

8 DAY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

OUTBACK QLD EXPLORER

\$3590

PER
PERSON
TWIN
SHARE

LONGREACH • WINTON • RAVENSWOOD • TOWNSVILLE • EUNGELLA N.P.

THE OFFER

It's often said that 'the people make the place'. That's especially true in outback Queensland. The arid landscape, wild rock formations and endless cattle stations are spectacular, but it's when you hear the history and stories of the people who live there that it truly comes to life. This eight day guided tour from Mackay will take you beyond the black stump to explore some of the region's most iconic locations.

Discover the platypus-spotting mecca of Broken River in the Eungella National Park, go spotlighting to see nocturnal animals in the rainforest, try your luck fossicking for sapphires in the gemfields at Rubyvale, and enjoy a sunset cruise along the Thomson River aboard an historic paddlewheeler. You'll also visit the Qantas Founders Museum in Longreach, home to icons of the aviation world including the Boeing 747 and DC-3, along with the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum in Winton and the eerie ghost town of Ravenswood. Along the way you'll meet some of the friendly locals who call this incredible region home, delving into the realities of life on the land and the passions that spur them to keep the tradition of the past alive. Includes seven nights hotel accommodation, experienced driver guide, 13 meals, select transfers and more.

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12 DAY W AIRLIE BEACH

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8 Day Standard Tour

Day 1 Mackay - Eungella National Park

Today you will be picked up at either the Mackay airport or train station at approx. 12:00pm, please make sure you arrive before this. From there, head up the Pioneer Valley to Eungella, passing the small sugar cane towns, and stopping at the Pinnacle Pub for a refreshment break. Leaving the pub behind, head up the Great Dividing Range to Eungella Chalet, where you can enjoy the spectacular scenery and take a short 1.6km walk through the rainforest. In the afternoon you will go to Broken River Mountain Resort, set amidst stunning rainforest. There are rainforest walks beside the resort, which has one of country's best platypus viewing platforms. After dinner we go spot lighting nocturnal animals in the rainforest with an experienced guide with wonderful knowledge of living in the bush and all that goes with it.

Overnight: Broken River Mountain Resort

Meals included: Dinner

Day 2 Gemfields, Rubyvale - Barcaldine

Today you will depart to Barcaldine. On our way to Barcaldine, we will stop at Hoods Lagoon in Clermont, where we will see the flood markers from the 1916 historic floods from a devastating cyclone formed in the Whitsundays. As we continue on we travel through the largest coal deposit region in Australia and view the massive drag lines as we pass a multitude of mines and coal trains as long as the eye can see. We then arrive in the heart of the Gemfields, Rubyvale and try our hand at fossicking for sapphires.

Afterwards, venture through to the country town of Barcaldine home to the Tree of Knowledge, the reputed birth place of the labour movement in Australia and the location of the first Australian Shearer strike. Here we join Tackers Queensland for an aboriginal experience with dinner, Corroboree and a tour of the Tree of Knowledge. This tree grew outside the Railway Station for about 180 years until 2006 when sadly, it was poisoned by an unknown culprit. The famous tree has been preserved and placed under an award winning structure that gives the illusion of a canopy over the Tree. The best view of the Tree and the memorial is at night when it is beautifully lit by special lighting. A visit at night will be a highlight of your trip.

Overnight: Landsborough Lodge

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 3 Longreach - The Real Outback

Over the next two days you will experience some of the iconic treasures Longreach has to offer.

First up is the Cobb & Co Stagecoach Ride. Hear the pounding hooves of the magnificent horses on the outback dirt road; the rattle and creak of the coach. Hold on to your hat for the only stagecoach gallop in Australia! It's exhilarating. And it's the closest you can get to feeling what it would have been like in the pioneer past.

Afterwards enjoy some time at leisure and visit The Station Store - an outback emporium which gives you a real taste of outback pioneer shopping then enjoy The Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show, which is a tribute to the old travelling shows. This is Aussie outback humour and ingenuity at its best! This

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hour of entertainment featuring animals and stockman also includes a billy-can lunch.

This afternoon, enjoy a cruise down the Thomson River on the Starlight's Cruise Experience. Board the only paddle wheeler west of the Great Divide or the historic Thomson Princess Riverboat and enjoy an adventure to the heart of outback tradition and legend. Enjoy a gentle sunset cruise down the majestic Thomson River, where birds flock home to roost on the riverbanks. There are endless photo opportunities and an insightful commentary as you pass natural features before we go ashore for a traditional stockman's camp-fire dinner. Enjoy light-hearted entertainment featuring Scotty, Outback Pioneers' barefoot bush poet and your Kinnon family host.

