

Eight Day Central West Outback Itinerary

Discover what the Outback spirit is all about



1 Day one

Morning:

Students meet at school and depart via chosen bus service for Dalby. This lively little town with a rich history provides a great morning tea stop before the journey continues west to Miles.

Afternoon:

Arrive in Miles to enjoy lunch and a tour of the Miles Historical Village Museum. The grounds are home to 34 buildings many of which are original structures. Together they form a pioneer settlement with a village streetscape that provides an insight into the workings of an early Queensland rural town. And staying true to its humble beginnings, the Village remains a not-for-profit organisation led by a team of incredible volunteers. Then head further west to Roma for the night.

Evening:

Arrive in Roma and drop off bags at accommodation. This evening's activity is the famous Big Rig Night Show Sunset Experience. An intriguing journey of twists and drama where the story of our oil and gas pioneers comes alive through exhibits, machinery displays, audio-visual features and the knowledgeable local "Roma Rigger" guides. Overnight at one of Roma's accommodation options.

2 Day two

Morning:

Wake up and get ready to drive from Roma to Blackall, stopping in Morven to enjoy morning tea.

Afternoon:

Arrive in Tambo and enjoy lunch before exploring the town. Tambo Teddies are created in Outback Queensland and are tenderly crafted from 100% woollen sheepskin, truly an Australian handmade product. Grasslands Art Gallery is a public exhibition space located centrally in Tambo and is free to visit. The front facade of the building references a historical shop that occupied this site in earlier times.

Evening:

Drive to Blackall and check into accommodation.

3 Day three

Morning:

Wake up in Blackall and discover history in action at the Woolscour, the last remaining steam-operated wool washing plant in Australia. A living museum with a direct link to Australia's pioneering era, the scour operated from 1908 until it closed in 1978, playing a large part in the lives of many Blackall families.

Afternoon:

Students can enjoy lunch in the Blackall main street, before exploring Ram Park, a collection of old buildings filled with displays and stories that bring Blackall's colourful history to life.

Evening:

Return to Blackall accommodation and evening at leisure.



8 Days
7 Nights



Journey

Dalby to Miles
approx. 126km / 1h 25m

Miles to Roma
approx. 142km / 1h 36m

Roma to Morven
approx. 177km / 1h 54m

Morven to Tambo
approx. 209km / 2h 12m

Tambo to Blackall
approx. 102km / 1h 7m

Blackall to Barcaldine
approx. 107km / 1h 13m

Barcaldine to Longreach
approx. 108km / 1h 13m

Longreach to Winton
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4 Day Four

Morning:

Wake up in Blackall and make the one hour trek up the road to visit historic Barcaldine. Spend the morning learning the history of the Tree of Knowledge, a 200-year-old ghost gum located in front of the Barcaldine railway station under which the workers of the 1891 Shearer's Strike met. An icon of the Labor Party and Trades Unions, it symbolises the foundation of the organised representation of labour in Queensland.

Afternoon:

Continue on with a tour of the Australian Workers Heritage Centre. This museum-style complex is a place of reflection where students can journey through the exhibition space celebrating the extraordinary legacy of working Australians and telling an important part of our nation's history via interactive displays, film, photographs, artefacts and recreated historical work settings.

Evening:

Check into one of the accommodation options in Barcaldine and evening at leisure.

5 Day five

Morning:

Head to Outback Queensland's famous centre, Longreach. Check into accommodation before visiting the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame. This is Australia's premier Outback heritage institution and will provide school groups with an unforgettable experience

Afternoon:

Enjoy lunch at the new onsite café then take a fully immersive 20-minute cinematic journey showcasing the birth of a nation through the eyes of the Australian stockman.

Evening:

Experience Luminescent Longreach at the Qantas Founders Museum, an after-dark light and sound show that brings to life the early history of Qantas, from its 1920 beginnings in Outback Queensland through to its role in shaping modern aviation.

6 Day six

Morning and Afternoon:

Wake up and head north to experience the ancient dinosaur history that Winton has to offer. Upon arrival at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs groups can explore the museum that houses the largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils in the world.

Evening:

After a busy day of dinosaur exploration, it's time to sit back, relax, and enjoy a movie night under the stars at The Royal Theatre. This iconic theatre built in 1918 is just one of two open-air theatres still operating in Australia.

7 Day seven

Morning and Afternoon:

Spend the morning visiting the first museum in the world dedicated to a song, the Waltzing Matilda Centre. The Centre boasts state-of-the-art interpretation where students can enjoy the latest art exhibitions in the gallery and discover the story behind Australia's unofficial anthem. Afterwards, enjoy lunch at the delicious Tuckerbox Café before driving back to Longreach.

Evening:

Drop bags off at the group's accommodation in Longreach and evening at leisure.

8 Day eight

Drive home or flight out of Longreach.



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