

The Senior Newspaper and Travelrite International
invite you to join them on the 2024

Rail & Coach

EXPLORATION OF

Queensland

16 July to 1 August 2024



Visiting Rockhampton, Airlie Beach,
Townsville, Charters Towers, Richmond,
Mt Isa, Winton, Longreach, Barcaldine,
Charleville and Roma

Includes
over **\$1000**
per person value
in sightseeing tours,
entrances and
train travel



TRAVELRITE
INTERNATIONAL

THE
Senior

Rail & Coach

EXPLORATION OF

Queensland

This will be a wonderful experience travelling from Brisbane aboard the Tilt Train along the Queensland coast to Rockhampton, then on to the Whitsundays and Townsville. We continue through Outback Queensland to Mt Isa, Longreach and Winton before returning to Brisbane via Barcaldine and Charleville. The tour is fully escorted and includes rail and coach travel, sightseeing tours in each region and special events for tour members. We hope that you can join us for two fun weeks.



DAY 1 Tuesday 16 July 2024

Brisbane to Rockhampton - Tilt train

Today group members depart Brisbane Roma Street Station mid-morning on our Tilt Train journey to Rockhampton. The Tilt Train connects passengers with some of Queensland's most iconic tourist destinations with a quick and convenient way to access the Southern Great Barrier Reef and Capricorn Coast. Travelling at up to 160km per hour, the tilt train is one of the fastest trains in Australia. Upon arrival early evening we check into our Rockhampton hotel. This evening we enjoy an included Welcome Dinner.

DAY 2 Wednesday 17 July 2024

Airlie Beach

This morning we enjoy a city tour of Rockhampton before heading north to Airlie Beach via Mackay. The tour manager will recommend restaurants for those that wish to dine with the group.

DAY 3 Thursday 18 July 2024

Airlie Beach

Airlie Beach is the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef and the Whitsunday Islands, a gathering of 74 sandy isles scattered across the centre of the Great Barrier Reef. Today we take a cruise to spectacular Whitehaven Beach followed by lunch and free time at Hamilton Island.



DAY 4 Friday 19 July 2024

Townsville

We depart Airlie Beach today following the coast north to Townsville. We check into our hotel late afternoon. Townsville is a vibrant and bustling city with Federation-style architecture and a coastal vibe. It's also Australia's largest garrison town with Australian Defence Force bases and a fascinating military history.

DAY 5 Saturday 20 July 2024

Charters Towers - The Inlander

A free morning in Townsville before we board The Inlander train for Charters Towers. Relax as we depart the coast and head into the Great Dividing Range and Outback Queensland. We disembark in Charters Towers mid-afternoon and check in to our motel. Gold was first discovered in the outback town of Charters Towers in 1871 by Aboriginal horse boy,



Jupiter Mosman. It quickly became a booming gold rush town, with over 65 hotels and a population of more than 25,000 people. The afternoon will be free to explore the town.

DAY 6 Sunday 21 July 2024

Richmond

This morning we will have a tour of Charters Towers. The town has many magnificent heritage buildings which are testament to its prosperity in the early 1900s. These include the heritage listed Stock Exchange Arcade, The World Theatre, City Hall and the Post Office Tower. The cemetery, which was established in 1895, is the resting place of Jupiter Mosman. This afternoon we travel to Richmond, a small outback town which functions as a service centre to the surrounding pastoral community. Once part of Australia's vast Inland Sea, Richmond is best known for its marine fossil discoveries.

DAY 7 Monday 22 July 2024

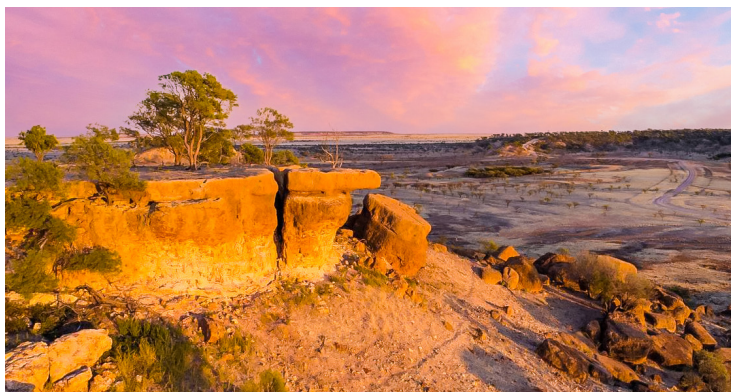
Mt Isa

This morning we visit Kronosaurus Korner which displays fossil finds from the cretaceous-era inland sea, which existed from about 97.5 to 120 million years ago. We then travel to Mount Isa via Cloncurry. Mt Isa is Outback Queensland's largest town, built around vast silver, copper, zinc and lead mines. Nestled among the ochre-red Selwyn Ranges, on the banks of the Leichhardt River, Mount Isa is a bustling melting pot of culture and industry and home to one of the most productive single mines and the southern hemisphere's largest rodeo.

