



O'Shannessy's  
QUALITY TOURS

# OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

*to Longreach*



14 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

1st May to 14th May, 2026

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**FRIDAY 1ST MAY TO THURSDAY 14TH MAY, 2026**

This tour takes in some of Australia's most iconic regions and outback towns - from the Great Australian Food Bowl to once-thriving copper mining towns and Charleville, with its state of the art Cosmos Centre. Longreach and the seminal Stockman's Hall of Fame is a stunningly constructed timber, stone and corrugated iron structure which stands comfortably amongst the rugged yet vibrant rural landscape.

This famed museum pays tribute to pioneers of the Australian Outback.

## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Big Strawberry
- Griffith
- Cobar
- Cosmos Centre, Charleville
- Longreach
- QANTAS Founders Museum
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Winton
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs
- Waltzing Matilda Centre
- The "Tree of Knowledge" Monument
- Miners Heritage, Rubyvale
- Emerald
- Big Rig Tourist Complex, Roma
- Lightning Ridge
- Opal Mine Adventure
- Black Opal Tour
- Chambers of the Black Hand
- Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo
- CSIRO Radio Telescope "The Dish"
- Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory
- Wagga Wagga

## **CRUISE**

- Sunset Cruise on the Thomson River

## **MULTIPLE NIGHT STAYS**

- 4 nights in Longreach
- 2 nights in Lightning Ridge



**COACH**



**BOAT**



**SMALL GRP**

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## 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.
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- **Tour Directors.** Dedicated O'Shannessy's Quality Tours coach crew (tour directors) on board to ensure your travel experience is memorable.
- **Best Available Quality Accommodation.** Ensuite motel accommodation each night.
- **Attractions.** All tours and interest venues as per itinerary.
- **Meals.** All full cooked breakfasts, morning teas and lunches most days, and two course restaurant dinners daily. One lunch 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:	<b>\$7,895 per person</b>
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	<b>\$7,795 per person</b>
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	<b>\$7,745 per person</b>
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	<b>\$7,695 per person</b>
Single Room Supplement:	<b>\$1,225 per person</b>





**DAY 1**

**Friday 1st May, 2026**

### ***MELBOURNE TO GRIFFITH***

Welcome to our 14 day tour to **Outback Queensland**! With chauffeured pickup from home, we are transferred to meet our **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** coach and crew. We begin our journey following the Goulburn Valley Highway to **The Big Strawberry**. This afternoon we cross into **New South Wales** and through Coleambally and Darlington Point to **Griffith**. Row upon row, farm upon farm of oranges, grapes, peaches and other delights, boldly announce we have entered one of Australia's most magnificent food and wine producing areas and the heartlands of the world's most successful rice industry.

**OVERNIGHT:** Kidman Wayside Inn, GRIFFITH ★★★★★

**DAY 2**

**Saturday 2nd May, 2026**

### ***GRIFFITH TO COBAR***

Following breakfast we travel a short distance to the **Griffith Visitors Centre** where we are joined by a local guide. Our tour will give us a good introduction to the area and what occurs over a twelve month period, as well as the history of the Griffith area. On the road again, we follow the famous **Kidman Way** to **Cobar**. We travel through quite a few little outback towns like **Goolgowi** - the "*Crossroads to the Outback*". It's a relatively new town with settlement occurring in the 1920's when the mid-western highway and the railway encouraged development. We continue on to **Hillston** which is situated on the banks of the Lachlan River; the town provides a wealth of water-orientated activities. The next stop is **Mount Hope** where copper ore was discovered in 1873 on Coan Downs by a shepherd named MacDowall. This discovery led to the opening of the Grade Central, Mount Allen and Mount Solitary Mines. Gold was also mined here. Mount Hope now has a population of about 20, whereas in its heyday it boasted 3,000. Now the village relies on the wheat and wool industries. On our arrival in **Cobar**, we enjoy an interesting talk about Cobar and the mining industry at the **Great Cobar Heritage Centre**.

**OVERNIGHT:** Copper City Motel, COBAR ★★★★★



**COBAR TO CHARLEVILLE**

We have a slightly earlier start this morning to make the most of our day. After breakfast we continue north to **Bourke** on the banks of the **Darling River**. We enjoy our **morning break** here before a look around at the local sights including a visit to **Fred Hollows grave**. We stop for lunch at **Barringun**, right on the border of Queensland and New South Wales. This afternoon, we pause in **Cunnamulla** to view some fantastic artwork on the water tower before continuing on to **Charleville**. This evening we will visit the **Cosmos Centre** and later enjoy the open-air observatory and view the outback night sky.

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

**CHARLEVILLE TO LONGREACH**

After breakfast we continue north to **Blackall**, home to the legendary gun shearer Jackie Howe and where he set the almost unbelievable record of shearing 321 sheep with blade shears in a day. A bronze statue now stands as a monument to the man and the achievement. We visit the **Wool Scour** for lunch and a tour. From Blackall we continue north to **Barcaldine** before turning west towards Longreach. We take a break in **Ilfracombe** where some may like to take a wander along the **Folk Transport Museum**, otherwise known as the “**Great Machinery Mile**”. From here it’s onto **Longreach**, a town which has played a significant role in the early development of Central Queensland and Outback Australia. On arrival we settle into our motel for the next four nights.

