

One of Queensland's unique journeys and experiences

7 day Spirit of the Outback adventure



Feel a million miles away in the comfort of first class travel aboard Spirit of the Outback. Then glimpse the world as it was millions of years ago, with a look at Lark Quarry's dinosaur stampede tracks and the Australian Age of Dinosaurs. Visit the multi-award-winning Waltzing Matilda Centre, Qantas Founders Museum and The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame.

Inclusions:

- Overnight first class travel on Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Barcaldine
- Overnight first class travel on Spirit of the Outback from Longreach to Brisbane
- 4 nights motel accommodation
- Day tours, transfers and entrance fees as indicated
- 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners.

Day 1 Saturday Depart Brisbane for Barcaldine on Spirit of the Outback, a train experience that is an outback legend. Overnight onboard Spirit of the Outback. (D)

Day 2 Sunday Arrive in Barcaldine and enjoy a tour of the Garden City of the Outback. Take in the award-winning Australian Workers Heritage Centre, set around a billabong and immaculate gardens, celebrating the workers of a great country. Learn the secrets of the 1891 shearers' strike as the sun sets and the lights bring to life the celebration of the Tree of Knowledge monument. Dinner tonight is at the 3Ls (Liars, Larrikins, & Legends) Restaurant. Overnight Barcaldine. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Monday Today we visit Ilfracombe and learn the history of this pioneering outback community, which originated in 1891 as a transport nucleus for Wellshot Station—the largest sheep station in the world at the time. We visit the Wellshot Centre before enjoying smoko at the historic Wellshot Hotel. Next we continue on to Winton and enjoy lunch at the Waltzing Matilda Centre, the only museum in the world to be dedicated to a song. Enjoy "The Ultimate Progressive Dinner & Winton Welcome"—starting at The Australian Age of Dinosaurs for pre-dinner nibbles, followed by a barbeque main course, then on to the Royal Mail Open Air Theatre for dessert, with ice cream or jaffas to accompany the nostalgic reels of yesteryear. Overnight Winton. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Tuesday Depart for Lark Quarry and its 3300 prehistoric dinosaur footprints. Step back in time to the land of ancient creatures, temperate forests, huge lakes and the only recorded dinosaur stampede on the planet. Tour Carisbrooke Station with a scenic drive through Williams Valley, Cory's Range and to spectacular views of the 'Three Sisters' mesa rock formation. We continue on to the site of the forced landing in 1942 of the U.S. flying fortress "The Swoose" carrying Lyndon B. Johnson. Return to Winton to explore downtown's Opal Walk. Overnight Longreach. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Wednesday Explore the original hangar and other national treasures at the Qantas Founders Museum. Learn of the legends and unsung heroes at The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame. This evening, soak up a spectacular Outback sunset with the Drover's Extravaganza Dinner. Simply sit back and enjoy some Outback entertainers and our Fun Farewell Awards while you savour the traditional flavours of our Outback-themed cuisine. Overnight Longreach. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Thursday Depart Longreach onboard Spirit of the Outback. Overnight onboard Spirit of the Outback. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Friday Arrive in Brisbane this morning to bring your journey to an end.

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

Rail package ex Brisbane—per person twin share

Adult	\$2210
Australian Senior*	\$2117
Queensland Pensioner# (using 4 rail travel entitlements)	\$1986

Tour departs: 16 Jul*, 6 Aug, 24 Sep, 8 Oct 2011. *Ask about \$200 per couple early bird savings.

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