



OUTBACK QUEENSLAND FARM & PROPERTY TOUR

9-NIGHT ACCOMMODATED TAG ALONG TOUR

TOURS COMMENCE IN ROMA QLD

16 JUNE 2024

SUNDAY 16 JUNE (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 17 JUNE (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 -

<https://romarevealed.com.au/discover-the-region/towns/roma-qld/>

7pm – meet for dinner in BC's Restaurant at the motel.

TUESDAY 18 JUNE (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 19 JUNE (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 Centre and take a walk along part of the Balonne River or perhaps enjoy a sunset river cruise.

<https://www.stgeorgeregion.com.au/explore/st-george/>

Dinner in River's Restaurant at the motel.

THURSDAY 20 JUNE (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 or take a dip in the new Cunnamulla Hot Springs.

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 your accommodation for dinner in the restaurant.

Accommodation: Warrego Hotel/Motel, Cunnamulla x 1 night

FRIDAY 21 JUNE (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 chat with Mac & Mary.

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 22 JUNE (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 23 JUNE (cooked breakfast, lunch & dinner)

After breakfast we will head north through **Kyabra Station**, continuing past **Thylungra Station**, which was Australia's largest sheep station in its heyday in the 1950's, both stations being part of the Durack's story. Thylungra was initially established as a cattle station by pioneer Patrick Durack in 1868. Arriving at **Trinidad Station**, we'll meet up with owner Wendy for a great chat and smoko. Our journey today continues north via Yaraka where we'll have lunch with Chris & Gerry at the Yaraka Pub before travelling through Emmett to Blackall where we will check into our accommodation.

Accommodation: Oasis Motor Inn, Blackall x 2 night

Dinner in the motel restaurant, The Woolshed Baa & Grill.

MONDAY 24 JUNE (breakfast, lunch & dinner)

After breakfast we head out to the **Blackall Woolscour** for an hour-long tour, with one of the friendly local tour guides and wander back in time through the historical Woolscour to share the yarns and tales about the great Aussie Battlers who built the backbone of the Australian Wool Industry. Marvel at the bush ingenuity and engineering excellence, are some of the only kinds still operating in the world. See, smell, and touch the historic machinery and lanolin-soaked exhibits of a bygone era and gain a deeper understanding and pride in where our nation has come from.

Onwards for a short inspection and chat at the Blackall Saleyards before heading to Shannendoah Park for a chat and lunch with Shirley. This afternoon includes a visit to Red Ridge Interior, for a look at some authentic Indigenous designs. Perhaps take a stroll from town to the Barcoo River, where there's a nature walk that will lead you to a bird hide.

5pm – meet up for transfer to the Blackall Woolscour and our farewell dinner. Enjoy sunset drinks & nibbles followed by an exclusive 3-course dinner in the woolshed.

TUESDAY 25 JUNE (breakfast)

Enjoy breakfast before it's time to say farewell and wish you safe travels.

COST: \$3400.00 per person twin share

WHATS INCLUDED

Experienced guiding by Graham & Deb

9 nights' ensuite accommodation

All meals & smoko's

Tours as mentioned in itinerary, including Cunnamulla "All Aboard Show",

Cotton/Historic Homestead & Winery Tour, Eromanga Natural History Museum guided tour

WHATS NOT INCLUDED

Fuel and car expenses

Items of a personal nature

Drinks

BOOKING CONDITIONS APPLY ~~ NON-SMOKERS ONLY