Reef to Outback
Queensland, Australia
Embrace your adventurous side on a journey through two of Australia’s most iconic natural attractions, the wide open spaces of Outback Queensland and the natural wonders of the Great Barrier Reef. It’s a vast natural playground offering a variety of amazing discoveries from some of Australia’s best Aboriginal rock art in the magnificent Carnarvon Gorge to beautiful marine life in the pristine waters of the Great Barrier Reef.

Step right off stunning island beaches to experience coral gardens teeming with colourful fish, turtles and manta rays. Meet friendly locals at uncrowded seaside villages and Outback towns. Fossick for gems, experience life on a working farm, marvel at ancient dinosaur fossils and take spectacular bushwalks through national parks.

Come to where the best wonders of the world still exist in their natural state. It’s an Aussie adventure off the beaten track to give you the freedom to let the real you shine through.
Must do experiences

- This region, the southern gateway to the Islands of the Great Barrier Reef, is renowned for its untouched and uncrowded conditions and visibility. Access is available throughout the region to Lady Elliot Island, Lady Musgrave Island, Heron and Wilson Islands, Great Keppel and Pumpkin Island.
- National parks at Carnarvon Gorge, Cania Gorge, Kroombit Tops and Isla Gorge are all part of the region’s stunning and vast sandstone wilderness area. Experience spectacular bushwalking, camping, inland fishing, native wildlife in its natural habitat, and discover rare and intact 40,000 year old aboriginal rock art at Carnarvon Gorge.
- Quiet and uncrowded seaside towns, such as Bargara, Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy, and towns of the Capricorn Coast including Yeppoon and Emu Park, are found along the Central Queensland coastline. It’s where the locals go to experience the simple pleasures of unspoilt beaches, swimming, surfing, fishing, sailing and beach walks.
- Visit farm stays, saleyards, rodeos and stockman culture in the Australian Outback where you can stay, watch or get involved in life on the land, feeding the animals, horse riding or mustering cattle.
- Follow the dinosaur trail north-west of Rockhampton starting at The Caves, then inland to Mount Morgan, home to giant dinosaur footprints dating back 150 million years. In Queensland’s Outback, don’t miss the ancient dinosaur trackways at Lark Quarry outside Winton, or experience a dinosaur dig at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs.
- The Reef to Outback region is known for fresh seafood, from coral trout in the Capricorn Region, to mudcrabs in Gladstone, redclaw in the Outback and scallops in Bundaberg.
Regional Overview

Bundaberg and the North Burnett is home to pristine beaches, accessible coral islands and remarkable hinterland. Bundaberg is an easy 4 hour drive north of Brisbane (and just a 50 minute flight). Known as the southern gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, the region boasts an unspoiled 140km sandy coastline, several national parks and gorges and coral cays.

Experience turtle season at Mon Repos, near Bundaberg, which is the largest and most accessible turtle rookery in the South Pacific. From November to March take an evening tour and witness the natural cycle of turtle nesting and hatching. You may see turtles coming ashore to lay their eggs or witness hatchlings emerging from their nests and making their journey to the sea.

The Bundaberg and North Burnett region is rich in sugar and horticultural production. See, smell and taste Australia’s favourite rum being made at the Bundaberg Rum Bondstore and also Bundaberg Ginger Beer at the nearby Bundaberg Barrel. Experience farm-gate sales of fresh produce dotted throughout the entire region – buy directly from a road-side stall.

Whilst in the north Burnett, don’t miss the opportunity to visit Eidsvold’s new RM Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre or the spectacular Cania Gorge (near Monto).

Suggested Itineraries

3 Day Food and Wine Itinerary

Day 1 – Bundaberg
Arrive in Bundaberg and experience a tour of the Bundaberg Rum Bondstore. Stimulate your senses on an interactive tour of the Bundaberg Barrel and sample the terrific range of drinks available.

Day 2 – Childers
Discover the taste sensations of the region’s food and wine trail. A tour into the North Burnett region offers a unique wine experience for everyone's taste. Head to the charming National Trust town of Childers – just 50km south of Bundaberg (on the Bruce Highway). Pay a visit to Vintner’s Secret, a boutique vineyard nestled in the fertile Isis District. There is also Hill of Promise Estate and Mango Paradise B&B which depicts the very essence of Queensland farming life. Situated only 5 minutes from Cordalba (near Childers), this “paradise” offers the serenity of fruit orchards (avocados, mangoes, lychees) or you may wish to fish for barra from the aqua farm or enjoy the farm-fresh products of the on-site seasonal store. And whilst in Childers, don’t forget to try a handmade Mammino Gourmet Ice-Cream at the Queensland Tourism Award Winning, “Mammino’s”.

Day 3 – Gin Gin
On the way to Gin Gin call into the Mystery Craters and draw your own conclusion as to how they got there! Just north of Gin Gin, turn off towards Mt Perry and drive through the historic Boolboola Tunnel – it is the longest unsupported man-made tunnel in the Southern Hemisphere.

4 Day Turtle and Island Journey
(November – March)

Day 1 and 2 – Lady Elliot Island
Fly from Bundaberg Airport to Lady Elliot Island on a fixed-wing aircraft and spend 2 nights enjoying the pristine waters and marine life of the Southern Great Barrier Reef. Visibility is second-to-none. During the season, you can also see turtle nesting and/or hatching on the island as well.

Day 3 – Bargara, Mon Repos
Transfer back to Bundaberg Airport, hire a car and head to Bargara to relax along the picturesque foreshore. In the evening, journey to nearby Mon Repos Beach to experience the largest Loggerhead Turtle Rookery in the South Pacific. Witness one of the true wonders of the natural world as hundreds of turtles return to the beach every year to nest. See the hatchlings then make their perilous journey back to sea. Remember to book early to avoid disappointment.

