

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- \* Charlotte Plains Station
- \* Old Thargomindah Hospital & Jail
- \* Artesian Hydro Power Plant
- \* Noccundra Hotel & The Dig Tree
- \* Cooper Creek Cruise
- Strzelecki Track & Cameron Corner
- \* Silver City Mint & Art Gallery
- ★ Pro Hart Gallery & The Living Desert

## DAY 1 HOME - ROMA

Sunday 7th June: We have a fabulous 13 days exploring the corner country of Outback QLD, SA and NSW. Today is a travel day – sit back, enjoy the changing landscape, and get to know fellow adventurers. With stops enroute, we arrive late afternoon in Roma for our overnight stay.

Accom: Roma Explorers Inn (D)

#### DAY 2 ROMA - CUNNAMULLA

Monday 8th June: An early start takes us to Charlotte Plains, a family-owned sheep station dating to the 1860s. Owner Robyn Russell joins us for a guided tour, showcasing Merino, Dohne and Aussie White sheep. Highlights include the 561m Great Artesian Basin bore and historic woolshed, before a relaxed lunch on the homestead verandah. After experiencing genuine outback hospitality, we travel a short distance to our accommodation to settle in for the evening.

Accom: Oxford Hotel (BLD)

#### DAY 3 CUNNAMULLA - THARGOMINDAH

Tuesday 9th June: This morning we travel to Eulo, visiting the Eulo Queen Opal Centre with opals from Koroit, Yowah and Duck Creek fields. Lunch follows at the Eulo Queen Hotel, named after Isobel Gray, the colourful "Eulo Queen" famed for her ventures and jewellery. We then continue to Thargomindah on the Bulloo River in Channel Country. Once reliant on sheep and wool, its economy now includes petroleum and gas. Notably, it was Australia's first town, and the world's third, to generate hydro-electric street lighting using Artesian Basin water pressure.

Accom: Thargomindah Oasis Motel (BLD)

## DAY 4 THARGOMINDAH

Wednesday 10th June: After breakfast, a local guide shares stories on a town tour, including the Old Jail and Old Thargomindah Hospital with holographic and interactive displays. We also see a demonstration of the Artesian Hydro Power Plant. This afternoon is free to relax – perhaps read a book or chat with locals. Later, we gather on the viewing deck for a spectacular outback sunset before dinner.

Accom: Thargomindah Oasis Motel (BPLD)

# DAY 5 THARGOMINDAH - INNAMINCKA

Thursday 11th June: Following breakfast we make our way to the historic Noccundra Hotel for our morning stop. This is the only surviving building in the historic township of Noccundra. The hotel was built from locally quarried sandstone and transported to Noccundra by camel train. Stopping throughout our outback drive to enjoy our picnic lunches, later today we arrive at the famous Dig Tree. This is the

site of the cache of food left for the starving members of the South-North transcontinental expedition. Joining the Adventure Way, we'll cross over the border which takes us into Innamincka. The Innamincka region is best known historically because of its association with the tragedy of Burke and Wills expedition but more recently it has become identified as a gas and oil area.

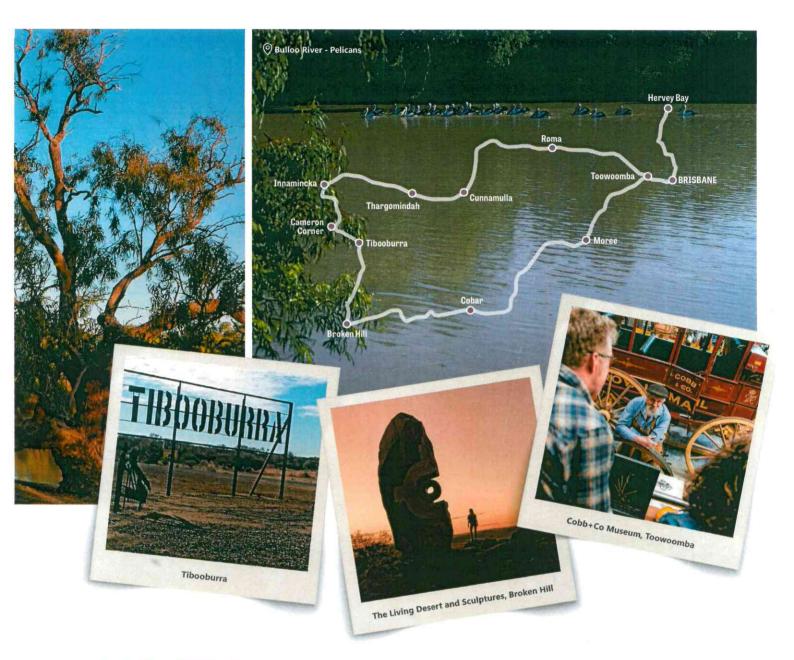
Accom: Innamincka Hotel Motel (BPLD)