DAY 8 Tuesday 23 July 2024

Mt Isa

We enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of Mount Isa, with local guide, including a visit to Mount Isa's fascinating World War 2 Underground Hospital. This afternoon we visit the Hard Times Mine underground tour. Descending into the mine in the Alimak Cage, we begin to explore the



history of mining as the guides entertain us with their stories of the good times and the hard times that they had working deep under the earth.

DAY 9 Wednesday 24 July 2024 **Winton**

This morning we travel to Winton via McKinlay and the Walkabout Creek Hotel, location for the pub scenes in the movie Crocodile Dundee. On the way we will see the Combo Waterhole, a famous billabong that has important links with the Waltzing Matilda story. 'Banjo' Paterson visited Combo Waterhole for a picnic before writing the song in 1895. On arrival we visit the outstanding Waltzing Matilda Centre, which tells the intriguing story behind the writing of Waltzing Matilda. After dinner, we will enjoy an Old-time Movie Night, a special one hour movie show at Winton's Royal Theatre, one of the few remaining open air picture theatres still operating in Australia, complete with original projection equipment and canvas seats! The show includes old cinema newsreels, old movie ads, 'The 3 Stooges' and 'Popeye'.

DAY 10 Thursday 25 July 2024 **Winton**

This morning we enjoy a visit to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Display in Winton's Corfield and Fitzmaurice building. One of Australia's largest dinosaur fossils ('Elliot') was discovered near Winton in 2002. This afternoon we visit the Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackways for a guided tour. We'll see amazing fossilized footprints from a dinosaur stampede 95 million years ago.



DAY 11 Friday 26 July 2024 **Longreach**

Late morning we depart Winton for Longreach, which is the heart of Outback Queensland and home to the Stockman's Hall of Fame and the Qantas Founders Museum. According to its founders; "[Qantas] was conceived in Cloncurry, born in Winton and grew up in Longreach." After time for lunch we will check into our hotel and the rest of the afternoon will be free.

DAY 12 Saturday 27 July 2024 **Longreach**

This morning we will visit the Qantas Founders Museum. The museum tells the story of Australia's national airline, from its early days in Outback Queensland to the present day. Characters of the early Qantas days, their pioneering spirit and the impact the airline had for all Australians, is brought to life through life size exhibits, historical artefacts and interactive displays including the National Heritage Listed Qantas Hangar. We will also enjoy informative guided tours of the Boeing 707, Boeing 747, Super Constellation and DC-3 in the Museum's new Airpark Enclosure. This afternoon there is free time, in the centre of town. Make sure you visit The Station Store. This outstanding store is based on the traditional outback stores that sold everything. This evening enjoy a traditional stockman's campfire dinner at Camden Park Station.

DAY 13 Sunday 28 July 2024

Longreach

This morning we visit The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre, which pays tribute to Australia's outback heroes. It also tells the story of the rural areas from the arrival of the Aborigines more than 40,000 years ago, settlement by the British, exploration, the establishment of grazing, agriculture, mining, forestry and other industries in country Australia. It also follows the story of the many kinds of technologies which are playing a role in farming, business and communications to the present day. This afternoon, we will enjoy a drive to the nearby town of Ilfracombe to explore the 'Great Machinery Mile'.



DAY 14 Monday 29 July 2024

**Barcaldine
- Spirit of the Outback**

We enjoy a taste of the historic Spirit of the Outback train journey this morning as we board for the Longreach to Barcaldine leg. Enjoy watching the ever changing outback scenery from the comfort of the train. On arrival in Barcaldine we have an over view tour of the town and learn about the historic Tree of Knowledge (the Tree under which shearers met during Great Shearer's Strike of 1891).

DAY 15 Tuesday 30 July 2024

Charleville

This morning we travel to Charleville. On arrival we enjoy a sightseeing tour with a local guide. We see the School of Arts Hotel, mentioned in the song Charleville, recorded by Slim Dusty and visit the Charleville Historic House and Museum, a beautiful historic building (1881). After lunch we visit the Charleville Bilby Experience (presented by Save the Bilby Fund). We see the rare and endangered bilby, a cute local marsupial.

DAY 16 Wednesday 31 July 2024

Roma

We depart Charleville and continue on to Roma, where we see some of the town's famous bottle trees. We also see the impressive heritage-listed Roma Courthouse, situated on site of courthouse where Harry Redford (Captain Starlight) was tried in 1872 for cattle-stealing.

