

# Gulf Savannah Discovery Tour

## 12 Day Fully Escorted Tour by Liz Webster



Undara Lava Tubes

**JUNE 2026**  
**12 DAY PACKAGE**  
**\$8,725**  
 PP TWIN SHARE\*

**INCLUDES RETURN AIRPORT TRANSFERS FROM YOUR HOMETOWN\***  
\*CONDITIONS APPLY

### FITNESS LEVEL 2 TOUR

## Experience the Gulf

Experience the magic of the Gulf Savannah on this fully escorted tour by Liz Webster. Highlights include: Cairns Botanic Gardens, Herberton Historic Village – Atherton Tablelands, Savannahlander Train, Copperfield Gorge – Einasleigh, Croydon, Historic Normanton, Karumba Gulf Cruise, Barramundi Centre, Burke & Wills Camp 119, Gulflander Train Through the Gulf Savannah Region, Cruise on Cobbold Gorge and visit Ancient Undara Lava Tubes.

**FREE HOME PICKUP & RETURN:** Geelong, Torquay, Bellarine Peninsula, Warrnambool, Terang, Camperdown, Colac, Ararat, Ballarat, Bacchus Marsh & Bendigo. Additional locations may be an option, please enquire directly with us.

**\$8,725 PP TWIN SHARE\***  
 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1,200 PP

**10 BREAKFASTS**  
**9 LUNCHESES**  
**11 DINNERS**

**DEPARTING**  
 MONDAY  
 8 JUNE 2026



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## DAY ONE MONDAY 8 JUNE 2026

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### Home / Parkroyal Hotel Melbourne Airport

Home pick up if applicable by Christians Bus Co to the Parkroyal Hotel Melbourne Airport for your one-night stay.

**DINNER** 2 Course Parkroyal Hotel Melbourne Airport  
**OVERNIGHT** Parkroyal Hotel Melbourne Tullamarine Airport – Standard Room

## DAY TWO TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2026

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### Melbourne Airport / Cairns

An early start this morning before a short walk across the covered sky bridge to the Qantas terminal. Your Qantas direct flight to Cairns will depart Melbourne Tullamarine Airport at 8.25am and includes 10kg checked luggage and 7kg carry on luggage. The flight arrives into Cairns Airport at 11.50 am.

Leaving Cairns Airport, you will visit the Cairns Botanic Gardens, there is a café located in the gardens (Lunch is at own expense). Cairns Botanic Gardens have several different themed gardens to admire, these gardens are unique in design showcasing a huge variety of tropical, native, and international plants. Departing the Botanic Gardens you will be transferred to your hotel.

**DINNER** 2 Course at the Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort  
**OVERNIGHT** Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort – Deluxe Room

## DAY THREE WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2026

B L D

### Cairns / Herberton Historic Village / Malanda

Enjoy your early buffet breakfast before your pickup from the Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort for your adventure to begin. Departing the city of Cairns you will travel up the Kuranda Range to the Atherton Tableland and on to Herberton.

Exploring the Historic Village of Herberton, where you can live the folklore and romance of yesterday's Australia in every piece of this eye-opening collection. Sit in the schoolhouse, or enjoy a latte in the Bakerville Tearooms. This award-winning attraction is more than a vintage precinct – it's a tangible buzz of things past. With over 50 original buildings, intact interior displays, original machinery, and vehicles, plus thousands of antique items and period memorabilia.

Late afternoon we settle in the Malanda Lodge, situated on 11 acres of manicured tropical gardens. All rooms have ground level balconies and views to enjoy the tranquillity or maybe spot their resident platypus family in the large pond.

**DINNER** 2 Course Dinner at Malanda Lodge  
**OVERNIGHT** Malanda Lodge – Motel Room with Ensuite Bathroom Facilities

## DAY FOUR THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026

B L D

### Malanda / Mt Surprise / Savannahlander Train / Georgetown

An early start sees us travelling west on the Kennedy Highway towards Mount Surprise, where we enjoy lunch. After lunch, you travel aboard the "Savannahlander" train, this classic 1960'S Rail Motor is affectionately named "The Silver Bullet". Enjoy the scenery as the train tracks towards Einasleigh. There is enough time to have a drink in the Einasleigh pub which was constructed in 1909, or if time permits take a stroll down and check out the basalt walls of Copperfield Gorge which was one of Queensland's earliest mineral discoveries of copper. The train will depart from Einasleigh for Forsayth.