**OVERNIGHT:** Longreach Motor Inn, LONGREACH ★★★★★







**DAY 5**

**Tuesday 5th May, 2026**

### ***EXPLORING LONGREACH***

Today we are going to have a special experience as we get an insight to the area through the eyes of local graziers and pioneer families. We meet the owners of a local station called **Camden Park Station** and learn about their operations and the challenges of operating on the land, as well as enjoy a home-made morning tea. Returning to town we arrive at the iconic **Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame** to experience the **Outback Stockman's Show**. It encompasses the modern-day aspects of being a stockman, as well as telling the tales of what it used to be like in the past. We enjoy lunch straight after the Stockman's Show and then are free to look through the museum at our own pace and return to the hotel for some free time before dinner.

**OVERNIGHT:** Longreach Motor Inn, LONGREACH ★★☆☆☆

**DAY 6**

**Wednesday 6th May, 2026**

### ***MORE OF LONGREACH***

Today we uncover some national treasures, as we will be visiting the **QANTAS Founders Museum**. The Museum tells the story of Qantas from the early days in Outback Queensland to present day. Displays focus on the founding figures of Qantas, life in Outback Queensland in the 1920s and the advancement and impact of aviation in Australia and the world. Included in our visit is a tour of the **Boeing 747, 707 and DC-3** aircraft. See features such as the Lavatory Service Hatch, Traffic Collision Avoidance System, Flight Recorders (the Black Box) and many other systems, all explained in



layman's term. Next, we step back in time at the **Outback Pioneers Station Store** and experience the **Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show** with our Billy Can lunch. Based on the traditional outback travelling shows, it's hard not to be charmed by the simple delights of bush theatre. The Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show tells a fictional story set in the time of Harry Redford (Captain Starlight) and refers to his infamous adventures. Take some time to look through the local shops before we return to our hotel. Tonight, we enjoy a sunset cruise of the **Thomson River**. Relax on the top deck of the **Longreach Explorer** and take in 360 degree views of the Thomson River. Enjoy entertaining and informative commentary detailing river and cultural stories. Unwind with complimentary nibbles platters and purchase drinks from the licensed onboard cash bar. As the sunset fades into starlight, we dock at **Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show** for a night of great food and live entertainment under the stars. It will be a fantastic night.

**OVERNIGHT:** Longreach Motor Inn, LONGREACH ★★★★★

DAY 7

Thursday 7th May, 2026

### ***WINTON—THE AUSTRALIAN AGE OF DINOSAURS***

We will see some dramatic and ever-changing scenery as we make our way to **Winton**. The area was once home to dinosaurs and is full of ground breaking scientific discoveries and archaeological digs. Today we will have the opportunity to learn about this prehistoric phenomenon. **The Australian Age of Dinosaurs** is located on top of the “jump up” – a rugged mesa plateau formation that stands 75 metres above the surrounding plains. The centre hosts the largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils and the largest fossil preparation laboratory in the southern hemisphere. It was in the Winton area that Banjo Paterson wrote his famous poem about the swagman and the jolly jumbuck and “**Waltzing Matilda**”. It was first heard in the **North Gregory Hotel**! On arrival in town we head straight to the **Waltzing Matilda Centre** for lunch and time to look through the world class museum and art gallery. Displays focus on the Australian landscape, channel country, the women of the homesteads and livestock/wool industries of the outback. We return to Longreach late afternoon following a great day sightseeing in Winton.

**OVERNIGHT:** Longreach Motor Inn, LONGREACH ★★★★★





DAY 8

Friday 8th May, 2026

### **LONGREACH TO EMERALD**

Departing Longreach this morning, we retrace our steps to **Barcaldine**, a town steeped in the history of the early pioneers' struggles - and the evolution of Australia as a nation. It was here that the famous shearers' strike of 1890 took place. The **"Tree of Knowledge"** monument next to the **Barcaldine Railway Station** marks the spot where the Australian Labour Party was formed. From Barcaldine, it's onto **Alpha** which is known as "The Gateway to the West"; it is an interesting mix of historic and modern buildings, changed by fire, flood and progress over the years. We have our afternoon stop at the **Miners Heritage** in **Rubyvale** where we take an interesting underground tour. For those of us who don't want to go underground, there is a chance to fossick to find a treasure of our own or just sit and relax. The final leg of our journey today is to **Emerald**, the commercial hub of Central Queensland. We will see the historic railway station which was built in 1900 and now classified by the National Trust. Outside the **Town Hall** we also see a fossilised tree that is 250 million years old. It was unearthed on the banks of the Mackenzie River when a railway bridge was being constructed to one of the local mines and donated to the town on the event of its centenary by BHP Mines.

