

13 Day Gulf Country Explorer

Departing Brisbane Sunday 3 June and 12 August 2012

- Overnight Queensland Class travel onboard The Sunlander from Brisbane to Cairns including multi-course meals, a dedicated Maitre d', exclusive lounge car and a host of special touches
- Personalised coach touring with award-winning Outback Aussie Tours from Cairns to Longreach
- 10 nights accommodation in various locations including; Cairns, Mount Surprise, Cobbold Gorge, Karumba, Mount Isa and Longreach
- Choose either Kuranda Scenic Railway or the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway
- Rocky Springs Cattle Station and Undara Lava Tubes
- The Gulflander and Savannahlander rail experiences
- Unforgettable cruise with breathtaking scenery at Cobbold Gorge
- Enjoy the ultimate Croc & Crab Cruise and Sand Island Seafood at Sunset Experience in Karumba
- Visit The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Qantas Founders Museum in Longreach
- Discover famous outback watering holes and meet local characters
- Overnight First Class travel onboard Spirit of the Outback from Longreach to Brisbane including multi-course meals
- All meals and entrance fees

\$5889*

Adult per person twin share ex Brisbane

\$5699*

Australian Seniors per person twin share ex Brisbane



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Day 1–Sunday

Depart Brisbane at 9am aboard The Sunlander for your journey north to Cairns. *Overnight: The Sunlander Queensland Class.* (L,D)

Day 2–Monday

Arrive into Cairns at 7.15pm and transfer to your motel for a welcome dinner and tour briefing. *Overnight Cairns.* (B,L,D)

Day 3–Tuesday

Your choice of touring today takes you on either the famous Kuranda Scenic Railway or the scenic Skyrail Rainforest Cableway to the mountain village of Kuranda. Travel through the Atherton Tableland and McBride volcanic province arriving at Mount Surprise mid afternoon to enjoy happy hour. *Overnight: Mount Surprise.* (B,L,D)

Day 4–Wednesday

Today you will meet some of the local characters at Rocky Springs Cattle Station and explore the Undara Lava Tubes, one of the longest lava flows in the world. We visit the Undara Lodge prior to lunch in an amazing bush setting reflecting on an incredible morning of diversity. Return to Bedrock Village in time to freshen up for dinner and a campfire sing-along. *Overnight: Mount Surprise.* (B,L,D)

Day 5–Thursday

Enjoy the most scenic section of the rail journey as you travel from Mount Surprise to Forsyth onboard the Savannahlander. Enjoy the quaint town of Einasleigh, the Copperfield Gorge and many other outback experiences. *Overnight: Cobbold Gorge.* (B,L,D)

Day 6–Friday

Relax into a half day tour and cruise of the Cobbold Gorge. Take a short walk into the escarpment to see fresh water crocodile and breathtaking views of the gorge. Visit Corbett's Pioneer Grave and enjoy the true value of this special part of the Savannah landscape. After a chance to freshen up, enjoy the station tour amongst incredible geology and see first hand the operational challenges for station owners. *Overnight: Cobbold Gorge.* (B,L,D)

Day 7–Saturday

This morning enjoy the Terrestrial Centre at Georgetown which features the Ted Elliott Mineral Collection. Explore and learn about the gold mining heritage at Croydon and after lunch rendezvous with the famous Gulflander Rail Journey.

Board the old 'Tin Hare' at Critters Camp for a journey through the Gulf Savannah bushland. Arriving at Normanton Railway Station in time to explore the Museum and discover the big crocodile, the purple pub and historical buildings.

Continue on to Karumba and freshen up ready for dinner at Karumba Point's Sunset Tavern overlooking the mouth of the Gulf of Carpentaria at sunset.

Overnight: Karumba. (B,L,D)

Day 8–Sunday

Discover the fascinating industries of the Port of Karumba and learn about the live breeding program at the Barramundi Discovery Centre. Enjoy the ultimate Karumba experience aboard the Croc and Crab cruise. Savour the unforgettable style and hospitality of the region as you dine on seafood as the sun sets over the Gulf of Carpentaria; where the outback meets the sea. *Overnight: Karumba.* (B,L,D)

Day 9–Monday

Travel through Normanton on route to the Burke & Will's Roadhouse. Arrive Cloncurry and visit John Flynn Place commemorating the founding of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Explore the Outback at Isa Galleries and Fossil Centre. *Overnight: Mount Isa.* (B,L,D)

Day 10–Tuesday

This morning you will come to understand the Mount Isa mining story with a Surface Mine Tour. Soak up the character of the outback when you visit the famous Crocodile Dundee Walkabout Creek Hotel and Blue Heeler Hotel. Traverse the vast open plains and coolabah lined creeks into Longreach. *Overnight: Longreach.* (B,L,D)

Day 11–Wednesday

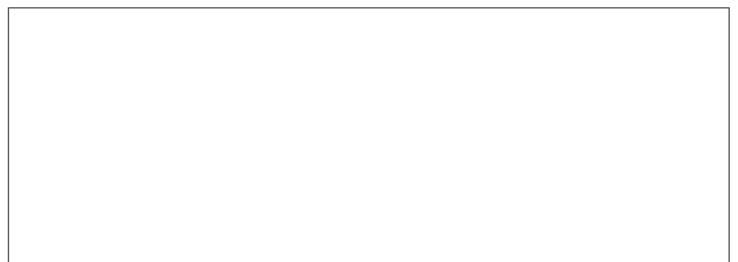
Learn of the legends and the unsung heroes at The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame, a fascinating tribute to the pioneering men and women of Australia. Uncover national treasures such as the historic 1922 Qantas hangar at the Qantas Founders Museum. The historic photographs, memorabilia and multi-media displays bring alive the inspirational stories of one of the world's pioneering Airlines. This evening sit back and be charmed by the entertaining local characters and savour the traditional flavours of our outback themed cuisine with our fun farewell awards at the Drover's Extravaganza Dinner. *Overnight: Longreach.* (B,L,D)

Day 12–Thursday

Depart Longreach at 7am bound for Brisbane onboard The Spirit of the Outback. Enjoy this relaxing journey through the Queensland Outback as you reminisce about your epic journey on the Gulf Country Explorer. *Overnight: Spirit of the Outback.* (B,L,D)

Day 13–Friday

Arrive into Brisbane at 7am with great memories from your journey of a lifetime in Outback Queensland.



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