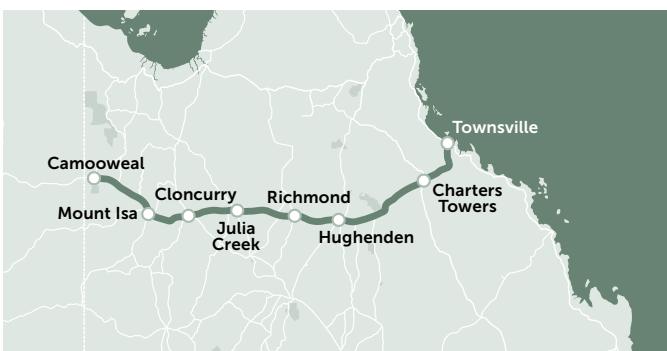
HIGHLIGHTS

- Waltzing Matilda Centre – Winton
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum – Winton
- Bladensburg National Park – near Winton
- Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackways – via Winton
- The Middleton Hotel – Middleton
- The iconic Channel Country – between Winton & Boulia
- Cawnpore Lookout – near Middleton
- Boulia Heritage Complex – Boulia
- Min Min Encounter & Visitor Information Centre – Boulia
- The famous Urandangi Pub (known as The Dangi Resort) – Urandangi (via Boulia)

Kronosaurus Korner



Charleville



Overlander's Way



ROUTE: Townsville – Hughenden – Richmond – Julia Creek – Cloncurry – Mount Isa – Camooweal

DISTANCE: 1,097km

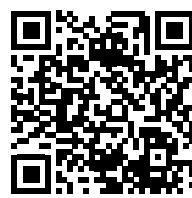
DURATION: 8 days (one way)

From the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef and pristine beaches of Townsville to the rugged rocky outcrops and red sand of north-west Queensland, the Overlander's Way will take you through towns rich with history, dinosaur discoveries and some of the world's quirkiest events; all without having to leave the bitumen. Follow the footsteps of Australia's driving heroes, who led thousands of cattle from the Northern Territory across Queensland to coastal markets.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Australia's Dinosaur Trail – Hughenden & Richmond
- Flinders Discovery Centre – Hughenden
- Explore Kronosaurus Korner – Richmond
- Porcupine Gorge National Park – Flinders region
- Marine Fossil Museum at Kronosaurus Korner – Richmond
- 'At The Creek' see a live dunnart - Julia Creek
- John Flynn Place Museum and Art Gallery – Cloncurry
- Cloncurry Unearthed and Bush Tucker Trail and Garden – Cloncurry
- Outback at Isa and Hard Times Mines Underground Tour – Mount Isa
- Camooweal Caves National Park – Camooweal

Warrego Way



ROUTE: Brisbane – Toowoomba – Roma – Mitchell – Charleville – Windorah – Birdsville

DISTANCE: 1,646km

DURATION: 5 days (one way)

The Warrego Way starts at Brisbane and finishes in the iconic and remote Outback town of Birdsville. Along the way, you can see ancient trees from the dinosaur age and endangered mammals, unwind in the soothing waters from the sub artesian basin, delight in yarns told over country bars, or just relax and enjoy the brilliant sunsets and starry nights.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Western Queensland Spirit – Roma
- The Big Rig – Roma
- Roma Saleyards, the largest in Australia – Roma
- The Great Artesian Spa – Mitchell
- Cosmos Centre – Charleville
- See a bilby and Top Secret WWII Tour – Charleville
- Baldy Top Lookout – Quilpie
- Eromanga Natural History Museum, home to Cooper the dinosaur – Eromanga
- Cooper Creek and fishing – Windorah
- The Birdsville Hotel – Birdsville
- Big Red sand dune – Simpson Desert, Birdsville

Events IN Outback Queensland

Every event will leave you with a story to tell

Here are the key events taking place during these months.

Dates and details may vary, so be sure to visit the website for the latest information.

JANUARY

AUSTRALIA DAY
LONG TABLE,
RIVERSANDS WINES

AUSTRALIA DAY
CELEBRATIONS
THROUGHOUT
THE REGION

MARCH

GRAZING AT THE
WATERHOLE, THALLON

CHARLEVILLE
TRIATHALON

BATTLE ON THE
BALONNE, ST GEORGE

APRIL

WALTZING MATILDA DAY,
WINTON

JULIA CREEK
DIRT'N'DUST,
JULIA CREEK

ROMA'S EASTER IN THE
COUNTRY, ROMA

EASTER IN THE VINES,
ST GEORGE

OUTBACK RIVER LIGHTS
FESTIVAL, CUNNAMULLA

MOURA MUDDY WATER
CLASSIC FISHING
COMPETITION, MOURA

AUGATHELLA BILLY
CART RACES

MAY

FESTIVAL OF OUTBACK
SKIES, HUGHENDEN

BARCALDINE TREE OF
KNOWLEDGE FESTIVAL

GREGORY RIVER
CANOE MARATHON,
MOUNT ISA

FESTIVAL OF
OUTBACK OPERA

MUSIC IN THE MULGA

GREAT AUSTRALIAN
CATTLE DRIVE

OUTBACK MUSIC TRAIL

SHEARERS SHINDIG,
THARGOMINDAH

JUNE

- DINOSAUR DIG EXPERIENCE, EROMANGA
- SCULPTURES OUT BACK, ROMA
- OUTBACK WRITERS FESTIVAL, WINTON
- STARS OF CHARLOTTE PLAINS, CUNAMUULLA
- VISION SPLENDID OUTBACK FILM FESTIVAL, WINTON
- TAMBO TEDDY BEARS PICNIC, TAMBO

JULY

- DESERT CHAMPIONS WAY: OUTBACK CAMEL TRAIL
- BETOOTA OUTBACK MUSTER
- BIG RED BASH, BIRDsville
- CLONCURRY STOCKMAN'S CHALLENGE AND CAMPDRAFT
- WINTON OPAL FESTIVAL
- CHANNEL COUNTRY MUSIC MUSTER, THARGOMINDAH
- BOULIA CAMEL RACES
- YOWAH OPAL FESTIVAL
- THEODORE NULLS N BARRELS BONANZA
- BILOELA WINTERFEST
- ISISFORD FISHING COMPETITION
- CURRY MERRY MUSTER, CLONCURRY

AUGUST

- MOUNT ISA STREET FESTIVAL
- MOUNT ISA MINES RODEO
- WINDORAH STOCKMAN'S CHALLENGE, RODEO AND CAMPDRAFT
- BETTER IN BLACKALL FESTIVAL
- CAMP OVEN CLASSIC, CHARLEVILLE
- QUILPIE OPEN GOLF WEEKEND
- DROVER'S CAMP FESTIVAL, CAMOOWEAL
- LONGREACH YELLOWBELLY FISHING CLASSIC

SEPTEMBER

- STORYFEST
- KANGARANGA DO STREET PARTY, QUILPIE
- BIRDsville RACES
- WINDORAH INTERNATIONAL YABBY RACES
- BARCOO FISHING CLUB FAMILY FUN DAY, BLACKALL
- OUTBACK FESTIVAL, WINTON
- CUNNAMULLA FELLA ROUND UP, CUNNAMULLA
- BEAT THE HEAT, CLONCURRY
- BILBY FESTIVAL, CHARLEVILLE

OCTOBER

- OUTBACK ROWING REGATTA
- ST GEORGE FISHING COMPETITION
- NORTH WEST FISHING CLASSIC, MOUNT ISA
- ROMA DROUGHTMASTER BULL SALE
- JERICHO BUSH BASH
- BULLS, BIKES AND BARRELS, WINTON

NOVEMBER

- ROMA COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL
- NINDIGULLY PIG RACES

DECEMBER

- CHRISTMAS RACES AND EVENTS
- CAMERON CORNER NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Nearly every weekend, the Outback comes alive with rodeos, race meets, agricultural shows and community events. From thundering hooves to traditional displays, these gatherings offer a true taste of Outback life. Visit our website for more event action.



