

# 14 DAY ESSENCE OF THE OUTBACK

DESTINATIONS

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CAIRNS

# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Destination	Cairns
Meals included	Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Be met on arrival in Cairns and transferred to your hotel. This evening, a relaxed welcome dinner provides the perfect opportunity for you to meet your fellow travellers.

## DAY 2

Destination	Cairns 🚗 Woodleigh Station 🚗 Undara
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Travel to the authentic cattle station of Woodleigh Station for lunch, which has been family-owned for five generations. Continue to Undara Volcanic National Park and set out on a guided discovery of the intriguing lava tubes. The mysterious lava tubes and caves are the result of a massive volcanic eruption that occurred 190,000 years ago. The Undara tubes are some of the longest in the world, and are home to a unique array of native Australian plants and animals.

**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE** Embark on the Archway Explorer tour through the mysterious Undara Lava Tubes.

## DAY 3

Destination	Uundara 🚗 Karumba
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today, set off on the legendary Gulflander Train, originally built to connect the once bustling river port of Normanton with the gold fields of Croydon. This nostalgic rail journey is the perfect way to discover an area rich in pioneering history and heritage. From grasslands and wetlands to barren Savannah territory, the Gulflander travels through countryside rarely seen by the average traveller.

**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE** Travel to Karumba and tuck into fresh local prawns as you watch the sunset over the Gulf of Carpentaria

## DAY 4

Destination	Karumba 🚗 Mount Isa
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Set off for Mt Isa, commonly referred to as the 'oasis of the outback'. En route, stop to see the Purple Pub, one of the most iconic hotels in the north of Australia.

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### DAY 5

Destination	Mount Isa
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Located on the banks of the Leichhardt River, Mt Isa is a melting pot of culture and industry. A tour of Hard Times Mine reveals its history as you enter the Alimak Cage with your guide and descend into the mine. Feel the earth tremble and cover your ears as you have a go at using the air-leg drill.

### DAY 6

Destination	Mount Isa 🚗 Cloncurry 🚗 Winton
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Embark on a drive to the outback town of Cloncurry. After some time here, visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre – the first museum in the world dedicated to a song, which also includes a nostalgic light and sound show in the Billabong Theatre. Later, arrive in Winton in time for dinner.

### DAY 7

Destination	Winton 🚗 Lark Quarry 🚗 Longreach
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Travel to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs exhibition and enjoy a Signature Experience. Continue to Lark Quarry to visit the Dinosaur Track-ways exhibit, known as one of the most concentrated set of dinosaur footprints in the world.

### DAY 8

Destination	Longreach
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Visit the Qantas Founders Outback Museum, an award-winning museum that tells the story of Qantas through interactive exhibits and original and replica aircraft. Then head to the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre, dedicated to the custodians of the bush and Australia's pioneering history.

### DAY 9

Destination	Longreach 🚗 Carnarvon National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Set off for Carnarvon National Park. Along the way, stop at the famed Tree of Knowledge, known as the founding site of the political movement that helped to create the Australian Labor Party. Arrive in Carnarvon Gorge, set beneath a canopy of gum trees.

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### DAY 10

Destination	Carnarvon National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

During a half day exploration, take in the landscapes of Carnarvon National Park, including a scenic helicopter flight over the spectacular Carnarvon Gorge. admire its soaring sandstone cliffs, vibrantly coloured gorges and diverse wildlife.

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Destination	Carnarvon National Park 🚗 Minerva Hills National Park 🚗 Emerald
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

View Minerva Hills National Park, keeping an eye out for eastern grey kangaroos, wallaroos and wallabies. Afterwards, continue on to Emerald. Established in 1879 as a base for building the western railway, the town is a gateway to the Sapphire Gemfields.

### DAY 12

Destination	Emerald 🚗 Charters Towers
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Travel to Charters Towers today. Established as a gold rush town in 1871, it quickly grew to become the second-largest town in Queensland. Admire its heritage buildings on your way to the Heritage Lodge Motel.

### DAY 13

Destination	Charters Towers 🚗 Paronella Park 🚗 Cairns
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

On the way back to Cairns, stop at the stunning Paronella Park on the banks of the pristine Mena Creek. Home to 13 acres of lush Australian rainforest and heritage gardens, this unique and eco-friendly attraction also features a Spanish-inspired castle. After some time exploring these beautiful grounds, continue on to the five-star Shangri-La Hotel, The Marina for a Farewell Dinner.

### DAY 14

Destination	Cairns
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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Your holiday comes to an end after a final breakfast this morning. Bid farewell to your Tour Director, Driver-Guide and new-found friends before being transferred to the airport for your onward flight home.

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### Inclusions

#### WHATS INCLUDED

Experiences in 16 destinations  
Locally inspired dining - a total of 38 meals  
Expert APT tour director and driver  
Airport transfers, port charges and park fees

### Fine Print

#### EXCLUSIONS

Airfares  
Personal Expenses  
Travel Insurance  
Optional activities  
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

#### OPTIONAL TOURS

None

#### HOTEL LIST

#### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

##### Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$500AUD deposit per person.

Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1659 per person within 28 days.

You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

##### Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)  
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected  
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests

Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab

Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)

Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking

Your position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur.

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

#### Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$1600 subject to availability.

#### Triple Share

Not available.

#### Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

#### Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.