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Specialty Travel presents the first tour for 2021
QUEENSLAND OUTBACK STATION TOUR
Tuesday 18th May to Thursday 27th May 2021 (10 Days)
MAXIMUM 16 PEOPLE ONLY (Twin Share Only)

Join us on this exciting tour as we travel through Western Queensland, not only visiting four working stations but staying overnight where you will have the opportunity of interacting with the owners to learn about their properties and the history behind them.

Travel through the Sandstone country to Theodore on the Dawson river, step back in time at the Gold Mining ghost town of Cracow, see the Gaswells and infrastructure as we travel the back tracks into Roma. Rejuvenate your body as you soak in the hot artesian baths at Charlotte Plains. Learn how "Murderers Bore" got its name while on a tour of Kilcowera Station 1200kms west of Brisbane. Travel through 'Thargo' to The Lake at Quilpie to enjoy one of many great western sunsets and sunrises. Be amazed as you step back to prehistoric times at the Eromanga Natural History Museum where you'll meet 'Cooper', Australia's largest dinosaur.

The surprises keep coming as you relax in your own ensuited glamping tent on the Mitchell Grass Plains at Longreach along with a cruise on the Thomson river followed by a dinner and entertaining show. Explore the recently refurbished Hall of Fame and the Qantas Museum in Longreach.

Travelling home you'll meet more locals along at Illfracombe and Barcaldine where we'll have an entertaining evening with a meal and history of the Qld Shearers strike of 1891 and some bush poetry.

DAY 1: (LD) ROCKHAMPTON TO ROMA

Tuesday 18 May 2021

Once settled into your luxury 4x4 tour coach we'll travel via Theodore & the ghost gold mining town of Cracow for morning tea. Traveling to Taroom via the Nathan Gorge Rd we'll have lunch at the Leichhardt hotel and take a look at the Leichhardt tree and the Steel wings windmill, one of only of its type in working order. This afternoon we'll travel through country that has seen massive investment in the Coal seam gas development before arriving in Roma for our first nights accommodation.

1 night | Roma

DAY 2: (BLD) ROMA TO CHARLOTTE PLAINS

Wednesday 19 May 2021

We start today travelling south through Surat to St George where we'll have morning tea on the banks of the beautiful Balonne river. We cross the Jack Taylor weir and make our way to Bollon for a short stop then arrive at Charlotte Plains where we will be welcomed by Robyn who owns this property and will be our host for the next 2 nights.

2 nights | Charlotte Plains

DAY 3: (BLD) CHARLOTTE PLAINS STATION

Thursday 20 May 2021

After a good nights rest and waking to the sounds of the birds, we'll have a hearty breakfast then prepare to take an informative tour of the 27,000 hectare property with Robyn as our guide. Later we'll visit the hot baths and have a few drinks and nibbles as we watch the sun set

DAY 4: (BLD) CHAROTTE PLAINS TO KILCOWERA**Friday 21 May 2021**

Today we farewell Robyn and the hot baths and make our way to Kilcowera Station for our next station stay. We'll stop for a photo shoot with the Cunnamulla fella, before joining the AdventureWay and heading to Eulo where we cross the Paroo River and head south, following the river and passing through Currawinya Nat, home of a vermin proof enclosure for the endangered Bilby, then into Hungerford where we'll stop off to visit the pub right on the QLD/NSW border. We'll then follow the border to the west before swinging North again to Kilcowera

1 night | Kilcowera Station**DAY 5 (BLD) KILCOWERA STATION TO THE LAKE (QUILPIE)****Saturday 22 May 2021**

In 2021 Kilcowera changed hands, so during this mornings tour we'll hear about the Binnie and Davies families who have come together to form Vision Pastoral Company.

After the morning tour, we'll have some lunch and farewell our hosts and make tracks to 'Thargo', the Administrative Centre for the Bulloo Shire Council and local identity the Mayor, 'Tractor' Ferguson! From here we continue heading North past Baldy Top to The Lake for our next Station Stay

1 night | The Lake**DAY 6: (BLD) THE LAKE (QUILPIE) TO EROMANGA****Sunday 23 May 2021**

With a later start this morning we'll enjoy a cooked breakfast and enjoy our time at The lake before heading back into Quilpie for a quick town tour. With a population of just 575 its well known for its opals and local art. After a short drive along the Diamantina Development rd we arrive in Eromanga to visit one of the outbacks latest tourist attractions for an afternoon tour of the Natural History Museum. Here you'll meet Cooper and George, the largest dinosaurs ever found in Australia!

