



BARCALDINE, LAKE MARABOON, & BEAUTIFUL CARNARVON GORGE

7 Days / 7 Nights

This tour begins in Barcaldine off the Spirit of the Outback at 3.55pm and ends in Charleville at 5pm to connect with the Westlander train.

Cost: \$2735.00 Per Person (twin share)(excludes rail)

Single Supplement \$540.00

Booking conditions apply - Non-Smokers only

28 APRIL – 5 MAY 2010

WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL (DINNER)

3.55pm - Arrive Barcaldine on the Spirit of the Outback where you will be met by Graham and Deb from Travel West. Enjoy a short tour around town before checking into your accommodation.

Accommodation: Landsborough Lodge Motel x 2 nights

THURSDAY 29 APRIL (BREAKFAST, MORNING TEA, LUNCH & DINNER)

Today, you'll be entertained by one of the legends of the outback – Tom Lockie, Artesian Country Tours. Visit old Aramac, the first town settled in this area. Travel through ancient lava flows, to Aboriginal Dreamtime. See one of Australia's oldest Dreamtime Carving Sites, lava blow holes, gorges, caves and desert springs, the first pioneers cutting in the outback, Grey Rock, settlers and Cobb & Co campsite. This tour is exclusive to Artesian Country Tours.

FRIDAY 30 APRIL (BREAKFAST, MORNING TEA, LUNCH & DINNER)

Departing Barcaldine travel east through Jericho and then onto Alpha, branded the 'Town of Murals' due to the 27 colourful murals painted on buildings

throughout the town. Then it's onto Emerald, the major centre of the Central Highlands and some of the highlights of our visit will be the Van Gogh Sunflower Painting, Fairbairn Dam and the Visitor Information Centre. Departing Emerald we'll take the short drive out to Lake Maraboon via Fairbairn Dam to stay in the beautifully appointed cabins overlooking the Lake.

Accommodation: Lake Maraboon Holiday Village x 2 nights

SATURDAY 1 MAY (BREAKFAST, MORNING TEA, LUNCH & DINNER)

Today we head for the Gemfields via the little town of Capella. Capella is an interesting town which is flourishing due to the nearby mines. Enjoy a tour of Pioneer Village and smoko before we head down to the Gemfields, an area that is a major supplier of sapphires to the world market. We'll learn about underground sapphire mining at the Miners Heritage, try our luck at fossicking, and see the Royal Rubyvale Hotel which is pure Gemfields architecture, made of billy boulders and ironbark logs. After a great day in the gemfields, we'll return to beautiful Lake Maraboon for the night.

SUNDAY 2 MAY (BREAKFAST, MORNING TEA, LUNCH & DINNER)

Departing the lake this morning, we'll travel south through Springsure with a stop for smoko and then lunch in Rolleston, before it's onto beautiful Carnarvon Gorge, renowned worldwide as a remarkable natural attraction.

Accommodation: Carnarvon Gorge Wilderness Lodge x 2 nights in their eco-accredited luxury safari cabins. Other facilities at the Lodge include a pool, bar & restaurant, souvenir store and guest laundry. Note: Please remember to bring along a



torch and comfortable shoes for walking.

MONDAY 3 MAY (BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER)

Carnarvon Gorge has over 25km of graded walking tracks, so today you may like to take in one of the many walks available or just laze around the peaceful tranquil lodge. Graham and Deb will be guiding you for some of the walks this morning before a BBQ lunch in the picnic grounds. This afternoon will be free for further walks or just relaxing.

TUESDAY 4 MAY (BREAKFAST, MORNING TEA, LUNCH & DINNER)

After a leisurely start, we will leave Carnarvon Gorge and head to Roma via the township of Injune, well known for its role in the timber, cattle and natural gas industries. Injune is another small town enjoying the mining boom. We will have lunch at Injune before heading to Roma for a town tour before checking into our accommodation.

Accommodation: Motel Carnarvon x 1 night

WEDNESDAY 5 MAY (BREAKFAST & LUNCH)

This morning we will have a little free time in Roma and you will also see the beautiful windows of St Paul's Cathedral. Then it's time to head to Mitchell and then onto Bonus Downs, one of the finest and oldest established properties in this area. Madonna and Lyle will host us for lunch and a tour of the fully restored homestead and workers accommodation. Then it's back through Morven and onto Charleville Railway Station where this adventure will end.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Fully escorted from Barcaldine by Graham & Deb, Travel West
- All touring including Carnarvon Gorge National Parks entry fee
- 7 nights ensuite motel/lodge accommodation
- All meals (continental breakfast, lunch, 2-course dinners and morning teas along the way)
- Full day Artesian Country Tour with Tom Lockie
- Underground mine tour & fossicking
- Capella Pioneer Village Tour
- Tour & lunch at Bonus Downs

NOT INCLUDED:

- Travel to Barcaldine and return from Charleville
- Drinks & souvenirs

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