**OVERNIGHT:** Western Gateway Motel, EMERALD ★★★★★

DAY 9

Saturday 9th May, 2026

### **EMERALD TO ST GEORGE**

We travel south this morning to **Rolleston** to connect with the **Carnarvon Development Road** which takes us through to **Roma**. Lunch today will be at **Injune**, then we drive on to the **Big Rig Tourist Complex** in Roma. We will enjoy a short tour of the **Oil Patch**, which features a giant 1920 Emsco Rig, the last steam driven rig in Australia. A fascinating series of interactive and informative panels along with audio presentations describe the Roma landscape some 300 million years ago. As we drive through Roma, try to spot some of the new street art. The final leg of today's journey sees us arriving at St. George for our overnight accommodation.

**OVERNIGHT:** Riverland Motor Inn, ST GEORGE ★★★★★



**ST GEORGE TO LIGHTNING RIDGE**

This morning, we head over the border on our way to **Lightning Ridge**. We pass through the little town of **Dirranbandi** and arrive in **Lightning Ridge** late morning where we head to **Opal Mine Adventure** to experience the atmosphere of an underground mine. We then visit the showroom to view the opals that came from the mines in this area and have the opportunity to purchase our very own opal from the showroom. This afternoon we visit **Bevan's Cactus Nursery**. Started in 1966, and now encompassing two passionate generations, Bevan's hosts one of the largest cactus nurseries in the Southern Hemisphere with approximately 2,500 young and aged varieties. Grown from seeds collected from around the world, many plants are now over 100 years old, with the oldest being nearly 150 years of age.

*Lunch at own expense and arrangement*

**OVERNIGHT:** Wallangulla Motel, LIGHTNING RIDGE ★★★★★

“... A unique and historic opal mining town  
in Outback NSW,  
Lightning Ridge is famed for its rare black opal,  
mining history and colourful locals...”

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**DAY 11**

**Monday 11th May, 2026**

### ***EXPLORING LIGHTNING RIDGE***

We have an interesting day planned today. This morning, we have arranged a special 3 hour, locally escorted, **Black Opal Tour**. We will see historic **Three Mile Flat** - site of early opal miners' settlement and the largest open cut opal mine in NSW - **Lunatic Hill** and finish our tour at **the Historic Old Red Rattler Train Carriages**, with an opal cutting demonstration and informative talk on the famous Black Opal. We can view the beautiful collection of opal and opal jewellery. This afternoon we have a very special experience at the **Chambers of the Black Hand**. Opened in April 2007, this is a unique tourist mine. More than 11 meters underground, local artist Ron Canlin has created the most awesome paintings and sculptures. There is The Last Supper, Archangel Gabriel and the Chinese Terracotta Warriors, just to name a few. Ron is constantly carving new work, so there are changes every day as there is no end to his talent. The second level is a mine that has been worked for over 100 years and all the old shafts and drives that were dug by the old timers are still there. On this level we get a geology tour on the different strata's opal formation, an experience not to be missed. It is amazing and there is nothing else like it in Australia. Our final stop today is a visit to **John Murray Art Gallery**.

**OVERNIGHT:** Wallangulla Motel, LIGHTNING RIDGE ★★★★★





***LIGHTNING RIDGE TO DUBBO***

Farewell to Lightning Ridge as we travel south through **Coonamble** and **Gilgandra** to **Dubbo**. Unlike many other rural centres throughout Australia, Dubbo has experienced quite dramatic growth over the past decade and now offers all the sophistication of a capital city, without sacrificing the benefits of country life. Dubbo is also home to the **Taronga Western Plains Zoo**. The zoo is one of the largest in the world, covering some 300 hectares, where animals live in large natural areas behaving very much as they would in the wild. We are joined by a **local guide** who will board our coach and provide us with an insight into the animals and zoo (with plenty of stops for explanations and photos). After our tour, we have some free time to revisit the animals.

**OVERNIGHT:** The Oxley Motel, DUBBO ★★☆☆☆

***DUBBO TO WAGGA WAGGA***

We have a slightly earlier start this morning; from Dubbo we take the Newell Highway through **Peake Hill**. Just north of **Parkes**, we visit the **CSIRO Radio Telescope**, also called “**The Dish**”. The visitor centre features many hands on displays and exhibits and our visit also includes an audio visual experience. Our lunch venue today is in **Grenfell** and our afternoon journey takes us through **Young** and **Cootamundra**. We stop in **Junee** for a visit to the **Junee Liquorice and Chocolate Factory**, before the last leg of today’s journey which takes us to **Wagga Wagga**.

**OVERNIGHT:** Mercure Wagga Wagga, WAGGA WAGGA ★★☆☆☆

***WAGGA WAGGA TO MELBOURNE***

Unfortunately, our holiday is coming to an end and today is mostly a travel day so sit back and enjoy the ride! We drive to **Benalla** where we enjoy **lunch**, before making our way home – as always, our chauffeurs will be on hand to take us straight to our door – all part of the **O’Shannessy’s Quality Tours** superior service.



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**No Refund**

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