



PURE OUTBACK— A TOUR OF IMMERSION AND WONDER

Discover a big silent land, its grass plains, rivers, deserts and brilliant night skies

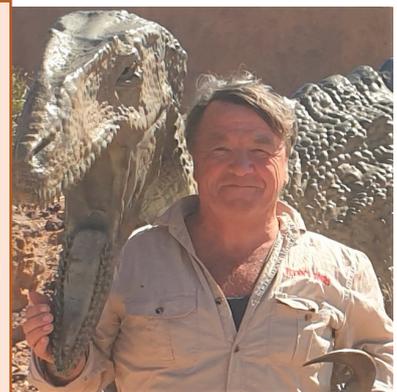
The stunning landscapes of Far Western Outback Queensland reveal extinct dinosaurs in harsh terrain that attracted only the hardest of early settlers. Follow in the footsteps of colonial explorers and learn of its role as the birthplace of political movements and much of Australia's bush mythology, poetry and inventiveness.

Explore the ancient landscapes, learn of its First Peoples and meet the characters who shaped its past and present and view unique wildlife, plants and birds in the wilderness.

Arrive on a flight in Emerald from Brisbane and depart by road in our 4WD Coaster Bus to explore Australia's largest walk-in underground sapphire mine. At Turraburra we visit traditional Aboriginal sites on a gallery walk interpreted by Aboriginal custodians who also explain native foods and medicines. We also travel the Sculpture Trail, the longest in the world, viewing the works of a local sculptor, Milynda Rogers. After a riverboat cruise at sunset on the Thomson River at Longreach we enjoy a Stockman's campfire dinner and stories of the pioneers. We visit the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and the Qantas Founders Museum and travel to Stonehenge for the annual Rodeo and Bushmans' Carnival. A drive through dramatic landscapes to the Dinosaur Stampede will end in Winton where you will take in its quirkier attributes and impressive displays of Outback history ranging from the largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils in the world, the eclectic remnants of colonial expansion, the workings of historic opal fields and where Banjo Patterson found the inspiration to write "Waltzing Matilda". Travelling across the expansive Mitchell Grass

Plains and the 300 million year old Diamantina River ring feature, we view the stunning mesa formations and explore the remote Diamantina National Park. We travel onto Boulia, famous for the Min Min light and view a stand of rare 1000 year old Waddi Trees, moon rocks and native waterholes. We travel south to remote Bedourie and Birdsville located on the eastern extremity of the Simpson Desert visiting historic hotels, the "Big Red" sand dune, and relax in an artesian spa. Traversing the Sturt Stony Desert and Australia's largest oil and gas fields we follow the Birdsville Track to Innamincka for a nature cruise at sunset on Cooper Creek and learn of the ill-fated Burke and Wills expedition at the iconic 'Dig' tree. Crossing the famed Channel Country, we visit the historic Cordillo Downs shearing shed before attending the iconic desert horse races at Betoota. From Windorah we explore Welford NP, Mt Slocombe and Yaraka before arriving in Charleville to meet up close a Bilby. We experience the charm of Hotel Coronas, uncover a WW11 top secret of the little known USAAF Base and visit a date farm and the Cosmos Centre before flying to Brisbane.

Tour leader, Johnny Gannan (pictured) believes Queensland to be the most desirable State or Territory in Australia. Its enormity provides for the most diverse range of landscapes and Queensland is home to the most exotic of birds, animals, reptiles and marine creatures, all accessible and some quite friendly. Johnny has conducted small group tours extensively in Papua New Guinea since 2007 and also to Japan and New Zealand. His familiarity with Outback Queensland for over 40 years and his relationships with it's service providers makes him well placed to ensure that you will have the Adventure of a lifetime! - "My desire is to design and conduct safe and informative tours of adventure and excitement which cater for a range of interests – respecting local communities, promoting the value of nature, culture and history and making possible special memories."