# DAY'6 INNAMINCKA

Friday 12th June: Today we explore Innamincka, beginning with a one-hour cruise along Cooper Creek to enjoy birdlife and diverse plant species. At Kings Marker, our coach awaits to continue the tour on land. Innamincka's history is tied to the ill-fated Burke and Wills expedition, whose attempt to return south after crossing the continent ended in tragedy. The town never grew beyond thirty residents, yet monuments nearby mark the sites of John O'Hara Burke's death to the east and William Wills' death a few kilometres west. Accom: Innamincka Hotel Motel (BD)

#### DAY 7 INNAMINCKA - TIBOOBURRA

Saturday 13th June: We travel part of the Strzelecki Track, once one of the driest routes for cattle to Adelaide, today used mainly for Moomba gasfield supplies. Turning off towards Cameron Corner – the junction of NSW, SA and QLD – we see its permanent marker and the wild dog fence marking the borders. Entering Sturt National Park's 344,000 hectares of outback terrain, we continue to Tibooburra, NSW's hottest and most isolated town. We check into our motel and settle in for dinner. Accom: Family Hotel Motel (BPLD)



# DAY 8 TIBOOBURRA - BROKEN HILL

Sunday 14th June: This morning we head south to Milparinka to view remnants of the old mining town before stopping at Packsaddle Roadhouse on the Silver City Highway. Continuing to Broken Hill, we lunch at The Palace Hotel, famous for its murals and colourful history. Our afternoon includes the Sulphide Street Railway & Historical Museum in the 1905 station, with exhibits from the Silverton Tramway Company, Migrant Heritage Museum and Hospital Museum. We finish at the Geo Centre, where minerals, gems and artefacts highlight Broken Hill's rich mining past.

Accom: Desert Sand Motor Inn (BLD)

# DAY 9 BROKEN HILL

Monday 15th June: We start at Silver City Mint & Art Gallery with a self-guided tour of The Big Picture, an enormous acrylic capturing vast skies, red earth and riverbeds leading to the Flinders Ranges. Next is the Royal Flying Doctor Base at Broken Hill Airport, where a guided tour reveals the facility in action alongside historic photos and equipment. After lunch, we visit the Pro Hart Gallery, showcasing his sketches, landscapes and narrative works. Our day ends at the Living Desert, where twelve sandstone sculptures crown the Barrier

Ranges hilltop, each with its own story, crafted by leading international artists.

Accom: Desert Sand Motor Inn (BD)

## DAY 10 BROKEN HILL - COBAR

Tuesday 16th June: We enjoy a leisurely start, travelling to Wilcannia on the Darling River – once home to legends, poets Henry Lawson / Will Ogilvie / Breaker Morant, and the famed Light Horsemen of WWI. Stopping along the way for picnic lunches, we continue to Cobar for our overnight stay.

Accom: Copper City Motel Cobar (BPLD)

## DAY 11 COBAR - MOREE

Wednesday 17th June: Today is mostly travel, with stops en-route via Nyngan to the Walgett RSL Memorial Club for lunch. We then continue to Moree for our overnight stay. Our motel features an artesian spa, with soothing hot waters drawn from the Great Artesian Basin – perfect for easing aches or simply relaxing. Accom: Artesian Spa Motor Inn (BLD)

#### DAY 12 MOREE - TOOWOOMBA

Thursday 18th June: Leaving Moree, we visit Coolmunda Organic Olives near Inglewood – Queensland's olive-growing capital – for a guided tour, tastings and lunch. Known for organic, flavourful produce, the region's climate yields plump, juicy olives. We then continue to Toowoomba, arriving at Queens Park and the Botanical Gardens, showcasing English-style designs and century-old stately trees.

Accom: Platinum International (BLD)

## DAY 13 TOOWOOMBA - HOME

Friday 19th June: After breakfast and checkout, we visit Toowoomba's Cobb+Co Museum, tracing the history of horse-drawn transport in Australia, and enjoy morning tea. We then head home, stopping for lunch at Ipswich Jets Leagues Club, arriving later with lasting memories of our outback journey and the people we met along the way. (BL)

Note: We guarantee single rooms wherever possible, but twin share may be required at properties with limited availability.

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Past Passenger:	\$7,155
Single Supplement:	\$1,410

#### **TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR 2026**

DEPOSIT: Unless otherwise stated, a deposit of \$350 per person is payable within seven days of booking. A deposit of \$600 is required for Early Bird discount. Final payment is due 50 days prior to departure unless otherwise advised.

CANCELLATIONS: The above amount will be deducted from your fare according to notice given plus any non-refundable tickets or airfares. No refund is payable once your tour has commenced. Please note: if booking through a travel agent please check the agent's cancellation policy as extra charges may apply. Cancellation fee is per person.

Days	50 days	49 days –	35 days
Notice	or more	36 days	or less
% of fare	\$100 admin fee (plus any non- refundable costs)	\$350 (plus any non- refundable costs)	100%

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We STRONGLY ADVISE passengers to take out travel insurance to cover for health, baggage and personal effects, loss of monies through cancellation, additional expenses incurred through illness and early departure from a tour.

LUGGAGE LIMITS: Luggage space is limited onboard our coaches. Each passenger is entitled to take one suitcase, the size of which is not to exceed 75cm(H) x 47cm(W) x 31cm(D), and the weight limit is 20 kilos. Please ensure your luggage complies with the size and weight limit and you yourself can manage the bags. Personal items should be carried in a travel bag.

