

Step back into the golden era of pioneering Australia with an adventure steeped in history, laughter, and heart-pounding excitement! From the canyon-edge heights to Yulara's serene deserts – each vista tells a different story. These experiences blend landscape, light, history, and heritage into unforgettable memories.



22 Day | Outback Qld & Central Australia

DEPARTS SATURDAY 18TH JULY 2026

HIGHLIGHTS

- * Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- * Drover's Sunset Cruise with Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show
- * Australian Age of Dinosaurs & Waltzing Matilda Centre
- * Walkabout Creek Hotel & John Flynn Place
- * Hard Times Mine Tour at Outback At Isa
- * Karlu Karlu/Devil's Marbles
- * Simpson's Gap & Stanley Chasm
- * Kings Canyon & Uluru
- * Field of Light & Sounds of Silence Dinner
- * Uluru Base Tour & Kata Tjuta
- * Umoona Opal Mine and Museum
- * Silver City Mint and Art Centre

DAY 1 HOME – ROMA

Saturday 18th July: Welcome to the Outback Queensland & Central Australia tour. We arrive in Roma, the heart of beef country, late afternoon with time to check in and relax before dinner.

Accom: Roma Explorers Inn (D)

DAY 2 ROMA – LONGREACH

Sunday 19th July: After breakfast, we travel to Blackall to see the Howe monument and the famous "black stump". After a picnic lunch, we continue through Barcaldine to Longreach and settle into our motel for two nights.

Accom: Longreach Motor Inn (BPLD)

DAY 3 OUTBACK LEGENDS

Monday 20th July: We begin at Kinnon & Co, exploring the Station Store's leather goods and memorabilia before a restored stagecoach ride along the Longreach-Windorah mail route. Back at Kinnon & Co, we enjoy a "smoko" break and the "Harry Redford Old Time Tent

Show", with outback comedy, theatre, and a Billy Can lunch. Next is the Stockman's Hall of Fame, showcasing Outback pioneer history. The day ends with a sunset cruise on the Thomson River, followed by dinner and live entertainment at Smithy's Outback Dinner and Show under the stars.

Accom: Longreach Motor Inn (BLFD)

DAY 4 WINTON

Tuesday 21st July: We begin the day exploring Winton's open plains before visiting the Australian Age of Dinosaurs to see major fossil finds and the nation's largest collection. Later, we tour the rebuilt Waltzing Matilda Centre, celebrating the iconic song and Outback spirit. After a full day, we return to our accommodation.

Accom: Boulder Opal Motor Inn (BLD)

DAY 5 WINTON – MOUNT ISA

Wednesday 22nd July: After breakfast, we travel towards Cloncurry, stopping at Combo Waterhole, thought to be the setting for the billabong in Waltzing Matilda. Lunch is at McKinlay's Walkabout Creek Hotel, made famous by Crocodile Dundee. We then visit John Flynn Place in Cloncurry, honoring the Royal Flying Doctor Service founder, with its gallery, cultural centre, and RFDS Museum. We finish the day in Mount Isa.

Accom: Abacus Motel (BLD)

DAY 6 MOUNT ISA

Thursday 23rd July: Mount Isa, we begin at the Outback at Isa Complex with the Hard Times Mine Tour, going underground through 1.2 km of tunnels led by miners sharing insights into underground life. Above ground, we visit the Riversleigh Fossil Centre, explore gallery exhibits, and learn about Indigenous settlement, and mining history through audio-visual displays.

Accom: Abacus Motel (BLD)

DAY 7 MOUNT ISA – TENNANT CREEK

Friday 24th July: Today we cross into the Northern Territory, following the Barkly

Highway to its junction with the Stuart Highway near Tennant Creek, a former gold mining town. We check in to our accommodation on arrival.

Accom: Bluestone Motor Inn (BD)

DAY 8 TENNANT CREEK – ALICE SPRINGS

Saturday 25th July: Today we travel south, pausing at the iconic Devils Marbles – giant granite boulders scattered across a shallow valley. After taking in the views, we continue to Alice Springs and settle in for the next four nights.

Accom: Doubletree by Hilton (BPLD)

DAY 9 DAY AT LEISURE

Sunday 26th July: Today is at leisure to relax or explore. Unwind by the pool, shop, or join an optional day tour (own expense). In the evening, we gather to share stories and enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Accom: Doubletree by Hilton (BD)

DAY 10 ALICE SPRINGS

Monday 27th July: We begin with panoramic views of Alice Springs from Anzac Hill before visiting the School of the Air, supporting education in remote areas. Next is the Old Telegraph Station, highlighting the history of Australia's early communications, and the Royal Flying Doctor Service, showcasing vital remote healthcare. In the evening, we enjoy a unique dining experience at Earth Sanctuary, with music, entertainment, and Dreamtime stories. A truly unforgettable day!

