

**Small Group 4WD** content & value

Only one each year!



## The Ultimate Queensland Odyssey

Natural and cultural wonders of the Outback, the Highlands and the Coast Explore the ancient landscapes and meet the people and creatures who shaped its past and present

## Saturday 20th May to Monday 5th June 2023—17 days/16 nights

Arriving in Charleville by air from Brisbane we discover secrets of WW2, the night sky at the Cosmos centre and the rare, cute and endangered bilby. We explore the supposedly haunted and historic Corones Hotel and a date farm before marvelling over the remains of long extinct dinosaurs and megafauna in remote Channel Country. At Eromanga we learn of Cooper, a Titanosaur and Australia's largest dinosaur and the Diprotodon from the megafauna period. We cross the Sturt Stony Desert and the South Australian border to Innamincka on the Cooper Creek and learn of the fate of the Burke and Wills expedition at the Dig Tree. Climb the Simpson Desert's red sand dunes at Birdsville visiting the iconic hotel and from historic Bedourie continue through the dramatic landscapes of the Mitchell Grass Plains and Diamantina River with the stunning mesa formations. Learn about the much celebrated exploits and ordeals of bushlife, the birthplace of Banjo Paterson's Waltzing Matilda, the shearers' strike that lead to the formation of the Labour Party and the tragic result that European settlement had for Aboriginals. Explore the pioneering towns of Winton, Longreach and Barcaldine

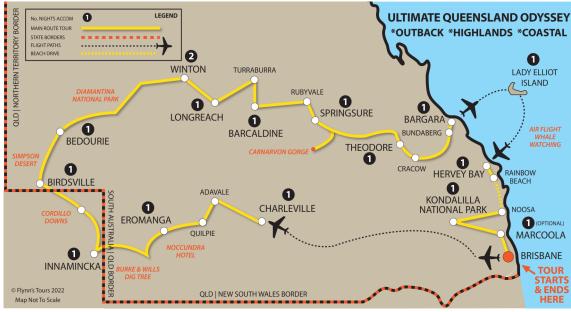
where we gain an insight into the pioneering spirit and everyday live on the frontier. Overnighting at Springsure under the shadow of the spectacular Minerva Hills we talk with an expert aboriginal guide to learn about his ancestors' culture and society. Accompanied by experienced nature guides we explore the magnificent Carnarvon Gorge with its wealth of wildlife, plants and aboriginal art. Meander through picturesque farmland, quaint villages and a ghost town as we travel east to the Queensland coast. Visit the RM Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre at Eidsvold and the famous Bundaberg Rum distillery and a macadamia farm at Bundaberg. Take a scenic flight out to the outer Great Barrier Reef for a two-day exploration of the natural wonder of Lady Elliot Island, home to the manta ray, turtles and all manner of marine life in a coral cay regarded as one of the world's best for snorkeling. Marvel at the Cooloola Coastal Wilderness on one of the longest beach drives in the world between Rainbow Beach and Noosa Heads. Enjoy scenic views of the Cooloola sand mass in the Great Sandy National Park. End your tour enjoying the Sunshine Coast's hidden natural gems along wonderous walks

Flynn's Tours 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 Johnny's nomadic mobility enables him to bask in the best of the climatic conditions across the seasons. 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 and Coastal 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!

THE FLYNN'S TOURS EXPERIENCE— "My desire is to design and conduct safe and informative tours of adventure and excitement which cater for a range of ages and interests - respecting local communities, promoting the value of nature, culture and history and making possible special memories."



Flynn's Tours enhances travellers' life experiences through the discovery, adventure and cultural immersion of high quality tours. Quench your thirst for knowledge about your country's ancient and more recent pasts. Feel firsthand the land's vastness, its emptiness and silence and its big night sky . Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of deserts, outer coral reefs, verdant rainforests, estuaries, wetlands and mangroves, all teeming with life.



## More than 60 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
- Eromanga Furthest Town from Sea
- "Cooper" A Titanosaur –
  Australia's largest dinosaur
- Megafauna fossils Diprotodon
- Historic Noccundra Hotel
- The Channel country
- Remote gas and oil fields
- The Explorers—Burke & Wills Dig Tree
- Innamincka Outpost—South Australia
- Historic Outback nursing hospital
- Cooper Creek nature cruise
- Sturt Stony Desert— Charles Sturt
- · Cordillo Downs 1890's shearing shed
- The iconic Birdsville Hotel
- Simpson Desert National Park
- "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
  Heritage Site & eccentric Arno's Wall
- Bladensburg National Park
- Shearers Strike 1891-94 Memorial
- Thomson River River boat cruise
- Stockmans campfire dinner
- Cobb & Co Stage Coach bush ride
- Australian Stockmans Hall of Fame
- Qantas Founders Museum
- Barcaldines Tree of Knowledge
- Birdwatching on Lagoon Creek
- Dunraven sheep station tour
- Lake Dunn Sculpture Trail
- Turraburra indigenous rock art & traditional land managing practices
- Minerva NP at pretty Springsure
- Qld's Murderous Bushranging Family

- Underground Sapphire Mine Tour
- Yumba Burin (the keeping place), an indigenous crypt and discussion with local aboriginal custodian.
- Carnarvon Gorge epic walks and wildlife - Aboriginal rock art
- Moura open cut coal mine view
- Theodore Hotel on the Dawson River
- R.M.William's museum at Eidsvold
- Historic Cracow Hotel & ghost town
- Bundaberg Rum Distillery
- Macedamia farm
- Lady Elliot Island snorkeling for manta rays, corals & turtles
- Watching whales with calves
- Southern Great Barrier Reef
- Cooloola Coastal Wilderness
- Great Sandy NP 60 km beach drive
- Sunshine Coast Hinterland Rainforest
- Kondalilla National Park
- Maroochy Bushland Botanic Garden
- Mt Coolum nature climb

While you'll meet this rare bilby at the "Save the Bilby Fund" Centre, many other creatures will present them-

selves randomly throughout our journey in the Outback including camels, kangaroos, wallabies and echidnas. Platypus in Carnarvon Gorge. Broglas, families of emus and soaring wedgetail eagles are common. View manta rays, turtles and an abundance of marine life on Lady Elliot Island. Thou-



sands of parrots and cockatoos will amuse and a murmuration of budgerigars will amaze as will many other beautiful creatures! 17 day/16 night Small Group 4WD Adventure Saturday 20th May to Monday 5th June 2023

Depart Brisbane - ends Sunshine Coast, Queensland

## More than 60 activities & destinations

Price includes: <u>All</u> meals, accommodation, guides & entry fees to all activities. <u>All</u> land, sea & river transport plus return flight to Lady Elliot Island.

AUD \$9,490 p.p. inc.gst twin share

Single Supplement AUD \$1,500 inc. gst



Combine with the Far North Queensland Expedition & receive Sunshine Coast to Cairns transfer & 3 nights accommodation Free

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