



2026 BIRDSVILLE RACES AIR PACKAGE FROM BRISBANE **THURSDAY 3 – SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2026**

Birdsville Races – nothing beats being in Birdsville for the first weekend in September! Join us and fly to the races “In Style” on Thursday 3 September and return on Sunday 6 September 2026.

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, and a Calcutta on both Friday & Saturday.

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.

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

11.30am – 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!

1.00pm - Depart Brisbane - NB. Lunch is not included on the flight. 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 3 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.

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER (CONT)

Your package includes the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Birdsville Races Gala, the most glamorous event of race week, and provides a fantastic opportunity to dress up and experience outback hospitality in style. While watching the sunset over the track, raise vital funds in support of Queensland's RFDS to continue their lifesaving mission. Live entertainment, special guests and an RFDS charity auction. This event is from 6pm – 10.30pm and includes return transfers.

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Today is the first day of the 2-day race meeting at the Birdsville Racetrack.

Private coach transfer to/from Birdsville Racetrack – times will be confirmed on the flight to Birdsville.

11.30am - Transfer to the racetrack for an entertaining day and hopefully to back a few winners!

Entry to the OBE Pavilion is included today and is extremely popular offering the following:

General Entry to Day 1 of the Birdsville Races

Entry to the trackside OBE Pavilion, open from 12noon

Clear fronted marquee with full views of the track

Gourmet dining featuring OBE Organic produce – cocktail style hospitality – seating is not guaranteed.

Exclusive trackside access

4.5 hour beer and wine package

Complimentary race book

Sky Channel coverage & Live music

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

Private coach transfer to/from Birdsville Racetrack – times will be confirmed on the flight to Birdsville.

“Birdsville Cup Day” - transfer to the racetrack 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 – seated & plated lunch inc main, dessert & cheese platter

Exclusive trackside access

4.5-hour beer and wine package

Complimentary race book

Sky Channel coverage & Live music

SUNDAY 6 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: \$4150.00 per person twin share (Single Tent Supplement \$280.00)

INCLUDED IN PACKAGE

- Return direct flights Brisbane to Birdsville in a chartered ATR72
- Birdsville Landing Tax
- Transfer of luggage to/from airport to Tent City
- Twin share tent accommodation for 3 nights with 2 x stretcher beds, sleeping bag combo & pillow, in-tent lantern.
- Camp chair at tent per person
- RFDS Gala on Thursday 3 September inc return transfers
- Return transfer to Birdsville Racetrack on Friday & Saturday
- Entrance to racetrack Friday & Saturday
- Entrance to trackside OBE Pavilion on Friday & Saturday

NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- Drinks and food (except for some drinks at RFDS Gala, and in the OBE Pavilion on Friday & Saturday)
- Towel for use at showers and torch
- Birdsville Races souvenir medallions – available at track for \$10.00 per badge.

~~Bookings Conditions Apply~~

~~Insurance is recommended~~