

Six Day North West Outback + GBR Itinerary

From beach to bush, explore unforgettable contrasts



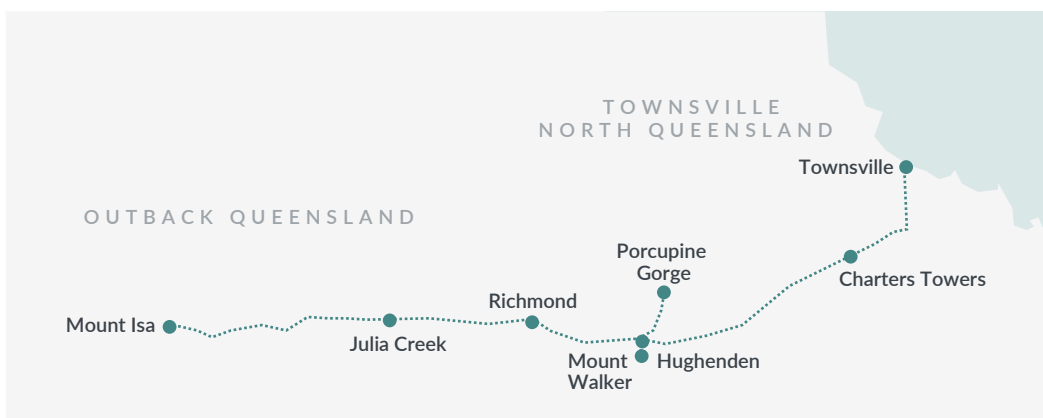
Magnetic Island



Texas Longhorn Tours



Kronosaurus Korner, Richmond



1 Day one

Morning and Afternoon:

Fly into Townsville and board your bus charter. Get involved in a full-day Great Barrier Reef learning experience with a Master Reef Guide. Student groups can extend their stay on Magnetic Island and enjoy a range of activities including kayaking, wildlife encounters and bushwalking. On the mainland, school groups can further their learning at the Museum of Tropical Queensland

Evening:

Check into accommodation in Townsville or Magnetic Island and enjoy one of the many dinner options.

2 Day two

Morning:

Depart for Charters Towers onboard your bus charter.

Afternoon:

Arrive in Charters Towers and enjoy the incredible Texas Longhorns Tour, Australia's "Texas in the Outback" experience. These are one of the world's most iconic cattle breeds and students will enjoy one of the last horse-drawn wagon ride experiences in Australia, as well as the original Texas Longhorn Safari. At the completion of the tour depart for Hughenden.

Evening:

Arrive in Hughenden in the late afternoon, check into accommodation and enjoy an early dinner. Contact the Flinders Discovery Centre prior to arrival to organise accommodation and meals.

3 Day three

Morning:

Kick-start the morning with a tour of the Flinders Discovery Centre. This Centre houses an amazing exhibition of fossils from around the world as well as an extensive and growing display of fossils from the local area. "Hughie" is the star attraction, a life-sized skeletal replica of a Muttaborrasaurus.

Afternoon:

Once the morning tour is complete, the school will depart for Porcupine Gorge or Mount Walker depending on timing. Porcupine Gorge is an impressive canyon that has been carved into the landscape by the eroding action of Porcupine Creek, revealing strata of sedimentary rocks spanning hundreds of millions of years. The gorge is a great place for viewing wildlife, especially birds. Enjoy the bird calls and look for wallaroos and red kangaroos. Mount Walker is an impressive sandstone tabletop sitting 478m above sea level and got its name from Frederick Walker. In 1861 he led a search party from Rockhampton to the Gulf to look for the missing party of Burke and Wills.

Walker passed through the area that would become Hughenden and he blazed a tree with the camp number "23" that can still be seen at the Hughenden Showgrounds. Drive to Richmond for the evening.

Evening:

Arrive in Richmond and check into one of the accommodation options.

4 Day four

Morning and Afternoon:

This morning students will experience the thrill of hunting for fossils that have been nurtured by nature for millions of years. Join fellow fossil hunters in search of ancient marine treasures left behind by the inland sea. The 'Digging @ Dawn' tour with Kronosaurus Korner offers a journey through the discovery and reconstruction of Australia's ancient past.

