

Longreach 9 Day Guided Tour



JULY 2023
9 DAY PACKAGE
\$6,479
TWIN SHARE*

FITNESS LEVEL 2 TOUR

Experience the heart of the Queensland Outback on this fully escorted tour by Liz Webster.

Highlights include: Brisbane sightseeing tour and river cruise; Spirit Of The Outback Sleeper Train Brisbane to Longreach; Visit a historic Longreach sheep station; Stockman`s Hall of Fame; Sunset Thomson River cruise followed by a hearty stockman`s dinner; Winton and the Age of Dinosaur Museum; Qantas Museum.

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\$1,099 PP

 DEPARTING:
MONDAY 31
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DAY ONE MONDAY 31 JULY 2023

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Home / Brisbane

Home pick up if applicable by Christians Bus Co to Melbourne Airport. Your Qantas flight will depart Melbourne Tullamarine Airport at 12.05 pm and includes a 20 kg luggage allowance. The flight arrives into Brisbane at 2.15 pm. Upon arrival at Brisbane Airport, you will be transferred to your hotel.

DINNER 2 Course Dinner at Grand Chancellor Hotel Brisbane

OVERNIGHT Grand Chancellor Hotel Brisbane – Deluxe Room

DAY TWO TUESDAY 1 AUGUST 2023

B D

Brisbane

Enjoy your Buffet breakfast at the Grand Chancellor Hotel Brisbane before departing at 10.00 am for sightseeing around Brisbane City, see Cathedral Square, Parliament House, Anzac Square, and also visit Mt Coot-tha Lookout for views across Brisbane and beyond. Stop at the beautiful Botanical Gardens and later in the day enjoy a 1½ hour River Cruise on the Brisbane River. Late afternoon the coach will arrive at Roma Street Station Brisbane, where you will board The Spirit Of The Outback Train which departs at 6.10 pm. Accommodation on The Spirit Of The Outback is either Twin or Single Sleeper Cabins.

DINNER 2 Course Dinner at Tucker Box Restaurant – Spirit Of The Outback Train

OVERNIGHT Spirit Of The Outback Train

DAY THREE WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST 2023

B L D

Spirit of The Outback to Longreach

Enjoy a hot breakfast as you travel on the train through the Blackdown Tablelands Central Queensland. The train will have brief stops at the historic outback towns along the journey. Longer stops at Alpha and Barcaldine will allow you to leave the train and stretch your legs, Barcaldine holds a significant place in Australia's history. In the great shearer's strike of 1891 Barcaldine became the rallying point, and that led to the formation of the Australian Labor Party. The Tree of Knowledge is a monument to these times. The vast regions and rich golden soil offer a spectacular sight as you sit back and enjoy the scenery of the Queensland Outback before arriving into Longreach at 7.20 pm.

Longreach is the largest town in central Queensland and, as such, is an important rural service centre for one of the state's most prosperous wool and beef areas and is located on the Tropic of Capricorn. Prior to arrival into Longreach, a light dinner will be served on the train dinner consists of a small plate of four items of finger food and a cup of tea/coffee. Transfer from the train station to Longreach Staging Post accommodation for your 5 nights stay in The Stables rooms, the unique 4 Star rooms are designed to give you the full pioneer experience.

DINNER Light Snack at Tucker Box Restaurant – Spirit Of The Outback Train

OVERNIGHT Staging Post – The Stables Accommodation Longreach

DAY FOUR THURSDAY 3 AUGUST 2023

B L D

Longreach

Begin your day with a full breakfast at the hotel before your first day in the true heartland of the Outback. Longreach is the home of legends, larrikins and pioneering giants. Today begins with a tour of Longreach before heading out to the Kinnon's historic station. Your Kinnon host will take you on an insiders' journey of station life with personal insights and stories. Meet the merinos and discover the wool story in the historic shearing sheds, visit sites connected with legendary local hero Captain Starlight, his stockyards, and the amazing station safari by open-top, overlander bus with its panoramic views of landscape and wildlife. Enjoy traditional saddlebag lunch with Billy Tea under the gum trees.