Day 4 – Bargara and Bundaberg
Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at a nearby café along the Bargara foreshore, then head back to Bundaberg and spend the day exploring some of the attractions. Experience a tour of the Bundaberg Rum Bondstore and also check out Bundaberg Brewed Drinks – home of the “true brew” Bundaberg Ginger Beer. Visit the Botanic Gardens and enjoy an historic stroll through various museums including the award-winning Hinkler Hall of Aviation, a museum dedicated to aviation pioneer Bert Hinkler.
Suggested Itineraries

2 Day Short Break

Day 1 – See, Taste and Fly

Arrive in Bundaberg and experience a tour of the Bundaberg Rum Bondstore where the famous aussie spirit is made. And yes, you get a taste of this special product at the end of your tour. For a "true brew" experience, the Bundaberg Barrel offers the world’s bubbliest tour. Stimulate your senses through the hands-on interactive and virtual tour and sample the terrific range of drinks available including Bundaberg Ginger Beer, Lemon Lime & Bitters and the new flavours of Pink Grapefruit, Blood Orange and Guava. Take a visit to the Hinkler Hall of Aviation which provides a fun and unique educational experience with an insight to the life and times of our local pioneer aviator, Bert Hinkler. You even get to lie on the ironing board which formed a big part of Bert’s early experiments with flying at Mon Repos beach, just east of Bundaberg. Enjoy a bite to eat at Café 1928 situated right next to the Hinkler Hall of Aviation in the middle of the Botanic Gardens.

In the evening (from November to March) journey to nearby Mon Repos Beach to experience the largest Loggerhead Turtle Rookery in the South Pacific. Witness one of the true wonders of the natural world as hundreds of turtles return to the beach every year to nest. See the hatchlings then make their perilous journey back to sea. Remember to book early to avoid disappointment.

Mon Repos is located just 5 minutes drive from Bargara Beach and accommodation. Mon Repos is an ideal place for a chance to see these ‘ancient mariners’ nesting and hatching.

Day 2 – Childers

Discover the taste sensations of the region in nearby Childers, just 50km from Bundaberg. This charming National Trust town is surrounded by lush green sugarcane fields and rich red soil, perfect for the abundance of small crops which are grown around here. Pay a visit to Vintner's Secret, a boutique vineyard nestled in the fertile Isis District and only 2 kilometres from the historic township of Childers. There is also Hill of Promise Estate and Mango Paradise B&B which depicts the very essence of Queensland farming life. Step back in time on a self-guided tour of the Old Pharmacy Museum which is overflowing with captivating pharmaceutical displays and early medicines from the last century. And whilst in Childers, don’t forget to try a handmade Mammino Gourmet Ice-Cream at the Queensland Tourism Award Winning, "Mammino’s" – the hardest decision you will have is which flavour to choose. On your way back to Bundaberg, stop in at the Flying High Bird Sanctuary, Australia’s largest walk-through free-flight aviary covering nearly 2 acres with a height of over seven metres.

Bundaberg North Burnett Tourism is the booking centre for the Mon Repos Turtle Experience.

- Turtle nesting season runs in the evenings from November through to March
- Nesting turtles are best viewed after dark from November to January
- Turtle hatchlings are best viewed from January to March (also after dark)
- Mon Repos supports the largest concentration of nesting marine turtles on the Eastern Australian mainland
- Mon Repos is the largest Loggerhead turtle rookery in the South Pacific
- Mon Repos is located just 5 minutes drive from Bargara Beach and accommodation
- Mon Repos is an ideal place for a chance to see these ‘ancient mariners’ nesting and hatching.

For bookings call +61 7 4153 8888 or www.bookbundabergregion.com.au
Bundaberg — Operator Packages

THE BUNDABERG DISTILLING COMPANY BONDSTORE

Bundaberg Rum is an Australian icon. Born out of the Queensland cane fields, Bundaberg Rum is a unique and widely recognised brand with a deep-rooted history. At the Bundaberg Distilling Company Bondstore (BDC) you can discover Bundaberg Rum’s rich history and learn how the Australian spirit is made through two legendary tour options.

The BDC Distillery Experience package includes: a self guided museum experience with a guided expedition deep into the heart of our working distillery. After the tour, adults can relax in the Bundy Bar and sample some of the famous Bundaberg Rum delivered direct from the distillery!

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$25 PER PERSON
Child, senior and family rates available on request

$169 PER PERSON (TWIN/DUPLICATE SHARE)
Family rates available on request

LADY ELLIOT ISLAND

Lady Elliot Island offers an unpretentious, relaxed and environmental getaway situated right on the Great Barrier Reef. The visit allows you to view the Reef from the air as well as from above and below the water all in one day.

The Lady Elliot Island day trip package includes: return scenic flights ex. Bundaberg or Hervey Bay, buffet lunch, one combined glass bottom boat tour/boat snorkel, environmental manage charge, snorkel equipment and island tours.

*Flights also available from the Gold Coast, Brisbane or Sunshine Coast and overnight accommodation also available.

FROM $299 PER PERSON EX HERVEY BAY OR BUNDABERG
(Peak season 15 Dec to 15 Jan - $319 pp)

Contact Reservations: P: 1800 072 200 or +61 7 5536 3644 E: reservations@ladyelliot.com.au www.ladyelliot.com.au

KELLY’S BEACH RESORT

Award winning and eco-friendly with self-contained and standalone villas on 5.5 acres of gardens a block back from the beach. The 2 bedroom villas are spacious and sleep up to 5. The resort has swimming pools, spa, sauna, tennis court, restaurant, bistro, tours desk, internet access and kids activities during holiday seasons.

The 2 night turtle package includes: 2 nights at Kelly’s Beach Resort (continental breakfast daily) and visit nearby Mon Repos, home to Australia’s best known and most accessible sea turtle rookery. During November to March, ranger guided tours operate on the beach, giving you the unique opportunity to watch sea turtles nesting and hatchlings make their way to the ocean.


$169 PER PERSON (TWIN/DUPLICATE SHARE)
Family rates available on request

MANTA BARGARA

Welcome to Manta Bargara Resort Queensland, 5 star luxury waterfront apartments in the idyllic seaside setting of Bargara Beach, perfectly positioned at the southern tip of the Great Barrier Reef and just minutes from the city of Bundaberg.

The 5 Star Reef Adventure package includes: 2 nights’ accommodation at Manta Bargara in a one or 2 bedroom apartment and an all inclusive day trip out to Lady Elliot Island on the Southern Great Barrier Reef.

The Flashpacher Turtle Experience package includes: 3 nights in a luxurious 2 bedroom apartment for 4 people, breakfast packs and 4 turtle tickets to Mon Repos Turtle Rookery. Valid Turtle Season November – March.

FROM $4,200 PER DOUBLE
This rate is for 2 nights staying 2 nights which includes a day trip for 2 out to Lady Elliot Island.

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FROM $25950 PER PERSON DOUBLE SHARE
This rate includes 2 nights’ accommodation, breakfast pack and tickets to see the turtles.