Evening:

Return to accommodation.



**6 Days
5 Nights**



Journey

Townsville to Charters Towers
approx. 136km / 1h 40m

Charters Towers to Hughenden
approx. 248km / 2h 40m

Hughenden to Porcupine Gorge
approx. 65km / 45m

Hughenden to Mount Walker
approx. 13km / 11m

Porcupine Gorge to Richmond
approx. 179km / 2h

Mount Walker to Richmond
approx. 128km / 1h 28m

Richmond to Hampstead
approx. 150km / 1h 35m

Richmond to Julia Creek
approx. 149km / 1h 36m

Julia Creek to Mount Isa
approx. 258km / 2h 56m

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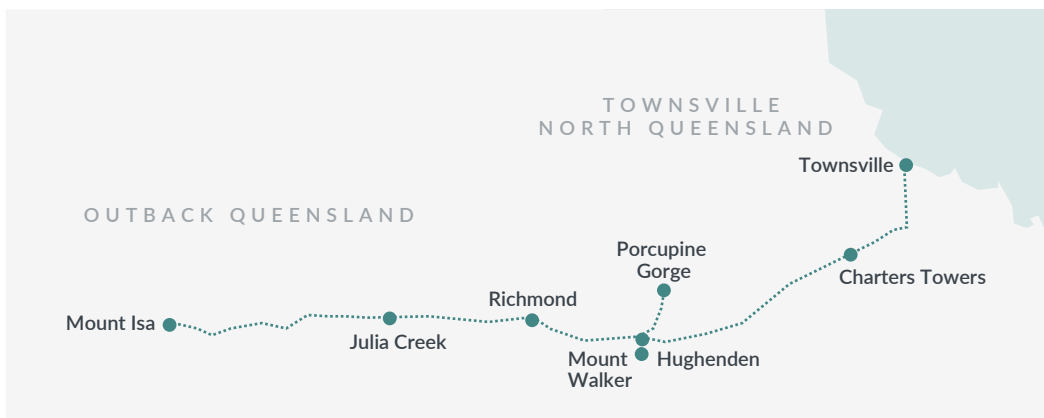
Julia Creek, Dunnart



Hard Times Underground Mine Tour



Riversleigh Fossil Discovery Centre



5 Day five

Morning and afternoon:

Drive to Julia Creek to experience At the Creek, the town's multi award-winning Visitor Information Centre and home to two very active and cheeky dunnarts. This tourist attraction engages in many audio and visual displays that focus on the themes of water, country, and people. The Centre is housed in historic railway fettler's cottages and provides an authentic snapshot of Outback living. Make sure to see the daily Live Dunnart feeding show. After Julia Creek, the school is off to Mount Isa.

Stop where you see fit along the drive and drop into Cloncurry for lunch to stretch the legs while exploring the John Flynn Place Museum and Art Gallery.

Arrive in Mount Isa and settle in before heading to the Underground Hospital Museum for a unique night visit. Explore the tunnels after dark and, for those keen on an extra challenge, take part in the optional escape room experience on site.

6 Day six

Morning and Afternoon:

Outback at Isa is Mount Isa's major tourism hub, bringing together the Visitor Information Centre, Hard Times Mine Underground Tour, Isa Experience, Outback Park, the Mount Isa Regional Art Gallery, the Riversleigh Fossil Discovery Centre and the Outback at Isa Café in one central precinct.

School groups can plan their visit and book tours with the support of friendly staff at the award-winning Visitor Information Centre. Students can explore Mount Isa's mining and rodeo heritage in the Isa Experience and Rodeo Hall of Fame, take part in a hands-on underground tour at the Hard Times Mine, and step back millions of years at the Riversleigh Fossil Discovery Centre. Experiences also include guided bush tucker tours, learning about native foods and survival plants, or time spent exploring exhibitions at the regional art gallery.

Evening:

Late afternoon flight home.



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