From here we travel on to Georgetown an historic gold mining town now at the heart of the Gulf Gemstone region. Georgetown is a pleasant sleepy little town on the Etheridge River surrounded by rich beef cattle country and some of the best gemstone areas in Queensland. Georgetown is where you will stay overnight.

**DINNER** 2 Course Dinner at Latara Motel – Georgetown  
**OVERNIGHT** Latara Motel Georgetown – Motel Room with Ensuite Bathroom Facilities



## DAY FIVE FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2026

B L D

### Georgetown / Croydon / Normanton / Karumba

Enjoy breakfast as you travel towards Croydon's Lake Belmore. Built in 1995 the lake is the largest body of fresh water in the region, stocked with barramundi and redclaw cray and supplies the town water to Croydon. Enjoy your Morning "smoko" on the shore of Lake Belmore before arriving into Normanton for lunch. Here you can absorb its famous landmarks, the iconic "Purple Pub", the Historic Heritage Listed Burns Philp General Store built in 1884. and the oldest surviving outpost. See the replica of Krys, the 8.63 metre (28 feet 4 inch) saltwater crocodile said to be the largest crocodile ever recorded in the world, it was found July 1957.

Continuing on to the small town of Karumba which is located on the Gulf of Carpentaria, and your home for two nights and you may even experience a spectacular Gulf Sunset.

**DINNER** 2 Course Dinner at Karumba Lodge  
**OVERNIGHT** Karumba Lodge – Cabin Room with Ensuite Bathroom Facilities



Cobbold Gorge

**DAY EIGHT** MONDAY 15 JUNE 2026



**Normanton / Gulflander Train / Croydon / Cobbold Gorge**

This morning you will board the historic "Gulflander RM93" train at Normanton's famous Victorian architecture Railway Station built in 1889. Departing Normanton Station at 8.30 am it is a nostalgic experience travelling in the 1950s railmotor, on this unforgettable journey through the remote Gulf Savannah region with diverse landscapes including wetlands, grasslands, and the arid Savannah region, a unique way to experience the outback. The train also provides a chance to learn about the region's rich history and heritage, the line being built to connect the river port of Normanton to the Gold Fields of Croydon. Crossing the Norman River to Critters Camp, then onto Black Bull Siding, the Gulflander train arrives into the historic precinct of the old gold mining town of Croydon at 1.30pm.

This afternoon we visit Georgetown and Forsyth on our way to Cobbold Gorge, where you will spend 2 nights.

**DINNER** 2 Course Dinner at Cobbold Gorge Village  
**OVERNIGHT** Cobbold Gorge Village – Cabin Room with Ensuite Bathroom Facilities

**DAY SIX** SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2026



**Karumba**

After a leisurely breakfast we enjoy a cruise on the Gulf of Carpentaria. This is an exciting nature filled adventure cruise on the Norman River and Six Mile Creek where you can view the birdlife and may spot crocodiles sunning themselves on the muddy banks, you will also hear the history of Karumba Port. This afternoon you will spend time at the Barramundi Centre with a guided Feed-A-Barra tour and hand-feeding. Also you will be able to visit inside the brand-new hatchery an educational, entertaining, and engaging experience!

Later in the afternoon travel out to Sunset Point for happy hour and hopefully another opportunity to experience a spectacular Gulf Sunset.

**DINNER** 2 Course Dinner at Karumba Lodge  
**OVERNIGHT** Karumba Lodge – Cabin Room with Ensuite Bathroom Facilities

**DAY NINE** TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2026



**Cobbold Gorge**

After breakfast we cruise on Cobbold Gorge, a secluded beautiful waterway with an incredible geological land form, surrounded by spectacular cliffs, which are 19 metres high from the waterline to the top of the escarpment 30 metres from the bottom of the water to the top of the escarpment. The gorge itself is unique, as it narrows to just two metres in places, this narrowness indicates that Cobbold Gorge is the youngest known gorge in Queensland today. Rugged sandstone formations, spectacular carved Hampstead sandstone, 135 million years old, occupying an area of about 80 square kilometres.

There is ample time to enjoy this beautiful area.