FROM $299 PER PERSON EX HERVEY BAY OR BUNDABERG
(Peak season 15 Dec to 15 Jan - $319 pp)
Suggested Itineraries

2 Day City and Hinterland Adventure

Day 1 – Gladstone and Surrounds

On arrival in Gladstone, pick up a hire car and head off to explore the Gladstone City sights. First stop – Auckland Hill Lookout, from here you get a bird’s eye view of the City and gain an insight into what makes this diverse and wonderful City’s heart beat! Wander along the boardwalk at Gladstone’s beautiful Marina before viewing the Southern Hemisphere’s largest alumina refinery from Queensland Alumina Limited’s visitor lookout. Take a short drive south to the twin communities of Boyne Island and Tannum Sands, a peaceful stroll along Millennium Esplanade or a walk on the beach – maybe a swim is in order!! Overnight Gladstone.

Day 2 – Gladstone Region Hinterland Drive

Heading south from Gladstone, a pleasant drive takes you through the rural community of Calliope and onto one of the most serene and beautiful drives imaginable through the peaceful and lush Boyne Valley stopping off at quaint rural settlements along the way.

The drive delivers you back to Miriam Vale to the south where, after a relaxing cup of coffee or lunch at one of the charming cafes in the main street, you rejoin the Bruce Highway for the short trip back to Gladstone for your departure.

Gladstone

Regional Overview

Gladstone Region is unique, unforgettable and truly special. With such contrasting features of industry, nature and the world heritage listed Great Barrier Reef; Gladstone creates an exciting and interesting holiday destination.

More than the gateway to the Southern Great Barrier Reef and the Capricorn Bunker Group of Islands, Gladstone holds many jewels in the crown of the Southern Great Barrier Reef in the two Coral Cay resorts located a short distance off the coast, Heron Island and Wilson Island.

At the heart of the Region, the shimmering waters of Gladstone Harbour continue to attract people to the city from around the globe and encourage further exploration within this wonderful region.

To the south-west lie the rural communities of Calliope, the Boyne Valley and Miriam Vale, idyllic rural townships close to scenic national parks. Perfectly positioned just 20 kilometres south east of Gladstone, the relaxed coastal lifestyle entices visitors to the seaside twin towns of Boyne Island and Tannum Sands.

Discovery Coast’s Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy are relaxed seaside communities linked by kilometres of stunning beach fronting the deep blue waters of the Coral Sea. The picturesque coastline of the twin seaside communities of Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy create an exciting and appealing multitude of experiences.

Get back to the very heart of nature with day trips that depart from Seventeen Seventy Marina and visit some of the best parts of the entire Great Barrier Reef including the protected, untouched coral cays of Lady Musgrave Island and the pristine reefs of Fitzroy, Hostyn, Llwellyn and Fairfax. Come face to face with reef fish, swim with graceful manta rays and turtles as you immerse yourself in the world class vivid colour of prehistoric corals and brilliant blue ocean.
Suggested Itineraries

3 Day Island and Beach Journey
Day 1/2 – Heron Island
Arrive in Gladstone and transfer either by launch or helicopter to Heron Island, a true coral cay on the Great Barrier Reef. Spend the next few days exploring the island. Why not take a dive or snorkelling trip in the crystal clear aquamarine waters that surround the island, an afternoon reef walk viewing the coral and marine life or relax on the beach, far from the crowds.

Day 3 – Agnes Water/Seventeen Seventy
Transfer back to Gladstone, pick up a hire car and travel south on the Bruce Highway to the picturesque townships of Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy. Hop on a Scooterroo tour or explore the waterways on a 1770 Liquid Adventures hayahing tour. Board the pink amphibious vehicle called the LARC, which will take you over land and sea to explore Eurimbula National Park, Middle Island and the historic Bustard Head Light House.

5 Day Reef and Beef Journey
Day 1 – Agnes Water/Seventeen Seventy
Learn to surf at the East Coast’s most northern surf beach or take in the sights from one of the area’s many lookouts. Hop on a Scooterroo tour or explore the waterways on a 1770 Liquid Adventures hayahing tour. Board the pink amphibious vehicle called the LARC, which will take you over land and sea to explore Eurimbula National Park, Middle Island and the historic Bustard Head Light House.

Day 2 – Lady Musgrave Island
Head out for a full day tour to Lady Musgrave Island and experience diving or snorkelling on the Southern Great Barrier Reef.

Day 3 – Farmstay
Head to Gladstone then continue on to a working farm stay – choose from Glassford Creek, Myella, or Kroombit Park/Lochenbar Station, all within a few hours’ drive from Gladstone.

Day 4/5 – Farmstay
Enjoy life on the farm with activities such as cattle mustering, milking cows, horse and motorbike riding, roaring campfires and great bush cooking.

HERON ISLAND
Heron Island is a true coral cay located right on the Great Barrier Reef. It has long been a favourite for divers, snorkellers and families looking to immerse themselves in a truly natural island with sensational marine life. A breeding ground for mutton birds and black noddy terns, Heron Island is also home to green and loggerhead turtles.

The Real Experience – enjoy world class diving and snorkelling on Heron Island at one of the 20 different dive sites off the island. Heron Island offers a host of informative or just plain fun activities for you to choose from.

Package inclusions: 4 nights’ accommodation on Heron Island in a Turtle Room including 3 meals daily.

$798 PER ROOM (TWIN SHARE)
Contact Reservations: P: 1300 233 432
E: travel@dncinc.com  www.heronisland.com

WILSON ISLAND
Just five acres in size, Wilson Island is a tiny coral cay island with a big personality. Wilson Island can accommodate just 12 adults at any one time (6 couples) in castaway themed tented cabins and offers guests sumptuous cuisine, premium beverages and snorkelling over coral gardens. Wilson Island is a 40 minute boat ride from Heron Island. Transfer times between Heron and Wilson Islands are subject to tide and weather conditions and may vary accordingly.

The Real Experience – relax in your own hammock on Wilson Island and enjoy the life of a castaway, away from it all.

Package inclusions: accommodation, all meals, premium beverages and snorkelling equipment for 2 nights on Wilson Island.

$1,080 PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)
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Lady Musgrave Island and Lagoon is the largest true coral cay on the outer Southern Great Barrier Reef. Travel to Lady Musgrave Island and Lagoon, a lagoon of approximately 3,000 hectares with over 350 varieties of pristine colourful coral and 1,300 species of tropical fish. Experience the only navigable lagoon and coral island on the Great Barrier Reef. Travel in comfort aboard “Spirit of 1770” our modern 22 metre high-speed catamaran with the capacity of 150 passengers. The cruise departs daily from Seventeen Seventy, just over 5 hours drive from Brisbane. The Lady Musgrave Day Cruise package includes: quality snorkelling equipment, flotation vests and sunscreen, a tropical buffet luncheon with prawns, and morning and afternoon teas with cake.

