

Eight Day Central West Outback Itinerary

Discover what the Outback spirit is all about



Tambo Teddies



The Tree of Knowledge



Turraburra



1 Day one

Morning:

Students meet at school and depart via chosen bus line 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. 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 prepare for a drive through classic western Queensland grazing country from Roma to Blackall, with a morning tea stop in Morven.

Afternoon:

Arrive in Tambo and enjoy lunch before exploring the town. Tambo Teddies are tenderly crafted from 100% woolen sheepskin, truly an Australian handmade product. Grasslands Art Gallery is a public exhibition space located centrally in Tambo and is free to visit.

Evening:

Drive to Blackall and check into accommodation.

3 Day three

Morning:

Wake up in Blackall and discover history in action at the Woolscoar, 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:

Explore 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.

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 6 7 Day five to seven

Morning and Afternoon:

Visit Gracevale Station, or YACHATDAC. The Yumbangku Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Tourism Development Aboriginal Corporation (YACHATDAC) was formed by key members of the traditional custodian families of the Iningai lands in Central Western Queensland. It was established to address the need for the continued protection and preservation of cultural heritage assets, caring for Country and reawakening of culture. A key focus of the corporation is to facilitate the sharing of cultural knowledge and values for future generations.

Evening:

Return to Barcaldine accommodation and evening at leisure.

8 Day eight

Return home via plane from Longreach or express bus.



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
to fly home
approx. 108km / 1h 13m

NOTE: This itinerary is provided by way of example only and is not an exhaustive list of available activities in the region. Each school should consider whether it is suitable for their group and amend as required.