



Cobbold Gorge guided cruise

15 DAYS
ESCORTED
TOUR

CENTRAL WEST, GULF AND SAVANNAH SAFARI

Showcasing two iconic Outback Rail Journeys

PHYSICAL RATING



The Gulflander Rail Journey

Carnarvon Gorge Moss Garden waterfall

TOUR OVERVIEW & INCLUSIONS

- Luxury 'Gold Class' coach ex Brisbane
- 1 night Roma
- 2 nights Springsure
- Guided walks of stunning Carnarvon Gorge
- 20 min helicopter flight over the escarpment
- 3 nights Longreach; The Gemfields
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Outback Stockman's Show
- Drover's Sunset Cruise
- Qantas Founders Museum and jet tour
- Camden Park Station
- The Australian Age of Dinosaurs
- Walkabout Creek Hotel
- 2 nights Cloncurry
- John Flynn Place; Mount Isa mine tour
- 2 nights Karumba
- Barramundi Discovery Centre
- Sand Island sunset dinner cruise
- Gulflander rail journey
- Ted Elliott Mineral Collection
- 2 nights Cobbold Gorge
- Cobbold Gorge cruise with Savannah guide
- Savannahlander rail journey; Copperfield Gorge
- 1 night Undara Lava Tubes and guided tour
- 1 night Cairns; transfers to Cairns Airport
- One-way economy flight ex Cairns to Brisbane, Sydney or Melbourne
- 42 meals

PRE TOUR EXTENDER OPTION

1 additional day (TOTAL 16 DAY TOUR)

- One way economy class flight ex Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide to Brisbane
- 1 additional night bed & breakfast pre-tour at Sofitel Brisbane Central
- One way Airtrain ticket ex Brisbane Domestic Terminal to Central Station

Plus \$475pp Twin Share
Plus \$544 Sole Use

Subject to availability - some block out dates apply. Prices are subject to change without notice



PLEASE NOTE: PHYSICAL RATING

This tour carries a strict fitness level.
Please carefully read the
Terms & Conditions on Page 3

DAY 1 Sunday (MT,L,D)

Departing on our luxury 'Gold Class' coach from **Brisbane Transit Centre** on Roma Street, we travel through the **Lockyer Valley**, arriving at **Picnic Point Toowoomba**. We continue on through **Dalby**, breaking for lunch at **Chinchilla**, then make our way to **Roma**.

1 Night Stay: Explorers Inn, Roma ★★★★★

DAY 2 Monday (B,MT,L,D)



Departing **Roma** we arrive at **Carnarvon Gorge National Park**, a spectacular oasis hidden in the rugged ranges of **Queensland's Central Highlands** featuring towering sandstone cliffs, diverse **flora and fauna** and **Aboriginal rock art**. This afternoon we take a **20-minute scenic helicopter flight**, which gives a birds-eye view of the sandstone cliffs and picturesque gorges.

2 Night Stay: Springsure Overlander Hotel ★★★★★

DAY 3 Tuesday (B,L,D)



Today we travel back to **Carnarvon Gorge Wilderness Park** to join our **nature guide** for a range of wilderness **walking tours**. Discover many shades of green on the **moss garden walk**, offering a rich mosaic of mosses, ferns and lichens. Here, the microclimate sustains a lush rainforest environment.

DAY 4 Wednesday (B,L,D)

Starting early we leave **Springsure** and make our way 'Outback' to **Longreach**. We travel via the coal mining town of **Emerald**, breaking at **The Gemfields** for lunch. We arrive into **Longreach** late in the afternoon.

3 Night Stay: Longreach Motor Inn, Longreach ★★★★★

DAY 5 Thursday (B,L,D)



This morning be inspired by the Australian outback and the stories of the people who shaped our nation. Many are given tribute when we visit the famous **Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame** where bush history slides up close to you with tales of bushrangers, shearers, stockmen and drovers. The highlight of our visit here is the **Outback Stockman's Show** which tells the story of real life stockmen and women who work on the land and is a highly professional show featuring trick horses and dogs. Tonight we dine out on the **Drover's Sunset Cruise**, followed by a **camp oven themed dinner and show**.

DAY 6 Friday (B,L,D) [Icons] GGP

Discover the **Qantas Founders Museum** and uncover national treasures such as the historic **1922 Qantas hangar**, photographs, memorabilia and multi-media displays that bring alive the inspirational stories of one of the world's pioneering airlines. We then take a guided **tour of the 747 and 707 jets**. Time to freshen up at the hotel before heading out to **Camden Park Station** to learn about life on the land with the Walker family which dates back over 3 generations. See the 100 year old shearing shed and historical homestead visited by the Queen in 1970, and enjoy sunset nibbles.