Accom: Doubletree by Hilton (BLFD)

DAY 11 ALICE SPRINGS

Tuesday 28th July: A great day is in store as we explore the impressive Western MacDonnell Ranges. We stop at Simpsons Gap to see the soaring cliffs and enduring water hole before travelling to see the towering walls of Standley Chasm. Admire the glow from the reflecting sunlight to create a breath-taking display of colour. We return to Alice Springs where we spend some time immersing ourselves in

the cultural and heritage of Central Australia through visual and performing art at the Araluen Cultural Precinct and Art Centre.
Accom: Doubletree by Hilton (BD)

DAY 12 ALICE SPRINGS – KINGS CANYON

Wednesday 29th July: This morning we farewell Alice Springs, heading south before turning west at Erldunda for lunch at Mt Ebenezer Roadhouse. Our day ends at Kings Canyon in Watarrka National Park. In the evening, we experience Bruce Munro's light installation – 69 two-metre towers made of glass bottles with solar-powered fibre optics that shift colours to music, creating an immersive visual and auditory spectacle. A magical end to the day!

Accom: Kings Canyon Resort (BLD)

DAY 13 KINGS CANYON to ULURU

Thursday 30th July: We begin with a walk through Kings Canyon – the adventurous may tackle the Ridge Top Walk, while others enjoy an easier Canyon floor walk. After a light lunch at Kings Creek Station, we travel west towards Uluru, passing Mt Conner en-route, and check into our Yulara accommodation.

In the evening, we experience the Field of Lights – 50,000 illuminated stems with frosted-glass spheres glowing against Uluru at night. Before the lights, we enjoy sunset drinks and canapés with views of the rock, followed by dinner and a Didgeridoo performance. A magical experience!

Accom: Desert Gardens Hotel (BLFD)

DAY 14 ULURU & KATA TJUTA

Friday 31st July: Early risers may depart by coach for the Sunrise Viewing Area, while others enjoy breakfast at the resort. Mid-morning, we return to Uluru for a base tour, including the Mutitjulu Waterhole, and a visit to the Cultural Centre with time for lunch. In the afternoon, we travel to Kata Tjuta, the "place of many domes," pausing at the Valley of the Winds lookout before returning to Ayers Rock Resort. This evening we enjoy the Wintjiri Wiru Sunset Dinner. From an open-air desert theatre on a dune top, we indulge in a gourmet dinner hamper blending native ingredients with modern cuisine. As darkness falls, the Mala story unfolds through drones, lasers, and projections – a modern retelling of an ancient Anangu tradition.

Accom: Desert Gardens Hotel (BD)

DAY 15 YULARA – COOBER PEDY

Saturday 1st August: Today we travel south along the Stuart Highway to Coober Pedy, the famous opal mining town in South Australia's far north. We arrive late afternoon, with Coober Pedy our base for two nights.

Accom: The Desert Cave Hotel (BPLD)

DAY 16 EXPLORING COOBER PEDY

Sunday 2nd August: Coober Pedy is unique, with 80% of residents living underground to escape the heat. At the Umoona Opal Mine and Museum, we enjoy an opal-cutting demo, explore an underground house, and tour the mine. We also visit Big Winch Lookout for town views, an underground church, and the unusual Coober Pedy Golf Course. In the afternoon, we head to The Breakaways, a striking reserve of low hills separated from the Stuart Range, before returning to town.

Accom: The Desert Cave Hotel (BD)

DAY 17 COOBER PEDY – PORT AUGUSTA

Monday 3rd August: After an early breakfast, we drive south to Woomera for lunch at the Heritage Centre, showcasing the Rocket Range's history. In the afternoon, we continue to Port Augusta.

Accom: Standpipe Golf Motor Inn (BLD)

DAY 18 PORT AUGUSTA – BROKEN HILL

Tuesday 4th August: Leaving Port Augusta, we stop in Peterborough for a morning break before continuing to Broken Hill. After time for lunch, we visit the Silver City Mint and Art Centre, home to Peter Anderson's dramatic Big Picture. In the afternoon, we tour the Living Desert and Sculpture Symposium, where twelve international artists shaped Wilcannia Sandstone into striking forms. We finish the day at our motel for dinner and overnight stay.

Accom: Desert Sands Motor Inn (BD)

DAY 19 BROKEN HILL – COBAR

Wednesday 5th August: We make an early start, travelling through Wilcannia en-route to Cobar, once a booming copper town in the late 1800s. On arrival, we visit the Great Cobar Museum, tracing history from the Ngilyampaa Aboriginal people to the mining era, with artefacts from the 1870s onward. After lunch, we continue to Fort Bourke Hill Lookout for sweeping views of the open-cut mine and Cobar township, located on the historic site of the New Cobar Gold Mine, the town's first.