$175 PER PERSON

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FROM $444 PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)


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LaLaLand Retreat is an intimate group of 4 new air conditioned cottages located in a private and peaceful semi-rural tropical setting, close to shops and the patrolled beach in Agnes Water. Relax in the lagoon style pool, have a bbq, enjoy a campfire and gaze at millions of stars. Friendly hosts Kent and Lisa can advise you on tours and activities.

The LaLaLand package includes: 3 nights accommodation at LaLaLand Retreat, private, guided heritage tour with a local historian and a visit to the museum; and a free souvenir map. Extras: 10% off your choice of tours and activities including snorkel/dive the Southern Great Barrier Reef, ride the LARC!, hayalt, learn to surf, kite surfing, joyflights, stand up paddle boarding, Scooteroo chopper tours, cruisers and bile hire.

$299 PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)

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The LARC! is a must do Central Queensland tour. This iconic pink amphibious craft, at home on land and sea, is the perfect way to explore the National Parks and waterways bordering the Birthplace of Queensland – the Town of 1770. Visitors can experience the historic island lighthouse of Bustard Head on a full day Paradise Tour and for the adventurous, the towering dunes on Middle Island on a half day Sandboarding Safari.

The LARC! package includes: 2 nights’ accommodation in a deluxe motel room at Sandcastles Motel & Resort. A full day tour aboard the amphibious LARC! to the Bustard Head Lighthouse and Middle Island for sandboarding. Also, breakfast voucher and half day boat hire and picnic lunch basket with cold drinks.

$175 PER PERSON

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Nestled upon the north facing beach of Agnes Water – Sandcastles 1770 Motel & Resort is recognised as one of the most idyllic and desirable holiday locations on Queensland’s Discovery Coast. The resort facilities include a large pool, sun lounges and heated spa, an on-site family restaurant and a Surf Bar & Cafe. The resort is nestled amongst tropical gardens and is only a short stroll to the beach and the main shopping area.

The ‘60 seconds from bed to beach’ package includes: 2 nights in an air-conditioned, deluxe motel suite for 2 people, a complementary bottle of wine upon check in and a complementary breakfast for 2 people. Room and package upgrades available.

$385 PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)

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Gladstone — Operator Packages
Capricorn

Regional Overview

Pack your swimsuit and walking gear, and come discover the Capricorn region. Taking its name from the Tropic of Capricorn, this region is home to many remarkable towns and natural wonders like Rockhampton and the Great Barrier Reef. Explore the Capricorn region and you’ll forge fond memories, not only of the beautiful places but of the friendly locals, who together make this region a lovely cultural mosaic.

Rockhampton is the region’s largest city and fondly known as “Australia’s Beef Capital”. Enjoy the history of Rockhampton as you walk down Quay Street, the longest National Trust Heritage Street in Australia.

As you venture north of Rockhampton, you’ll come to the Capricorn Coast, which boasts 13 beaches along the scenic coastline from Yeppoon to Emu Park. Head inland and you’ll come to several amazing natural wonders. There’s Carnarvon National Park with Aboriginal rock art paintings and delicate ferns amidst towering sandstone cliffs... it will leave you breathless.

Then there’s Blackdown Tableland National Park with its 600 metre sandstone plateau with lookout and picturesque Rainbow Falls. And don’t forget the Capricorn Caves, Queensland’s oldest tourist attraction. There’s also Byfield National Park where you can see beautiful rainforest, visit local artisans or hire a canoe on the Byfield River. And be sure to leave a little time for fossicking in the Sapphire Gemfields, the largest in the southern hemisphere.

The Capricorn Region is a jumping off point to one of the natural wonders of the world – the magnificent Southern Great Barrier Reef. Just a short ferry ride from the mainland and you will be walking on sun-bleached beaches and snorkelling in crystal clear waters.

Suggested Itineraries

Capricorn Coast and Islands Journey (1-3 Days)

Rockhampton

From Rockhampton take a short 20 minute drive north to the friendly township of ‘The Caves’. Visit the award winning Capricorn Caves just north of Rockhampton and take a journey through Queensland’s largest privately owned caves. Follow the Scenic Highway on to the Capricorn Coast.

Yeppoon (45 minutes)

The gateway to the Capricorn Coast, Yeppoon is a magical beachside community, well known for its delicious seafood. Take time to explore the coastline and the safe swimming beaches. Don’t miss a sailing charter or day cruise to the Keppel Bay of Islands and visit the Southern Great Barrier Reef.

Accommodation options are available on Great Keppel Island and Pumpkin Island.

Emu Park (15 minutes)

Along the Scenic Highway lie 13 of Queensland’s most beautiful beaches. Take the coastal walk at Kemp Beach for magnificent views across the sparkling ocean to the Keppel Islands.

Emu Park is also home to the Singing Ship, a soaring white sculpture on the headland, designed as a monument to Captain Cook.

Koorana Crocodile Farm (15 minutes)

As you make your way back to Rockhampton from Emu Park, be sure to visit the Koorana Crocodile Farm. The excitement of seeing a crocodile feeding is something you won’t match anywhere. From February to Easter you may also see baby crocs hatch! A perfect spot for lunch – croc burgers are the house specialty! Evening dining and spotlight tours are also available for groups.

Rockhampton’s Geo History Journey (1-3 Days)

Rockhampton

From Rockhampton head west along the Capricorn Highway and take a short detour to the historic township of Mount Morgan.

Mount Morgan (35 minutes)

Discover the rich gold mining heritage of Mount Morgan – one of the world’s most important gold discoveries! Here you have the chance to view 200 million year old Jurassic Dinosaur footprints up close, on the ceiling of old mining caves with TMC Guided Tours.

Mount Hay (20 minutes from Mount Morgan or Rockhampton)

Find a great memento a little further along the highway at Mount Hay Gemstone Park. A result of volcanic activity millions of years ago, Mt Hay is home to the famous “Thunder-Egg”. A hands-on fossicking experience will give you the chance to not only find these unique stones but also have them cut and polished to take with you as your own souvenir.
Suggested Itineraries

4 Day Outback and Sapphire Gemfields Loop

Explore the road less travelled and enjoy a detour full of surprises. The stretch of highway between Rockhampton and Mackay is known as being a little less than exciting and a trend is starting to emerge among travellers to partake in an exciting detour via the Sapphire Gemfields, just west of Rockhampton before heading north to Mackay.

