

# Queensland's Southern Outback & Silo Art Adventure

*With Trade Travel - Small Group Touring*

**10 Days / 9 Nights**



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**Tour Departs: Monday 17 May - Wednesday 26 May, 2021.**



## **Day 1. Mon 17 May: Brisbane - Yelarbon - Thallon - St George**

**Lunch & Dinner**

Today we begin our Southern Outback and Silo Art adventure as we head across to St George stopping along the way at Warwick, Yelarbon and Thallon. Travel south-west to the **Rose and Rodeo township of Warwick** for a nice country cuppa before continuing through Inglewood and onto the small township of **Yelarbon** to see the **Graincorp Silo's - named "When the rain comes"**. It depicts a young boy at play, cooling off in the Yelarbon Lagoon. Hear the story as we marvel at such a unique set of silos. The artwork was created by Jordache Castillejos and Jordon Bruce of Brightsiders and Steve Falco from Procreative. Enjoy lunch at the **Oasis Hotel** before travelling through Goondiwindi to our next stop on the **silo trail, Thallon**. The giant grain silo's feature the spectacular **"Watering Hole" mural** painted in July 2017. Enjoy the magnificent artwork from the viewing platform before a quick stop at the **Giant Northern Hairy-Nosed Wombat statue**. The last leg of the journey allows us to visit **Nindigully Pub known as "The Gully"** situated right on the banks of the Moonie River and established in 1864. We arrive in St George and settle in before dinner is served in the motel restaurant.

**Overnight St George: Riverland Motor Inn**

## **Day 2. Tue 18 May: St George**

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

This morning visit the **Unique Egg** - the world's only display of hand carved, illuminated emu eggs, which have been gifted as far as the White House! Then join our local guide for a **heritage tour of St George** including a visit to one of the most lovingly restored heritage buildings in the shire - **Anchorage Homestead with morning tea**. Continue to **Riversands Vineyard for a tour and personal wine tasting** where we will meet the owners and enjoy a lovely lunch in the gardens. This afternoon we meet up with a **local cotton farmer** and learn how cotton is grown, irrigated and harvested while touring his farm. Later, return to the motel to freshen up before joining a leisurely **sunset cruise on the Balonne River** - meet our captain Brett and learn all about the river and wildlife that abounds in this beautiful area. After our cruise we return to our motel for dinner in the Rivers Restaurant.

**Overnight St George: Riverland Motor Inn**

## **Day 3. Wed 19 May: St George - Bollon - Cunnamulla**

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Departing St George this morning we travel further west via the little town of Bollon and onto Cunnamulla. Taking a slight detour we visit **Charlotte Plains Station** and meet the owner, a well-known grazier in the area, Robyn Russell. Established in the 1860's this family run property is home to Merino Sheep and Dohne Rams. See the magnificent historic bore that still brings the property its valuable water supply straight from the artesian basin. We continue travelling on to **Cunnamulla** and stop at the **Cunnamulla Fella Visitor Information Centre**. Meet the team, and have lunch before a self-guided tour of the **Artesian Time Tunnel** enjoying the interactive displays with time afterwards for a very informative video on how the Artesian Basin was formed and how the modern world has had its affect. We arrive at our accommodation to check in and relax enjoying **complimentary sunset drink and nibbles** before an **iconic Aussie campfire dinner under the stars**, hear some local history and stories from the people that know it best.

**Overnight Cunnamulla: Club Boutique Hotel**



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#### Day 4. Thur 20 May: Cunnamulla - Eulo - Thargomindah