Accom: Copper City Motel (BLD)

DAY 20 COBAR – TAMWORTH

Thursday 6th August: We spend most of the day travelling today but will make some stops along the way as we pass through Nyngan, Gilgandra where we have lunch at Feathers Café in Coonabarabran before arriving in Tamworth.

Accom: Econo Lodge Gateway (BLD)

DAY 21 TAMWORTH – TOOWOOMBA

Friday 7th August: We begin at Oxley Scenic Lookout on Bald Hill, with panoramic views over Tamworth. Travelling via Bingara and Texas, we stop for an early lunch at The Shed, Goat Rock, where the Croft Family serves a home-style country meal. Afterward, we continue to Toowoomba, arriving late afternoon.

Accom: James Street Motor Inn (BLD)

DAY 22 TOOWOOMBA – HOME

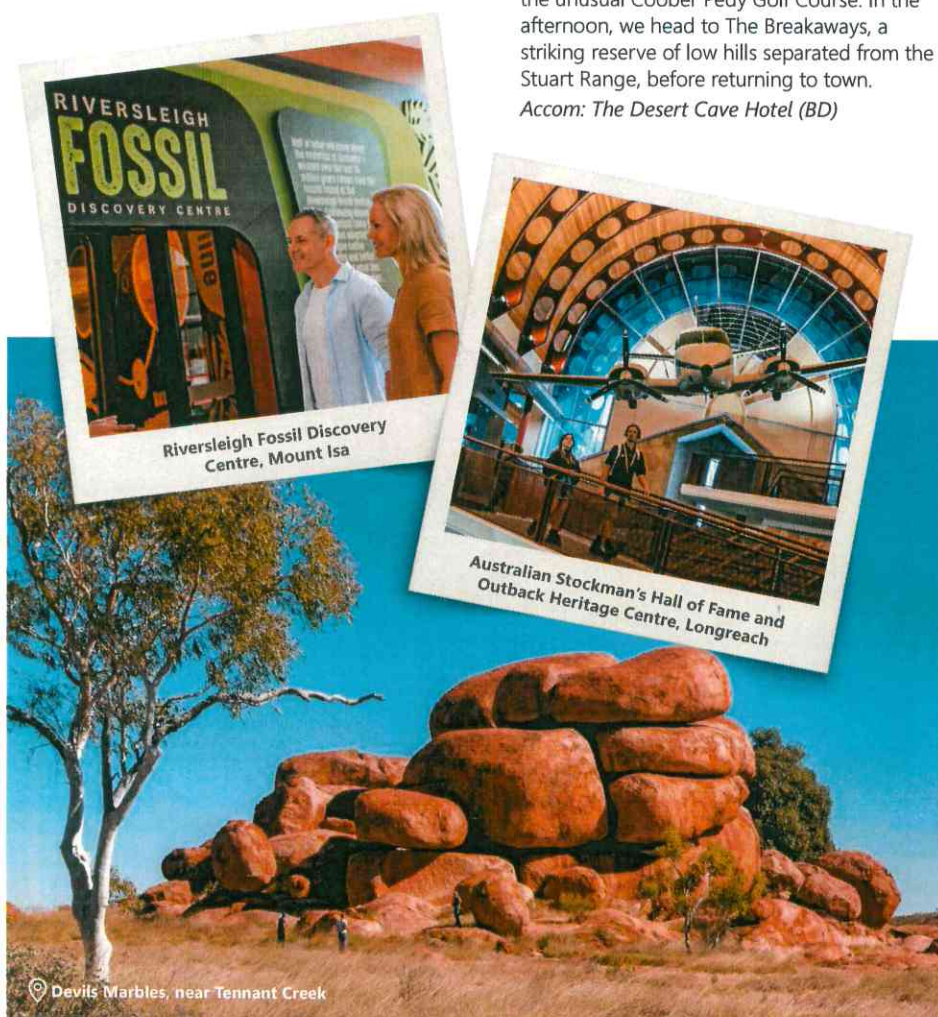
Saturday 8th August: What a journey it has been, filled with experiences and new friends. Sit back, relax with a book, and enjoy the scenery. We'll stop en-route, including a break to purchase lunch, before arriving home with lasting memories of our Outback Central Australia adventure. (B)

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

Some days feature travel time, due to the distance between towns.

Adult:	\$13,990
Pensioner:	\$13,946
Past Passenger:	\$13,924
Single Supplement:	\$3,791

Payment Due: 29th May 2026



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 Notice	50 days or more	49 days – 36 days	35 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.

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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.



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