



OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

Meet the Locals



10 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

5th July to 14th July, 2026

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SUNDAY 5TH JULY TO TUESDAY 14TH JULY, 2026

Join us on an extraordinary journey through Queensland's diverse landscapes, vibrant towns and hidden gems. This tour is more than just sightseeing—it's about immersing yourself in new experiences, visiting places you've never been and connecting with the locals who make each destination unique.

From the bustling streets of Brisbane to the heart of the Outback, we'll explore historic towns, marvel at breathtaking natural wonders, and hear the stories of those who call these places home. Whether it's enjoying a sunset toast in Roma, discovering why Charleville was so important in WW2 (Shhh... big secret!) or learning about Australia's largest dinosaurs in Eromanga, each day promises adventure and discovery. Get ready to step off the beaten track, meet fascinating characters, and create lasting memories in some of Australia's most captivating regions. Let's explore together!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Toowoomba
- The Big Rig Sound & Light Show, Roma
- Hotel Corones, Charleville
- Top Secret World War II Tour
- Date Farm
- Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Bilby Experience
- The Cosmos Centre
- Cooladdi
- Local tour of Quilpie
- Eromanga National History Museum
- Toompine Pub
- Guided tour of Cunnamulla
- Charlotte Plains
- The Unique Egg, St. George
- Riversands Winery

CRUISE

- Sunset Cruise, St. George

MULTIPLE NIGHT STAYS

- 2 nights in Charleville and St. George

FLIGHTS

- Melbourne to Brisbane
- Brisbane to Melbourne



COACH



FLIGHT



BOAT



ACTIVE



SMALL GRP

As a thank you for travelling with O'Shannessy's Quality Tours, you will automatically receive a saving on the total tour price for your second and subsequent tours.

O'Shannessy's Quality Tours will match single travellers who wish to twin share with another single traveller of the same gender. However, if this is not possible, you will need to pay the Single Room Supplement.

If you are willing to twin share but are a smoker, have a CPAP machine or snore, you will need to pay a single supplement for a sole use room.



TOUR INCLUSIONS

- **Complimentary Chauffeur Driven Transfers.** Victorian passengers from Greater Melbourne, Bendigo, Torquay, Ballarat, Geelong, the Bellarine and Mornington Peninsulas, Phillip Island and selected areas of Gippsland will be picked up and returned home in a private chauffeured vehicle by one of our professional drivers. For passengers not within this pick up zone, or our interstate passengers, a quote can be provided for home pickup in extended areas.
- **Luxury Touring Coaches.** Our full size, 3 axle luxury coaches have only 32-36 passenger seats allowing you even more personal space and extra leg room. Our coaches are fitted with comfortable reclining seats with aisle arm rests, foot rests, seat belts, panoramic windows with blinds, refrigerator for passenger use, restroom, climate control air conditioning and Road Cam monitors which display the road ahead in real time. Each coach has a second door for easier entry and exit and touchless hand sanitizer dispensers at each entry to help keep everyone safe. Our coaches have full air suspension delivering a smooth and quiet ride which also allows us to lower the coach closer to the ground, making boarding and disembarking even easier.
- **Return Flights.** Economy flights from Melbourne to Brisbane and return.
- **Tour Directors.** Dedicated O'Shannessy's Quality Tours coach crew (tour directors) on board to ensure your travel experience is memorable.
- **Best Available Accommodation.** Ensuite accommodation each night including motels, glamping and farmstay.
- **Attractions.** All tours and interest venues as per itinerary.
- **Meals.** All full cooked breakfasts, morning teas and lunches most days, and two course restaurant or homestead dinners daily. Three lunches at your own expense as per itinerary.
- **No Hidden Extras.** O'Shannessy's Quality Tours are fully inclusive.

TOUR COSTS

Twin Share Room First Tour:	\$6,395 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$6,295 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$6,245 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	\$6,195 per person
Single Room Supplement:	\$ 960 per person

DEPOSIT
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DAY 1

Sunday 5th July, 2026

MELBOURNE TO BRISBANE

Welcome to our fabulous tour to **Outback Queensland** to “**Meet the Locals**”. With chauffeured pickup from home, we travel to Melbourne Airport. Here we’ll be greeted by an **O’Shannessy’s Quality Tours** representative who will assist us with check in and see us onto the plane for our direct flight to Brisbane. Arriving at Brisbane Airport, we will be welcomed by our coach crew who will assist us with our luggage, then transfer to our overnight accommodation.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement / Refreshments inflight

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Grand Chancellor, BRISBANE ★★★★★

DAY 2

Monday 6th July, 2026

BRISBANE TO ROMA

Today we travel north-west from Brisbane Queensland’s Garden City of **Toowoomba**, stopping for morning tea at **Picnic Point**, best known for its expansive views across the Great Dividing Range. Continue along the Adventure Way to **Chinchilla**, home of the Chinchilla Melon Festival and Miles, a vibrant rural township. We arrive in **Roma**, the heart of beef country late afternoon with time to check-in and refresh at our accommodation. This evening we celebrate the triumphs of our pioneering oil and gas industry at **The Big Rig**. Join the ‘Roma Rigger’ guide for the **The Night Show Sunset Experience**. Listen to captivating stories and toast the sunset with a delicious regional Port. Then take your seats for the enthralling **Sound and Light Show**.

