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**QUEENSLAND OUTBACK**  
**STATION STAY #2**  
**11 APRIL – 20 APRIL 2020**  
**10 DAY TOUR**  
**(COACH ONLY TOUR)**

**In association with Stonestreet's Coaches from Toowoomba,  
we have put together something altogether different!**  
(Limited to 16 Passengers only per trip)

*Living and working on Australia's remote outback sheep and cattle stations can be seriously 'hard yakka', but to the families who call these huge properties home, they wouldn't give it up for quids. This special 'station-hopper' tour will visit 5 working outback stations where your hosts and station owners will share the history and the stories of their home. Join them as you discover a real taste of life in the outback. See a sky completely full of stars, experience the seemingly endless openness and enjoy a sense of peace and connection with the Australian outback. Explore outback Qld properties like **Bonus Downs, Charlotte Plains Station, Kilcowera Station, Moble Station and Ray Station** as well as many outback Qld Towns on this fabulous Station Stay tour.*

**Day 1: Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April** **Yeppoon/Rockhampton to Mitchell** **(L/D)**  
Travelling South West to Banana for a morning tea break we then continue to Taroom for lunch at the local water hole. From there we travel through Roma before arriving in Mitchell for the night.  
**Berkley Lodge Motel, Mitchell**

**Day 2: Sun 12<sup>th</sup>** **Bonus Downs & Charlotte Plains** **(BLD)**  
Not far south of Mitchell you will discover your first station; Bonus Downs. Here, owners Lyle and Madonna offer a genuine outback experience and a chance to be part of their living history. After lunch take a step back in time and explore the historical **Bonus Downs Homestead**, painstakingly restored to its former glory and filled with memorabilia of a bygone era. The tour includes morning tea where we enjoy a traditional Billy Tea and damper lunch. From Bonus Downs we travel south to Bollon then west via Balonne Highway to **Charlotte Plains Station** where Robyn, our host and station owner, will welcome us for the night.  
**Charlotte Plains Station**

*(Please note: accommodation for our stay will be in authentic shearers' quarters. Each room has either twin or queen beds, linen and towels, with shared bathroom facilities close by).*

**Day 3: Mon 13<sup>th</sup>** **Charlotte Plains – Kilcowera Station** **(BLD)**  
Start the day with a guided History Tour of **Charlotte Plains Station**. Robyn will join us this morning for a very comprehensive tour which includes the station's own registered cemetery. Visit the House of Memorabilia where you can delve back in time to the way things used to be on Charlotte Plains. You'll also visit Jack's Hut – Jack was the resident Bullocky and Bore Drain Delver - to discover how he lived and the tools he used in his everyday life. Leaving Charlotte Plains we head in to Cunnamulla for some lunch then south through Historic Hungerford on the Queensland New South Wales Border. From Hungerford we head north and on to **Kilcowera Station**, where our hosts Greg and Toni will welcome us for the next 2 nights.  
**Kilcowera Station (2 nights)**

*(Please note: accommodation for the next 2 nights will be in the stations shearers' quarters. Each room has either twin or queen beds, linen and towels, with shared bathroom facilities.)*

**Day 4: Tue 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Kilcowera Station Tour**

**(BLD)**

There is more to see on an outback cattle station than many would expect and the best way to experience it all is on a guided tour by the people who call the place home. At Kilcowera, Greg or Toni will join the group for a guided tour exploring the land where you'll see its diverse range of wildlife, land types and vegetation. Kilcowera's eastern boundary is shared with **Currawinya National Park** and guests have exclusive access to the western side of the 3000-hectare, saline Lake Wyara. A sixty kilometre scenic drive takes you to such attractions as Murder Bore, the scene of a grisly 1940's murder, Rustle's Roost, Red Hole, Lake Wyara and Cardenyabba Lagoon. Do a little bird watching over lunch by a peaceful waterhole and you may be lucky enough to spot the striking "Crimson Chat".

**Kilcowera Station –O/N**

**Day 5: Wed 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Kilcowera Station - Thargomindah - Moble Homestead**

**(BLD)**

All too soon it's time to farewell our hosts, depart Kilcowera Station and head north to Thargomindah where a guide will join us for a tour of the town. Thargomindah was one of the first towns in Australia to produce hydroelectric power and we'll see the generating plant as part of our tour. Later, enjoy lunch at the historic Toompine Hotel. This iconic south west hotel is all that remains of a once bustling opal mining town. Later, stop off at St Finbarr's Catholic Church in Quilpie to see the beautiful Opal Altar and font before arriving at **Moble Homestead** where the owners and our hosts Brian and Kylie will be ready to welcome us.

