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10 Days/9 Nights with Brian and Mary

Tour Date Thursday 2-Saturday 11 September 2021

Tour Inclusions:

- Pick up from your home, transport to Longreach and return to your door step
- (Sydney Metropolitan area only)
- Luxury Coach Travel, Seatbelts and Restroom
- All fully cooked breakfasts
- Three Course Dinners with Choices at the Motel, except where stated
- Nine nights quality accommodation, Minimum 3 stars twin share
- First Class Sleeper Cabin on the Spirit of the Outback Train
- All entry fees and guides as per itinerary
- Escorted tour

Tour Highlights:

Roxy Theatre, Bingara, Moree, The Unique Egg, St George, Cobb & Co Changing Station Museum, Charleville, Steiger Guns, Tambo Teddies, Barcoo Hotel, Blackall Woolscour, Barcardine, Tree of Knowledge, QANTAS Founders Museum, Outback Pioneers Station Store, Old Time Tent Show, Stockman's Hall of Fame, Outback Stockman's Dinner Show, Nogo Station, Sunset Cruise, Thomson River, Starlight's Spectacular Sound & Light Picture Show, The Australian Age of Dinosaurs, North Gregory Hotel, Spirit of the Outback Train, Caboolture, Yatala Pies, and more....

Tour Fee including GST:	Members	\$3,864.00 per person twin share
	Non Members	\$3,904.00 per person twin share
	Single Supplement	\$549.00

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Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice

The Itinerary

Day 1 Thursday 2 September 2021: Home – Tamworth

Lunch & Dinner

We pick you up from home this morning make our way north to Kurri Kurri where we stop for lunch at the Kurri Kurri Bowling Club. This afternoon our journey takes us through Muswellbrook and Scone, to arrive in Tamworth and chich into our motel before dinner.

Tamworth Motor Inn 02 6765 4633

Day 2 Friday 3 September 2021: Tamworth to St George

Breakfast, M/tea, Lunch & Dinner

We farewell our hosts and depart Tamworth. We take a step back in time with a stop at the **Roxy Theatre** in the small town of **Bingara**. Here we have morning tea and a tour of the art deco architecture and contains the original fixtures and fittings, including the ornate stucco plaster, paintwork and coloured lights from 1936. Next we head to **Moree** for lunch at the **Amaroo Tavern**. We cross the border and travel to **St. George** where on arrival we visit **The Unique Egg**. This is a genuinely impressive and interesting collection of hand-carved emu eggs, illuminated from within. Created by Steve Margaritis over a period of more than 40 years, they have been displayed at World Expos but are on permanent display in a sports store in St. George. Next, we check into our motel for the night and have some free time before dinner in the restaurant.

Merino Motor Inn, St George: 07 4625 3333

Day 3 Saturday 4 September 2021 St George to Charleville

Breakfast , M/tea, Lunch & Dinner

Our touring this morning takes us north to the small town of Surat and we stop at the **Cobb & Co Changing Station Museum**. The Museum is built on the original site of the Cobb Co Store – and the drop off point for coach passengers and goods. We have morning tea and a self-guided tour through the museum before we head into Roma for a self-guided tour and lunch at the **Big Rig Museum**. The outdoor museum tells the story of the formation of gas in coal reserves and the first oil discovery in Roma. This afternoon we arrive in **Charleville** and take a driving guided tour around town with a local guide. We look at the Steiger Guns, a bizarre piece of Western Queensland history. It is one of ten guns used by the Queensland Government in 1902 to try and induce a rain deluge and thus break the drought, which had been going on since 1896. The guns had been designed to send blasts of air into the atmosphere filled with gunpowder and unfortunately like many good ideas this just never worked and the rains never eventuated.

Waltzing Matilda Motel, Charleville: 07 4654 1720

Breakfast, M/tea, Lunch & Dinner

Day 4 Sunday 5 September 2021 Charleville to Longreach

We have an early start today, as it's off to Tambo to visit **Tambo Teddies** for morning tea and a tour. Stitched with love, we see and hear how these teddy bears were originally created. Blackall's local and legendary gun shearer Jackie Howe set the almost unbelievable record of shearing 321 sheep with blade shears in a day, and a bronze statue now stands as a monument to him and his achievement. Lunch today is at the **Barcoo Hotel**, then we visit the **Blackall Woolscour** for a guided tour. This afternoon we start making our way to Longreach and stop briefly in **Barcaldine**, a town steeped in the history of the early pioneers' struggles and the evolution of Australia as a Nation. See the "Tree of Knowledge" next to the **Barcaldine Railway Station**, which marks the spot where the Australian Labour Party was formed. From Barcaldine we travel through Ilfracombe and then arrive in Longreach, where we check into our hotel for the next three nights.