Next, the bush is illuminated by the Starlight's Spectacular Sound & Light Picture Show – a unique big-screen presentation featuring the Kinnon family and locals in the amazing adventures of the notorious cattle thief known as 'Captain Starlight'. Finally, in the atmospheric surroundings of the bush at night, enjoy the timeless favourite – billy tea and damper.

Overnight: Longreach Motor Inn, Albert Park Motor Inn or Jumbuck Motor Inn

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 4 Longreach - The Real Outback

Enjoy another day exploring the iconic treasures Longreach has to offer. You will visit the Qantas Founders Museum and Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame in the morning followed by a visit to Camden Park Working Cattle and Sheep Station in the afternoon.

The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame live show. See the

stories and skills that define what it means to be a stockman. Understand their connection to the land and the livestock they care for. Experience the action of a live muster and witness the bond between man and animal working together. Hear songs from the outback that tell the story of a day in the life of a stockman

Qantas Founders Museum. This museum tells the story of Australia's national airline, from its early days in Outback Queensland to present day. Characters of the early Qantas days, their pioneering spirit and the impact the airline had for all Australians, is brought to life through life size exhibits, historical artefacts and interactive displays including the National Heritage Listed Qantas Hangar. Visitors enjoy informative guided tours of the Boeing 707, Boeing 747, Super Constellation and DC-3 in the Museum's new Airpark Enclosure.

Camden Park Working Cattle and sheep station with dinner. Meet Outback Dan and the Walker family and visit their property that hosted the Queen and Prince Phillip as you experience a working sheep and cattle station in Longreach, Queensland. Join the guided tours and walk through the historical Homestead Gardens, Shearing Shed and Cattle Yards before enjoying a dinner at the station.

Overnight: Longreach Motor Inn, Albert Park Motor Inn or Jumbuck Motor Inn

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 5 Winton - The Dinosaur Capital of Australia

Today you will explore the region's highlights such as the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum, and the Waltzing Matilda Centre. The Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum, home to the largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils

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in the world. Experience a world class tour with passionate museum tour guides. The tour includes preparation laboratories where a team of staff and volunteers bring these fossils back to life. We then go to the collection room where you are shown the best exhibits which are brought to life. A tour of dinosaur canyon which is a world class attraction set amongst white gums and cycads. Finish the day with drinks and nibbles over looking the surrounding area as the sun sets followed by a BBQ dinner.

Overnight: North Gregory Hotel, Matilda Country Tourist Park or Boulder Opal Motor Inn

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 6 Hughenden - Charters Towers

Today enjoy lunch in Hughenden, a relaxed small town with a smile and a friendly wave on every corner. Take a historical walking tour in Charters Towers and visit the miner's cottage, where you will learn how to pan for gold. Enjoy drinks and nibbles at sunset on Tower hill over looking the beautiful Charters Towers.

Overnight: Cattleman's Rest

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch

Day 7 Gold Mining in Ravenswood - Townsville

Waking up to the smell of gold... that is today's adventure.

First on today's agenda, we visit the miners cottage and learn how to pan for gold. Then we follow Alan to the Venus gold Battery which offers an insight into the incredible Australian Gold Rush of the late 1870's.

Ravenswood, a heritage listed ghost town, a national trust treasure, it was once a thriving gold mining town. Today it is a beautifully preserved, virtual ghost town with a couple of pubs, a general store and some small businesses. In the boom era the town had over 50 pubs and a population of over 5,000. Ravenswood is worth exploring. The mullock heaps, the old shafts, the chimneys, the rusting machinery and the historic buildings.

We will enjoy lunch at the Historical Imperial Hotel, built in 1901, and hopefully be graced by the presence of some unseen locals as Dunga spins some ghost tales of his own.

Next stop, the coastal town of Townsville. Gateway to the UNESCO listed Great Barrier Reef, blessed with around 300 days of a sunshine a year, home to a vibrant artistic and cultural scene, and even boasting its very own underwater museum just offshore, Townsville is an underrated gem. Explore this beautiful region and view some of the highlights including Castle Hill and The Strand.

Enjoy lunch at the Railway Hotel, built in 1901, before heading to the tropical city of Townsville.

Overnight: Hotel Grand Chancellor

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch

Day 8 Highlights of Townsville - Depart

A time to say farewell over a sumptuous breakfast and remember the past weeks adventures. Here some guests will say their farewells today and depart for home and others will dust off the boots and done the sandals to continue on with the tropical tour to Magnetic Island and the Whitsundays.

Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 8 Highlights of Townsville - Magnetic Island

Today depart to Magnetic Island, a tropical island paradise. Boasting a unique natural environment of palm-fringed beaches, large granite boulders, hoop pines, sandy beaches and fringing coral reefs.

Overnight: Arcadia Village Motel

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 9 Magnetic Island Guided Tour

Today enjoy a tour with a local tour guide taking in its many attractions, its bays, beaches and even koalas in the wild. Afterwards, you will have some free time to explore for yourself.