OVERNIGHT: Best Western Bungil Creek Motel, ROMA ★★★★★

ROMA TO CHARLEVILLE

We travel further west towards **Charleville**, where we head downtown to the famous **Hotel Corones** – built in stages, the hotel was completed in 1929 during Charleville's wool industry boom. Here we join a **guided tour** with exclusive access to normally restricted areas of the hotel and hear the rags to riches story of local character Harry Corones, followed by lunch in the hotel dining room. This afternoon, we'll check into our accommodation for the next two nights.

OVERNIGHT: Mulga Country Motor Inn, CHARLEVILLE ★★★★★

EXPLORING CHARLEVILLE

Following breakfast, we uncover the mysteries of Charleville with a **Top Secret World War II Tour**. With the help of our guide, we unlock the stories of the United States military base and how they lived when 3,500 personnel arrived in town. Next we head to a local **Date Farm** just out of town and hear all about the farm's production, how dates are grown and sample some of the dates in our morning tea. After lunch, we visit the **Royal Flying Doctor Service**, where we gain an incredible insight into the remote medical service. Later this afternoon, we call into the **Bilby Experience**, where our guide will reveal to us Australia's native animal extinction crisis, discover the breeding program and hopefully see the unique little creatures. This evening we visit the **Cosmos Centre**. Here our guide will build our knowledge on the formation of the stars and galaxies, reveal the beauty and meaning behind coloured stars and the fascination of planets and our moon. We enjoy nibbles and drinks before the open-air **observatory viewing of the outback night sky**.

OVERNIGHT: Mulga Country Motor Inn, CHARLEVILLE ★★★★★





“...Quilpie and the local region echo with epic stories of pioneering ‘cattle kings’ and ancient giants...”

www.visitquilpieshire.com

DAY 5

Thursday 9th July, 2026

CHARLEVILLE TO QUILPIE

Today we'll visit one of the smallest towns in Australia to retain its own postcode. **Cooladdi**, taking its name from an Aboriginal term for 'black duck', was once home to 270 residents. On arrival in **Quilpie**, our first stop is the Visitor Information Centre, Museum and Gallery where a local guide will board our coach for a **town tour**. Discover the history and unique landscapes of Quilpie town, Baldy Top Lookout, St Finbarrs' Opal Altar and Quilpie Airport mini museum. Lunch today is at the **Quilpie Brick Hotel** (aka The Brick) which has been carefully restored to its original splendour. After lunch we continue to the **Eromanga Natural History Museum** where we join an experienced guide on a **tour** of the workshop laboratory and collection centre. We'll meet titanosaur sauropods Cooper and George, the largest dinosaurs to have ever been found in Australia. Guides will demonstrate how to prepare fossilised bone and we'll see the incredible Eulo megafauna fossils. From here we'll drive to **Toogunna Plains Farmstay** where we'll meet **5th generation grazier hosts** Fiona Ferguson and Adam Murray at their **deluxe farmstay**. We enjoy the glorious colours of the Channel Country with sunset drinks and canapes overlooking the rolling red Kyra Sandhills, before a sumptuous 2 course dinner in the homestead garden. Following dinner relax around the firepit for some marshmallow toasting and stargazing. We'll sleep well tonight!

OVERNIGHT: Toogunna Plains Farmstay, TOOGUNNA PLAINS ★★★★★

TO CUNNAMULLA

This morning, we enjoy a gourmet breakfast in the bush kitchen, followed by a snapshot of the station's morning activities. Then its off via Quilpie to **Toompine Pub**, dubbed a pub without a town! The pub circa 1893, was a Cobb & Co staging point and is all that remains of what was a once bustling Frontier opal town. After time to explore the pub and an early lunch, we continue on to the tiny town of Eulo often described as the 'Montville of the Outback'. At the **Eulo Queen Hotel**, we'll take a break for a drink (own expense) and learn of the legend of the Eulo Queen – a glittering opal trader, hotelier and madam! We then travel on to Cunnamulla for our overnight stay. Want to spoil yourself? Perhaps enjoy a well-earned soak at the newly opened **Cunnamulla Hot Springs**. Relax in the healing waters of the open air geothermal mineral ponds, followed by a dip in the cold plunge pool!