At midday, transfer to the Qantas Founders Museum to discover the early history of flight and tour the Air Park stepping inside 747 and 707 jets. Returning to your accommodation, relax and freshen up before dinner.

DINNER Welcome Home Restaurant – Stonegrill Dining Experience

OVERNIGHT Staging Post – The Stables Accommodation Longreach



DAY FIVE FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 2023



Longreach

Enjoy your full breakfast at the hotel, then climb aboard for your Cobb & Co Stagecoach Experience. The stagecoach ride is on the old Longreach to Windorah mail route, there will be a stop at the tearoom to enjoy home-baked scones and tea, followed by a classic Australian movie. Enjoy a billy-can lunch while you watch the Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show, then afterwards browse The Station Store outback emporium for gifts and souvenirs.

Spend your afternoon at leisure.

At 4.30pm, you will be transferred to the Thomson River for the Starlight's Cruise Experience. This sunset cruise was the original Thomson River Cruise and is still the favourite with its historic paddle wheelers either the Thomson Belle or the newly relocated paddle steamer from Echuca the Pride of the Murray. As the sun goes down, the river is a peaceful environment of reflections and colour – perfect for photos. After the cruise step ashore gather around the crackling fire and enjoy a hearty Stockman's dinner with traditional entertainment, tales and bush poetry, then the Starlight's Spectacular Sound & Light Picture Show (aka Harry Redford).

DINNER 2 Course Stockman's Dinner

OVERNIGHT Staging Post – The Stables
Accommodation Longreach

DAY SIX SATURDAY 5 AUGUST 2023



Winton

Full breakfast at the hotel before departing for a day tour to Winton, marvel at the magnificent ancient landscape enroute to Winton. The day tour includes the award-winning Australian Age of Dinosaur Museum that houses the world's largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils and comprises of a Fossil Preparation Laboratory, Reception Centre and the March of the Titanosaurs exhibition at the new Dinosaur Canyon. Enjoy lunch at the historic North Gregory Hotel Winton then an afternoon of sights, the landmark Waltzing Matilda Centre, Arno's Wall, the Musical Fence before heading back to Longreach.

DINNER Welcome Home Restaurant

OVERNIGHT Staging Post – The Stables
Accommodation Longreach

Winton



DAY SEVEN SUNDAY 6 AUGUST 2023



Longreach

This morning enjoy a full breakfast. At 9.15am transfer to the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame to explore the five galleries which pays tribute to pioneers of the Australian outback. The centre is also dedicated to Australian stockmen who have shown bravery and courage. Longreach was chosen as the location because of its historic role as a stock route junction, the original information centre, a sandstone cottage built by R.M. Williams, complete with hand adzed timber and black marble floors, was restored to its original character and now houses the Hall of Fame's growing library collection. Purchase lunch (own expense) from at the Stockman's Hall of Fame Cafe.

The afternoon is at leisure to relax, before enjoying dinner on your last night in Longreach.

DINNER Longreach

OVERNIGHT Staging Post – The Stables
Accommodation Longreach

DAY EIGHT MONDAY 7 AUGUST 2023



Longreach

Enjoy your full breakfast and the morning at leisure, explore the shops of Longreach for the last-minute gifts and souvenirs before transferring to Longreach Airport. Your Qantas flights departs Longreach at 2.35 pm arriving into Brisbane at 4.30 pm. It is a short walk from Brisbane Domestic Airport across the road to your accommodation the Ibis Brisbane Airport hotel.

DINNER 2 Courses at the Ibis Brisbane Airport Hotel

OVERNIGHT Ibis Brisbane Airport Hotel
– Standard Room



DAY NINE TUESDAY 8 AUGUST 2023

B

Brisbane to Home

Full Buffet breakfast this morning before checking out of the hotel. At 9.00 am there will be a short walk across the road from the Ibis Brisbane Airport Hotel to the Brisbane Domestic Terminal for the Qantas flight departing at 11.15 am and arriving into Melbourne Tullamarine Airport 1.40 pm. On arrival into Melbourne Tullamarine Airport transfer via Christians Bus Co. If applicable to your home.

