

Big Red

9 – 10 DAYS

# BIRDSVILLE DESERT ESCAPE

OUR POPULAR FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR FEATURING BIRDSVILLE, WHERE THE CHANNEL COUNTRY MEETS THE DESERT, BOULIA, WINDORAH & LONGREACH



Medium level of fitness required

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Longreach Town Tour
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame Entry
- Qantas Founders Museum Entry
- Luminescent Longreach Sound & Light Show & Exclusive Qantas Founders Museum Dinner
- Waltzing Matilda Centre Entry
- Historic Middleton Hotel & Cawnpore Lookout
- Min Min Encounter and Boulia Heritage Complex
- Channel Country Touring
- Famous Birdsville Hotel
- Sunset nibbles atop Big Red (Sand Dune)
- Inland Hospital Ruins
- Deon's Lookout and Dreamtime Serpent Art Sculpture
- Betoota Ghost Town and JC Hotel Ruins
- Sunset Sandhill nibbles, Windorah
- Drover's Sunset Cruise including Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show



Cawnpore Lookout

**Day 1 | SUNDAY | LONGREACH**  
Arrive in Longreach for the start of your Outback Queensland adventure. You will be met at either Longreach Railway Station or Longreach Airport by your Savannah Guides Operator driver and host. Transfer to your accommodation for a tour briefing and a Welcome Supper.

**2 nights Albert Park Motor Inn, Longreach** (B) (L) (D)

**Day 2 | MONDAY | LONGREACH**  
Explore the fascinating themed galleries at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and discover inspiring stories of our pioneering heroes. Enjoy an orientation tour of Longreach and some free time downtown to meet the locals and wander the shops. Visit the world-class Qantas Founders Museum, eloquently telling the story of the founding of Qantas. View interpretive displays, interactive exhibits and original and replica aircraft. Early evening return to the Qantas Founders Museum for an exclusive dinner surrounded by aviation history, and the entertaining and informative Luminescent Longreach Sound & Light Show, which brings the 100-year story of Qantas to life. (B) (L) (D)

**Day 3 | TUESDAY | BOULIA**  
This morning we drive to Winton and uncover the story behind the song that lives in the heart of all Australians, *Waltzing Matilda*. Follow a spectacularly scenic drive from Winton via historic Middleton Hotel, built during the Cobb & Co. era. It was originally a changing station where tired horses were replaced with fresh horses on the Winton to Boulia route. While at the pub hear entertaining yarns by the local publican over morning tea. We stop at Cawnpore Lookout to view the stark flat-topped beauty of the surrounding Lillyvale Hills, before arriving into Boulia, the capital of the Channel Country.

**Overnight Australian Hotel or Desert Sands Motel, Boulia** (B) (L) (D)

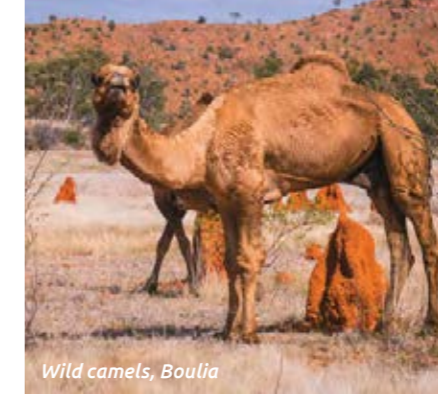
**Day 4 | WEDNESDAY | BIRDSVILLE**  
This morning visit the Min Min Encounter, a tribute to the famed mysterious Min Min Light phenomenon. Explore the Stonehouse Museum, one of the first homes built in Western Queensland and see the impressive Marine Reptile Fossil exhibit. Witness spectacular 360-degree views from the Vaughan Johnson Lookout.

Explore the remote town of Bedourie, located on a sand dune, overlooking the Eyre Creek floodplain. See the historic Royal Hotel, built in the 1880s with adobe bricks and still very much in its original condition. Visit the Carcory Ruins, a heritage-listed homestead built in 1877 and abandoned after years of drought. Arrive in Birdsville late afternoon.

**3 nights Birdsville Hotel, Birdsville** (B) (L) (D)

**Day 5 | THURSDAY | BIRDSVILLE**  
Wake up to a glorious outback day in this remote town on the edge of the Simpson Desert. Join your guide for a town tour of Birdsville. Stand on the famous Birdsville Race Track which hosts the annual 'Melbourne Cup of the Outback'. See the Burke and Wills Tree, said to mark one of Burke & Wills' final campsites. Take a stroll to Pelican Point Billabong with its abundant birdlife and tuck into a locally made pie at the Birdsville Bakery. Tonight we toast the glorious outback sunset from atop Big Red, a 40-metre-high sand dune marking the symbolic eastern edge of the Simpson Desert. (B) (L) (D)

**Day 6 | FRIDAY | BIRDSVILLE**  
Discover the stories behind this iconic town today. Cross over the border to South Australia along a section of the famous Birdsville Track. Keep a look out for a rare stand of Waddi Trees which occur in only a few places in the world. Visit the Australian Inland Mission Hospital Museum and view local Indigenous artists' work at the Wirrarri Centre. Tonight enjoy



Wild camels, Boulia



Carcory Ruins

the company and stories from Birdsville locals as we share a traditional Stockman's dinner around the campfire. Tuck into a mouthwatering homemade stew, made with the finest produced OBE organic Beef. Certified 100% organic and natural, it's produced locally in the spectacular Channel Country. Complete the meal with a side of damper, cup of tea and rustic dessert. (B) (L) (D)

oven themed dinner under the stars at Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show.

**Overnight Albert Park Motor Inn, Longreach** (B) (L) (D)

**Day 9 | MONDAY**  
Following breakfast you will be transferred to either Longreach Airport or Longreach Railway Station for your homeward bound connections. (B)

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### 2022 TOURS

9 Day Longreach – Longreach

Twin Share  
**\$4449<sup>PP</sup>**

Single  
**\$5249<sup>PP</sup>**

10 Day Brisbane – Brisbane FLY/RAIL with one way flight + one way overnight rail

**\$5158\*<sup>PP</sup>**

**\$5958\*<sup>PP</sup>**

\*Price includes one way economy flight and one way First Class overnight rail on the Spirit of the Outback between Brisbane and Longreach. Rail is based on Aust. Govt Senior Card holder fares. Please ask for other fare types. Subject to availability and airline booking conditions.