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast, before we say goodbye to Cunnamulla we enjoy a **town tour** with a fourth generation local, Peieta Mills. See the **Cunnamulla Water Tower Art by Guido van Helten**, a mural representing the significance of the sporting rivalry between Cunnamulla and Charleville and travel to the Warrego River Weir and natural sand hills. It is then time to travel west to **Eulo - "The Montville of the Outback"** - enjoy the quaint little town and see the opals and jewellery at **Telegraph House Gallery**, pick up hand-crafted leather goods at **Paroo Patch** and then meet Col at the Eulo Queen Hotel for lunch and hear all about the saga of the **Eulo Queen**. Just out of town we visit the **Artesian Mud Springs**; built up over centuries these mud springs were the original release valves for the Great Artesian Basin. We continue on to **Thargomindah** arriving mid afternoon. After checking in to our motel, wander down to the Bulloo River or just relax before our local guide takes us for a **tour and demonstration** of the original **Artesian Hydro Power Plant**, step out on the viewing deck for a **spectacular outback sunset**. We then return to the motel where a lovely dinner awaits.

**Overnight Thargomindah: Oasis Motel**

#### Day 5. Fri 21 May: Thargomindah - Nockatunga - Eromanga

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

We have some time this morning to continue exploring Thargomindah starting at the **Thargomindah Visitor Information Centre** followed by a town tour. Explore the first town in Australia, and the third in the world to produce hydro-electric power for street lighting. The tour also includes the **Old Jail and Old Thargomindah Hospital** courtesy of life-size holographics and interactive experiences. We head off and drive along the Cooper Developmental Road with a slight deviation to enjoy lunch at the historic **Noccundra Hotel in Nockatunga**. The beautiful sandstone walls of the 1882 construction were quarried in New South Wales and transported by camel train to its present location. From here continue to **Eromanga - the furthest town from the Sea and home of the state of the art Eromanga Natural History Museum**. We settle into our lovely accommodation with magnificent views of the landscape before enjoying dinner and a chance to chat to our hosts and appreciate the ambience.

**Overnight Eromanga: Coopers Lodge**

#### Day 6. Sat 22 May: Eromanga

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we take a short drive into town to visit the **Eromanga Living History Centre** and enjoy a town tour. Our next stop is very special, the **Eromanga Natural History Museum**. Be captivated by a one hour tour of the laboratory and collection centre, meet **Cooper and George the Titanosaurus Sauropods**, the largest dinosaurs to have ever been found in Australia. Our guide will demonstrate how to prepare fossilised bone and we will see the incredible **Eulo megafauna' fossils**. If lucky we may bump into the owners, Robyn and Stewart Mackenzie - it is a truly amazing story and equally amazing is the commitment they have made to create such a fantastic museum for everyone to enjoy. Lunch is in the Museum Café and then we have some free time to wander, before returning to Coopers Lodge for a rest and chance to wander through the property. See the sunset and then enjoy another taste tempting dinner.

**Overnight Eromanga: Coopers Lodge**

#### Day 7. Sun 23 May: Eromanga - Quilpie - Charleville

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Off on a new adventure this morning, our tour takes us to the next township in the channel country, **Quilpie - home of the Boulder Opal**. Upon arrival we meet at the **Quilpie Information Centre and Gallery** where our guide boards our coach for a **town tour**. Discover the unique history and landscapes of Quilpie town including **Baldy Top Lookout**, see **Quilpie Heritage Inn, St Finbarrs Opal Altar and Quilpie Airport's mini museum** where we learn about **Amy Johnson**, the first woman to fly solo from London to Australia. Return to town and enjoy a visit to **celebrated artist, Lyn Barnes** at her boutique art gallery for morning tea. Enjoy a painting demonstration, view her latest work and discover her unique connection to the outback. Continue eastward on the loop and arrive in **downtown Charleville** in time to enjoy the **Stories and Lunch tour of the famous heritage listed Hotel Corones**. Learn about the history which dates back to 1929 during Charleville's wool industry boom and the story of local character **Harry Corones**, hear about his rags to riches story and how he shaped the local area. Lunch is served in the heritage listed dining room. Then it's time for a town tour and a visit to **Charleville Water Tower Art by Guido van Helten** featuring the youth of Charleville intertwined through sport with their rivals Cunnamulla. Next stop is our motel to check in and enjoy some time to relax and unwind. This afternoon we travel a short distance to the **Cosmos Centre for a tour of the USAAF Top Secret sites**. Find out why Charleville was selected for this top secret site in WWII as we visit intriguing historical sights and learn about their lives and also see the highly classified..... well we will have to wait and see! We return to the **Cosmos Centre and Observatory**, take the opportunity to go through the new **Interpretive Centre** before joining the **Big Sky Twilight Tour**. See an amazing night sky brought into focus with the help of powerful Meade telescopes and listen to captivating stories from their experienced sky guide. Dinner tonight is back at the motel before a good night's rest.

