

Outback Queensland & Lightning Ridge

10 Days Fully Escorted Tour by Liz Webster



AUGUST 2026
10 DAY PACKAGE
\$6,455
PP TWIN SHARE*

FITNESS LEVEL 2 TOUR

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

Highlights include: Mt Coot-tha Lookout, Toowoomba's Garden City, Roma Saleyards, Cobb & Co Changing Station, Anchorage Historic Homestead, Cotton Farm & Riversands Winery, Lightning Ridge, Amigos Castle, John Murray Gallery & the Chamber of the Black Hand, The Grawin Opal Fields, Glen Innes Standing Stones, Tenterfield, Stanthorpe and historic Warwick.

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SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
\$770 PP

 DEPARTING:
SATURDAY 8
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DAY ONE SATURDAY 8 AUGUST 2026

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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 20 kg checked luggage and 7 kg carryon luggage. 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



Mt Coot-tha Lookout

DAY TWO SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2026

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Brisbane / Mt Coot-tha Lookout / Lockyer Valley / Toowoomba

Enjoy your buffet breakfast at the hotel before checking out of the Grand Chancellor hotel to begin your Outback Adventure of Queensland and Lightning Ridge. Departing Brisbane, you will visit Mt Coot-tha Lookout for stunning views across Brisbane city and beyond. You will pass through the Lockyer Valley a key part of the Darling Downs known for its rich agricultural land before reaching Toowoomba. The city of Toowoomba is well known as Queensland's Garden City that features many beautiful diverse parks and gardens.

DINNER 2 Course Dinner at Potters Hotel

OVERNIGHT Potters Hotel Toowoomba – Deluxe Room



Toowoomba

DAY THREE MONDAY 10 AUGUST 2026

B D

Toowoomba / Roma

Enjoy a hot and cold buffet breakfast this morning. Departing the hotel sit back on the coach and enjoy the scenery from Toowoomba. Your journey will take you through the Australian countryside, to the rural town of Roma. An authentic outback experience awaits, Roma is situated on the Bungil Creek a tributary of the Condamine River which is rich in local history, natural beauty and a major provisional centre for Agriculture, Oil and Gas.

DINNER 2 Course Dinner at Best Western Bungil Creek Motel

OVERNIGHT Best Western Bungil Creek Motel Roma – Standard Room

DAY FOUR TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2026

B AT D

Roma / Surat / Anchorage Historic Homestead / St George

After your early hot and cold buffet breakfast you will visit the Roma Saleyards for a tour of the largest cattle selling centre in Australia and the Southern Hemisphere. Local graziers will teach you all about the local cattle industry and watch live as auctioneers demonstrate their fast-paced skills.

After the saleyards tour, see Roma's living memorial, their Heroes Avenue, consisting of some 93 Queensland Bottle Trees planted between 1918 to 1920, to honour the service and sacrifice of WWI soldiers from the district. Visit the Roma Bush Gardens that cover 14 hectares and showcases eleven native vegetation communities from the Roma region, which include Brigalow, Coolabah and Mulga.

Departing Roma, you will continue your journey to Surat where you will visit the Cobb & Co Changing Station. This station was a crucial stopping point for the Cobb & Co coaches. The Museum is built on the original site of the Cobb and Co store, once the drop off point for the coach passengers and goods. With features of the amazing 25,000 litre freshwater aquarium, a 14 seat replica of a Cobb & Co Coach and displays of local arts and social history.

Next stop just outside of St George is a visit to Anchorage Historic Homestead, a rare example of opulence and grandeur, built in 1903 for Andrew Nixon a local pioneer and influential member of the community who made a considerable contribution to the development of the district. The homestead features large lofty rooms, wide sweeping verandahs that are perfectly suited to living in Western Queensland. You will enjoy a delicious afternoon tea on the verandah of this beautiful homestead.

DINNER 2 Course Dinner at Riverland Motor Inn

OVERNIGHT Riverland Motor Inn St George – Standard Room

DAY FIVE WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST 2026



St George / Cotton Farm and Winery Tour / Hebel / Lightning Ridge

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel before your day begins with a visit to a cotton farm and winery. Have an insider's view of a working cotton farm with a guided commentary from a local farmer to learn how cotton is grown, from soil conditions, irrigation, and harvesting it is a fascinating insight tour of cotton farming. Afterwards, you'll head to Queensland's most western vineyard, Riversands Winery hosted by the Blacket family. Hear the difference between table grapes and wine grapes as well as the running of a vineyard. Included is a personalised wine tasting journey through the flavours of their full range of wines as well as a delicious lunch with entertainment in their charming country garden.

Travelling along the Castlereagh Highways you will pass through the little town of Hebel located on the Queensland / New South Wales border. Hebel feels like time has stood still, leaving behind tales of the Ned Kelly gang, Cobb & Co and dance halls, the General Store has kept much of its original 1890 dance hall character, and the pub features colourful artwork on the front. Arriving into Lightning Ridge later in the afternoon your home for 3 nights.