Events are correct at the time of printing.
For more information on Outback Queensland events, visit
outbackqueensland.com.au/events



Family Fun in the Outback



Charleville

oad the car, pack the tent, grab the kids - Queensland's backyard adventure park is calling. Out here, the best memories come from both the must-see attractions and the unexpected surprises you stumble across. Here are some of the top experiences for families, whether you're young or simply young at heart.

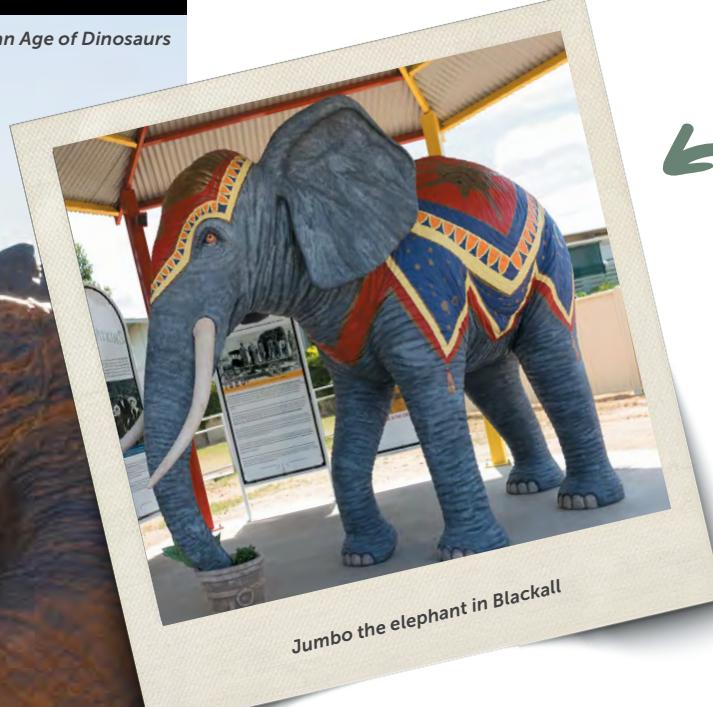
Discover Dinosaurs

- Step back in time at the **Australian Age of Dinosaurs in Winton**, with tours through the fossil lab, Collection Room, and Dinosaur Canyon. From May, explore the March of the Titanosaurs exhibition.
- Meet 'Wanda' the pliosaur at **Kronosaurus Korner, Richmond**, and browse over 1,100 marine fossils from Australia's ancient inland sea.
- Walk in the footsteps of prehistoric creatures at **Lark Quarry Conservation Park**, the site of the world's only recorded dinosaur stampede.
- Visit the **Eromanga Natural History Museum** to meet 'Cooper', Australia's largest dinosaur, and try your hand at fossil preparation.
- Explore the **Muttaburrasaurus Interpretation Centre**, home to a detailed replica of this plant-eating dinosaur and fascinating displays about its 1963 discovery near Muttaburra.
- Visit the **Flinders Discovery Centre** in Hughenden. On the way spot 'Hughie', the life-sized Muttaburrasaurus.
- Visit the **Riversleigh Fossil Discovery Centre** in Mount Isa to see prehistoric fossils, interactive displays, and stories of Australia's ancient wildlife.



KEY FAMILY ATTRACTIONS NOT TO MISS

- Charleville Bilby Experience, Charleville
- Qantas Founders Museum, Longreach
- Cosmos Centre, Charleville
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame & Outback Heritage Centre, Longreach
- Cobb & Co Stagecoach Experience, Longreach
- Australian Workers Heritage Centre, Barcaldine
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum, Winton
- The Big Rig, Roma
- Big Red sand dune, Birdsville
- Eromanga Natural History Museum, Eromanga
- The Great Artesian Spa, Mitchell
- Kronosaurus Korner - and the water park, Richmond
- Hard Times Mine, Mount Isa
- Tambo Teddies - Teddy Bear Picnic, Tambo
- Ben's Chicken Races, Tambo
- Cunnamulla Hot Springs, Cunnamulla



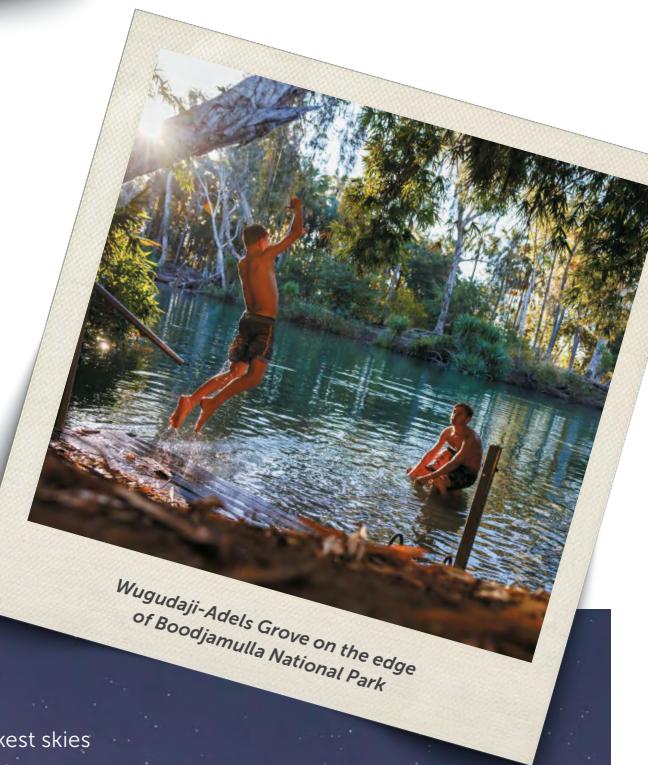
Jumbo the elephant in Blackall

See the Big Things

- Snap a photo with **William the wombat** in Thallon.
- Stand beneath **Jumbo the elephant** in Blackall.
- Marvel at the **Qantas jumbo jet** in Longreach.