**Rockhampton**

From Rockhampton, follow the Capricorn Highway west towards Emerald. This drive boasts stunning scenery and easy access to Blachdown Tableland National Park.

**Blachdown Tableland National Park (2 hours)**

Located just outside of Blachwater, Blachdown Tableland is a popular overnight destination for campervans and tents. The National Park has stunning bushwalks, swimming holes, and aboriginal artwork.

**Sapphire Gemfields (2 hours or 3.5 hours from Rockhampton)**

The Sapphire Gemfields located just west of Emerald are literally a hidden treasure and is a true Outback experience within a short drive of the East Coast. With a variety of accommodation options and some award winning jewellery galleries, that would rival those of Sydney and the Gold Coast, this area is home to the richest and largest sapphire fields in the Southern Hemisphere. Here you can enjoy tours of small underground sapphire mines and even try your hand in one of the local fossicking parks. For a more ‘hands-on’ experience join a full day tag-a-long tour. Everyone who visits the Gemfields is sure to leave with a souvenir sapphire!

**Sapphire Gemfields – Mackay (4.5 hours)**

From the Sapphire Gemfields, continue your journey north following the Peak Downs Highway. Enjoy stunning views of Peak Range and be sure to take a break in the country town of Capella before continuing your journey on to Mackay. This highway is abundant with native wildlife, and livestock roam freely throughout the Gemfields region so caution is needed when driving.

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**Yeppoon**

Rubyvale

Carnarvon Gorge

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Capricorn Bayview Towers is on the beachfront of the Capricorn Coast at Yeppoon. The resort accommodation ensures a breath taking view of the morning sunrise from every balcony while guests enjoy their first cup of tea. The beach is at your doorstep for that early morning stroll or dip in the ocean. Feel the sand between your toes while watching the antics of the red tailed black cockatoos, the mountain green parrots and the pesky seagulls as they do their thing on the foreshore. The CBD is just a short stroll away, where you will encounter great shopping, awesome cafes and restaurants.

The package includes: 4 days 3 nights in a Skyline Room with a hot and cold buffet breakfast daily as well as an electric boat tour of the Byfield everglades. A tour of the Singing Ship and entry to the Koorana Crocodile Farm.

$499 PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)

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www.bayviewtower.com.au

Capricorn Caves

A multi award-winning ecotourism attraction, the Capricorn Caves are geologically unique ‘above-ground’ tropical caves located on the East Coast route of Central Queensland. The one hour Cathedral Cave Tour meanders through 10 chambers ranging from smaller caves decorated with stalactites, cave coral and shawls to the huge domed Cathedral Cavern famous for its natural acoustics. The caves are well ventilated and electrically lit with easy accessible paths including wheelchair ramps. At the conclusion of the tour, there is an adventurous option: a candlelit exploration of the original John Olsen zig-zag passage. Bats may be seen in certain seasons.

The package includes: One night’s accommodation in a deluxe air conditioned 4-star cabin together with a one hour Cathedral Cave tour.

$186 PER PERSON (Single Share)
$106 PER PERSON (Twin/Double Share)

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Citywalk Motor Inn

The Citywalk Motor Inn, completed January 2011, offers modern deluxe rooms, “the newest in Rocky”. The complex has easy access to tourism and health precincts, and is in close walking distance to the CBD to a variety of renowned restaurants. The units offer a relaxed atmosphere, are equipped with 81cm digital LCD TVs, split system reverse cycle air conditioners, as well as ceiling fans, microwaves, toasters and tea and coffee making facilities. Austar, high speed Wi-Fi internet, a guest laundry and easy access car parking are available. Just one block from the busy main highway, a good night’s sleep is assured.

The Bed and Breakfast package includes: Accommodation in a deluxe business class unit, and a hot breakfast for 2 people.

$90 PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)

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$90 PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)
The Denison Boutique Hotel offers luxury accommodation that will take you back in time. Built in 1885, it has been beautifully brought back to life. Our hotel will provide a pleasurable and unique experience to any guest willing to experience the best Rockhampton has to offer. The Denison Boutique Hotel is situated on the edge of the CBD. Each room with their 4.8m high ceilings and period style furnishings will give you the relaxed feeling of being somewhere totally luxurious. Rooms feature king size four posted bed, two person spa, 42” plasma TV with Austar and Wi-Fi. The ‘Luxury that will take you back in time’ package includes: One night’s accommodation including free airport transfers in our 1938 Rolls Royce, breakfast and wireless internet.

$165 PER ROOM
Contact Matt Cook: P: +61 7 4923 7378 E: contact@denisonhotel.com.au www.denisonhotel.com.au

Emu’s Beach Resort is a new backpacker resort on the Capricorn Coast in Central Queensland. Facilities include large rooms with king single beds, private bathrooms and balconies, a heated pool, dormitory rooms, a large communal kitchen, entertainment facilities and a travel desk. Visit a working crocodile farm, with over 3000 crocodiles. Travel to Great Keppel Island by ferry and enjoy the beauty of the island where you can snorkel the Great Barrier Reef off one of the 17 pristine beaches.

The Keppel and Croc package includes: 2 nights at Emu’s Beach Resort in a dorm style room, one night at Great Keppel Island, ferry transfer, Koorana Crocodile Farm Tour, all transfers, free internet while at Emu’s Beach Resort and welcome drink on arrival at Emu’s Beach Resort.

$285 PER PERSON

The Edge Luxury Apartment Hotel offers the finest 4 ½ star luxury accommodation in the Rockhampton-Central Queensland region. A riverside location, state-of-the-art technology, modern design and all the facilities for a memorable stay, make The Edge Apartments among the very best of Rockhampton’s hotels. From the river to the rainforest, enjoy 2 nights at The Edge Luxury Apartments situated on the riverfront in the Rockhampton CBD, followed by a romantic retreat at Rainforest Ranch situated in the magnificent rainforest of Byfield National Park.

The River to Rainforest package includes: 2 nights at the Edge Apartments including a $50 food and beverage voucher, followed by 2 nights at Rainforest Ranch including gourmet BBQ dinner pack and country breakfast pack.

