

OUTBACK SUMMER ESCAPE 2018 / 2019

8 days / 7 nights

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Day 1: Tuesday - Brisbane to Longreach

Depart Brisbane's Roma Street Station at 6.10pm aboard the *Spirit of the Outback* for an overnight rail journey to Longreach, the heart of Outback Queensland. Travel in a First Class sleeper including all meals. (D)

Day 2: Wednesday - Longreach

Spirit of the Outback arrives at 7.20pm into Longreach, where you will receive a warm Outback greeting by our Outback Aussie Tour Driver/Guide and a courtesy transfer to your accommodation. At the Welcome Dinner tonight, meet fellow travellers and hear all about the adventures ahead with a tour orientation by our Savannah Guides Master Operator driver/guide. (B,L,D)

Stay: 5 nights at Longreach Motor Inn

Day 3: Thursday - Longreach

Take a Longreach Town Tour this morning followed by some free time for you to wander through downtown Longreach. 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! Visit the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame where you will discover the inspiring stories of the men, women and children living in and pioneering Outback Queensland. Late afternoon, experience the warm hospitality of local graziers on our Camden Park Station Sunset Tour including a tour of the historic Homestead, with its royal past, and almost 100-year-old shearing shed, and gain an insight into the history of grazing in the Outback. Enjoy an exclusive Camden Park Dinner under the spectacular Outback night sky. (B,D)

Day 4: Friday - Longreach & Barcaldine

Today we drive to Barcaldine, the "Garden City of the West". You will wander through the Australian Workers Heritage Centre, Australia's only dedicated and ongoing tribute to the history of Australian working men and women. Lunch will be at the Ridgee Didge Cafe followed by a Barcaldine Town Tour and Welcome to Country. 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 2 course table-service dinner under the stars as you watch the entertaining Smithy's Outback Dinner and Show. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Saturday - Longreach & Winton

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, we're treated to a top-class interpretive tour of the laboratory, collection room and new Dinosaur Canyon by Dinosaur enthusiasts – a truly enlightening experience. Heading into historic Winton we take a town tour and visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre for a self-guided tour and lunch. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Sunday - Longreach & Ilfracombe

Wander the Qantas Founders Museum and step inside the 747 and 707 jets on a guided interpretive tour. Late afternoon we take a tour to Ilfracombe where you will step back in time and roam among the intriguing antique machinery and farm equipment that forms the Ilfracombe Machinery and Heritage Museum. Special dinner tonight is at the iconic 100+ year old Wellshot Hotel. (B,D)

Day 7: Monday - Longreach to Brisbane

Your Outback Queensland experience ends today. After breakfast you will be transferred to the Longreach Railway Station for your first class overnight rail journey back to Brisbane aboard the *Spirit of the Outback*, departing at 10.00am. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Tuesday - Brisbane

The *Spirit of the Outback* arrives at Brisbane's Roma Street Station at 11.55am. (B)



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

To book, call 1300 261 949

Tour code: OSE8