Swim in a Waterhole

- Cool off at **Combo Waterhole** on the Diamantina River, said to inspire Waltzing Matilda.
- Paddle or swim beneath Indarri Falls in **Boodjamulla National Park**, or relax at nearby Adels Grove.
- Enjoy kayaking, swimming or birdwatching at the **Birdsville Billabong**.



Stargaze

- Gaze at one of the world's darkest skies in **Winton's Dark Sky Sanctuary**.
- Explore the universe at **Charleville Cosmos Centre** with day and night astronomy tours.
- Soak in artesian baths before a night under the stars at **Charlotte Plains**, near Cunnamulla.



Charleville Cosmos Centre



Kronosaurus Korner

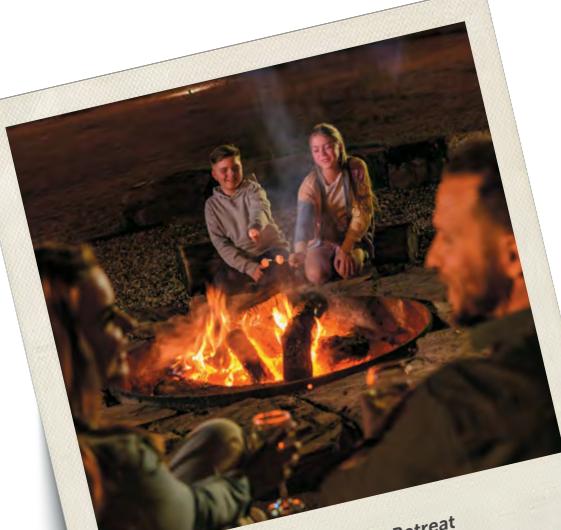
Try Fossicking

- Search for boulder opals at **Opalton Field** near Winton.
- Hunt for 'Yowah nuts' at **Yowah Opal Field**.
- Visit **Quilpie fossicking area** – no permit needed – and see the opal altar at St Finbarr's Church.
- Seek quartz, amethyst and gold in the **Cloncurry region**.

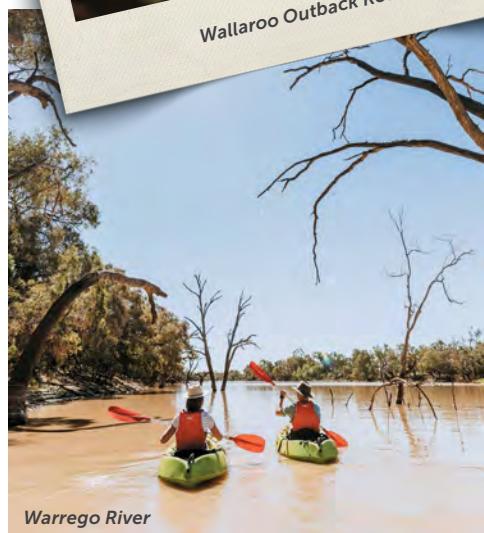
You should be aware that in most cases a fossicking licence is required. You can get this online at www.qld.gov.au or at authorised licensing agents.

Climb to Lookouts

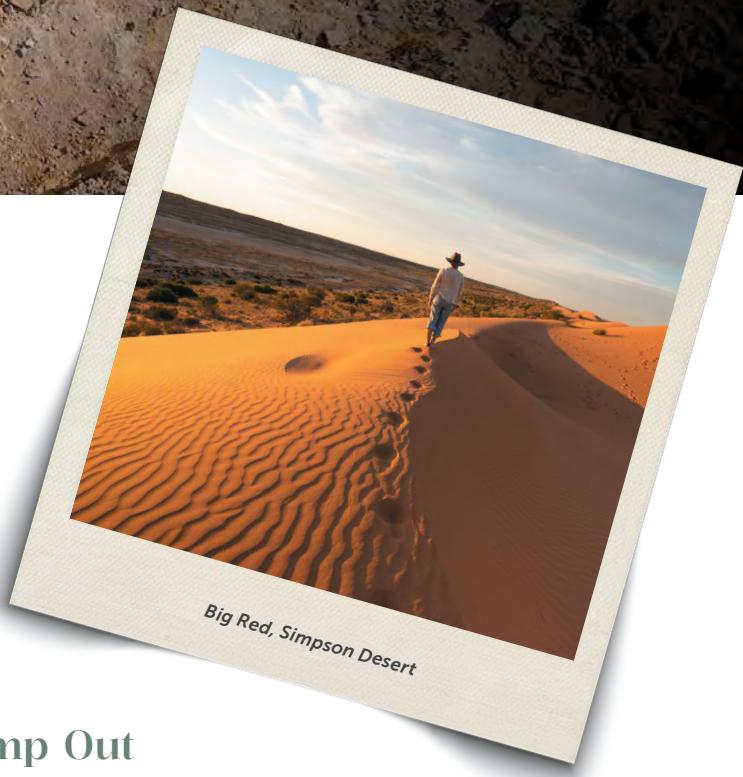
- Drive up **Big Red** in the Simpson Desert for a spectacular sunset.
- Hike to **Boolimba Bluff** in Carnarvon Gorge for panoramic views.
- Wander the elevated pathways of **Dinosaur Canyon** in Winton.
- Take the short climb to **Baldy Top** in Quilpie for sweeping 360-degree views.



Wallaroo Outback Retreat



Warrego River



Big Red, Simpson Desert

Camp Out

- Pitch a tent from **Bollon** to **Birdsville**, **Cunnamulla** to **Cloncurry**.
- Enjoy swimming holes, bushwalking trails, and the magic of sleeping under the stars.
- Choose from over **35 national and conservation parks** for your next family camp. Visit pages 24-26 in this guide for more details.

KEY SPOTS TO FISH IN OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

- Moonie River, Nindigully, for Yellowbelly and Murray Cod
- Thomson River near Longreach, for Yellowbelly
- Lake Julius, Mount Isa, for Sooty Grunter
- Normanton, Karumba, for Barramundi
- Cooper's Creek, Barcoo, for Barcoo Grunter and for Yellowbelly near Windorah
- Adel's Grove, Lawn Hill Gorge, for Barramundi, Bream Grunters, Perch, Cod and Catfish
- Punch Bowl, Julia Creek, for Cod
- Lake Callide, near Biloela for Barramundi, Saratoga and Red-Claw
- St George Weir for Yellowbelly and Murray Cod

Adventures Centuries in the making

Immerse yourself in the ancient traditions and rich cultural heritage of the First Nations people of Outback Queensland. Hear stories passed down through generations, discover Indigenous arts and crafts, tour sacred sites and take a guided bush tucker experience.



Nullawokka, Bollon



Outback at Isa, Mount Isa



Betoota Serpent

Bush Tucker Garden & Trail

The Mitakoodi people have a rich connection to the land around Cloncurry. Head to Cloncurry Unearthed to experience the bush tucker garden and trail.

Carnarvon Gorge

Visit Carnarvon Gorge in Carnarvon National Park to see ancient ochre stencils of Dreamtime stories.