DAY 7 Saturday (B,L,D) [Icons]

We head to **Winton** and into the majestic mesa country to the **Australian Age of Dinosaurs**, the world's largest collection of unique Australian dinosaur fossils and the most productive fossil preparation lab in the southern hemisphere.

After lunch we travel through **Kynuna** and on to the **Walkabout Creek Hotel** - famous for being recognised as the pub in the Paul Hogan movie '**Crocodile Dundee**'. We finish our day upon our arrival into **Cloncurry**.

2 Night Stay: Gidgee Inn Motel, Cloncurry ★★★★★

DAY 8 Sunday (B,L,D) [Icons]

Travelling west to **Mount Isa** we get adventurous at the **Hard Times Mine**, taking a tour with an **experienced miner guide**. Kitted-out in overalls and cap lamps we descend into the mine to explore the history of mining. On returning to **Cloncurry** we learn about the **RFDS** with a visit to **John Flynn Place**.

DAY 9 Monday (B,L,D) [Icons]

We travel north to **Burke & Wills Roadhouse** for a break before continuing on to **Karumba**. We check-in to the only absolute beachfront motel in the **Gulf of Carpentaria**. Tonight enjoy pre-dinner drinks and nibbles overlooking the **Gulf Sunset**.

2 Night Stay: End of the Road Hotel or Karumba Lodge, Karumba ★★★★★

DAY 10 Tuesday (B,L,D)

Visit the **Barramundi Discovery Centre** and learn about the live breeding program. This afternoon we take the ultimate **Karumba** experience aboard the **Sand Island sunset dinner cruise**. Soak up another sunset over the **Gulf of Carpentaria** feasting on gulf prawns, tropical fruit platter, nibble platter, beer, wine and bubbly.

DAY 11 Wednesday (B,L,D)

Board the **Gulflander** and take a scenic journey through the **Gulf Savannah Bushland**, stopping at **Critters Camp**

to rejoin the coach. We then travel to **Croydon**, taking time to explore the old gold-mining heritage. Back on the track, we make our way to **Georgetown** to visit the **Ted Elliott Mineral Collection**. Depart **Georgetown** for **Cobbold Gorge** on **Robin Hood Station**.

2 Night Stay: Cobbold Gorge Village ★★★★★

DAY 12 Thursday (B,L,D) [Icons]

This morning relax and be mesmerised on a cruise of **Cobbold Gorge**. Enjoy an optional short walk into the escarpment.

DAY 13 Friday (B,L,D) [Icons]

Departing **Cobbold Gorge** we arrive at **Forsyth** to join the **Savannahlander rail journey** to **Einasleigh** to explore the **Copperfield Gorge** and enjoy lunch. We re-board the train and travel to **Mount Surprise**, then transfer by coach to **Undara Lava Tubes**, checking-in to beautifully restored turn of the century railway carriages. The carriages are set along the original **Cobb & Co coach road** under the shade of tall trees and Australian native wildlife.

1 Night Stay: Undara Lava Tubes, Mount Surprise ★★★★★

DAY 14 Saturday (B,L,D) [Icons]

Join a local **Savannah guide** for a tour of the **Undara Lava Tubes**. Formed over 190,000 years ago from violent seismic action and frozen in time, these lava tubes are part of the longest lava flow from a single volcanic crater in modern geological time. Our afternoon takes us travelling via the scenic **Atherton Tablelands**, arriving in **Cairns**.

1 Night Stay: Hilton Cairns OR Shangri-La Hotel, Cairns ★★★★★

DAY 15 Sunday (B) [Icons]

After breakfast enjoy a free morning before being transferred to the airport for return flights home.

DEPARTURE DATE 2020

13 September

TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Share \$6850
Sole Use \$7999

GGP OPTION

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Select the GGP option to help reduce pressures on our natural environment and get a reduced price of your tour.

SAVE: \$20PP TWIN SHARE OR \$40 SOLE USE

DEPOSIT

Non-refundable deposit of \$800pp required within 14 days of making booking to secure your reservation.

N.B. This package is subject to an additional levy for air/coach component that may be imposed and is out of Fun Over Fifty's control.

Flights are arranged to suit the tour as a group in advance, therefore we cannot book individual preferences or guarantee direct flights.

INCLUDED MEALS

B = Full Breakfast **MT** = Morning Tea **L** = Lunch
AT = Afternoon Tea **D** = Two Course Dinner



Sunset drinks at Karumba, Gulf of Carpentaria