**Moble Homestead, via Quilpie (2 nights)**

*(Please note: accommodation for the next 2 nights will be in the stations shearers' quarters or cottages. Each room is air conditioned and has either twin or queen beds, linen and towels, and private ensuite or private bathrooms close by.)*

**Day 6: Thu 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Eromanga and Moble Homestead Garden Tour**

**(BLD)**

We have a fascinating day ahead of us today. Firstly we'll meet up with Corey from the **Eromanga National History Museum**. Corey and the Museum will take you on an easy to understand journey across the ages from 100 million years ago until today. Be guided by locals who have an in-depth knowledge of fossil hunting, unravelling the mysteries of the past and using specialised tools to expose the fossilised bone. Touch a 95-million-year-old dinosaur bone, meet 'Cooper' Australia's largest dinosaur, one of the top ten largest dinosaurs in the world and learn about the mega beasts that came after the dinosaur's extinction. After lunch return to Moble homestead where you can relax, try a spot of bird watching or maybe go for a bushwalk or take a swim. Finish the day at **Cave Hill** and enjoy a drink or two and some accompanying nibbles as you watch the sun setting from atop the **Grey Range**.

**Moble Downs O/N**

**Day 7: Fri 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Moble Homestead to Ray Station**

**(BLD)**

After a leisurely start today we enjoy a relaxing morning with Kylie as she shows us their homestead and its accompanying gardens. After lunch our afternoon's travel takes us to **Ray Station** which was settled in 1874 by Patsy and Sarah Tully - Sarah's brother being the famous Patsy Durack from the book '**Kings in Grass Castles**'. He later urged them to follow him on his trek to the Kimberley – they declined, remaining in south west Queensland and surviving the great drought of 1900. Ray Station remains one of a select few properties in Australia that's never changed hands. It has been handed down from father to son and so remains with its unique history & within the original family. On arrival we will be met by Mark & Sandra Tully, great grandchildren of Patsy & Sarah for a cuppa before checking into your accommodation.

**Ray Station (2 nights)**

*(Please note: accommodation for the next 2 nights will be in a variety of accommodation on the property. Each room has either twin or queen beds, linen and towels, with shared bathroom facilities close by.)*

**Day 8: Sat 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Day at Ray Station**

**(BLD)**

Mark and Sandra have arranged a full **Tully-Durack Homestead** tour with morning tea. Then after lunch we'll do the water run to visit the 4 mile, the boundary rider's hut, The Durack Tree, Pinkuna, Gidgea & Five mile plus we'll take time out for afternoon tea. Tonight, we will enjoy a scrumptious 3 course country dinner followed by poetry, guitar and magic..... and maybe sit around the campfire.

**Ray Station O/N**

**Day 9: Sun 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Ray Station to Longreach**

**(BLD)**

Departing Ray Station we join the Quilpie-Windorah Road for a short while before heading north via **Welford National Park** to Jundah and Stonehenge. After lunch it's just a 2 hour hop in to Longreach for the final night of our tour. Tonight we head to the **Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame** for dinner and the **Outback Stockman's Show** which represents the quintessential Australian character. Join experienced Head Stockman John Hawkes for an informative insight and tribute to the skills of all stockmen past and present. Be entertained and captivated by this marvellous show which leaves visitors with a sense of pride for keeping the spirit of the outback alive. The dinner show includes a gourmet outback BBQ Buffet dinner.

**Longreach Motor Inn**

**Day 10: Mon 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Longreach to Rockhampton**

**(BL)**

After a fascinating and very unique tour visiting five outback stations and historic towns our tour draws to an end. Reflect on what we have seen over the past days while we coach back to Rockhampton and the Capricorn Coast, via Barcaldine and Emerald with morning tea and lunch stops on the way.

**Tour Cost**

**\$3975.00 per person**

**Single Supplement – add \$305.00 per person**

1. Make sure you **phone** your booking through first to ensure availability of seats!
2. To guarantee your place on this tour please fill out attached Booking Form and return to Peter with a **\$500 Deposit per person**
3. **Final Balance** Due by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020
4. **Insurance** not included but highly recommended. Please ask for a quote as per Booking Form!!

Any queries please phone Peter on 49112644

(Please note: there is no single accommodation at Charlotte Plains and Kilcowera Station)

**(Please remember limited to 16 Passengers only per trip)**

**Tour Inclusions:**

- Pick up and Drop off normal points
- Luxury 4 Wheel Drive Coach (Good access to coach)
- Experienced Driver/Guide
- 9 Cooked Breakfasts
- 10 included Lunches
- 9 Dinners
- 2 Night's Motel Accommodation
- 7 Night's Station Stay Accommodation (Shared Facilities)
- Guided Tour of Bonus Downs Homestead by property owners
- Guided Tour of Charlotte Plains Station by property owners
- Historic Hungerford
- Guided Tour of Kilcowera Station by property owners
- Thargomindah Town Tour
- Giants Tour at National Museum of History, Eromanga
- Guided Tour of Moble Homestead and Gardens by property owners
- Cave Hill Sunset with drinks and nibbles
- Guided Tour of Ray Station by property owners

## **Terms & Conditions**

### **Specialty Travel reserves the right –**

To vary the itinerary in any way at any time it deems necessary.