$570 PER PERSON (DOUBLE/TWIN)
Contact Reservations: Ph: +61 7 4930 1000 E: stay@theedgeapartments.com.au www.theedgeapartments.com.au

Great Keppel Island Holiday Village is located in a gum tree bush setting less than a minute’s walk to two perfect swimming beaches. Imagine the only mode of transport is your legs or our kayaks (we do have a baggage service). Our village with its cabins and great decked canvas tents, a shared village kitchen and a small store is reminiscent of simpler times gone by. Come and explore the spaciousness of your own white sandy, safe, pristine beach. It really does exist on Great Keppel Island!

The Island package includes: 3 nights accommodation in a tent or cabin with ensuite, one day beach hire and unlimited use snorkel gear.

$159 PER PERSON TWIN/DBLE (Tent)
Contact Great Keppel Island Holiday Village: Ph. +61 7 4939 8655 E: admin@gkiholidayvillage.com.au www.gkiholidayvillage.com.au

$239 PER PERSON TWIN/DBLE (Cabin with ensuite)
**MT HAY GEMSTONE TOURIST PARK**

Nestled at the base of an extinct volcano and surrounded by wilderness, the Mt Hay Gemstone Tourist Park allows people of all ages to look for thunder eggs (volcanic birthstones) – these are gas pockets in molten lava which filled and crystallised. These ancient gems are readily found in the fossicking area adjoining the park. Visitors are shown what to look for and where to look, and then left to search for their treasures – keeping what they find. When the fossickers have finished, the experienced kiosk staff will assist visitors to select one or two stones and cut them "on the spot" for free. What a wonderful memento!

The 'Thunder Wonder from Down Under' package includes: fossicking, cutting of the thundereggs, a guided pewter casting workshop tour, tea or coffee and cake, and a souvenir gift.

**$100 PER PERSON**

Contact Ken Kayes: P: +61 7 4934 7183  
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**HENDERSON PARK**

Henderson Park, a family run working cattle property, is uniquely positioned just 10 minutes off the East Coast Highway and 30 minutes north of Rockhampton, Central Queensland. Luxurious accommodation is provided in an intimate setting at Hedlow Lodge, which boasts 180 degree views over the property and water from the spacious deck. Set on the banks of beautiful Hedlow Creek, guests can be involved in the day to day running of the property or take a break from travelling.

The Henderson Park Discovery package includes: One night accommodation in one of 4 immaculate, modern ensuited rooms, 2 course gourmet dinner, tea or coffee and cake, and a souvenir gift.

**$260 PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)**

Contact Reservations: P: +61 7 4934 2794  
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**PUMPKIN ISLAND**


The Pebble Point package includes: 5 nights in the unique Pebble Point accommodation, return Rockhampton airport transfers, a half day sailing yacht excursion (including non alcoholic drinks and snacks) around the Keppel Islands with your final destination as Pumpkin Island, a cold seafood platter and sparkling wine for 2 on arrival with local fare, breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, soft drinks and water, snorkeling equipment and non-motorised water sports. Transfer aboard Pumpkin Xpress to Rosslyn Bay Harbour on day of departure.

**$4,365 FOR TOTAL PACKAGE**  
Based on 2 people sharing.

Contact Wayne or Laureth: P: +61 7 4939 4413  
E: bookings@pumpkinisland.com.au www.pumpkinisland.com.au

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**RAINFOREST RANCH**

Rainforest Ranch has 6 luxury self-contained cottages, nestled in a beautiful rainforest filled with the spectacular Byfield Fern which is unique to the region. Rainforest Ranch provides a tranquil base to explore the greater Byfield area and national park. A perfect retreat for couples wishing to get away from it all and relax in a totally stress-free environment. The luxury cottages feature hing size beds, fireplace, pay TV, air conditioning and much more. All are fully screened. A hot spa is always popular and massages can be arranged.

The Byfield Rainforest Experience package includes: 2 nights in a luxury rainforest cottage with gourmet dinner and breakfast baskets supplied daily and complimentary wine and chocolates on arrival.

**$595 PER DOUBLE**

Contact Warren O’Leary: P: +61 7 4935 1555  
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Villa Mar Colina, located 35 minutes drive north east of Rockhampton is set high on Bluff Point in Yeppoon, boasting stunning views across Keppel Bay, with long sandy beaches and the Keppel Isles. Villa Mar Colina is surrounded by gardens, features an illusion pool and BBQ area and is just a short energetic walk to Yeppoon’s CBD where you will find great restaurants, plenty of shopping and access to Yeppoon’s main beach. Accommodation is offered in one, 2 and 3 bedroom villas. All villas feature modern full size kitchens, spacious open plan living areas, private balconies or patios, DVD and HD television with Austar, private laundries and lock up garages.

The package includes: overnight in an Ocean Hillside Villa.

$210 PER ROOM PER NIGHT

Contact Reservations: P: +61 7 4939 3177
E: villamarcolina@bigpond.com   www.villamarcolina.com.au

Mount Morgan is a quaint historic town situated 40km south west of Rockhampton along the Burnett Highway. TMC Tours provide a fascinating adventure through time from the dinosaurs to the gold rush. Take a step back in time and venture through the heritage gold mine with Mount Morgan TMC guided tours. Experience authentic early Jurassic Dinosaur prints from our special viewing platform. These prints were uncovered by the early miners 100 years ago at the mine’s fire clay caverns.

The Jurassic Dinosaur package includes: TMC guided tour.

$27 PER PERSON

Contact John Steinberger: P: +61 409 815 933
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The Sapphire Gemfields is the largest sapphire area in the world with many valuable sapphires still found! Experience the thrill of finding your own sapphire treasures or maybe “stub your toe on a fortune”. Rubyvale Motel and Holiday Units is the perfect place to relax in a country resort atmosphere and experience all that the Sapphire Gemfields has to offer. Experience how sapphire mining is done in the ancient riverbeds with a guided tour of Miners Heritage Underground Mine. Fossick at Pats Gems where you will receive 2 buckets of sapphire bearing gravel. Learn to sieve, recognise sapphires and keep what treasures you find!

The Sapphire Gemfields package includes: 2 nights’ accommodation in a superb 4-star self contained unit, underground mine tour, 2 buckets of ‘sapphire wash’ to sieve and find your treasures, and a pair of sterling silver sapphire earrings.