**DINNER** 2 Course Dinner at Cobbold Gorge Village  
**OVERNIGHT** Cobbold Gorge Village – Cabin Room with Ensuite Bathroom Facilities

**DAY SEVEN** SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2026

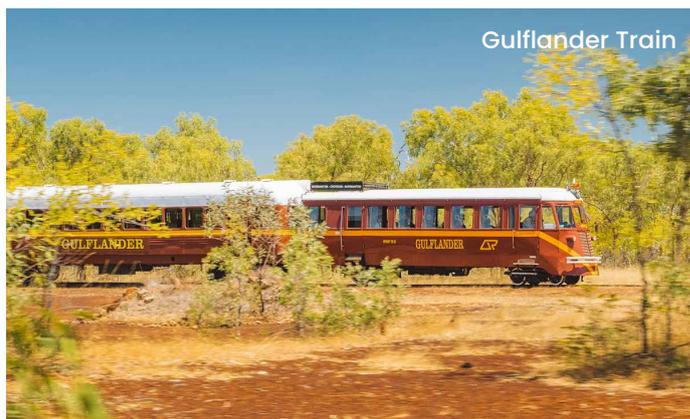


**Karumba / Burke & Wills Camp 119 / Normanton**

After breakfast we visit Burke & Wills Camp #119, in 1861 this campsite was the most northerly campsite of the ill-fated Burke and Wills expedition. Robert Burke and William Wills had hoped to cross the Australian Continent from South to North but perished on the return journey at Coopers Creek.

Leaving the Burke and Wills historic moment it is a short drive back to Normanton for lunch. This afternoon we visit the Mutton Hole Wetlands Conservation Park, an area of over 9000 hectares and of international significance as a breeding, feeding, moulting and drought refuge for birds. The wetlands come alive as the monsoon rain replenishes dry waterways and lakes attracting all varieties of birdlife such as whistling-ducks, sarus cranes, brolgas, pelicans, and jabirus. Mutton Hole Wetlands is also great for crocodile watching.

**DINNER** 2 Course Dinner at Normanton Tourist Park  
**OVERNIGHT** Normanton Tourist Park – Cabin Room with Ensuite Bathroom Facilities



Gulflander Train

## DAY TEN WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2026



### Cobbold Gorge / Undara

This morning, we travel via Einasleigh and Mount Surprise to the famous Undara Lava Tubes. Your overnight accommodation is at the Undara Discovery Holiday Park where you can enjoy the campfire entertainment after dinner before retiring to your accommodation.

**DINNER** 2 Course Dinner at Undara Discovery Holiday Park  
**OVERNIGHT:** Undara Discovery Holiday Park  
– Combination of Homestay Rooms and Carriages, all have Ensuite Bathroom Facilities

## DAY ELEVEN THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2026



### Undara Lava Tubes / Cairns

After breakfast in the Australian bush, an experienced Savannah Guide will meet you for an informative tour of the world's largest, longest and most accessible lava tube system that originated from a single volcano. The caves within the lava tube system are fertile pockets in which rainforest plant and animal species thrive.

We continue on our scenic and leisurely drive over the Tropical Tablelands past the Wind Turbines at Ravenshoe, stopping off at the magnificent Curtain Fig Tree, before making our way back to Cairns to your overnight accommodation at the Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort.

**DINNER** 2 Course at the Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort  
**OVERNIGHT:** Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort – Deluxe Room

## DAY TWELVE FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2026



### Cairns / Melbourne

This morning enjoy your buffet breakfast at leisure before checking out of the accommodation. Your Qantas flight departs Cairns Airport at 12:35 pm and includes 10 kg luggage allowance. The flight arrives into Melbourne Tullamarine Airport at 4:00pm. On arrival into Melbourne Airport transfer via Christians Bus Co if applicable to your home.

#### KEY

= Breakfast = Lunch = Dinner

## YOUR ACCOMMODATION

As the overnight accommodation is mostly located in sparsely inhabited regions it will range from hotels, motels and basic modular ensuite accommodation. All the accommodation is clean and comfortable.

## THE CAPE YORK TOUR VEHICLE

A purpose built Izuzu off road 4WD vehicle with forward facing reclining seats, foot rests and retractable seat belts. The vehicle is equipped with an on board toilet, and features are PA System, TV road cam, portable satellite phone and all the necessary off road equipment. Lunch will be served at a suitable lunch stop from the vehicle, salads and sandwiches are made at the lunch stop each day. Please note the 4WD vehicle is a private charter from Heritage Tours. Should the numbers on the Christian's Travel tour not fill the vehicle, Heritage Tours may sell the remaining seats on the 4WD to the General Public.

## 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 95 days prior to departure. Cancellation fees will be levied as follows: - The deposit is non-refundable, 95 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.**  
**Travel Insurance is strongly recommended.**



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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.

## Special Dietary Requirements

Please notify us of any dietary requirements at the time of booking.