



# 5 Day Charleville Explorer

*Immortalised in Slim Dusty's song by the same name, Charleville is in the heart of 'mulga country' and is a hub for visitors and pastoralists alike. Spend your days up close and personal with the tiniest resident bilbies at the Bilby Experience, take in a number of army bases hidden around the region and with the outback's low residual light, there is no better place to look at the night sky. Come on a journey deep into the tranquillity and warm hospitality of Outback Queensland. Follow the Adventure Way as it leads us home through historic towns and an ever-changing landscape.*

## DAY 1 HERVEY BAY to MILES

**Sunday 8th September:** Welcome aboard our 5 day Charleville Explorer. After completing our pick-up service from Hervey Bay and Brisbane we travel inland to Queensland's Garden City, Toowoomba. Here we take in the stunning views of the views of the Lockyer Valley and Tabletop Mountain from **Picnic Point Lookout** perched on the edge of the Great Dividing Range. Continue along the Adventure Way to Chinchilla, home of the Chinchilla Melon Festival before reaching Miles, a vibrant rural township known for its spring wildflowers and a well-preserved 'living' pioneering history, our first overnight stop.

Accom: Swagsman Motor Inn (D)

## DAY 2 MILES to CHARLEVILLE

**Monday 9th September:** We have a travel day ahead so sit back, relax and chat to your fellow travellers or watch the scenery roll by your window. If you love a great story, then here's one for you. Arriving in Australia penniless, pioneer Harry (Poppa) Corones, went on to build an empire and make Australian history several times throughout his life. We hear his amazing story while enjoying lunch at the iconic **Hotel Corones**. Next is the **Bilby Experience**. Here, our guide will reveal

Australia's native animal extinction crisis, discover the breeding program and hopefully see the unique little creatures. We have free time this afternoon before dinner at the hotel.

Accom: Mulga Country Motor Inn (BLD)

## DAY 3 EXPLORING CHARLEVILLE

**Tuesday 10th September:** Our interesting day begins with a local guided tour to unravel the mystery surrounding the **Charleville Airport** and how it came to be a top-secret site during World War II. Enjoying lunch at the Charleville RSL Memorial Club we then visit the **Royal Flying Doctor Service Visitor Centre** to gain an incredible insight into this iconic remote service. Early evening, we grab a warm jacket and head to the incredible **Cosmos Centre** to be taken on an astronomical journey through the ages, unravelling the many mysteries of our night sky. Enjoy delicious nibbles and drinks before the open-air observatory viewing of the remarkable outback night sky. Afterwards we return to the hotel in time for dinner.

Accom: Mulga Country Motor Inn (BLD)

## DAY 4 CHARLEVILLE to ST GEORGE

**Wednesday 11th September:** Today it's time to farewell Charleville as we head east. Arriving late morning in Roma we make a stop and enjoy our packed lunch. We continue on to the township of St George. Perched on the banks of the Balonne River, it is the perfect place to discover the local produce and stunningly fragile art. We enjoy the artistry of Kevin Taylor as you behold the Cotton and Transport Murals before having free time in town. Next, we visit the **Unique Egg**. In an unassuming brick building, you will come across the humble emu egg, carved into a stunning, illuminated piece of art. Created by Steve Margaritis, the genuinely impressive collection is the

world's only display and works have been gifted as far as the White House! This afternoon we discover the river on a tranquil sunset cruise, taking in the beautiful river gums, birdlife and landscape before returning to the hotel for dinner.

Accom: Riverland motor Inn (BLD)

## DAY 5 ST GEORGE to HERVEY BAY

**Thursday 12th September:** With our bags packed full of memories, we follow the Adventure Way making our home. We'll make a stop enroute for morning tea and lunch, before farewelling Brisbane passenger's late afternoon and our fellow Wide Bay passengers in the evening. (B)



FITNESS LEVEL



DEPARTS: 8th September 2024

TOUR PRICE:

Adult:	\$ 2590pp
Pensioner:	\$ 2580pp
Past Passenger:	\$ 2575pp
Single Supplement:	\$ 529pp

Final Payment Due: 25th July 24

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Picnic Point Lookout, Toowoomba
- Hotel Corones
- Bilby Experience
- Royal Flying Doctors Service
- Unique Egg
- Cruise the Balonne River

*All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather or any other reason outside our control.*

## Terms & Conditions

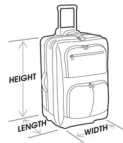
**DEPOSIT:** Unless otherwise stated, a deposit of \$250 per person is payable within seven days of booking. A deposit of \$500 is required for Early Bird discount. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure unless otherwise advised.

**CANCELLATIONS:** The following 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	45 days or more	44 days—30 days	29 days—15 days	14 days or less
% of fare	\$50 admin fee (plus any non-refundable costs)	Loss of deposit (plus any non-refundable costs)	50%	100%

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We STRONGLY ADVISE passengers to take out travel insurance 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 H60cm x L25cm x W40cm, and the weight limit is 20 kilos (44lbs). 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 am. Generally, your coach will be ready to leave at 7.45 am. 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 5.00pm to 5.30pm. Dinner is usually 6.30 pm, allowing time for a rest and to freshen up before dinner.

**MEDICAL & DIETARY:** All our tours have a 'Fitness Level' rating. 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 100% 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

### A DOOR TO DOOR SERVICE

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

Hervey Bay: 5km radius from Stocklands Shopping Centre  
Maryborough: 5km radius from McDowell Car Park  
Gympie: 5km radius of GPO  
Sunshine Coast: 10km from the designated pick-up point.  
Sunshine Coast designated pick up points: Cooroy, Eumundi, Forest Glen, Palmview, Caboolture / Burpengary  
Brisbane: 30km radius of GPO or 10km from a designated pick up point.  
Brisbane designated pick up points: Mango Hill, Aspley, Chermide, Brisbane Transit Centre  
Ipswich & Toowoomba: 10km from designated pick-up point (if tour goes in this direction)

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

For more details please enquire.

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.

**COVID POLICY:** For comprehensive details of our Covid policy, please contact our office for details.

**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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