$360 PER COUPLE
$210 PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)

Contact Michael & Jane Taylor: P: +61 7 4985 4518
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Thanks for respecting and caring for our environment. Enjoy the experience of seeing and learning about the local flora and fauna, knowing that you have left light footprints and taken only photographs. The Capricorn Coast Tourism industry is working towards sustainability and we encourage you to support them wherever you can.
**Regional Overview**

Queensland’s Outback is your number one holiday destination in 2011! For the second year running the Lake Eyre Basin has filled, and from north to south, east to west the Outback is brimming with an explosion of flora and fauna. From the rich ribbons of the Channel Country floodplains to the rolling Mitchell grass downs and ancient Spinifex deserts – the landscapes of Queensland’s Outback offer an incredible variety of experiences.

Discover the rich tapestries of landscapes, the legendary characters and see why the people, places and wide open spaces of Queensland’s Outback are so very memorable.

Our Outback operators are ready and waiting for you! So, why not – Adventure Outback today!

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**Suggested Itineraries**

**3 Day Barcaldine and Blackall Experience**

**Day 1 – Barcaldine**

Spend the morning of your first day in Barcaldine exploring the Australian Workers Heritage Centre where the achievements of working men and women are celebrated. Spend the afternoon exploring the sites of Barcaldine including the historical Tree of Knowledge site where the striking shearers held their meetings and rallies during the 1891 Shearers’ Strike. Stay overnight at the Barcaldine Country Motor Inn.

**Day 2 – Barcaldine to Blachall**

Travel an hour and a half to Blachall to start your adventure in this oasis on the banks of the Barcoo River. Your first point of call will be the Blachall Woolscour, a historic wool washing plant which operated on steam from 1908 to 1978 and is the only complete operation of its kind left in Australia. Spend the afternoon exploring Blachall’s fascinating monuments including the Major Mitchell Cloch and fossilised tree stump in the main street, the Australian Labor Federation Memorial, Masonic Lodge and Major Edgar Towner statue at the Memorial Park. Spend your night in a 4 star stylish room at the Acacia Motor Inn.

**Day 3 – Blackall to Tambo**

Wake up early and travel the easy one hour drive to Tambo and enjoy the warmth and charm of this small community. Visit the Grasslands @ Tambo Art Gallery, before embarking on the Heritage Walk which will take you back in history and lead you to some of the oldest buildings in Tambo. Have a picnic at Tambo Lake and visit the famous Tambo Teddies to end your Outback Adventure.

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**5 Day Outback Journey**

**Day 1 – Longreach**


**Day 2 – Longreach**

Explore the award winning Qantas Founders Museum and take part in the Museum and WingWalk tour. While you are there, enjoy lunch at McGinness’ Restaurant before you make your way to Stockman’s Hall of Fame. Take a sunset cruise along the Thomson River - the perfect way to end your Longreach adventure. Spend your second night with the friendly staff at the Longreach Motor Inn.

**Day 3 – Winton**

From Longreach, head to Winton and travel out to Carisbroothe Station for a night at their 50,000 acre cattle property.

**Day 4 – Winton**

Soak up the Outback atmosphere and culture with a scenic station tour of Carisbrooke in the morning including Aboriginal art, an opal mine and outstanding Outback landscapes with lunch at the homestead. Enjoy a break after lunch prior to a mid-afternoon encounter on the Wildlife Water Run Sunset Drive where you will experience outstanding views in the heart of the Williams Valley at sunset.

**Day 5 – Winton**

Depart Carisbroothe and travel via Lark Quarry to see an amazing natural display of 3,300 dinosaur tracks, the only recorded dinosaur stampede on the planet. Head to Winton and explore the Australian Age of Dinosaurs and the famous Waltzing Matilda Centre, the only museum in the world dedicated to a song. Australia’s favourite, Waltzing Matilda.
AUSTRALIAN AGE OF DINOSAURS

Visit the museum to see and hear about the Australian Age of Dinosaurs – home to the world’s largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils. The working dinosaur museum and research laboratory are located on 1,400 hectares of spectacular scenery with wildlife and walking trails. At the museum you’ll see and hear about exciting dinosaurs, including gigantic sauropods and “Banjo”, Australia’s greatest carnivorous dinosaur. Staff invite everyone to be directly involved in this exciting initiative; prepare a real dinosaur bone in their Prep Lab, or book into be part of a real dinosaur dig. With your help they can bring the prehistory to life! Packages are available on request.

Contact Brant Bassam: P: +61 7 4657 0078 E: brant.bassam@aaodl.com www.australianagedinosaurs.com

KINNON & CO - OUTBACK HERITAGE TRAIL

Encompassing 3 towns and 10 attractions – Discover a piece of history in Outback Queensland. The Outback Heritage Trail is a self drive holiday package which includes 10 heritage attractions and tours in the Central West Queensland towns of Barcaldine, Longreach and Winton: Australian Workers Heritage Centre, Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame, Qantas Founders Museum, Longreach School of the Air, Cobb & Co Coach Tour, Starlight’s Spectacular Live Show, Thomson River Cruise, Australian Age of Dinosaurs, Waltzing Matilda Centre and Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trachways. Travellers purchasing an Outback Heritage Trail ticket also receive a travel fact sheet which provides information on the inclusions as well as other things to see and do along the way. The Outback Heritage Trail provides the freedom of not being locked into a pre arranged itinerary and the security of having all the hard work done.

$299 PER PERSON
Concession, child and family rates available on request

Contact Glenda Daly: P: +61 7 4658 1776 E: operations@kinnonandco.com.au www.kinnonandco.com.au

LARK QUARRY DINOSAUR TRACKWAYS

Travel back in time 95 million years with a visit to the Dinosaur Stampede National Monument at Lark Quarry Conservation Park, the site of the world’s only recorded evidence of a dinosaur stampede. More than 3,300 fossilised footprints are on display, housed in an award-winning ecologically sustainable complex. Enjoy an interpretive tour of the Dinosaur Trackways and explore the history from creation to discovery and display.

The Dinosaur package includes: entry to the Waltzing Matilda Centre with a self-guided tour, entry to Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trachways and onsite guided tour, a packed lunch and Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trachways souvenir.

$75 PER PERSON
Family rates available on request

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An Out the Back Australia Tour is a trip of a lifetime. Each tour invites you to take part in authentic outback experiences and "live like a local". They are designed specifically to allow tourists to sample everything the Outback region has to offer.

Our tours allow you to physically participate in Outback life. This means you’ll “get your hands dirty” with a range of exciting experiences... You won’t just see the best of the Outback, you’ll actually get to DO it! Our locals will go out of their way to get to know you. You’ll arrive a stranger and leave as a friend.