Betoota Serpent

Head off the regular tourist trails to Bedourie, Betoota and Birdsville and visit the awe-inspiring large-scale Betoota Serpent sculpture created to tell Indigenous women's Dreamtime stories.

Boobook Eco Tours – Carnarvon Ranges

See Indigenous paintings and stencils on the rock face, and the Axe Factory, where hundreds of rock indents show where blade-sharpening occurred thousands of years ago. Note: the tour must be prebooked; no general public access.

Cunnamulla Fella Centre

In Cunnamulla, be transported through sandstone to a time when the Eromanga Sea covered the Outback, and hear about the local Indigenous peoples.

South West Queensland Indigenous Cultural Trail

Follow the SWQICT through seven communities in Outback Queensland that hold significance to the local Indigenous people.

Desert Dreaming Centre

Visit the Desert Dreaming Centre in Barcaldine where you'll find Indigenous exhibits, workshops and tours and where you can experience Indigenous and paleo culture firsthand.

Nullawokka First Nations Gallery & Tours

Located in Bollon, Nullawokka First Nations Gallery and Tours offers unique gifts, bush tucker foods, and authentic First Nations artworks. Join Bill Speedy, a proud Gwamu elder, for a cultural walking tour along the tranquil Wallam Creek. Learn about the First Nations history of the area and how to track animals, hear the stories, discover traditional scar trees, and try some bush tucker.

Outback At Isa Bush Tucker Tours

Walk alongside an Indigenous heritage bush guide as you explore the beautiful Outback at Isa Native botanical garden. Learn about traditional bush methods used to make tools, medicine, and food firsthand.

Charleville Cosmos Centre

The new 'Universal Dreaming' tour experience engages visitors in discovering how different cultures through history have described the night sky, while listening to their stories around a fire-pit.

Ridgee Didge Café

A favourite breakfast and lunch spot in Barcaldine, owned by local Inigai woman, Cheryl Thompson. The café serves Cheryl's own Indigenous coffee, Coolamon Coffee, and sells a range of Indigenous products.

Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame

Over 350 video interviews and stories from Indigenous Stockworkers collected from all over Australia within the newly designed "Songlines and Stock Routes" exhibit.

My Outback Bush Soaps Co.

Blends the wisdom of Aboriginal bush medicine into every luxurious product. Proudly 100% Aboriginal owned and operated, the Mount Isa-based business honours its heritage by offering authentic healing experiences that connect people to the land and culture.



Outdoor Adventures

The Beauty of Nature



Outback Queensland is one of the last great regions of nature left on the earth and a place of extraordinary beauty. In the diverse landscapes in this vast area live an incredible range of native plants and animals, from bilbies and budgerigars to rare frogs and falcons. In fact, Outback Queensland is home to 72% of Australia's native bird species, 85% of its mammals and just over half of its native frogs and reptiles.

It's also home to nearly 10,000 different plant species – more than any other state in Australia. An average of 20 new plant species are discovered each year. Get outside and enjoy the unique natural beauty that Outback Queensland has to offer and you might find the next new species yourself.

Wildflowers

The Outback puts on a native wildflower show like no other.

Keep your eyes open for dainty desert wildflowers found throughout the Outback – a camera with a macro lens is your best companion. As soon as rain touches the ground, you'll find splashes of colour spring up quickly, with

pretty pinks, whites, yellows and mauves. Look out for Eremophilas, the prettiest and showiest of which is known as the False Sandalwood. Beginning in mid-winter, the cooler weather brings out the stunning wattles – the crowning glory of Australian wildflowers.

In the Far West you can spot the famed Sturt's Desert Pea with its glorious deep red glossy petals.

You'll find Poached Egg Daisy and the purple Hairy Darling Pea scattered in Mitchell Grass country or on stony, hilly areas. Mulla-mulla flowers, or pussytails, are native wildflowers that grow and flower in arid areas.

In spring, Thargomindah becomes home to some of the Outback's rarest and most stunning flowers, including the Polycalymma Stuartii or Egg Yolk flower, with its distinctive yellow and white bloom.

Other key native wildflower spots in Outback Queensland are:

- The Botanic Gardens - Charleville
- Thrushoton National Park – via Bollon
- The 2.5km Botanic Walkway – Longreach



Want to see more birds? Read the full story in this news article.



THE OUTBACK'S BEST BIRDS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

- Brolga, around Longreach, Winton and Boulia
- Emu, many places, but particularly around Yaraka
- The Grey Falcon, Cunnamulla
- Rainbow Bee Eater, Combo Waterhole Conservation Park near Kynuna
- Purple-Crowned Fairy Wren, Boodjamulla
- Hall's Babbler, Longreach, Idalia National Park – Cunnamulla
- Bourke's Parrot, Eulo Bore
- Painted Honey Eater, dry open forests and woodlands across Outback Queensland
- Freckled Duck, swamps created by floods in Bulloo and Lake Eyre Basins
- Crested Bellbird, across Outback Queensland's interior
- Pink Cockatoo, Balonne Shire
- Night Parrot, location is a mystery (but let us know if you find one)!

Birdwatching

From nomadic bustards emerging from the woodlands to elegant brolgas dancing in courtship, the Outback is teeming with birds. Stately emus wander the plains while wedge-tailed eagles soar high on thermals. Around the billabongs corellas and galahs keep up a constant cacophony in the trees, fairy-wrens dart through the undergrowth and flocks of luminescent green and gold budgerigars descend for a quick drink and to escape the heat.

The wet season signals fantastic birdwatching opportunities at many inland waterways, full to brimming after long periods of dry. And the Outback offers temporary refuge for many migratory birds heading north and south.

Get your hiking boots on...

Here's a selection of our top spots for bushwalking, hiking and trekking in Outback Queensland.

Roma & Carnarvon Ranges, with Boobook Explore

Hikes in the Roma and Carnarvon regions take you through ancient cycad groves, sandstone gorges and Aboriginal rock art sites. Walk across wide rocky plateaus, discover axe-grinding stones along the Dawson River and step inside rainbow-coloured caves with sweeping views across the Arcadia Valley. Along the way, keep an eye out for rare squatter pigeons and shy rock wallabies. Expert eco-guides share stories of the land, its wildlife and cultural heritage, bringing to life the connections between people and this remarkable outback wilderness.

Cobbald Gorge, via Forsayth

Tours at stunning Cobbald Gorge are by booking only and include a bushwalk to the top of the escarpment overlooking the gorge. Along the way you'll see native plants such as the 'soap tree' acacia and gidgee. At the top, take a break on the rocky plateau and look down into the twisting chasm below. The gorge is also a popular spot for canoeing and stand-up paddleboarding.



Currawinya National Park, via Cunnamulla

Currawinya is an internationally recognised wetland area with one of Australia's most important inland waterbird habitats. A walk around the lakes is a must for keen birdwatchers. Other unique features of the park can be seen on the The Granites and Budjiti Lookout short walks.