Optional Westlander Train Journey

Tour members have the option to return to Brisbane on the Westlander overnight train to Brisbane departing from Roma this evening. Travel overnight and wake up to the stunning scenery of the Darling Downs and Great Dividing Range as you pass through Toowoomba and head towards Brisbane, arriving late morning on Thursday.



DAY 17 Thursday 1 August 2024

Brisbane

For tour members returning by coach we travel from Roma to Brisbane across the Darling Downs and the Great Dividing Range. In Toowoomba visit the outstanding Cobb & Co Museum and see Australia's finest collection of horse-drawn vehicles. We arrive into Brisbane Roma Street Train Station at approximately 5:00pm and the tour concludes. Please talk to your consultant if you would like us to arrange post tour accommodation.

Rail & Coach

EXPLORATION OF

Queensland

16 July to 1 August 2024

TOUR PRICE

The price per person, twin-share \$ 5,990
Single supplement \$ 950

*Includes GST • The price for flights will be additional. Concession Card Holders Discount Available

Included in the tour price:

- Accommodation in carefully selected 3 and 4-star rated centrally located hotels/motels with private facilities. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Breakfast daily and welcome and farewell dinners.
- Economy-class train travel and travel in a first-class coach.
- Sightseeing and general entrance fees as detailed in the itinerary.
- The services of a Travelrite International Tour Manager, including hosting dinners.

Not included in the price:

- Flights to join and depart from the tour in Brisbane. These will be quoted separately by Travelrite International.
- Travel insurance.
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary.
- Sightseeing and general expenses not specified in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Additional travel arrangements not in the tour itinerary will be quoted for separately.

General information and booking conditions

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd, (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour operator.

TOUR COSTS: The tour costs are based on general transport, entry, and accommodation costs. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 60 days of departure from Australia.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$750 per passenger for is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days before departure for the Queensland Rail and Coach Exploration. Cancellation over 61 days before tour departs results in loss of deposit. Cancellation 61 days and under before tour departs will result in a loss of all monies paid. Payment may be made by cheque or cash a 1.5% administration fee will be charged on payments made by credit cards.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS AND CONDITIONS: The tour has been priced on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 60 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost.

TOUR ORGANISATION: Travelrite reserves the right to change advertised entrances if necessary for the smooth operation of the tour.

REFUNDS: The tour is based on arrangements that do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals, airfare or other services not utilized after the tour has commenced.

BAGGAGE: Due to coach restrictions, tour members can only bring one large suitcase.

RESPONSIBILITY: Travelrite International Pty Ltd. (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organizer. Travelrite acts only as an agent in the making of arrangements for hotels, transportation, restaurants or any other service and does not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or a default of any hotel, carrier restaurant company or person rendering any services included in the tour, or by act of God. Further no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labour disputes, machinery break-down, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omission, delays, re-routing or acts of any government authority. The passage contract between the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of this tour and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any tour and/or make such changes in the tour as may be found desirable or necessary for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the tour. This contract shall be construed in accordance of the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be undertaken in the State of Victoria.

DELAYS AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS: You engage Travelrite International to book this tour on your behalf and you acknowledge that Travelrite International acts as your agent for the purpose of making contracts between you and the various providers of accommodation, transportation and other services that comprise the tour. Travelrite International may without reference to you provide or make available to you, or may as your agent engage any third party to provide or make available to you, any good or service which Travelrite International reasonably believes is necessary for your benefit to maintain the tour itinerary, repatriate you or otherwise accommodate, transport or sustain you in circumstances in which the tour itinerary fails wholly or partly for any reason. You appoint

TRAIN JOURNEYS

Brisbane to Rockhampton – Tilt Train
Townsville to Charters Towers – The Inlander
Longreach to Barcaldine – Spirit of the Outback
Roma to Brisbane (Optional) – The Westlander (overnight)



Travelrite International your attorney for this purpose. You agree to pay Travelrite International any cost thereof and you indemnify Travelrite International in respect of any cost it incurs in this regard. Travelrite advises you to obtain travel insurance generally including in respect of the risk that any such good or service may become required.

HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a deposit of \$750 per person to:

Travelrite International P/L
423 Whitehorse Road
Balwyn, Victoria 3103

Further information can be obtained by telephoning

Toll Free: 1800 630 343

Phone: (03) 8803 6868

Email: balwyn@travelrite.com.au

www.travelrite.com.au

ABOUT TRAVELRITE INTERNATIONAL: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is a well-established travel company which has been marketing throughout Australia for over 30 years and operating in Victoria for more than 40 years. It has a fully licensed (ATAS No. 10538) office at Balwyn which is accredited with IATA. As such we directly represent the major airlines of the world and all major domestic and international hotel, tour and transport operators. Travelrite International Pty Ltd is a full member of Australian Federation of Travel Agents – AFTA.