The Backpacher 4 Night Tour includes: Return travel ex Brisbane, an Outback Survival Pach and participation in a farm stay, hayah on the Warrego River, sandboard down a massive dune, experience a campfire under the stars, swim in an artesian bore, learn to play the didgeridoo and much more!

$5450 PER PERSON

Contact Reservations: P: +61 7 4655 1679
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www.outthebackaustralia.com.au

The Qantas Founders Museum in Longreach, is a modern world class facility built around the heritage listed original 1922 Qantas hangar, combining historical artefacts and multimedia displays. Qantas began in Outback Queensland in 1920 and the museum is dedicated to the evolving story of Australia’s leading airline. New exhibits are added regularly to the amazing collection. It is an Australian wide community and volunteer project and is entirely funded by public support and sponsorship.

The Museum and Jet package includes: a combined 747, 707 and museum entry to tour 2 jet aircraft and visit the national heritage hangar and museum.

$750 PER PERSON

Contact the booking office: P: +61 7 4658 3737
E: info@qfom.com.au www.qfom.com.au

Skinny Dingo Tours offer a number of unique packages so visitors can truly experience what Outback Queensland has to offer, including Do Birdsville the Easy Way, Outback Mail Run Experience, Self Drive Opal Tour, Big Red Sunset Tour and Town Tours.

5 Day Outback Mail Run package: allows you to join the mailman as he delivers mail and freight to 10 remote properties on his 450 kilometre round trip. The package includes return overnight first class travel on the Westlander from Brisbane to Charleville, coach transfers to Quilpie, 2 nights accommodation in an ensuite cabin at Channel Country Cabin and Tourist Park, Quilpie, 2 continental breakfasts, one lunch, and 2 dinners.

$1,107 PER DOUBLE

Contact Troy Minnett: P: 1300 858 867
E: skinnydingotours@gmail.com www.outbackparks.com.au

The Waltzing Matilda Centre is the only attraction in the world dedicated to a song, Australia’s Favourite, "Waltzing Matilda" by Banjo Paterson. Pull up a stump by the water’s edge in the ‘Billabong Theatrette’ where the ghost tells his story of Waltzing Matilda and learn the truth, myth and romance behind the song in the interactive ‘Home of the Legends’ room. Explore the fascinating timeline of Winton’s history in the Qantilda Museum and visit the Outback Regional Gallery and spectacular foyer.

The Swaggie package includes: entry into the Waltzing Matilda Centre, lunch and a souvenir – ‘Legends of Waltzing Matilda’ CD.

$60 PER PERSON

Family rates available on request

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The Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre is Australia’s premier outback heritage institution. The Outback Stockman’s Show provides live entertainment and tells the story of the modern day aspects of being a stockman, as well as telling the tales of what it used to be like in the past. The talented performer Luke Thomas, is a known horse breaker, drover, bush poet and raconteur as well as one of the last bullockies.

The Museum, Show and Lunch package includes: entry into the Stockman’s Hall of Fame and Hugh Sawrey Art Gallery, live Outback Stockman’s Show and lunch at the Cattlemen’s Bar & Grill.

Outback Aussie Tours offers a range of touring and transport options in Queensland’s Outback. Tour guests will learn about the indigenous connection to the land and become a part of Queensland’s outstanding pastoral, dinosaur and living heritage.

The 5 Day / 4 Night Spirit of the Outback Escape includes: All meals, accommodation, fully guided transport with entries into the following attractions: Stockman’s Hall of Fame, Qantas Founders Museum, Australian Age of Dinosaurs and Waltzing Matilda Centre.

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Your customers can be immersed in a true blue Queensland Outback experience by taking a journey on Spirit of the Outback to Longreach, The Westlander to Charleville or The Inlander to Mount Isa.

It is the perfect way for them to commence their holiday out West to discover the rich sunsets, beautiful landscapes, and Australian native animals living in their environments.

All services offer first class sleeping berths, bathroom facilities including showers, space to wander around and socialise, and licensed dining areas.

Book your customers on an unforgettable travel experience to the Outback to meet tours in both regions.

For more information on our Outback rail journeys contact
+61 7 3255 3307 or email industrysales@qr.com.au
Getting there...

Queensland’s Reef to Outback journey is easily accessible from Brisbane or Sydney and is serviced by all major Australian carriers. Roads are well signed.

From To Travel Time by Road Kms Travelled
Brisbane Bundaberg 4 hours 40 mins 368kms
Brisbane Gladstone 6 hours 45 mins 531kms
Brisbane Rockhampton 7 hours 50 mins 632kms
Brisbane Emerald 1 hour 25 mins (air) 656kms
Brisbane Longreach 3 hours (air) 1,178kms
Bundaberg Agnes Water/Seventeen Seventy 1 hour 45 mins 122kms
Gladstone Agnes Water/Seventeen Seventy 1 hour 45 mins 125kms
Gladstone Rockhampton 1 hour 25 mins 108kms
Rockhampton Emerald 3 hours 15 mins 270kms
Emerald Rubyvale 51 mins 61kms
Rubyvale Longreach 4 hours 45 mins 390kms
Longreach Carnarvon Gorge 7 hours 55 mins 643kms
Emerald Carnarvon Gorge 3 hours 50 mins 288kms
Carnarvon Gorge Cania Gorge 5 hours 15 mins 398kms
Cania Gorge Agnes Water/Seventeen Seventy 3 hours 15 mins 181kms

Reef to Outback Temperature Guide

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Air
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Tiger Airways offers services from Brisbane and Melbourne to Rockhampton. Visit www.tigerairways.com.au

Rail
Sunlander departs Brisbane northbound 3 times weekly for Bundaberg, Gladstone and Rockhampton. Tilt Train departs Brisbane (northbound Sunday to Friday each week for Bundaberg, Gladstone and Rockhampton.
Spirit of the Outback departs Brisbane twice weekly for Longreach (via Rockhampton). Visit www.traveltrain.com.au or phone +61 7 3235 7322

Bus
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Europcar visit www.europcar.com or phone +61 3 9330 6160
Thrifty visit www.thrifty.com.au or phone +61 2 8337 2700
Apollo visit www.apollocamper.com.au or phone +61 7 3265 9200
Britz Australia visit www.britz.com.au or phone 00 800 200 808 (international toll free)
Wicked Campers visit www.wickedcampers.com.au or phone +61 7 3634 9000

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