



Outback West & Coastal QLD A Tour of Natural Wonders & Timeless Pasts

Thursday 9th to Wed. 22nd September 2021—14 days / 13 nights

The vast expanses of Western Outback Queensland reveal the remains of long extinct dinosaurs and megafauna for you tea in the middle of nowhere. Walk the fascinating and to examine and marvel over. The terrain attracted the hardiest of early settlers and explorers who while battling adversity and the tyranny of distance developed successful cattle and mining industries along with the iconic Qantas airline. Learn of their celebrated exploits and stories of bushlife, the birthplaces of Banjo Paterson's Waltzing Matilda, political movements and the impact of white European settlement on the First Nations Peoples. The natural landscape is big and dramatic across the Mitchell Grass Plains with the large mesa formations in the Diamantina River National Park. The Simpson Desert with its extensive red dunes around Birdsville spills into the Channel Country to the iconic Cooper Creek at Innamincka. Travel in the footsteps of Burke and Wills, meet a cute Bilby and many other unique creatures. Learn about opal mining,

about a World War 2 top secret destination and enjoy high cavernous Carnarvon Gorge and the Roof of Queensland at Mt Moffatt admiring the Aboriginal rock art and towering sandstone cliffs. Meander through picturesque farmland, quaint villages and a rum distillery as you travel east to the Queensland coast before flying to the outer Great Barrier Reef. Discover the natural wonder of Lady Elliot Island, home to manta rays and all manner of marine life in the coral cay regarded as one of the world's best for snorkelling. Enjoy the thrill of the longest beach drive in the world through the Cooloola Coastal Wilderness, the Great Sandy National Park and cliffs of coloured sands. Ramble around Sunshine Coast Hinterland rainforests and coastal Wallum wildflowers in full bloom Ascend Mt. Coolum, ecologically one of the most diverse square kilometres in Australia.

Flynn's Tours leader, Johnny Gannan (pictured) believes Queensland to be the most desirable State or Territory in Australia. Its enormity provides for the most diverse range of landscapes and Johnny's nomadic mobility enables him to bask in the best of the climatic conditions across the seasons. Queensland is home to the most exotic of birds, animals, reptiles and marine creatures, all accessible and some quite friendly. Johnny has conducted small group tours extensively in Papua New Guinea since 2007 and also to Japan and New Zealand. His familiarity with Outback and Coastal Queensland for over 40 years and his relationships with it's service providers makes him well placed to ensure that you will have the Adventure of a lifetime!

THE FLYNN'S TOUR EXPERIENCE— "My desire is to design and conduct safe, educational and exciting tours which cater for a range of ages, interests and budgets; respect local communities; promote sustainable tourism and make possible special memories."





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Over 55 activities and destinations of interest to discover!

- Stockmans Hall of Fame
- **Qantas Founders Museum**
- Stage coach bush ride
- Riverboat sunset cruise
- Stockmans campfire dinner
- Captain Starlight spectacular
- Winton's unique township
- Arno's Wall & Willie Mar's Garden
- Waltzing Matilda Museum
- Qantilda Museum
- **Bladensburg National Park**
- Shearers Strike 1891-94 Memorial
- Opalton opal mining tour
- Lark Quarry Dinosaur Stampede
- Mitchell Grass Plains
- Diamantina National Park
- Historic Bedourie Hotel
- **Bedourie Hot Spring Baths**
- 1000 year old Wadi Trees
- Historic Birdsville Hotel
- Simpson Desert NP

"Big Red" Sand Dune While you'll meet this rare bilby at the "Save the Bilby

Fund" Centre, many other creatures will present them-

selves randomly throughout our journey in the Outback including camels, kangaroos, wallabies and echidnas. Platypus in Carnarvon Gorge. Broglas, families of emus and soaring wedgetail eagles are common. View manta rays, turtles and an abundance of marine life on Lady Elliot Island.



- Diamantina River
- Cordillo Downs shearing shed
- Sturt Stoney Desert
- Bourke & Wills Dig Tree
- Innamincka Township—SA
- Historic nursing hospital
- The iconic Cooper Creek
- The Channel country
- Remote gas and oil fields
- Historic Noccundra Hotel
- Eromanga Furthest Town from Sea
- "Cooper" A Titanosaur -Australia's largest dinosaur
- Megafauna fossils Diprotodon
- Quilpie's opal alter
- Historic Quilpie Brick Hotel
- High Tea at the "Elegant Emu"
- Quirkie Adavale
- Charleville & the Warrego River
- WWII Top Secret Destination tour
- Meet a Bilby up close rare & cute
- A story of Cattle Duffers of long ago

- Morven's eclectic collectibles
- Major Mitchell -explorers camp
- Mt Moffat- Carnarvon Gorge NP
- Aboriginal rock art & burial site
- Carnarvon Gorge epic walks
- Moura open cut coal mine view
- Cracow Hotel & ghost town
- R.M.William's Eidsvold museum
- North Burnett's quaint villages
- Picturesque farms & landscape
- **Bundaberg Rum Distillery**
- Lady Elliot Island snorkeling for manta rays, corals & turtles
- Watching whales with calves
- Southern Great Barrier Reef
- Cooloola Coastal Wilderness
- **Great Sandy National Park**
- Sunshine Coast Rainforest walks
- Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary
- Wallum Heathland wildflowers
- Sunshine Coast beachcombing
- Mt Coolum Climb

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Depart Brisbane - ends Sunshine Coast, QLD

More than 55 activities & destinations

Price includes : <u>All</u> meals, accommodation, guides & entry fees to all activities. <u>All</u> land, sea & river transport plus return flight to Lady Elliot Island and Qantas flight from Brisbane to Longreach

AUD 8,960 p.p. inc.gst twin share - Single Sup POA

Covid conscious cancellation & refund policy

Phone Johnny Gannan directly on +61 400 051 841 to discuss this exciting tour! Contact your Travel Agent to book.



Thousands of parrots and cockatoos will amuse and a murmuration of budgerigars will amaze as will many other beautiful creatures!