CLOTHING: Pack a wash 'n' wear wardrobe of casual, comfortable clothing with some warmer clothes for evenings. Include a jacket, walking shoes, hat, swimsuit, towel, light raincoat, torch, and a special outfit.

PASSENGER SEATING: A compulsory seat rotation policy is employed (for longer tours), and there are no exceptions to this policy. While Down Under Coach Tours makes every effort to accommodate the special requirements of our passengers in fairness to other travellers, we request that all travellers participate in the seat rotation.

DAILY ROUTINE: Breakfast is usually 7.00 or 7.30am. Generally, your coach will be ready to leave at 7.45 to 8.00am. You will have many opportunities to stop for photographs during the day. Depending on the day's activities, you will arrive at your accommodation between 5.00 to 5.30pm. Dinner is usually 6.30 pm, allowing time for a rest and to freshen up before dinner.

MEDICAL & DIETARY: Passengers accept that it is their responsibility to ensure that their health is in a state which allows them to enjoy the tours and successfully complete activities that the tour offers. We require all passengers to complete our Booking Form truthfully and accurately with regard

to their medical/physical condition. It is essential for you to address any medical conditions / dietary requirements with us at the time of booking.

SPECIAL NEEDS: A reasonable level of physical and mental health and fitness is required on all of our tours. We recommend that you visit your doctor to confirm that you are physically able to undertake the day-to-day requirements of the tour. Persons with limited mobility or those unable to adequately care for themselves are required to be accompanied by a carer. In particular, hostesses, tour guides, coach captains, and your fellow passengers will not act as assistants or carers in these circumstances. Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to refuse to carry passengers requiring assistance who are not accompanied by a carer.

ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR: No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition, in the opinion of any representative of the company, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any reason.

CONDITIONS AND LIMITS OF LIABILITY: The conditions and terms of liability on which these tours operate are detailed as follows:

- 1) Down Under Coach Tours finalises all arrangements for these tours upon the express condition that they cannot accept responsibility or liability for any delays, accidents, injury or damage caused by the airlines, rail, express coaches or any other service the company acts as agents on behalf of or arising out of the provision of, or failure to provide these services.
- 2) Down Under Coach Tours have used information supplied to it by the providers of relevant tours and accommodation houses and have endeavoured to ensure the information contained is correct at the time of printing. Down Under Coach Tours can accept no responsibility for inaccuracy or mis-descriptions.
- 3) Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to alter or change the accommodation, carriers or coach at any time for any reason. Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to change or amend the tour itinerary should the occasion warrant and if it becomes necessary, due to adverse weather/road conditions or unforeseen circumstances. The coach crew retain the right to alter the itinerary in a manner which will benefit all concerned.
- 4) Down Under Coach Tours provide a Tour Leader subject to a minimum loading of 20 passengers. If the tour takes place with fewer than 20 passengers, the Coach Captain may take on both roles.
- 5) Departures are subject to a minimum number. In the event that a tour is cancelled by Down Under Tours due to low numbers, you will be notified prior to the final payment due date and any deposits paid will be refunded in full.

- 6) Down Under Coach Tours maintains strict standards of safety and reliability of vehicles at all times, however, in rare cases mechanical failure may occur. Passengers are assured that every effort is made to minimise any small inconvenience experienced, while we utilise the large network of repair facilities Australia wide.
- 7) Down Under Coach Tours can give no guarantee as to the exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used in the tour and cannot be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions.
- 8) Down Under Coach Tours will endeavour to contact clients in the event of industrial action affecting air, rail or other tour related transportation. However, if contact is not made passengers should phone the number listed below to finalise alternative arrangements.
- 9) Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to vary the advertised or printed price to cover any significant increases in airfare, rail fare, fuel price or other tour related costs.
- 10) Down Under Coach Tours accepts no responsibility for the suitability of the rooming partners allocated for single passengers willing to share accommodation. If a passenger regards the rooming partner to be unsuitable every effort will be made to arrange single accommodation for the duration of the tour with the additional costs being paid by the passenger.
- 11) Down Under Coach Tours takes all reasonable steps to ensure an enjoyable holiday experience and cannot accept liability for any loss of enjoyment whatsoever and howsoever experienced by the passengers.

## A DOOR TO DOOR SERVICE

A door to door service is offered to residents in the following areas:

Hervey Bay: within a 5km coastal strip from Pt Vernon to Urangan

Maryborough: within 5km radius from McDowell Car Park

Gympie: within 5km radius of GPO

Sunshine Coast: within 10km from one of the following designated pick up points – Cooroy, Eumundi, Forest Glen, Palmview, Caboolture/Burpengary.

Brisbane: within 30km radius of Brisbane Transit Centre.

Toowoomba & Ipswich: Door-to-Door service may be available from this area if tour travels in this direction – please check with your travel consultant.

The door to door service applies to tours of five days duration or more. For passengers requiring overnight accommodation to join or depart a tour, accommodation is an additional cost. For more details please enquire.