Porcupine Gorge National Park, via Hughenden

Take one of two short but beautiful bushwalks, Pyramid Track or Pyramid Lookout Track. Visit sandstone gorges and valleys carved out by Porcupine Creek and see incredible views overlooking the gorge.

Carnarvon Gorge section - Carnarvon National Park, via Injune

A variety of walks take you through the varied landscapes of rainforest, towering sandstone gorges and cliffs, with a diverse range of flora and fauna. Witness a stunning collection of sights from trickling streams to dense rainforest and Aboriginal rock art. Guided tours are available to book as well – but book in advance, as this park is very popular.

Bicentennial National Trail / Koombit Tops National Park, via Biloela

The iconic Australian Bicentennial National Trail traverses Koombit Tops National Park in an east–west direction, with designated camps along the way. A large section of the trail is open only to hikers, non-motorised vehicles and horses.

Riversleigh World Heritage Site, Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park, via Gregory

Discover fossils of ancient mammals and the remains of 'Baru', the largest known freshwater croc on the Riversleigh Fossil Trail. This site is part of one of the most significant fossil deposits in the world where you can experience a tantalising glimpse of ancient Australia from the early continent of Gondwana. View abundant wildlife and cultural sights.

Note: a number of tour companies offer guided and escorted walks and treks in Outback Queensland, including local operator Boobook Explore.

National Parks



Carnarvon Gorge, Carnarvon National Park

Travel Safely

Many parks in Outback Queensland are very remote, with minimum services and no facilities. You need to be experienced in remote area travel and self-sufficient with food, water and fuel. Plan ahead; camping permits and fees must be paid in advance.

Check Park Alerts for park access, closures and conditions.

For important safety tips visit:

www.parks.des.qld.gov.au/experiences/safety_in_parks_and_forests.html

Connect with Queensland National Parks:

 parks.desi.qld.gov.au

 parks.desi.qld.gov.au/camping

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Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill Gorge) National Park

A spectacular gorge, with orange cliffs over emerald-green waters, is an oasis within the arid landscape of the Barkly Tablelands and Gulf Savannah Plains. At Riversleigh World Heritage Site, 25-million-year-old fossils reveal our prehistoric past. Access is from Mount Isa via the Overlander's Way and Camooweal-Gregory Downs Road. 4WD vehicles are required.

Note: check park closures; this park closes for the wet season.

Carnarvon National Park – Carnarvon Gorge Section

Discover towering sandstone cliffs, gorges, ancient culture and diverse nature. Camp in the visitor area during Easter; June to July; and September to October Queensland school holidays, or bush camp at Big Bend year-round. Explore on foot to appreciate this rugged wilderness. Access is from Injune and Rolleston via the Carnarvon Highway and the sealed 45km Carnarvon Gorge road.

Carnarvon National Park – Ka Ka Mundi Section

Over 30km of remote sandstone escarpments and plateaus dominate the skyline in this remote section of the park. Old cattle yards are reminders of early European settlers. Bush camp at Buncuncundoo Springs sheltered by overhanging sandstone cliffs. Access is from Springsure via the Dawson Development Road, Buckland Road and signed tracks through Yandaburra. 4WD vehicles are recommended.

Carnarvon National Park – Mount Moffatt Section

Enjoy spectacular views from Queensland's highest plateau and culturally significant Aboriginal rock art sites. Camp near the Maranoa River, or at the Rotary Shelter Shed for views, or in shaded woodland near Marlone Creek. Access is from Mitchell or Injune via Womblebank Station. High-clearance 4WD vehicles are recommended.

Carnarvon National Park – Salvator Rosa Section

The park's western-most section features crystal clear springs flowing into Louisa Creek and the Nogoa River beneath sandstone crags and spires. Bush camp on the broad sandbank of the Nogoa River. Access is from Springsure via the Dawson Developmental Road and from Tambo via the Wilderness Way loop. 4WD vehicles are required.

Combo Waterhole Conservation Park

Waterholes dot the channels of Diamantina River, meandering through Mitchell Grass Downs providing a refuge for wildlife in dry times. Its most famous, Combo Waterhole, may have inspired bush poet Banjo

Paterson's Waltzing Matilda, our unofficial anthem. Circle the waterhole, spot birdlife and picnic in the shade of a coolabah tree. Access is from Winton along the Matilda Way. 4WD vehicles are recommended.

Culgoa Floodplain National Park

Coolabahs, black box and grasses flourish on this Murray-Darling Basin floodplain. Bush camp beside lagoons and spot waterbirds in the wetlands. Look for emus, mulga parrots, Major Mitchell cockatoos and apostlebirds on the plains. After rain, listen out for elusive water-holding frogs. Access is from Cunnamulla or St George via sealed and unsealed roads. A 4WD vehicle is essential.

Currawinya National Park

Red sandplains, ranges and mulga scrub contrasts with rivers, wetlands and large sprawling lakes in one of Queensland's largest parks. Bush camp or picnic at Ourimperee Waterhole, along the Paroo River, or at Myninya, a semi-permanent wetland. Discover rich Aboriginal heritage, and pastoral history dating from the 1860s. Access is from Cunnamulla via Eulo and the Hungerford Road. 4WD vehicles are required.

Diamantina National Park

Dunes, grass plains, weathered sandstone ranges and resident and migratory birds feature in the braided channels of the Diamantina River. Bush camp at Hunters Gorge and Gum Hole camping areas. Discover relics from pioneer settler days, enjoy majestic desert views and amazing birdlife. Access is from Winton via the Kennedy Developmental Road and an unsealed track along the Diamantina River. 4WD vehicles are essential.

Expedition National Park

Gorges, cliffs, spectacular views and wildflowers are highlights of this rugged

park. Camp at Starkvale (Robinson Gorge) beside its waterhole; at Beilba in woodland with gorge views; or at Lonesome in forest by the Dawson River. Access to Robinson Gorge section is via Taroom or Bauhinia Downs; access to the Lonesome and Beilba sections is via Injune.

Forest Den National Park

Forest Den is a birdwatcher's delight. Explore the Mitchell grass plains and black gidgee woodlands, and see the majestic river red gums and coolabahs that line the waterholes. The park was established to conserve the black gidgee woodlands at their western limit. The park is home to a wide diversity of plants including Reid River box, ironwood, beefwood, bauhinia and other woodland trees. The park was used for grazing land for more than 100 years, but little remains of this era apart from a few pastoral relics. Access is 100km north of Aramac, via Torrens Creek Road. A 4WD vehicle is recommended; the road is impassable if wet.

Hell Hole Gorge National Park

The deep gorges, rugged cliffs and waterholes of remote Hell Hole Gorge contrast with the arid mulga landscape. Bush camp near the waterhole and hike along the plateau high above the creek. Spot red-tailed black cockatoos, spinifex pigeons and yellow-footed rock wallabies, and see stunning wildflower displays after rain. Access is from Adavale via unsealed Adavale-Blackall road and Milo-Gooyea road. 4WD vehicles are required.