**Overnight Charleville: Mulga Country Motor Inn**

#### Day 8. Mon 24 May: Charleville - Mitchell - Roma

Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast and check out we are off to Roma, along the way stopping at **Mitchell** for morning tea and an optional visit to the **Great Artesian Spa** - as the locals say, a soak in their mineralised water is relaxing for the body and therapeutic for the soul. Dry off and change in the private bathrooms before continuing onto **Roma, the heart of beef country**. With our local guide, enjoy a tour of the town and learn about the colourful history and characters of Roma. Hear how the town began the industries it supports, discover **Heroes Avenue**, the **Biggest Bottle Tree** and the **Roma Bush Gardens**. Time to check in and relax before transferring to the **Roma Visitor Information Centre** for a browse. Then join our **Roma Rigger** guide to celebrate the triumphs of our pioneering oil and gas industry. See the towering (EMSCO) 1920's steam-driven rig, listen to captivating stories and toast the sunset with a delicious regional port before taking our seats for the **Sound and Light Show**. We return to the motel and enjoy dinner after another wonderful day.

**Overnight Roma: Roma Explorers Inn**

### Day 9. Tue 25 May: Roma - Surat - Mount Hope

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Enjoy breakfast then feel the energy and excitement of a real **cattle auction** at Australia's largest cattle selling facility, **Roma Saleyards**. On any given day up to 7,000 head of cattle are brought to sale. Join a retired grazier for an insider's view of the saleyards and then see the new **multi-media Interpretive Centre**. It really is a 'not to be missed' experience! Next stop is just south of Roma in the picturesque township of **Surat**. Visit the **Cobb and Co Changing Station Museum** located at the original site of the Cobb and Co Store, see the **25,000 litre freshwater aquarium**, the **Social History Museum** and **Regional Art Gallery**. Enjoy lunch on the grounds and see the **original Cobb and Co Stagecoach** before wandering up the **Shire Hall** and then meander along the river and see the **weir** before travelling back to Roma. Relax in the motel and freshen up before experiencing some authentic country hospitality at **Mount Hope**, a 34,000 acre working cattle station. A family host will board our coach at the station entrance for a guided tour of this **Droughtmaster cattle property**. Enjoy **complimentary sunset drink and nibbles** followed by our **farewell dinner**, a **delicious Aussie camp oven dinner** in a magnificent setting of green lawns and gardens while marvelling at the stars before returning to our motel.

