

11 Day Outback Rail Tour



Stockman's Hall of Fame

Embark on an epic journey to the Outback and follow in the footsteps of some of Australia's early explorers, visiting diverse towns and meeting bush characters that make the Queensland Outback so unique.

DAY 1 TUESDAY: The Westlander

Check-in with your tour manager at Platform 10, Roma Street Station, Brisbane by 6:30pm for your 7:15pm departure on The Westlander. Tonight you will travel west through the rich farmlands of the Darling Downs and across the Great Dividing Range.

DAY 2 WEDNESDAY: Charleville (BLD)

On arrival in Charleville around midday you will be met and taken to Historic Coronas Hotel for a welcome lunch. After lunch visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service Visitors Centre. Later enjoy an early dinner at the Cosmos Centre before experiencing the spectacular night show. Overnight: Mulga Country Motor Inn, Charleville.

DAY 3 THURSDAY: Quilpie (BLD)

This morning take a guided walk through Graham Andrews Parklands before lunch at the historic Myendetta Station. Travel west and arrive at Quilpie mid afternoon. Following a Quilpie Discovery Tour visit the unique Opal Alter and Interactive Museum. Overnight: Quilpie Motor Inn/Channel Country Cabins, Quilpie.

DAY 4 FRIDAY: Birdsville (BLD)

Today journey further west into the "Kings in Grass Castles" country and follow the footprints of the famous pioneering Durack family. Enjoy lunch at Deon's Lookout and take in the views of the Diamantina Shire and Betoota. Arrive at Birdsville in the late afternoon. Overnight: Birdsville Hotel, Birdsville.

DAY 5 SATURDAY: Birdsville (BLD)

Today is spent discovering the icons of Birdsville. Take in the Birdsville Billabong, the Birdsville Working Museum and spend time at the Wirrari Centre. In the afternoon head to the edge of the Simpson Desert National Park and experience the sunset over the heart of the Outback. After dinner witness a Flying Doctor Auction. Overnight: Birdsville Hotel, Birdsville.

DAY 6 SUNDAY: Boulia (BLD)

Departing Birdsville for Boulia you will travel to the wetland area of Cuttaburra Crossing and onto Bedourie for lunch. Moving north of Eyre Creek, where the channel country meets the desert, arrive in Boulia mid afternoon. Discover the Min Min Encounter, learning the story surrounding the myth of the mysterious Min Min Light. Overnight: Desert Sands Motel/Australian Hotel, Boulia.

DAY 7 MONDAY: Winton (BLD)

This morning travel to Winton via the vast landscape of the majestic Mesas set amongst open plains. Stop for morning tea at the Middleton Hotel. Arrive into Winton mid afternoon and spend the afternoon at leisure. Witness an outback sunset with drinks overlooking the Rangeland Scenic Rift Valley. Overnight: Boulder Opal Motel, Winton.

DAY 8 TUESDAY: Longreach (BLD)

Explore the award winning Waltzing Matilda Centre before departing for Longreach. On arrival in Longreach visit the Qantas Founders Outback Museum and take part in the 747 Secret's Tour. Overnight: Albert Park Motor Inn, Longreach.

DAY 9 WEDNESDAY: Longreach (BLD)

After breakfast, visit the Stockman's Hall of Fame and learn of the legends and unsung heroes of the Outback. Finish your day on the Sunset Spectacular Candlelight dinner cruise. Enjoy the timeless waterhole and majestic floodplains as the colours fade into a starry outback sky. Overnight: Albert Park Motor Inn, Longreach.

DAY 10 THURSDAY: Spirit of the Outback (BLD)

Time to farewell Longreach and get ready for one of Australia's great Outback rail journeys onboard the Spirit of the Outback.

DAY 11 FRIDAY: Brisbane

Arrive at Brisbane's Roma Street Station at 7am.

TOUR INCLUDES:

- First Class Sleeper aboard The Westlander from Brisbane to Charleville
- One night in Charleville ■ Entry to Cosmos Centre
- One night in Quilpie ■ Two nights in Birdsville
- One night in Boulia ■ Entry to Birdsville Working Museum
- One night in Winton ■ Entry to Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Two nights in Longreach ■ Candlelight River Cruise
- Entry to Qantas Founders Outback Museum
- Entry to Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- First Class Sleeper aboard the Spirit of The Outback from Longreach to Brisbane
- 9 breakfasts (B) 9 lunches (L) 9 dinners (D)

Departs from Brisbane: 2008 • June 17 • July 1 • August 26
• September 23

| PRICE PER PERSON | Twin Share | Sole Use |
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| Adult | \$3648 | \$4088 |
| Interstate Pensioners and Senior Card Holders | \$3498 | \$3968 |
| Queensland Senior Card Holders | \$3455 | \$3848 |
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