



## **2023 BIRDSVILLE RACES AIR PACKAGE FROM BRISBANE** **FRIDAY 1 – SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2023** **PACKAGE #1**

**Birdsville Races – nothing beats being in Birdsville for the first weekend in September! Join us and fly to the races “In Style” on Friday 1 September and return on Sunday 3 September 2023.**

A unique and true outback race meeting! The first race meeting was held in September 1882 as an event for hack and stock horses with a few local spectators but and was largely attended by nearly 150 station owners, managers, stockmen and other employees.

The Birdsville Cup is a much sought after trophy and is famous throughout the world.

Situated three kilometres to the south east of the town the track itself is on a clay pan alongside the sand dunes. The track is 2000m in circumference with the longest race, 1600m Birdsville Cup starting in the back straight. All starts are on the course proper except for the 1000m, which starts from a chute. Birdsville is one of four tracks in Queensland that run anti-clockwise!

Crowds of over 6000 racegoers celebrate the carnival each year enjoying two days of quality outback racing with nightly live entertainment at the iconic Birdsville Hotel. Other entertainment includes the Fashions on the Field, Fred Brophy's Boxing Troupe and a variety of food vendors.

Great entertainment, class horseracing and premium hospitality makes for a fantastic event in the heart of Australia's outback. Today it is among one of the best events on offer in Outback Queensland, winning many awards over the years.

### **FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER**

6.00am – Meet with your guides Graham & Debbie Reid, owners/operators of Travel West, and board your chartered ATR72 flight at the Brisbane Domestic Terminal, Brisbane Airport bound for Birdsville!

7.00am - Depart Brisbane and fly over the Darling Downs agricultural farmlands and into mulga country, near Charleville. Travel west over the Warrego, Paroo & Bulloo Rivers, Cooper Creek and the Diamantina River before arriving in Birdsville.

Along the way, Graham will provide comprehensive commentary about the western river systems that make up the Lake Eyre Basin and some other interesting history. Graham has extensive knowledge of south west Queensland having spent many years operating small group tours to Birdsville, Innamincka, and the Corner Country as well as across the Simpson Desert.

Upon arrival you will be guided to ‘Tent City’, your accommodation for the next 2 nights. Showers and toilets are nearby the tents.

During your stay, you’ll have plenty of opportunities to enjoy the atmosphere at the historic Birdsville Hotel.

## **FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER (cont)**

Today is the first day of the 2-day race meeting at the Birdsville Racetrack. Regular shuttle services are available to get to/from the track.

## **SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**

Private coach transfer to Birdsville Racetrack.

**“Birdsville Cup Day”** - transfer to the racetrack on a shuttle bus for an entertaining day and hopefully to back a few winners!

- Entry to the trackside OBE Pavilion is included today and is extremely popular offering the following:  
Clear fronted marquee with full views of the track  
Gourmet dining featuring OBE Organic produce  
Exclusive trackside access  
4.5-hour beer and wine package  
Complimentary race book  
Sky Channel coverage & Live music
- Private coach transfer back to Tent City.

## **SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER**

This morning we'll enjoy a bit more time in Birdsville before boarding your chartered flight back to Brisbane, arriving approximately 4pm.

**PACKAGE PRICE:**     \$3100.00 per person twin share

### **INCLUDED IN PACKAGE**

- Return flights Brisbane to Birdsville in a chartered ATR72
- Birdsville Landing Tax
- Twin share tent accommodation for 2 nights with 2 x stretcher beds, sleeping bag combo & pillow.
- Camp chair at tent per person
- Return transfer to Birdsville Racetrack on Saturday Only
- Entrance to racetrack Friday & Saturday
- Entrance to trackside OBE Pavilion on Saturday Only

### **NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE**

- Drinks and food (except for OBE Pavilion on Saturday)
- Transfer to and from track on Friday
- Towel for use at showers and torch

~~Bookings Conditions Apply~~

~~Insurance is recommended~~