Idalia National Park

Craggy escarpments emerge from dense mulga woodland on the Gowan Range tablelands. Bush camp in thick mulga scrub at Monks Tank, take a scenic drive and spot birds and wildlife - there's six species of kangaroos and wallabies to see! Check out the rusted pastoral-era relics and stockyards at Old Idalia. Access is from Blackall via Isisford Road, Yaraka Road and Idalia-Benlidi Road. 4WD vehicles are required.

Isla Gorge National Park

Soft precipice sandstone has formed a breathtaking panorama of cliffs, peaks, overhangs, tunnels and arches. See this breathtaking site change from yellow to orange and pink as the sun moves. Enjoy brilliant displays of wildflowers, views or walk the historic hand-paved Flagstaff Road. Stop over on your journey for a picnic or camp atop a cliff face and watch the sunrise over the landscape below. Access to Isla Gorge lookout is from Miles or Banana via the Leichhardt Highway and a short access road.

Kroombit Tops National Park

Sandstone escarpments, gorges, creeks and waterfalls make Kroombit Tops a cool retreat. Bush camp by a creek or blackbutt forest setting. Listen for the endangered Kroombit tinker frog call – a series of sharp, metallic 'tinks'. Major access routes are from Gladstone, Biloela, Monto or Ubobo. 4WD vehicles are required (2WD access is possible from Gladstone and Ubobo, with limited access within the park).

Lake Bindegolly National Park

A string of salt and freshwater wetlands provide an important wildlife refuge in an arid landscape – thousands of waterbirds flock to this inland oasis to feed and breed. Enjoy a picnic and explore the 9km Lake Bindegolly circuit around the lake's edge, birdwatching along the way. See wildflowers in spring. Access is from Cunnamulla via the Adventure Way.

Lake Murphy Conservation Park

Nestled beneath Murphy's Range in the central highlands, Lake Murphy fills only when nearby Robinson Creek overflows. Following rain, see ducks and large wading birds reveling in the shallows of this ephemeral perched lake, or, in the dry season, watch wallabies graze the land where water has evaporated. Camp in the pleasant semi-shaded open camping area and spotlight at night for greater gliders and masked and powerful owls. Access is from Miles or Banana via the Leichhardt Highway and Fitzroy Developmental Road.

Lark Quarry Conservation Park

The erosion of ancient rocks has formed a striking landscape of jump-up country with flat-topped hills (mesas), gullies and steep escarpments. Take the 'roller-coaster' drive over the mesas to the shores of a lake where dinosaurs left over 4,000 footprints! Now protected in the Trackways building, the footprints can be visited by guided tour and fees apply - you can buy tickets in Winton. Access is from Winton via the Winton-Jundah Road. 4WD vehicles are recommended or book a tour from Winton with Red Dirt Tours.



Munga-Thirri (Simpson Desert) National Park

Lochern National Park

In this 'boom and bust' country, devastating droughts are followed by rains that nourish and flood the plains transforming parched channels into wetlands teeming with life. Camp by a permanent waterhole in the shade of coolabah trees. Throw in a line at a waterhole; or kayak at Broadwater Waterhole. Explore the 40km Lochern habitat drive to see historic pastoral relics and watch waterbirds in the lagoon. Access is from Longreach via the Longreach-Jundah road and an unsealed road to the park boundary. 4WD vehicles are recommended.

Mariala National Park

Mariala conserves over 27,300ha of diverse landscapes, including scarps, ranges, and plains, with striking contrasts of dark mulga bark, silver-grey foliage, and deep red soils. Dominated by mulga vegetation, the park supports rare and threatened species. Mulga, alongside other wattles, enriches the nutrient-poor soils. Notable species include a rare Hakea and bowyakka Acacia microsperma, unique to this region. Access is 128km north-west of Charleville on the main road to Adavale. A 4WD vehicle is required. All roads are unsealed. Please leave gates as you find them

Moorinya National Park

Dry, flat plains and open woodlands are crossed by seasonal watercourses providing a refuge for wildlife. Bush camp near the old Shirley shearing shed and explore the park's internal roads by 4WD or mountain bike. Look for red kangaroos, common wallaroos and koalas. At night, listen for barking owls and look for sugar gliders soaring between trees. Access is from Townsville via the Overlander's Way and Aramac Torrens Creek Road. 4WD vehicles recommended.

Mount Scoria Conservation Park

This striking mountain, a volcanic plug formed by volcanic activity 20–26 million years ago, rises above plains of grazing land and features basalt columns, rocky scree slopes, open woodlands, vine thickets and diverse birdlife. Have a bush picnic, go birdwatching or simply enjoy the wildlife. Explore the short walk to the base of the mountain for views of the summit, the distinctive basalt columns and scree slopes. Access is from Biloela and Thangool via the Burnett Highway and a 5km sealed road.

Munga-Thirri (Simpson Desert) National Park

Queensland's largest park features 80,000-year-old dunes, with windswept crests and slopes secured by spinifex and cane grass separated by flat plains of wind-polished gibber pebbles, mineral-encrusted claypans and open shrub. Bush camp under the stars for the exhilarating isolation of 'big



dune' country. Discover wildlife adapted to harsh conditions such as mulgaras (burrowing marsupials), lizards and birds. Access is from Birdsville via the old Birdsville track, private property and desert tracks. High-clearance 4WD vehicles are essential.

Note: All national parks within the Simpson Desert close annually from 1 December to 15 March due to high daytime temperatures.

Porcupine Gorge National Park

Towering cliffs of coloured sandstone, pockets of vine forest and the deep waterholes along Porcupine Creek contrast with the savannah plains surrounding Porcupine Gorge. Bush camp near the rim of the gorge and gaze over this 'little Grand Canyon' from the lookout. Access is from Hughenden via the Kennedy Developmental Road.

Don't miss: Walk into the gorge to discover the pyramid-shaped sandstone monolith rising from the gorge floor, and explore the sculpted sandstone pools of Porcupine Creek.

Thrushton National Park

In the heart of the mulga lands features flat sandy plains and remnant vegetation, spinifex, ironbark, cypress pine, kurrajong and stands of mulga. Look out for koalas and echidnas among the river red gums and coolabahs lining the path of the Neabul Creek. Enjoy bird spotting some of the 100 species recorded here, including the Major Mitchell cockatoo, square-tailed kite, and golden whistler. Bush camping available. Access is via Bollon or St George. Both sites are accessible to 4WD only and only in dry weather.

Don't miss: The proliferation of wildflowers in springtime.

Tregole National Park

Straddling the boundary between two natural regions, the brigalow belt and the mulga lands, this semi-arid landscape is home to the rare Ooline tree (Cadellia

pentastylis) dating back to the Ice Age. Take the 2.5km interpretive Ooline circuit walk (suitable for most ages and fitness levels) to see these and the regions' arid zone plant species. Access is 11km south-west of Morven on the Morven-Bollon Road.