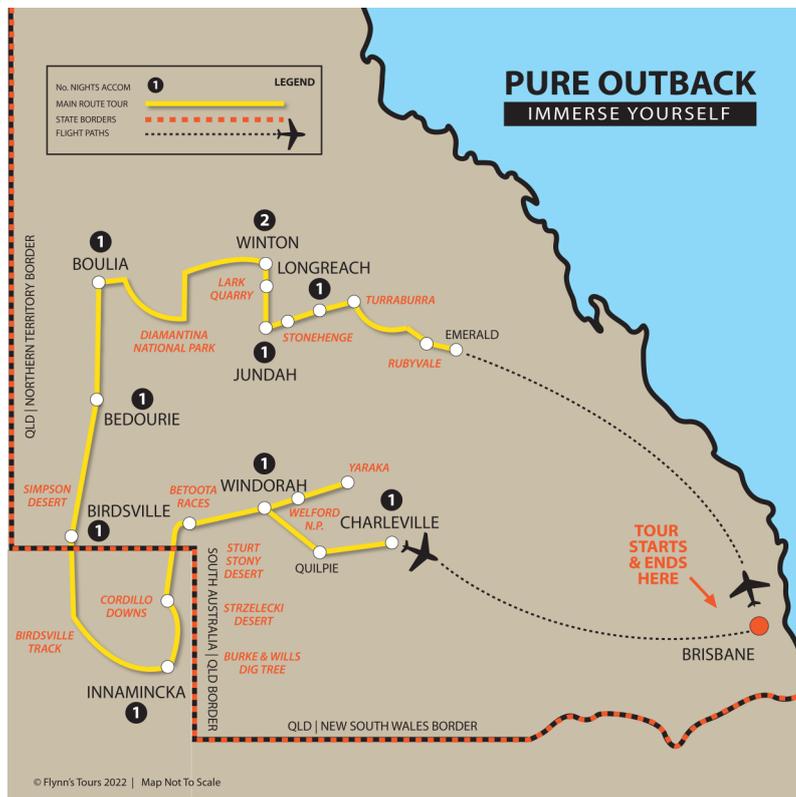
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A PURE OUTBACK TOUR

Our aim is to enhance travellers' life experience through the discovery, adventure and cultural immersion on this high quality tour of the Australian Outback.

Quench your thirst for knowledge about the country's ancient and more recent pasts. Learn of the hardship suffered by early explorers and settlers and the impact they had on the First Nations people.

Feel first hand the land's vastness, its emptiness and silence and its big night sky. Wallow in the natural beauty of deserts that after a decade of drought will be teeming with life following the arrival of plentiful amounts of rainfall in recent months.



More than 40 activities and destinations of interest to discover!

- Birdwatching throughout entire tour
- The Cosmos unveiled in Charleville
- Meet a Bilby up close – rare & cute
- WWII Top Secret Destination tour
- Charleville Date Farm
- Quilpie church's opal laid alter
- Welford National Park
- Yarakka Hotel and it's resident emus
- Stunning views at Mt Slocombe
- The Channel country
- Remote gas and oil fields
- Explorers—Burke & Wills Dig Tree
- Innamincka Outpost—Sth Australia & historic outback nursing hospital
- Cooper Creek nature cruise
- Sturt Stony Desert— Charles Sturt
- Traverse the remote Birdsville Track
- The iconic Birdsville Hotel
- Simpson Desert National Park
- Birdsville's "Big Red" Sand Dune
- 1000 year old Wadi Trees
- Mitchell Grass Plains
- Diamantina River and National Park
- Lark Quarry Dinosaur Stampede
- Winton—Waltzing Matilda Museum
- Willie Mar Chinese Market Garden
- Eccentric Arno's Wall
- Bladensburg National Park
- Shearers Strike 1891-94 Memorials
- Thomson River River boat cruise
- Stockmans campfire dinner
- Australian Stockmans Hall of Fame
- Qantas Founders Museum
- Stonehenge Rodeo and Bushmen's Carnival
- Betoota Desert Horse Races
- Historic Betoota Hotel
- Lake Dunn Sculpture Trail
- Turraburra indigenous rock art & traditional land managing practices
- Infamous Skull Hole
- Cordillo Downs historic shearing shed

While you'll meet this rare bilby at the "Save the Bilby Fund" Centre, many other creatures will present themselves randomly throughout our journey in the Outback including wild camels and donkeys, kangaroos, wallabies and echidnas. Broglas, families of emus and soaring wedgetail eagles are common.



Thousands of parrots and cockatoos will amuse and a murmuration of budgerigars will amaze as will many other beautiful creatures!

11 day/10 night Small Group Adventure Friday 19th to Monday 29th August 2022

Depart Brisbane - ends Brisbane, Queensland

More than 40 activities & destinations

Price includes : **All** meals, accommodation, guides & entry fees to all activities. **All** land & river transport and flights from Brisbane to Barcardine & Charleville to Brisbane

AUD \$7,490 p.p. inc. gst twin share
Single Supplement AUD \$770 inc. gst.

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