**Overnight Roma: Roma Explorers Inn**

### Day 10. Wed 26 May: Roma - Brisbane

Breakfast

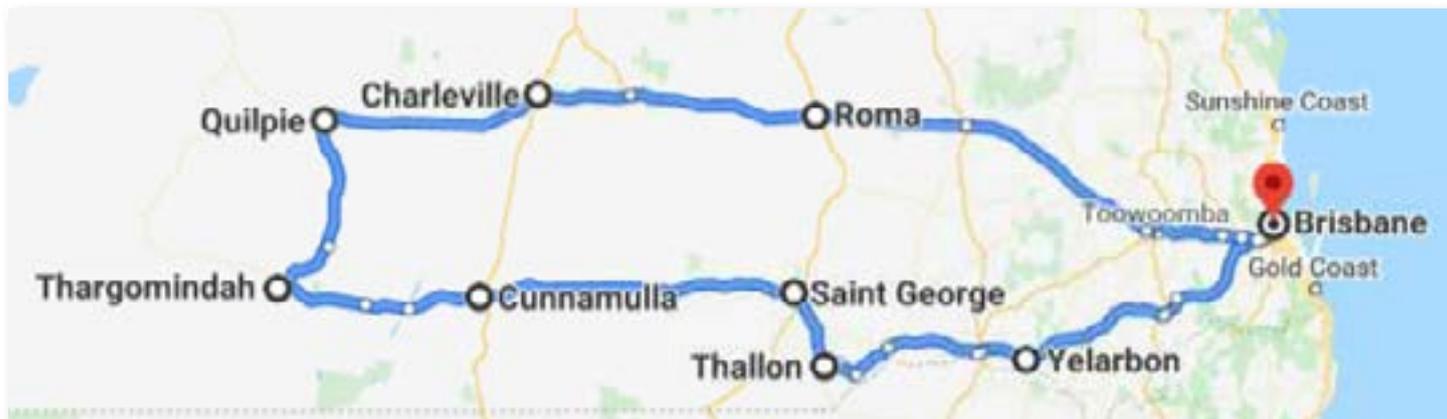
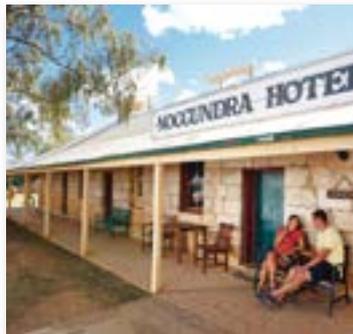
Our last day has us checking out after breakfast and travelling east via Miles, Chinchilla, Dalby and Toowoomba. We stop for lunch in Toowoomba before re-joining the Warrego Highway back to Brisbane arriving approx 3.30pm this afternoon after an amazing **Queensland Southern Outback, Silo and Water Tower Art Adventure with Trade Travel**.

#### Tour Highlights:

Yelarbon Silo Art; Thallon Silo Art; Nindigully Pub; Unique Egg; St George Heritage Tour; Anchorage Homestead & M/Tea; Riversands Wine Tasting & Lunch; Cotton Farm Tour; St George Balonne River Sunset Cruise; Charlotte Plains Station; Cunnamulla Fella Visitor Information Centre; Artesian Time Tunnel Tour; Cunnamulla Tour + Sunset Drink/Nibbles; Cunnamulla Water Tower Art; Eulo Queen Hotel; Telegraph House Gallery; Eulo Artesian Mud Springs; Thargomindah Tour - Old Jail, Old Hospital; Thargomindah Artesian Hydro Power Plant Tour; Historic Noccundra Hotel; Eromanga Natural History Museum Tour & Lunch - Meet Dinosaurs Cooper & George; Eromanga Living History Centre, Quilpie Town Tour - Baldy Top Lookout, St Finbarrs Opal Altar, Quilpie Airport Museum; Lyn Barnes Outback Gallery & M/Tea; Charleville - Historic Hotel Coronas Tour & Lunch; Charleville Water Tower Art; Cosmos Centre - USAAF Top Secret WWII Tour; Cosmos Centre Big Sky Twilight Tour; Roma Town Tour - Heroes Avenue, Biggest Bottle Tree, Roma Bush Gardens; Roma Big Rig Sound & Light Show; Roma Saleyards; Surat - Cobb and Co Changing Station Museum, Surat Shire Hall; Mount Hope Cattle Station Tour + Sunset Drink/Nibbles & Camp Oven Dinner & more.



# Queensland's Southern Outback Adventure



## Tour Price Includes:

- Luxury coach travel
- 9 Nights quality accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (26 Meals)
- All entry fees, cruise & guides as per itinerary

## Tour Price Excludes:

- Flights - POA

**\$2,995.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$695 - limited space)**

**Tour cost based on minimum 15 pax**

*The tour prices valid for travel in 2021. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.*

**Deposit:** A deposit of \$200 per person is due on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form!

**Final Payment:** Due no later than **Friday 12 March 2021**

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