OVERNIGHT: Club Boutique Hotel, CUNNAMULLA ★★★★★

“The Eulo Queen Hotel's scintillating stories and newspaper clippings adorn her walls as she plays host to locals and wayfarers alike...”

www.euloqueenhotel.com.au





“...The Cunnamulla Fella Statue depicts a larger than life sized stockman sitting on a swag...”

en.wikipedia.org

DAY 7

Saturday 11th July, 2026

CUNNAMULLA TO ST GEORGE

We'll be joined on the coach this morning by a fourth generation local for a **guided tour of Cunnamulla**. We see the huge natural sand dunes and learn how they came to be and gain an insight into the region's first inhabitants, early pioneers and quirky characters. Continuing east we travel along the Balonne Highway to the turnoff for **Charlotte Plains**, a family owned and operated sheep station established back in the 1860s. Property owner Robyn Russell will board our coach for a **guided tour of the station**, home to Merino Sheep and Dohne Rams as well as the more recent Aussie White Sheep. We'll see the historic bore, sunk into the Great Artesian Basin to a depth of 561m, tour their historic woolshed and enjoy a relaxed lunch on the old homestead verandah. We arrive into **St George** early afternoon with time to refresh before joining a leisurely **sunset cruise** on the Balonne River with Sandytown River Cruises. An experienced guide will entertain us with interesting stories about the river and native birdlife.

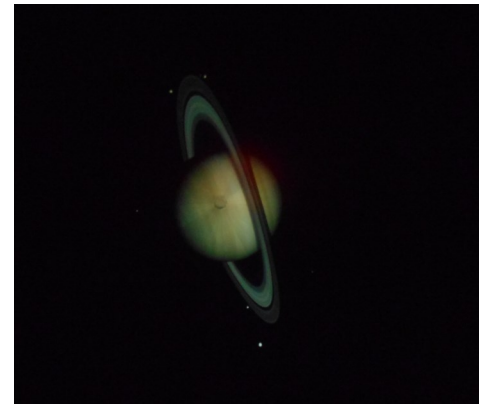
OVERNIGHT: Merino Motor Inn, ST GEORGE ★★★★★

EXPLORING ST GEORGE

We start the day off with a leisurely breakfast before heading to **The Unique Egg**, a fascinating gallery featuring hand-carved, illuminated emu eggs. Next, we embark on a scenic drive along the Balonne River, taking in the peaceful riverside views. Stop for a photo with **Murray the Cod**, a giant fish sculpture celebrating St George's fishing heritage, or step out briefly at Jack Taylor Weir for a stunning lookout. By midday, we enjoy a guided wine tasting at **Riversands Winery**, where we can relax in the shaded courtyard with a delicious cheese and fruit platter. In the afternoon, we tour the town's rich history from the comfort of our coach, stopping at landmarks like the **Old Police Station** and **Cobb & Co** stop. As the day winds down, we take a sunset drive along the river before finishing with dinner at the hotel. If the night sky is clear, step outside for a breathtaking view of the Milky Way, the perfect ending to a peaceful day in the heart of Queensland's outback.

OVERNIGHT: Merino Motor Inn, ST GEORGE ★★★★★





“...Queensland isn’t just a haven
for sun-seekers and beach lovers;
it’s also home to some of the most
remarkable dinosaur finds on the planet.
You can soak in healing artesian waters
and wonder at the night sky as the galaxy puts
on a nightly show...”

www.outbackqueensland.com.au

DAY 9

Monday 13th July, 2026

ST GEORGE TO BRISBANE

Today we travel along the Moonie Highway, through the Kinkora State Forest, to Dalby where we’ll stop for our lunch break. From here we re-join the Warrego Highway back to Brisbane for our last night on tour.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Grand Chancellor, BRISBANE ★★★★★

DAY 10

Tuesday 14th July, 2026

BRISBANE TO MELBOURNE

What an exciting trip it’s been! We’ve seen lots of local colour and met some amazing characters, but now it’s time to head home. We transfer to the airport to connect with our flight home to Melbourne. Upon arrival, our chauffeurs will be waiting to transport us home with many interesting stories to tell of our **Outback Queensland** adventure. See you next time!

Lunch at own expense and arrangement / Refreshments inflight

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Receipt of payment of funds will be taken as acceptance of O'Shannessy's Quality Tours conditions of travel for this tour. Prices include GST and all taxes. Deposit is fully refundable until **61 days** prior to departure date. Balance due on invoice.

Cancellation within 60 days of tour departure date

No Refund

On or after tour date departure

No Refund

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UPCOMING TOURS *Available*

Cape York Adventure - August 2026

Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers - September 2026

Flinders Ranges Outback Experience in Spring - October 2026

Travelling with like-minded, mature aged travellers means you'll experience a casual and relaxed atmosphere, where fellow travellers become new found friends.



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