Welford National Park

The coolabah-lined Barcoo River slices through Mitchell Grass plains and arid mulga woodlands; and spinifex and ghost gums grow atop vivid red sand dunes. Bush camp near the Barcoo River. Explore the Desert Drive through spinifex and red sand country; and enjoy birdwatching and wildlife spotting. Discover Aboriginal cultural sites, including water wells and stone arrangements. Access from the south is via Blackall, Quilpie or Windorah, and from the north via Longreach or Jundah. 4WD vehicle is recommended.

White Mountains National Park

A rugged wilderness of spectacular white sandstone bluffs and gorges hosts diverse plants and animals. Picnic at the scenic Burra Range lookout or camp in open woodland at Canns Camp Creek. Mountain bike to Sawpit Gorge lookout or Poison Valley. Look for frilled lizards and spiny knob-tailed geckos among rocky outcrops, and in winter see colourful displays of wildflowers. Access is from Charters Towers and Hughenden via the Overlander's Way.

Wiliyan-Ngurru (Camooweal Caves) National Park

Wide expanses of Mitchell grass plains and spinifex woodland cover the Barkly Tablelands, while beneath the surface, caves and sinkholes have formed in 500-million-year-old dolomite. Take a picnic break in this peaceful park. Watch for woodland and water birds, and stroll to view cave and sinkhole entrances (access not permitted). Explore the park's internal roads by mountain bike. Access is from Mount Isa via the Overlander's Way and Urandangi Road. 4WD vehicles are recommended.



Luxury & wellness

Rangelands Outback Camp

If you're looking for an Outback experience that gives you room to explore while still offering you life's luxuries, then we've compiled some great options for you.



Cunnamulla Hot Springs



Western Queensland Spirit

Luxury Retreats

The Outback might be better known for windmills and sunsets than spa baths, but there are some true luxury retreats that are bucking that belief. Saltbush Retreat springs to mind immediately, where the range of accommodation includes some of the most beautifully rustic spaces that we've ever seen, complete with an outdoor bath terrace for guests.

Rangelands Outback Camp is a six-tent luxury retreat near Winton, offering gourmet food, stunning views, and immersive Outback experiences. Cooper's Country Lodge nestled in the Eromanga Natural History Museum Nature Reserve allows you to combine a history lesson on "Cooper" – Australia's largest dinosaur – with a night of luxury.

Glamping

From Winton to Wallaroo, Outback Queensland has a number of truly unique glamping experiences that are perfect for enjoying nature, exploring the natural landscapes and taking in all the glory of unpolluted night skies.

Located near key local attractions in Longreach, Mitchell Grass Retreat offers 15 permanent luxury tents with private decks, ensuites and spectacular views. The retreat even has a pool.

Rangelands Station, north of Winton, is a luxury glamping retreat offering supreme comfort, amazing bush experiences and five star dining complete with an in-house gourmet chef.

Nestled amongst stunning sandstone cliffs, Wallaroo Outback Retreat is in a prime location for those wanting to explore the Carnarvon Ranges, while the Club Boutique Hotel in Cunnamulla also offers well appointed glamping tents.

Spas and Baths

The vast Outback landscape is home to mineral rich artesian waters, accessible via natural springs, pools, spas and bespoke bath houses. With over 25 bathing locations on offer via the Wellness Way Bathing Trail, you'll have ample opportunity to soak, sip, savour and stargaze in some of Australia's most unforgettable locations.

Cunnamulla Hot Springs is a flagship experience on the trail – a wellbeing oasis featuring geothermal mineral pools, a cold plunge pool, sauna and steam room.

Delicious Foodie Finds

Queensland's Outback is also host to unique food and dining experiences, just waiting to be tabled by intrepid foodies.

Nestled on the banks of the Balonne River in St George, Riversands Winery is home to award-winning wines and a must-do cellar door experience.

The beautiful surrounds of Western Queensland Spirit in Roma makes for the perfect afternoon of tipples and treats. Enjoy a grazing platter while you work your way through their gins and spirits, including their award-winning Outback Gin.

For a totally unique Outback experience, don't miss a Camel Pie from Birdsville Bakery!



Travel Tips

For driving in Outback Queensland

Driving in the Outback can be a daunting experience for the first timer. But the first thing you need to know is that the roads are the lifeblood of Outback Queensland. So, they are very well maintained and most of them are frequently travelled. Keep our other tips in mind and you'll be well on your way to a fantastic driving holiday.

Take the Essentials

On major highways fuel stops are rarely more than 200 kms apart, so you shouldn't need to carry extra fuel unless you are heading somewhere more remote. However when you do see 'no fuel' signs, it means exactly that. Check your maps in advance for driving distances between fuel stops.

Note: if you are traveling in a vehicle that requires autogas, check where you can re-fuel. Autogas (LPG) is only available for purchase in Mount Isa, Emerald and Roma.

We do recommend packing the car with road trip essentials. This includes maps of the area, first aid kit, plenty of water, a spare tyre, a good toolbox, a radio and a torch so you're prepared for anything.

Check the Weather

Outback weather conditions can be harsh and changeable. Dust storms, rainstorms

and intense heat are fairly standard. That means road conditions can change almost daily. Each morning, before you set out for your destination, check the road conditions. You can speak to the locals, get information from the Visitor Information Centre or even reach out to police or rangers.

Watch Out for Wildlife

From kangaroos and emus, to cattle, goats, echidnas, and camels: most Outback creatures are more active at dawn and dusk, but no matter the time of day, you need to be aware that animals may wander directly onto the road. Avoid driving at dawn and dusk where possible.

Be Cautious on the Roads

Take extreme care when passing and overtaking road trains, heavy vehicles and caravans. Ensure you have a clear line of sight, allow plenty of room and always be prepared to move over to the side to overtake. If a road train or heavy vehicle is approaching you from behind or from ahead, move as far left as possible, or better still, pull right over to the side of the road and stop to allow it to pass, especially if you are towing a caravan or camper.

Be cautious in wet conditions as road verges can be soft and slippery.

Leave the Gate as You Find It

Much of the vast and seemingly empty Outback is actually covered by huge cattle stations. As such, there's key road etiquette you need to be aware of. Most important is to leave any gates as you find them. If they are open, leave them open. And if they are closed, then always close them behind you.

If You Get Into Trouble

The number one rule in the Outback is to always stay with your vehicle. Try to reach help via your mobile, radio or satellite phone. Do not try to walk for help - it's very easy for people to become disoriented and dehydrated.

Visitor Information Centres

Make sure you pop into the local Visitor Information Centres (VICs) along the way – you'll always get a friendly welcome and plenty of local advice. Locations of the VICs are listed on the back of this guide.

For more tips
visit our website:





Charlotte Plains



Blackall

Getting Here

Rail Experiences

Jump on board one of four Outback rail services for a scenic route to the Outback, where you can sit back and relax and watch the coast turn to country. Queensland Rail services include:

- Spirit of the Outback (Brisbane to Longreach)
- The Westlander (Brisbane to Charleville)
- The Inlander (Townsville to Mount Isa)
- The Savannahlander (Cairns to Forsayth)

Bus Services

Enjoy a classic Outback road trip without being the driver, with a bus journey, taking you across the major drive routes of Outback Queensland.