DINNER 2 Course at Wallangulla Motel / Lightning Ridge Bowls Club

OVERNIGHT Wallangulla Motel Lightning Ridge - Standard Room

DAY SIX THURSDAY 13 AUGUST 2026



Lightning Ridge / Opal Mine / Amigos Castle / John Murray Gallery / Underground Sculpture Gallery

After breakfast, you will do a sightseeing tour of the town of Lightning Ridge then visit the Walk In Opal Mine. You will be able to experience the atmosphere of the underground mine with a tour and video presentation and hear about opal mining. Visit Bevan Cactus Nursery started in 1966, the largest cactus nursery in the Southern Hemisphere and the world's only opal mining cactus farmers with approximate 2500 young and aged varieties. Visit Amigos Castle a 15-metre-tall structure, based on Italian ruins, that was hand-built with ironstone boulders in the 1980s. It's home to a small gallery, underground cellars, a corner turret and no roof. The grounds surrounding the castle contain all sorts of tongue-in-cheek oddities it is perhaps the most emblematic of the town's unusual art spaces.

Visit one of the many opal shops and there is the opportunity to visit the wonderful John Murray Art Gallery to view or purchase the unique artworks and prints of the famous outback artist John Murray.

In the afternoon visit the underground gallery of local artist Ron Canlin an artist and opal miner who has created the Chamber of the Black Hand. This unique attraction features over 800 sculptures and murals carved into the sandstone walls with tools like a butter knife and a fork. The gallery features themed chambers with a variety of subjects, pop culture figures, celebrities, ancient artifacts, and natural scenes. There is the Last Supper, the Egyptian Chamber, Chinese Terracotta Warriors and many more. If time permits you will have the opportunity to visit the Hot Artesian Bore Bathes for a swim.

DINNER 2 Course at Wallangulla Motel / Lightning Ridge Bowls Club

OVERNIGHT Wallangulla Motel Lightning Ridge - Standard Room

DAY SEVEN FRIDAY 14 AUGUST 2026



Lightning Ridge / The Garwin Opal Fields

After enjoying your breakfast, the coach day tour will head out West 70 kms from Lightning Ridge to The Grawin, a group of Opal Fields that were established in 1908. It was at Grawin's Richards Hill, that the largest opal "Light of the World" was found in 1928 and weighed almost half a kilo. Since then, there have been several opal rushes, each causing the population in this isolated settlement to swell with optimistic prospectors. Travelling around the Grawin it is a true outback experience with its miner's shanties and caravans, that are beside dusty mullock heaps you will get a real sense of opal mining. You will visit the three unique bush pubs in the Grawin area Sheepyard Inn, Club in the Scrub and the Glengarry Hilton where you will be able to enjoy your lunch at this unique place.

Arrive back into Lightning Ridge after your very interesting day.

DINNER 2 Course at Wallangulla Motel / Lightning Ridge Bowls Club

OVERNIGHT Wallangulla Motel Lightning Ridge



Glen Innes Standing Stones

DAY EIGHT SATURDAY 15 AUGUST 2026



Lightning Ridge / Moree / Glen Innes Standing Stones

Following breakfast it is farewell to Lightning Ridge.

Today you will travel along the Gwydir Highway through the rural towns of Collarenebri, Moree known for being Australia's richest agricultural shire, particularly renowned for its cotton and pecan nut farming then arriving into Glen Innes known as the Celtic Capital of New England. The 40 granite monoliths in the Centennial Parklands Glen Innes are known as the Australian Standing Stones a national monument to the Celtic nations acknowledging the contribution to the area's Celtic pioneers.

DINNER 2 Courses at New England Motor Lodge

OVERNIGHT New England Motor Lodge Glen Innes
– Standard Room

DAY NINE SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2026



Glen Innes / Tenterfield / Stanthorpe / Warwick / Brisbane

Enjoy your breakfast before departing Glen Innes to Tenterfield, famous for the birth place of Sir Henry Parkes who delivered his influential 1890 speech calling for Australia's Federation. Peter Allen was born in Tenterfield, the historic Tenterfield Saddlery building still stands on High Street.

Crossing the New South Wales/ Queensland Border, you will pass through the Granite Belt town of Stanthorpe famous for its cool-climate, producing nearly all of Queensland's apple crop, and a variety of artisanal products like cheese and truffles. The town of Warwick with its beautiful buildings are special because many are original, well-preserved examples of historic sandstone, timber, and brick construction from the 19th and early 20th centuries. These buildings showcase Queensland's architectural history, including notable examples of Edwardian and Victorian styles.

Later in the day you will arrive into Brisbane.

DINNER 2 Course Dinner at Grand Chancellor Hotel Brisbane

OVERNIGHT Grand Chancellor Hotel Brisbane
– Deluxe Room

DAY TEN MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2026



Brisbane to Home

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast this morning before checking out of the hotel and transferring to Brisbane Airport. Your Qantas flight departs Brisbane Domestic Airport at 11.10 am and includes 20 kg checked luggage and 7 kg carryon luggage. The flight arrives into Melbourne Tullamarine Airport at 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 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 65 days prior to departure. Cancellation fees will be levied as follows: The deposit is non-refundable, 65 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: 1 small soft bag per person (wheels okay). Large suitcases are not suitable. An overnight bag is perfect or a smaller type duffel bag. The maximum weight for the luggage cannot exceed 10 kg per person. 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.

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= Breakfast = Lunch

= Afternoon Tea = 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 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.