

6 DAYS

# OUTBACK ESCAPE Roma & Cubbie Station



ABN: 92 607 321 531

14<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

***A scenic and immersive journey through country Queensland – from the lush Northern Rivers to the heart of the outback, with charming towns, iconic stations, warm hospitality, and memorable experiences.***

**Day 1 – Thursday 14th May                      Northern Rivers → Goondiwindi                      LD**

Join us as we begin our journey through the Northern Rivers region, travelling inland via Drake. Enjoy a relaxing picnic lunch surrounded by scenic landscapes at **Lake Coolmunda**. In the afternoon, we arrive in the welcoming border town of Goondiwindi. Accommodation: Best Western Ascot Lodge

**Day 2 – Friday 15th May                      Goondiwindi → St George                      BLD**

Depart Goondiwindi for the outback town of St George. Along the way, stop at **Thallon** to see its **spectacular silo art** and enjoy a morning tea break. At midday, visit the award-winning **Riversands Winery** for lunch and a guided tour. Upon arrival in St George, we settle into our accommodation with time to explore local attractions including The Unique Egg and the St George Art Trail. Accommodation: Riverland Motel (2 nights)

**Day 3 – Saturday 16th May                      St George → Cubbie Station → St George                      BLD**



Today we venture west to **Cubbie Station**, the world's largest irrigated cotton farm and the largest cotton farm in the Southern Hemisphere. Spanning over 90,000 hectares, Cubbie is a feat of agricultural engineering, with vast cotton fields, advanced water management systems, and fascinating stories of innovation and scale. **Enjoy a guided tour of the property**, where you'll learn about cotton production from paddock to export, sustainable farming practices, and life on a working outback station. The visit offers a rare glimpse into one of Queensland's most impressive rural enterprises. After the tour, we stop for a **classic country pub lunch**, before returning to St George for a restful afternoon and evening.

**Day 4 – Sunday 17th May                      St George → Roma                      BLD**

This morning, we travel north to the charming riverside town of Surat. Here we enjoy morning tea and visit the **Cobb & Co Changing Station Museum**, a hidden gem celebrating Australia's iconic coaching history. Housed on the original site of the 19th-century Cobb & Co depot, the museum features a faithfully restored 14-seater passenger coach, fascinating local memorabilia, and displays that bring to life the golden era of outback travel. We then make our way to Roma and enjoy a picnic lunch before checking into our accommodation. In the evening, experience a **unique tasting and dinner at Western Queensland Spirit**, including the **Outback Spirit Experience** – a local favourite featuring handcrafted gins, storytelling, and a two-course regional dinner. Accommodation: Roma Explorers Inn (2 nights)

**Day 5 – Monday 18th May                      Roma → Mitchell → Roma                      BLD**

Start your day with breakfast and a recommended morning walk through the beautiful sculpture trail beside the motel — a quiet and inspiring way to begin the day. We then depart Roma and make our way to **Mitchell**, where a **guided town tour** reveals the unique charm and history of this small western community. Next, it's time to unwind at the **Great Artesian Spa**, a natural mineral-rich hot spring popular for its soothing, therapeutic waters. Towels are available— just bring your sense of relaxation! After leaving the spa, we enjoy a **hearty country pub lunch**. Returning to Roma in the afternoon, there's time to wander the CBD, browse local shops, or enjoy a coffee before heading out for a **local town tour**. This 1-hour guided experience includes key landmarks, followed by a tour of **St Paul's Anglican Church**, where you'll see its striking and historically significant stained-glass windows. In the late afternoon, we head to the **Big Rig** for the unforgettable **Sunset Tour** – a highlight of the Roma region that blends storytelling, light, and sound to bring the outback's oil and gas history to life. Dinner tonight is served at the motel – a relaxing close to a full and fascinating day.



**Day 6 – Tuesday 19th May****Roma → Toowoomba****BLD**

We begin the day with a visit to **the iconic Roma Saleyards**, the largest cattle selling centre in the Southern Hemisphere. This fascinating guided tour takes you behind the scenes of Australia’s cattle industry, where thousands of head of cattle are bought and sold each week. You’ll gain insight into the process of livestock trading, see the state-of-the-art selling facilities, and hear stories from the heart of Australia’s beef country. For anyone interested in rural life or agriculture, this is a true highlight. After the tour, we depart Roma and travel eastward toward Toowoomba. En route, we stop at the **remarkable Miles Historical Village** — a beautifully preserved heritage precinct showcasing life in a Queensland town from the early 20th century. We continue on to Toowoomba, arriving in the late afternoon with time to settle in and relax.

Accommodation: James Street Motor Inn

**Day 7 – Wednesday 20th May****Toowoomba → Home****BL**

**THE Woolshed**  
at JONDARYAN

Our final day begins with a visit to the **historic Jondaryan Woolshed**, a beautifully preserved 19th-century shearing complex that offers an authentic glimpse into life on a working sheep station. Established in 1859, the Woolshed is the oldest and largest operating woolshed in the Southern Hemisphere, showcasing the vital role of wool in Australia’s rural development. During our tour, you’ll walk through original timber buildings, see vintage shearing equipment, and hear captivating stories of station life in the pioneering days. A delicious morning tea is included as part of the experience. From here, we begin

the journey home, travelling through the picturesque Scenic Rim. Our farewell lunch is at **Canungra**, a popular town with warm country charm. We then continue toward the Northern Rivers region, arriving home with fond memories of outback hospitality, rich history, and regional beauty.

**Please Note: This itinerary was correct at time of printing. However, Simes Bros reserves the right to change venues if necessary.**

**MOBILITY**

Walking is a fundamental part of this tour and as such, requires, at the minimum, a moderate level of fitness. You will be expected to walk and stand for extended periods, including walking upstairs unaided and in soft sand. If you choose to book this tour and don’t meet the mobility requirements, you must expect that you will not be able to participate in all tours, attractions and activities.

- ❖ Get on and off transportation multiple times unaided.
- ❖ Downstairs rooms and walk-in showers cannot be guaranteed.
- ❖ You must be able to manage your own luggage to and from allocated rooms, which could be upstairs or some distance to walk.

**INCLUSIONS**

- ❖ 6 nights of motel style accommodation
- ❖ **All Meals**
- ❖ All highlighted attractions
- ❖ Travel in luxury air-conditioned coach
- ❖ Experienced coach driver and tour leader

**COST:**

**\$2,995.00 per person twin share**

**\$750.00 extra per person single supplement**

**\$600.00 deposit due at time of booking**

**Full payment due by 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Limited number of single rooms available**

**Please see Terms & Conditions for Cancellation Policy**

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