Air Connections

If you're short on time but big on experiences, see the Outback from above. Qantas, Virgin, Alliance, and/or Rex service:

■ Barcaldine	■ Cunnamulla	■ Roma
■ Bedourie	■ Hughenden	■ St George
■ Birdsville	■ Julia Creek	■ Thargomindah
■ Blackall	■ Longreach	■ Windorah
■ Boulia	■ Mount Isa	■ Winton
■ Charleville	■ Quilpie	
■ Cloncurry	■ Richmond	



Mount Isa

Self Drives

Embark on the ultimate Outback road trip with eight major drive routes taking you to all corners of the Outback. You can also pick up a hire car from major retailers like AVIS, Budget and Hertz from Roma, Charleville, Longreach, and Mount Isa Airports. Or hire a campervan or motorhome or motorhome from Apollo, Star RV or Britz Rentals.

Visitor Information Centres

Alpha

Rowley Roberts Information Centre
43-45 Shakespeare Street, Alpha
P (07) 4985 1050

Aramac

Aramac Visitor Information Centre
58 Gordon Street, Aramac
P (07) 4651 3047

Augathella

Augathella Information Centre
Main Street, Augathella
P (07) 4654 5244

Barcaldine

Barcaldine Visitor Information Centre
149 Oak Street, Barcaldine
P (07) 4651 5630
tourism@barc.qld.gov.au
explorethebarcaldineregion.com.au

Bedourie

Bedourie Outback Visitor Information Centre
13 Herbert Street, Bedourie
P 1300 794 257
visitors@diamantina.qld.gov.au
thediamantina.com.au

Boulia

Min Min Encounter and Visitor Information Centre
25 Herbert Street, Boulia
P (07) 4746 3386
tourism@boulia.qld.gov.au
boulia.qld.gov.au

Biloela

Biloela Rural Hinterland Visitor Information Centre
11 Exhibition Avenue, Biloela
P (07) 4992 2400
rhvic@bigpond.com
ruralhinterlandvic.com.au

Biloela

Biloela Visitor Information Centre
Callide Street, Biloela
P (07) 4992 2405

Birdsville

Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre
29 Burt Street, Birdsville
P (07) 4564 2000
info@diamantina.qld.gov.au
thediamantina.com.au

Blackall

Blackall Visitor Information Centre
108a Shamrock Street, Blackall
P (07) 4657 4637

Bollon

Bollon Heritage Centre
23 Main Street, Bollon
P (07) 4625 6108

Charleville

Charleville Visitor Information Centre
Charleville Railway Station
King Street, Charleville
P (07) 4656 8359
info@murweh.qld.gov.au
experiencecharleville.com.au

Cloncurry

Cloncurry Unearthed Visitor Information Centre & Museum
48 McIlwraith Street (Flinders Highway),
Cloncurry
P (07) 4742 1361
info@cloncurry.qld.gov.au
experiencecloncurry.com

Cunnamulla

Cunnamulla Visitor Information Centre
2 Jane Street, Cunnamulla
P (07) 4655 8470
visitor@paroo.qld.gov.au
cunnamullatourism.com.au

Dirranbandi

Dirranbandi Rural Transaction Centre
35-37 Railway Street, Dirranbandi
P (07) 4625 8411

Hughenden

Flinders Discovery Centre & Museum
37 Gray Street, Hughenden
P (07) 4741 2970
info@flinders.qld.gov.au
visithughenden.com.au

Injune

Injune Visitor Information Centre
32 Hutton Street, Injune
P (07) 4626 0503
tourism@maranoa.qld.gov.au
romarevealed.com.au

Jericho

Jericho Tourist Information Centre
8 Darwin Street, Jericho
P (07) 4651 4129

Julia Creek

'At the Creek' – Julia Creek Visitor Information Centre
34 Burke Street, Julia Creek
P (07) 4746 7690
tourism@mckinlay.qld.gov.au
atthecreek.com.au

Jundah

11 Dickson Street, Jundah
P (07) 4658 6930

Longreach

Longreach Explore Centre
99a Eagle Street, Longreach
P (07) 4658 4141
experience@longreach.qld.gov.au
experiencelongreach.com.au

Mitchell

Great Artesian Spa
2 Cambridge Street, Mitchell
P (07) 4624 6923
booringaactiongroup@gmail.com
greatartesianspa.com.au

Morven

Morven Information Centre
Warrego Highway
P (07) 4656 8359

Mount Isa

Outback at Isa
19 Marian Street, Mount Isa
P (07) 4749 1555
info@outbackatisa.com.au
discovermountisa.com.au

Moura

Moura Visitor Information Centre
43 Gillespie Street, Moura
P (07) 4992 9500

Muttaburra

Muttaburra Information Centre
16 Sword Street, Muttaburra
P (07) 4658 7147

Quilpie

Quilpie Visitor Information Centre, Museum & Gallery
51 Brolga Street, Quilpie
P (07) 4656 0540
tourism@quilpie.qld.gov.au
visitquilpieshire.com

Richmond

Kronosaurus Korner
91–93 Goldring Street, Richmond
P 1300 576 665
enquiries@kronosauruskorner.com.au
kronosauruskorner.com.au

Roma

The Big Rig and Visitor Information Centre
2 Riggers Road, Roma
P (07) 4624 0204
tourism@maranoa.qld.gov.au
romarevealed.com.au

St George

St George Region Explore Centre
114 St Georges Terrace, St George
P (07) 4620 8877
vic@balonne.qld.gov.au
stgeorgeregion.com.au

Stonehenge

Stratford Street, Stonehenge
P (07) 4658 5857

Surat

Cobb & Co Changing Station
62 Burrowes Street, Surat
P (07) 4626 5136

Thallon

Thallon Information Station
William Street, Thallon

Tambo

Tambo Visitor Information Centre
Arthur Street, Tambo
P (07) 4654 6408

Taroom

Taroom Visitor Information Centre
10 Yaldwyn Street, Taroom
P (07) 4628 6113

Thargomindah

Ecidna Place
37 Dowling Street, Thargomindah
P (07) 4621 8095
tourism@bulloo.qld.gov.au
explorebulloo.com.au

Theodore

Theodore Visitor Information Centre
55A The Blvd, Theodore
P 0497 625 375

Wallumbilla

Calico Cottage,
Warrego Highway, Wallumbilla
P (07) 4623 4244

Windorah

Windorah Visitor Information Centre
7 Maryborough Street, Windorah
P (07) 4656 3063
E: windorahinfo@barcoo.qld.gov.au
visitbarcoo.com.au

Winton

Waltzing Matilda Centre
50 Elderslie Street, Winton
P (07) 4657 1466
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experiencewinton.com.au

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LEGEND

- Adventure Way
- Australia's Country Way
- Capricorn Way
- Great Inland Way
- Leichhardt Way
- Matilda Way
- Overlander's Way
- Pacific Coast Way
- Savannah Way
- Warrego Way



Find your accredited Visitor Information Centre as you drive in Queensland



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