To amend the price subject to any changes imposed by other operators and carriers included in the itinerary. The operation and provision of services from other operators and carriers included in the itinerary is the responsibility of these operators and no responsibility is taken by Specialty Travel for the failure of such operators to provide the nominated service.

To cancel or postpone the tour due to insufficient numbers or as the result of circumstances outside the company's control that in the opinion of the company would adversely affect the operation of the tour

The company accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of personal belongings and suggests that suitable insurance be attained for protection of the same.

The company does not accept responsibility or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity or damage caused by other transport companies used for connection tours operated by this company.

### **Cancellations**

Cancellation fees may be levied in accordance with notice given. For cancellations between 2 and 3 months of the date of travel, cancellation fees **may** apply on deposits or payments made as per conditions imposed by other suppliers of services included in the tour. For cancellations after final payment (normally 45 to 60 days prior to departure) & no shows a 100% cancellation fee **may** apply.

However no cancellation fees will apply if someone else replaces you on the same tour.

### **Fares & Payments**

Fares quoted are subject to alteration. However no change will be made after the final balance has been paid. A deposit of **\$500pp** is required to confirm your booking with the **balance due at least 45 days** prior to departure. (Please be advised your booking is not guaranteed until we receive deposit). Payment by Mastercard & Visa Credit Cards will incur a 1% Fee. Amex attracts a higher Fee.

### **Inclusions**

Inclusions for each tour are shown on the itinerary. As a general rule, tours include dinner, bed, breakfast and entry fees to various attractions and cruises etc. Meals included are identified by the symbols, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.

### **Exclusions**

Meals not specified, optional tours, room service, telephone calls, drinks and other items of a personal nature.

### **Accommodation**

Wherever possible, rooms are self-contained with private bathroom, colour television, tea and coffee making facilities and heating/air conditioning. Persons wanting a single room must pay a single supplement.

### **Departure Details**

Passengers are requested to be ready for departure at least 15 minutes prior to departure time. Departure details and times will be advised either at the time of booking or final payment.

### **Travel Insurance**

Is not included but is strongly recommended and available if required, for an additional cost.

# **BOOKING FORM**

## **DOMESTIC TRAVEL**



Phone (07) 4911 2644

**Make sure you phone your booking through first to ensure availability of seats!!**

**TOUR NAME:** Queensland Outback Station Stay #1      **DEPARTURE DATE:** Wed 1 April 2020

Surname (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

(Please supply names as per Passport or Driver's License)

Surname (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name (if different from above): 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Have Name Badge? Yes / No (Please circle one)

Preferred Accommodation: (Please circle one) Twin Share / Single Supplement Twin Beds/Double Bed

If travelling with a friend & sharing a room, please advise their name \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Requirements: (If Any) \_\_\_\_\_

Pickup Point: (Please circle one) Yeppoon Rail; Emu Park Bus Terminal; Northside Plaza; South Rocky Puma; Gracemere PO

### **We strongly recommend TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

Quote required **Yes** – If yes please advise Dates of Birth 1: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Quote required **No** I/We have or will arrange our own Insurance

**\$500.00 Deposit per person is required with booking. Final Balance due Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Payment Methods– Cheque, Credit Card or Direct Deposit**

**Cheque:** (Please make payable to **SPECIALTY TRAVEL**)

**Direct Deposit:** Specialty Travel Trust Account: Westpac Bank - BSB: 034210; Acc No: 137027  
**NB:** (If using this method please phone me on 49112644 and advise when done)

**Travel Pay:** (Please Circle one) Mastercard / Visa (1.5% Fee) Amex (2.7%)

This is to confirm that I, the **Cardholder:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Full name as it appears on your credit card)

has read and accept the Terms & Conditions of Specialty Travel as stated online and/or in their brochures and authorize Specialty Travel to charge the following credit card for deposit and/or final payment:

**Credit Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiry Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CCV:** (on back of Card) \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed form by one of the following:**

**Post:** Peter O'Leary, 134 Nollers Road, Silverleigh Q 4401

**Email:** [peter@specialty.travel](mailto:peter@specialty.travel)

**Direct Phone: 4911 2644 (local call)**