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OUTBACK GETAWAY & CRUISE

11 days / 10 nights

DAY 1: SATURDAY – BRISBANE, BOARD SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK (D)

Depart Brisbane this afternoon at 1.55pm aboard the Spirit of the Outback for a first class overnight rail journey to Longreach.

Overnight: Spirit of the Outback

DAY 2: SUNDAY - LONGREACH (B,L,D)

Spirit of the Outback arrives at Longreach at 3.40pm, where you will be met by our Outback Aussie Tours representative and transferred to your accommodation. Welcome to Longreach where you will receive a warm outback greeting by our Outback Aussie Tours driver and a courtesy transfer to your accommodation. Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner at the historic Wellshot Hotel in Ilfracombe. 4 nights Longreach Motor Inn, Longreach

DAY 3: MONDAY - LONGREACH (B,D)

Witness a 'totally different way of schooling' at Longreach School of Distance Education where you will walk in the footsteps of the students and teachers who share a classroom more than twice the size of Victoria! Wander the Qantas Founders Museum and step inside the 747 and 707 jets on a guided interpretive tour. Late afternoon, board the MV. Explorer for the Drover's Sunset Cruise on the Thomson River. Unwind with on-board nibbles and drinks, watching a magnificent outback sunset. Enjoy a two course table-service dinner under the stars as you watch the entertaining Smithy's Outback Dinner and Show.

DAY 4: TUESDAY - LONGREACH (B,L,D)

Join our Strathmore Station Smoko Tour for an insider's view into life on the land followed by a delicious morning tea. Explore the five themed galleries of the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame to discover the inspiring stories of the men, women and children living in and pioneering Outback Queensland, and see the entertaining Outback Stockman's Show. Enjoy an exclusive lunch at Dr Bruce Yeates Memorial Cottage. Late afternoon, experience the warm hospitality of local graziers on our Camden Park Station Sunset Tour followed by an exclusive dinner at Qantas Founders Museum.

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY – LONGREACH (B,L,D)

Be prepared to be impressed with the changing landscapes as we travel from Longreach to Winton. We visit the Australian Age of Dinosaurs perched on a magnificent mesa overlooking the plains where dinosaurs once roamed! Onsite Dinosaur enthusiasts treat us to a top-class interpretive tour of the laboratory, collection room and the new Dinosaur Canyon. Tour Winton, see the quirky Arno's Wall, the Musical Fence and learn the story behind Australia's unofficial national anthem at the Waltzing Matilda Centre. Dinner tonight will be at Harry's Restaurant.

DAY 6: THURSDAY – DEPART LONGREACH, SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK (B,L,D)

After breakfast it is time to depart Longreach, with a complimentary transfer to the railway station to board the Spirit of the Outback. The train departs at 10.00am for your overnight first class rail journey to Brisbane.

DAY 7: FRIDAY – ARRIVE BRISBANE (B)

Spirit of the Outback arrives at Brisbane's Roma Street Station at 11.55am. On arrival you will be met and transferred to the Mercure Brisbane hotel, your hotel for the next two nights. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

DAY 8: SATURDAY – AUSTRALIA ZOO (B)

Today take the scenic trip to Australia Zoo on the Sunshine Coast, home of the Crocodile Hunter. Australia Zoo features more than 1,200 animals from around the world, plus daily shows including the Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors Show in the world famous Crocoseum.

DAY 9: SUNDAY – DEPART BRISBANE (B,L,D)

Today you will be transferred to Brisbane's cruise terminal to board your Princess Cruises ship. Depart this evening as you cruise down the Brisbane River into Moreton Bay and the Tasman Sea, enjoying the dining and entertainment onboard.

DAY 10: MONDAY – AT SEA (B,L,D)

Relax onboard as you sail southwards. Your *Princess Patter* newsletter delivered to your cabin will highlight the many activities and entertainment to keep you as occupied as you wish. As well as the included dining options you may like to indulge in one of the specialty offerings (surcharges apply).

DAY 11: TUESDAY – ARRIVE SYDNEY (D)

Arrive into Sydney Harbour early this morning.

Meals: B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner

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