Overnight: Arcadia Village Motel

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Magnetic Island - Airlie Beach, Whitsundays

Today you will catch a ferry back to the mainland, then venture down the coast, stopping over in Bowen to enjoy lunch on one of her beautiful beaches. Explore the town and its 360° lookout.

Afterwards continue to Airlie Beach for the night.

Overnight: Club Crocodile Airlie Beach

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch

Day 11 Whitsunday Islands - Choice of Activities

Your choice of todays activities:

Option 1: Whitehaven Beach Exploration

A fast boat to Whitehaven Beach, known for its blinding white silica sand, among the purest in the world. A bush walk to a viewing platform that overlooks Hill Inlet, the perfect spot to get that iconic view of the coast. Snorkel the fringe reefs of the Whitsunday Islands. You may be lucky and snorkel with a turtle or see the majestic humpback whale during the migration season.

Option 2: Hamilton Island Experience

A boat trip through the Whitsunday islands to Hamilton Island, jump on a hop-on hop-off bus to explore the island. After lunch, you are taken across to the famous Whitehaven Beach.

Overnight: Club Crocodile Airlie Beach

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Farewell North Queensland

Time to say farewell to tropical Queensland. This is the perfect time to start planning your next adventure. Airport transfers are included if required.

Meals included: Breakfast

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

- A uniquely Australian adventure ex Mackay
- Enjoy a rainforest walk within Eungella National Park
- Seek out wild platypus at Broken River
- View nocturnal animals in the rainforest by spotlight
- Go fossicking for gold, opals and sapphires in Rubyvale
- Visit the Stockman's Hall of Fame in Longreach
- Witness an Aboriginal Corroboree and enjoy a guided tour of the Tree of Knowledge in Barcaldine
- Enjoy the Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show, which is a tribute to the old travelling shows
- Enjoy a Cobb & Co stage coach ride
- Discover the Spirit of Australia at the Qantas Founders Museum
- Explore the Camden Park working cattle and sheep station
- Enjoy a paddle wheeler sunset and dinner cruise
- Visit the Flinders Discovery Centre in Hughenden, home to an amazing display of fossils from all over the world
- Step back in time at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum
- Visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre, the first museum dedicated to a song
- Explore the heritage listed ghost town of Ravenswood

ACCOMMODATION

7 nights quality hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy 15 meals including daily breakfast

TOUR ESSENTIALS

- Experienced Driver Guide
- Small group touring experience with a maximum of 16 travellers per

vehicle

TRANSFERS

Day 1: Pick up from Mackay airport or train station

Day 8: Airport transfer

12 DAY WITH AIRLIE BEACH & MAGNETIC ISLAND EXTENSION

All of the above, plus the following:

An additional 4 nights quality hotel accommodation

An additional 6 meals

Experience a guided tour of Magnetic Island

Enjoy a chance to spot koalas in the wild

Visit Airlie Beach, gateway to the Whitsundays

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation. The booking is subject to final confirmation from the tour provider and they will contact you within 5 business days of purchase to provide this final confirmation. If the selected dates cannot be secured an alternative date can be selected. In the event no available dates are suitable, a full refund will be provided. Please do not make any connecting travel arrangements until you have received final confirmation from the tour provider.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: this tour requires a minimum of 6 passengers to operate and departures are not guaranteed until this minimum number is met. Please refrain from booking travel arrangements such as flights prior to receiving a confirmation email that your departure date has hit minimum numbers and is now guaranteed. This confirmation email will be sent at least 60 days prior to the departure date, and if minimum numbers are not met a date change or refund will be offered.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 15th of September 2021.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies:

8 Day Package: \$500

12 Day Package: \$800

Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Departure City

Mackay

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

8 Day Package

3 Star (self-rated)

- Eungella: Broken River Lodge
- Barcardine: Landsborough Lodge
- Longreach: Longreach Motor Inn, Albert Park Motor Inn & Jumbuck Motor Inn
- Winton: North Gregory Hotel, Matilda Country Tourist Park and Boulder Opal Motor Inn

- Charters Towers: Cattleman's Rest

4 Star (self-rated)

- Townsville: Hotel Grand Chancellor

12 Day Package with Extension

- Magnetic Island: Arcadia Village Motel
- Airlie Beach: Club Crocodile Airlie Beach

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

Not Available

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people (subject to availability).

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 3 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

Not available

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 6, maximum group size 16 per vehicle.

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EXCLUSIONS

- Domestic Flights
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COACH TOUR

Meals

13 meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back



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to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

Please note: One medium suitcase per person plus one piece of hand luggage which may be carried onboard the coach

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Gratuities / Tipping

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Tipping is optional and at the customers discretion.

Sightseeing

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or an similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

· Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/ accommodation/other travel provider.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

· If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/ or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.