Albert Park Motor Inn, Longreach: 07 4658 2411

Day 5 Sunday 6 September 2021 Longreach

Breakfast, Lunch, A/tea & Dinner

Today we uncover some national treasures as we will be visiting the **QANTAS Founders Museum**. The Museum tells the story of Qantas from the early days in Outback Queensland to present day. Displays focus on the founding figures of Qantas, life in Outback Queensland in the 1920s, and the advancement and impact of aviation in Australia, and the world. Included in our visit is a guided tour of the Boeing 747, 707 and DC-3

aircrafts showing you features such as the Lavatory Service Hatch, Traffic Collision Avoidance System, Flight Recorders (the Black Box) and many other systems, all explained in layman's term. Next, we step back in time at the **Outback Pioneers Station Store** and experience the Harry Redford **Old Time Tent Show** with our Billy Can lunch and afternoon tea. Based on the traditional outback travelling shows, it's hard not to be charmed by the simple delights of bush theatre. The Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show tells a fictional story set in the time of Harry Redford (Captain Starlight) and refers to his infamous adventures. Take some time to look through the local shops before going to the **Stockman's Hall of Fame**. Here we have a self-guided tour to see outback antiques, videos that make use of modern technology to tell old stories, an 1866 settlers hut with all the stockman paraphernalia on show. It is also our **dinner venue**, as we experience the **Outback Stockman's Dinner Show** to learn all about the quintessential Australian character whilst enjoying a gourmet outback **BBQ buffet dinner**. This is an exciting show of horsemanship and showcasing of traditional Australian Stockman skills that are still used today. After the show and dinner we return to our motel.

Day 6 Monday 7 September 2021 Nogo Station

Breakfast, M/tea, Dinner

We commence our day's touring with a driving guided tour of **Longreach** with a local guide and then make our way to **Nogo Station** which was once part of Bowen Downs. Inside the historic shearing shed, we meet a champion shearer, who will demonstrate their skills and introduce you to the world of the legendary shearers who helped build Australia's prosperity. Next, we board a double-decker safari style coach for a spectacular tour of the vast plains where wedge-tailed eagles fly and local wildlife mingles with iconic cattle breeds, stock-horses and the famous merino sheep. We stop at a typical outback billabong where Captain's Starlight's camp has been recreated and see the ruins of his stockyards, which have been here over a century. Back at the homestead, you'll soak in the station's history as you explore some of the rooms and sense what life would have been like here in the pioneering past. Learn about women of the homestead, see where Abigail creates her **Abigail's Outback Kitchen** range and taste some of the treats for yourself at the country-style 'smoko' (morning tea)! Returning to town we have some free time to look through the **Station Store** before returning to our hotel for some free time. This evening we'll enjoy a gentle **sunset cruise** down the majestic **Thomson River**, before going ashore for a traditional stockman's **camp-fire dinner**. This is the real outback experience with inspiring and humorous traditional entertainment. Next, the bush is illuminated by the **Starlight's Spectacular Sound & Light Picture Show** – a unique big-screen presentation featuring the amazing adventures of the notorious cattle thief known as 'Captain Starlight'. Finally, in the atmospheric surroundings of the bush at night, we enjoy the timeless favourite – billy tea and damper, before heading back to our motel.

Day 7 Tuesday 8 September 2021 The Australian Age of Dinosaurs Breakfast, M/tea, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast we will see some dramatic and ever-changing scenery as we make our way to **Winton**. The area was once home to dinosaurs and is full of ground breaking scientific discoveries and archaeological digs. Today enjoy Morning Tea and a guided tour and have the opportunity to learn about this prehistoric phenomenon. **The Australian Age of Dinosaurs** is located on top of the "jump up" – a rugged mesa plateau formation that stands 75 meters above the surrounding plains. The centre hosts the largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils and the largest fossil preparation laboratory in the southern hemisphere. It was in the Winton area that Banjo Paterson wrote his famous poem about the swagman and the jolly jumbuck and "Waltzing Matilda". It was first heard in the **North Gregory Hotel** and this will be our lunch venue today. Next, we head to the **Waltzing Matilda Centre** for a self guided tour through the museum. Tragically, it was burnt to the ground in 2015 and luckily for us, it has re-opened and is now a world class museum and art gallery with displays focusing on the Australian landscape, channel country, the women of the homesteads and livestock/wool industries of the outback. It is then a short drive to our Motel with time to relax before dinner in the restaurant

Boulder Opal Motor Inn, Winton: 07 4657 1211

Day 8 Wednesday 9 September 2021 Spirit of the Outback Train

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

We have an early breakfast and make our way to the **Longreach Railway Station** where we depart on the **Spirit of the Outback** train. From the comfort of our seat, watch as the scenery morphs into rugged terrain as

the train takes us on the 1,300 km journey from Longreach to Brisbane. The train offers a unique insight into the history and culture of early Australia, combined with interesting commentary, a social atmosphere and an authentic dining experience. The daylight journey will allow us to enjoy the magical colours and landscape of Outback Queensland as the train snakes its way across the top of the Drummond Range to then arrive into Rockhampton whilst darkness falls. Whilst on the train we enjoy First Class Sleeper Cabin including Lunch, dinner and breakfast the next day.

Spirit of the Outback Train: 07 4657 1211

Day 9 Thursday 10 September 2021 Caboolture to Coffs Harbour **Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Waking to the clickety clack of our train travelling along the coast, we enjoy breakfast onboard the train. Late morning, Brian will be waiting for us at the **Caboolture Train Station** and we re-board the coach and make our way past Brisbane to our lunch stop at **Yatala Pies** for a light lunch. Crossing the border at Tweed Heads we re-enter New South Wales and make our way to Coffs Harbour for our final night's accommodation for the tour.

Country 2 Coast Motor Inn, Coffs Harbour: PH: 02 6652 8222

Day 10 Sunday 11 September 2021 Coffs to Home **Breakfast**

We have had a fantastic time discovering Outback Queensland – it's now time to head back home. Re-tracing our steps south along the Pacific Highway today we make several stops along the way. Arriving home later in the afternoon, we say goodbye at your door after completing a sensational 10 day tour.

