

OUTBACK QUEENSLAND FARM & PROPERTY TOUR 9-NIGHT ACCOMMODATED TAG ALONG TOUR TOURS COMMENCE IN ROMA QLD 11 JUNE & 13 AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY (dinner)

6pm – Meet in reception at our motel for pre-dinner drinks & nibbles before dinner. Accommodation: Best Western Bungil Creek Motel, Roma x 2 nights

MONDAY (continental breakfast, lunch & dinner)

This morning we'll travel to **Mount Hope property** and meet the Price family to hear how they have embraced coal seam gas and work closely with Santos on their property. Return to Roma after lunch via Mount Saltbush Road, and an interesting look at the gas industry. You will have some free time back in Roma to do your own exploring - <u>https://romarevealed.com.au/discover-the-region/towns/roma-qld/</u> 7pm – meet for dinner in BC's Restaurant at the motel.

TUESDAY (continental breakfast, lunch & dinner)

Arrive at the **Roma Saleyards** for a tour of the largest cattle selling centre in Australia, with over 400,000 cattle passing through each year. Enjoy some time in the new state-of-the-art interpretive centre telling the story of the cattle industry. As you enter the Interpretive Centre, you could be forgiven for thinking you'd joined a cattle drive on the long paddock. We'll have a cuppa in the café before heading to the small rural town of **Surat** for lunch. Continuing along the Carnarvon Highway, we will arrive in St. George this afternoon. **Accommodation:** Riverland Motor Inn, St George x 2 nights

Dinner in River's Restaurant at the motel.

WEDNESDAY (continental breakfast, lunch & dinner)

8.30am Join your Cotton & Winery Tour at the front of the motel. Enjoy the onboard commentary provided by a local cotton farmer as they showcase their fully operational cotton farm and learn how cotton is grown, irrigated and harvested. Once finished you will head onto Riversands Wines for a vineyard tour before being treated to a personalised wine tasting and a delicious lunch with entertainment in their relaxed country garden.

Following your tour, you'll have free time until we meet for dinner at 6.30pm. A suggestion is to visit "The Unique Egg", where Steve Margaritis has been hand carving emu eggs for more than 60 years, pop into the Visitor Information Centre and take a walk along their beautiful river. <u>https://www.stgeorgeregion.com.au/explore/st-george/</u> Dinner in River's Restaurant at the motel.

THURSDAY (continental breakfast, lunch & dinner)

Departing St. George we'll travel west to Cunnamulla via Bollon, where we will have morning tea. Continue onto Cunnamulla for lunch and time to look around town, spend time at the Cunnamulla Visitor Information Centre, Artesian Time Tunnel, Museum & see the latest Art Gallery display.

4pm – head to Cunnamulla Railway Station for the **Cunnamulla "All Aboard" 3D Sound & Light Spectacular**! Sit back and relax in the modern theatre as the holographic host, Station Master (Steven Tandy), whisks you back in time on a memorable journey to the "end of the line".

Return to our accommodation for dinner in the restaurant.

Accommodation: Warrego Hotel/Motel, Cunnamulla x 1 night

FRIDAY (continental breakfast, lunch & dinner)

First up, we meet with the mayor in the council chambers and then head west to the little town of **Eulo** before we drive through to **Alroy Station**, a working sheep & cattle station for lunch and a look around.

Our final stop today will be on a massive nature reserve at Eromanga – the furthest town from the sea and home to **The Eromanga Natural History Museum**, which is committed to discovering, conserving and showcasing the fossil, natural and cultural heritage of the upper Murray/Darling and Lake Eyre/Cooper basins. You'll feel like you're staying on a property but with the comforts of 4-star accommodation.

Accommodation: Cooper's Country Lodge x 2 nights

Whilst here we'll do the Australian Dinosaur Giants Tour. On this tour you'll meet *Australotitan cooperensis* or more commonly known as Cooper, the largest dinosaur to have ever been found in Australia. Titanosaurs are one of the last remaining sauropod groups in the Cretaceous Period and were the largest ever land-dwelling animals. The bones of *Australotitan* are the largest bones of any dinosaur so far discovered in Australia, which makes them the largest bones of any animal to have walked the Australian continent.

The expert guides have an in-depth knowledge of fossil hunting and delight in unravelling the mysteries of the past. They'll demonstrate exposing the fossilised bone using specialised tools. You'll also see the incredible Eulo megafauna fossils and other natural history collections. It's not every day that you get close enough to touch a 95 million year old dinosaur bone!

SATURDAY (cooked breakfast, lunch & dinner)

Following breakfast, we'll head through town and out to "Belombre" property where we will be met by owners Adam & Fiona for a property tour and lunch.

The Eromanga region also has the claim to fame of being the largest oil producing area in mainland Australia. The township plays host to a mini refinery that has been continuously refining 1250 barrels per day of crude oils into automotive distillates, jet fuel and specialty chemicals. The Old Royal Hotel, built in 1885, is one of the original buildings and was once a Cobb & Co Staging Post. The Living History Centre is another option to visit this afternoon.

SUNDAY (cooked breakfast, lunch & dinner)

After breakfast we will head north through Kyabra Station, part of the Durack's story, with smoko along the way. Continuing on we'll pass Thylungra Station which was Australia's largest sheep station in its heyday in the 1950's and the property initially established as a cattle station by pioneer Patrick Durack in 1868 and then over mighty **Cooper Creek** to the tiny town of Windorah.

Sunset drinks & nibbles out at "Sando's" sandhill.

Accommodation: Western Star Hotel/Motel x 1 night

Dinner at the 'pub'.

MONDAY (continental breakfast, lunch & dinner)

Head north via Jundah and Stonehenge to Longreach where we will check into our accommodation before heading out to **Camden Park Station**, owned by the Walker family that once hosted the Queen and Prince Phillip! Camden Park Station is an 18,000-acre working sheep and cattle station. Enjoy sunset drinks & nibbles followed by an exclusive 3-course dinner in the woolshed hosted by 'Outback' Dan.

Accommodation: Saltbush Retreat x 1 night

TUESDAY (breakfast)

Enjoy breakfast before we say our farewells!

https://experiencelongreach.com.au/things-to-do-longreach-2/longreach-regionexperiences/

<u>COST</u>: \$3400.00 per person twin share

WHATS INCLUDED

Experienced guiding by Graham & Deb 9 nights' ensuite accommodation All meals & smoko's (except one) Beer, wine & soft drinks at Eromanga/Cooper's Country Lodge, 'Sando's Sandhill & Camden Park Station Property Station Tours as per itinerary Roma Saleyards Tour Cunnamulla "All Aboard Show" Eromanga Natural History Museum guided tour

WHATS NOT INCLUDED

Fuel and car expenses Drinks (except Eromanga, Sando's Sandhill & Camden Park Station) Items of a personal nature

BOOKING CONDITIONS APPLY ~~ NON-SMOKERS ONLY