EXCLUSIONS

NOT INCLUDED: Drinks, Telephone Calls, Laundry and items of a personal nature. Includes hotel and apartment accommodation with private facilities on a twin share basis. Meals and entry fees as per the itinerary. Tour Conditions: Payment A deposit of \$1000.00 per person is required within 7 days of booking.

Balance is due 60 days prior to departure. Cancellation fees will be levied as follows: The deposit is non-refundable. 60 days or less prior to departure 100% airfare and tour is non-refundable. Christians Travel has arranged this tour upon the express condition that it will not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may occur either by reason of defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft of another company engaged to provide transportation on behalf of Christians Travel. Whilst the company will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour, it accepts no liability whatsoever for any loss of enjoyment experienced by passengers due to circumstances beyond its control. Information as stated is correct at time of publication but is subject to change without notice. We reserve the right to change or alter the itinerary should circumstances beyond our control make it necessary. If the tour has insufficient bookings, it may be cancelled with full refund paid. Luggage – suitcase 20kg plus one carry bag 7 kg per passenger. No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the company, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any reason.

*Prices are based on twin share.
Conditions apply. Insurance is strongly recommended.

KEY

- B = Cooked Breakfast ● MT = Morning Tea
- L = Lunch ● D = Dinner



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Additional information



Can I take a walking frame on a tour?

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate walkers on some of our tours. Our transportation typically does not have the space to store a walker and all physical ratings require that guests must be able to get on and off transportation unaided. If you wish to travel with a walker please contact us in advance of making a booking.

Can I take a walking stick on a tour?

Yes, taking a walking stick on tour is perfectly fine as long as you are able to meet the fitness rating for your chosen tour.

What happens if I book a tour with the wrong fitness level?

We discuss fitness ratings with all our guests as part of the booking process to ensure you book a tour that's right for you. If a guest has misrepresented their fitness level and cannot keep up with the tour activities, they be asked to return home.

What are the fitness levels?

Fitness levels are important when selecting a tour. Every tour has a Physical Rating of 1–2:

1. Easy
2. Active/Moderate

Relaxed pace tours – Level 1 fitness – Easy

These tours are at a more relaxed pace and generally we unpack once. You don't have to worry about doing anything physically demanding unless you want to. The tour is primarily coach travel but the day tours may have content that requires disembarking vessels/vehicles with stairs to which you have to do unaided.

Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in guided or unguided small walking tours at a relaxed pace
- Walk on mostly level ground
- Tackle an occasional flight of stairs or incline
- Occasionally need to stand for up to 10 minutes
- Get on and off transportation unaided
- Manage your own luggage.

Tours with some mild physical activities – Level 2 fitness – Active/Moderate

There are some easy physical activities included in these tours and an average level of fitness is required to gain maximum enjoyment.

Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in walking tours with time to rest at least every 10 minutes
- Walk confidently on bush tracks and soft sand – mostly level ground
- Stand for 15 minutes without needing to sit down
- Tackle a flight of stairs or incline
- Get on and off transportation multiple times unaided
- Manage your own luggage

Travelling with a carer

If you are unable to travel alone and feel that the fitness levels required are not obtainable, you can travel with a carer or chaperone. Coach drivers and staff are only permitted to provide basic assistance. Drivers and staff are unable to assist with access to facilities, lift or carry passengers, administer medicines or perform any medical procedures.

Travelling with a medical condition

If you have a medical condition, it is recommended that a carer/chaperone accompany you on your journey. In the event that you become ill during the journey, the appropriate emergency services will be contacted and the continuation of travel will be determined by the emergency services personnel. Our coach drivers and staff are not trained or permitted to administer any medicines or perform medical tasks.

Special needs

Should you have any special needs, you are required to inform us at the time of your booking. Special needs include (without limitation) if you have any disability, illness, disease or other condition, you have limited mobility, you have a service animal, you are pregnant, you need special help or any other circumstances exist which may make it difficult for you to use travel services. If you fail to advise us of your special needs, we may not be able to book suitable travel services for you. To the extent permitted by law, you are responsible for ensuring that the travel services are suitable for your special needs.