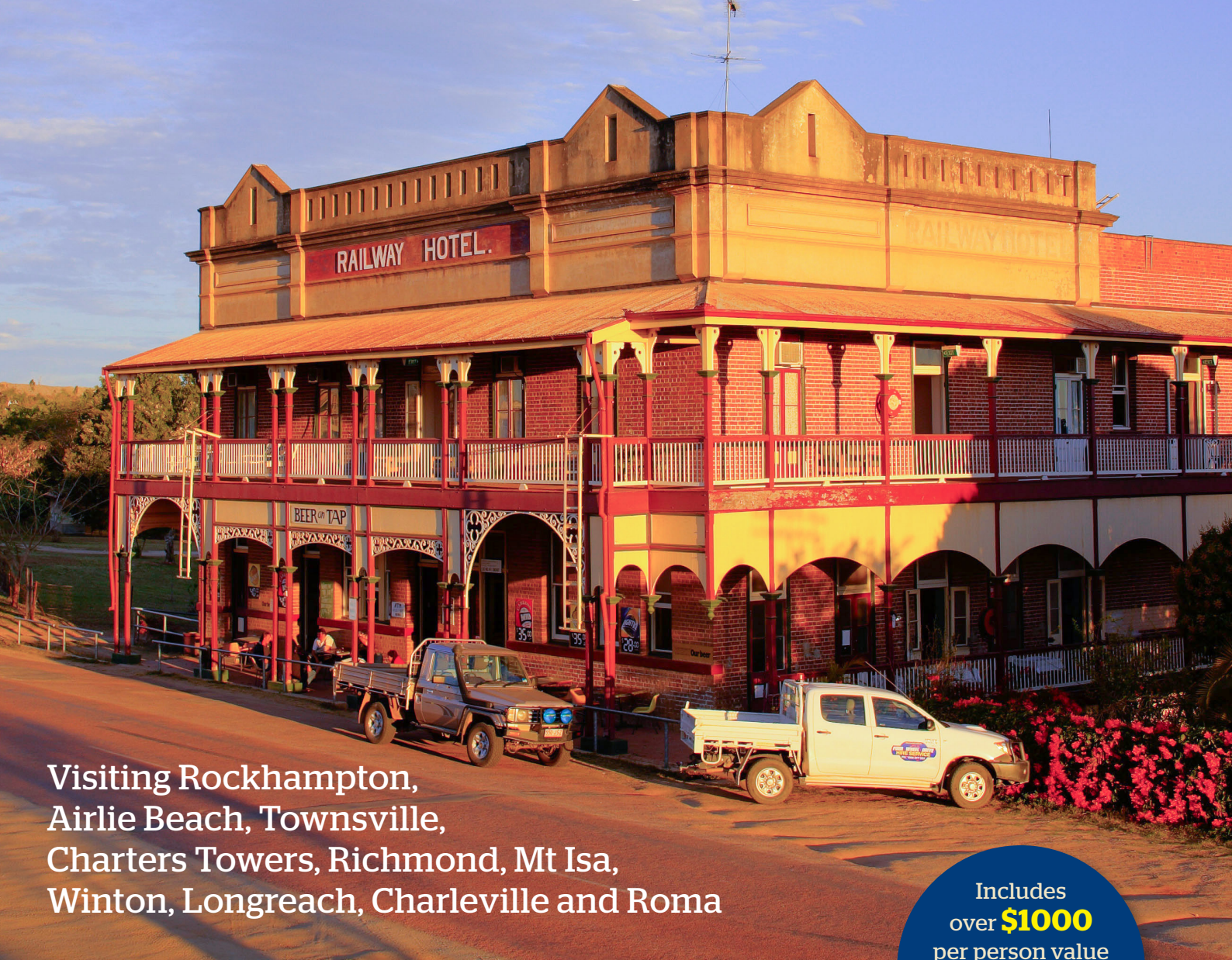


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# Rail & Coach EXPLORATION OF Queensland

12 to 28 August 2025



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

Includes  
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per person value  
in sightseeing tours,  
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This will be a wonderful experience travelling from Brisbane aboard the Spirit of Queensland 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 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.



# Rail & Coach

## EXPLORATION OF Queensland

### DAY 1 Tuesday 12 August 2025 **Brisbane to Rockhampton - Spirit of Queensland**

Today group members depart Brisbane Roma Street Station early afternoon on our Spirit of Queensland journey to Rockhampton. The Spirit of Queensland 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 Spirit of Queensland is one of the fastest trains in Australia. Upon arrival late evening we check into our Rockhampton hotel.

### DAY 2 Wednesday 13 August 2025 **Airlie Beach**

This morning we enjoy a city tour of Rockhampton before heading north to Airlie Beach via Mackay. This evening we enjoy an included Welcome Dinner.



### DAY 3 Thursday 14 August 2025 **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 and Hill Inlet.

### DAY 4 Friday 15 August 2025 **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 16 August 2025 **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 17 August 2025 **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 18 August 2025 **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 the most productive single mines and the southern hemisphere's largest rodeo.

### DAY 8 Tuesday 19 August 2025 **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 20 August 2025**

**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. After dinner, we will enjoy a Nostalgia 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 21 August 2025**

**Winton**

This morning we enjoy a visit to the outstanding *Waltzing Matilda* Centre, which tells the intriguing story behind the writing of *Waltzing Matilda*. After lunch we enjoy a panoramic drive around town. We will see iconic sights such as the Musical Fence, Arno Wall and QANTAS Winton Origin Memorial.



#### **DAY 11 Friday 22 August 2025**

**Longreach**

Today 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." On the way, we enjoy a visit to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs. One of Australia's largest dinosaur fossils ('Elliot') was discovered near Winton in 2002. We will also visit the Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackways for a guided tour. We will see amazing fossilized footprints from a dinosaur stampede 95 million years ago.

#### **DAY 12 Saturday 23 August 2025**

**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 and show on the Thomson River.

#### **DAY 13 Sunday 24 August 2025**

**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 25 August 2025**

**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 overview 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). We return to our hotel in Longreach.

#### **DAY 15 Tuesday 26 August 2025**

**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). We also 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 27 August 2025**

**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. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner.



#### **Optional Westlander Train Journey**

For those taking the train back to Brisbane you will board the Westlander late evening (You will not have access to a hotel room in Roma for the afternoon and early evening). Enjoy the overnight journey 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. Please note that the Westlander is not a sleeper train, you will be seated throughout the journey. The train arrives into Brisbane Roma Street Station around 11.30am.

#### **DAY 17 Thursday 28 August 2025**

**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.



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## TOUR PRICE

The price per person, twin-share \$ 6090  
Single supplement \$ 7490

*\*Includes GST • The price for flights will be additional. Concession Card Holders Discount Available  
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## 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 are not included. Please contact one of our friendly consultants for a quote 1800 630 343**
- 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

## TRAIN JOURNEYS

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



## General information and booking conditions

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