1 night | Eromanga**DAY 7: (BLD) EROMANGA TO LONGREACH****Monday 24 May 2021**

Sadly we farewell Cooper and George this morning and head into the heart of the Channel Country, crossing the famous Cooper Creek, we visit Windorah before heading to Jundah where we'll stop at the local pub for lunch. After lunch and maybe a couple of cold ales we travel to Longreach where we will spend the next 2 nights in one of the outbacks newest and slightly more 'glamorous' accommodation retreats! The Mitchell Grass Retreat. You may not want to leave!! Unfortunately we will have to drag you away as we have to duck into town to visit the Qantas museum for the new Luminescent Longreach Show

2 nights | Mitchell Grass Retreat**DAY 8: (BD) LONGREACH TOURING****Tuesday 25 May 2021**

We have a big today, so a good breakfast will be in order!

We head back into Longreach to the Stockmans Hall of Fame, here we join The Stockmans Experience tour, this includes the new cinematic experience on the 16 metre screen featuring the birth of the Nation through the eyes of a stockman, showcasing virtual and real footage. Also included is entry to the museum and the live show – A Stockmans Life, all whilst seated in the undercover grandstand in the Outback Stockman Arena. We then wander across to the Qantas Museum for the next part of the days activities where you can have lunch (your own cost) in the fully licensed McGuinness Restaurant before we start the Airpark tour where you'll go behind the scenes of the planes on display as well a walk through of the 747 and 707Boeing and the Super Constellation then you have time for a self guided tour around the museum.

No doubt you'll want to freshen up for the evening river cruise, dinner and show at Smithys so we'll slip back to Mitchell Grass retreat before heading out to the banks of the Thomson River for a great evening of entertainment.

DAY 9: (BD) LONGREACH TO BARCALDINE**Wednesday 26 May 2021**

Unfortunately we have to leave our glamorous tents this morning but we will give you a later start to enjoy for just a little bit longer, maybe a morning bath or walk to get some amazing outback photos and watch the sun rise.. If you are into old machinery then you'll enjoy the "Great Machinery Mile" at Illfracombe, this used to be a transport hub for the Wellshot Station in 1891 which at the time held the largest number of sheep on any station in the world!

From here its a short skip to Barcaldine where we'll let you lose at the Barcy Bakery for lunch (your own cost) and a look around town before booking into our accommodation. This afternoon we are lucky to have a guided tour of the town by the ex Mayor and local character Robbie Chandler, who has also organised a special visit of a local property where the first shearers strike of 1891 was staged along with a BBQ dinner and some bush poetry

1 night | Barcaldine**DAY 10: (BL) BARCALDINE TO ROCKHAMPTON****Thursday 27 May 2021**

Well they say that all good things must come to an end, so today we head for home stopping at Emerald for a pleasant picnic lunch prepared by the local bakery then make our way back into Rockhampton

Tour Cost
\$4535.00 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 Katrina*
3. **Final Balance due by Wednesday 14th April 2021**
4. *Insurance not included but highly recommended. Please ask for a quote as per Booking Form!!*

Tour Inclusions

- 3 night's motel accommodation – Roma , Eromanga and Barcaldine
- 4 night's Station stays at Charlotte Plaines, The Lake at Quilpie and Kilcowera Station
- 2 night's Glamping Tents at Mitchell Grass retreat
- 9 breakfasts, 7 Lunches and 9 Dinners
- Inclusions:
 - Charlotte Plaines | Tour and hot baths
 - Kilcowera Station | Tour
 - The Lake Quilpie | Tour
 - Eromanga | New Museum of Natural History
 - Longreach | The Stockmans Experience Tour including the new 16M cinema experience at the Stockmans Hall of Fame
 - Longreach | Qantas Museum, Luminescent evening show plus airport tour
 - Longreach | Smithys boat cruise, dinner and show
 - Barcaldine | Outback Dinner experience, history of the Shearers strike on the property where it happened and bus poetry (NOT NORMALLY AVAILABLE TO TRAVELLERS)

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, change, or postpone the tour due to insufficient numbers or as the result of circumstances outside the company's control (Including in the event of Force Majeure) that in the opinion of the company would adversely affect the operation of the tour. (REFER T&C www.specialty.travel)

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 – Exception will be flights as they will be non refundable and no names changes permitted 45 days prior to travel

Fares & Payments

Fares quoted are subject to alteration, however no change will be made after the final balance has been paid. A deposit of **\$500 pp** 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 your deposit). Payment by Mastercard & Visa Credit Cards will incur a 1.5% Fee. Amex attracts a 2.7% 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. These facilities may not be available at most of the Station stays as shared bathrooms may be offered.

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.