

# OUEENSLAND RAILHOLIDAYS

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# EXPERIENCE QUEENSLAND WITH VIVA HOLIDAYS!

Experience the wonders of Queensland and rediscover the luxury of time on an unforgettable rail holiday. From a timeless journey along the beautiful Queensland coastline to an unforgettable experience in the heart of Queensland's Outback, travelling by train provides the opportunity to enjoy the passing scenery in comfort and make new friends along the way.

**Viva Holidays** is proud to be celebrating 50 years in the travel business. Trust us to make your dream Queensland rail holiday a reality.

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Admire the vivid blue water and bright white sand of Whitehaven Beach, Queensland



Outback Aussie Tours, Longreach, Queensland



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# PLANNING YOUR RAIL HOLIDAY

From the lush rainforest of the tropical north to the awe-inspiring landscapes and cultural heritage of Queensland's Outback, Queensland Rail Travel offers a choice of rail journeys that will allow you to uncover every part of Queensland.

# EXPLORE COASTAL QUEENSLAND

The Tilt Train is fast becoming the most popular way to explore the coastline between Brisbane and Rockhampton in comfort and style. The Spirit of Queensland combines modern seating and entertainment options with the romance of long-distance rail travel. Contemporary and designed for relaxation, the train offers dedicated RailBed carriages to provide additional comfort on the overnight journey from Brisbane to Proserpine, Townsville and Cairns. While in Cairns, make sure you experience the breathtaking scenery of the tropics with a trip aboard the historic Kuranda Scenic Railway.

# VENTURE TO QUEENSLAND'S OUTBACK

Queensland Rail Travel has Outback Queensland covered with rail journeys to Central Outback Queensland, the South-West and the North-West. Travel in comfort aboard the Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach, home to the famous Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Qantas Founders Museum. Venture to Roma or Charleville aboard the Westlander. Or give in to your adventurous spirit and take the Inlander to the mineral-rich city of Mount Isa.

# STEP BACK IN TIME IN GULF COUNTRY

Take a rail journey with a difference aboard the Gulflander, fondly referred to as the old 'tin hare'. Travelling between remote Normanton and Croydon, this historic little train will show you the incredible scenery of the Gulf.

Start planning your rail holiday and travel in style and comfort through some of Queensland's most scenic landscapes.







# LUGGAGE CHECK-IN

At attended railway stations, luggage check-in facilities open one hour prior to departure for 30 minutes. The onboard team will assist with luggage at smaller unattended railway stations.





# ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

The level of accessibility varies at stations across Queensland and on board the trains. Your travel agent will be able to provide you with additional information to assist in planning your journey or visit the Queensland Rail Travel website.

# **CONCESSION FARES**

On presentation of a current Australian state or territory Government Seniors Card, you will receive up to 50% off the full adult rail fare on Queensland Rail Travel's long distance services. Queensland Pensioner Concession Card holders are eligible to receive four Queensland Pension rail travel entitlements each calendar year. An administration charge applies for the use of rail travel entitlements. Meals and upgrades to RailBed, Sleeper or Business Seat accommodation are an additional cost.

Queensland Pension entitlements are applied as follows for each journey:

- RailBed: Two one-way trips using two entitlements for each journey.
- Sleeper: Two one-way trips using two entitlements for each journey.
- Business Seat: Two one-way trips using two entitlements for each journey.
- Economy Seat: four one-way trips using one entitlement for each journey.



Queensland's mainland coastline stretches almost 7000km and boasts some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. From the glistening sands of the Gold Coast to the stunning waterways of the Whitsundays, and World Heritage listed rainforests of the tropical north, Queensland's coastline is waiting to be explored. It is also home to spectacular islands, including K'gari, the world's largest sand island off the Fraser Coast, magical Magnetic Island off Townsville and islands in the Whitsundays and Tropical North Queensland boasting stunning resorts.

Snorkel on the Great Barrier Reef, whale watch in peaceful Hervey Bay, take a scenic helicopter flight over the stunning Whitsunday Islands, sink your toes into the pure white silica sand of Whitehaven Beach, walk the beach where the rainforest meets the reef at Cape Tribulation, take a journey through World Heritage listed wet tropics rainforest on the Kuranda Scenic Railway – all this and more awaits on a Queensland Coastal holiday.

Travel by Tilt Train between Brisbane and Rockhampton or watch the passing scenery onboard Spirit of Queensland as you journey to Cairns. Rail travel is truly the most relaxing way to experience everything Queensland's coastline has to offer.











# TILT TRAIN RAIL JOURNEY

Take a relaxing journey on the Tilt Train to Hervey Bay for a spot of whale watching. Or travel further north and discover the wonders of the Southern Great Barrier Reef. Enjoy the convenience of an Economy Seat or upgrade to the comfort of a Business Seat.

# **FEATURES INCLUDE**

- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Servery with a variety of meals and ٠ refreshments
- Overhead lockers and luggage racks
- Drinking fountains and toilet facilities
- Tray table, reading light, drink holder, ٠ footrest and 240-volt power point, USB charging port
- In-seat trolley service and Servery with selection of meals



# ECONOMY SEAT

- Comfortable reclinable seat
- One item of checked-in luggage and one carry-on item

# **BUSINESS SEAT**

- · Spacious reclinable seat
- Two items of checked-in luggage and one carry-on item



Rockhampton ● Heron Island Gladstone Lady Elliot Island Bundaberg K'gari Hervey Bay Maryborough Gympie Nambour Moreton Island Route: Brisbane to Rockhampton Distance: 639km Duration: 7 hours 30 minutes Brisbane --- Railbus Connection

# **RAIL FARES**

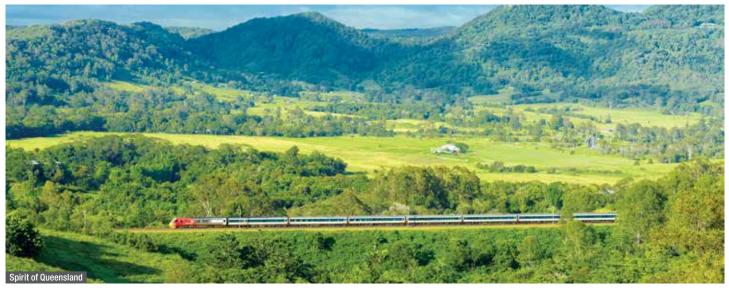
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Adult Economy	Senior Economy	Adult Business	Senior Business
\$81*+	\$46*+	\$101*+	\$58*+
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Adult Economy	Senior Economy	Adult Business	Senior Business
\$62*+	\$46*+	\$76*+	\$58*+
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Adult Economy	Senior Economy	Adult Business	Senior Business
\$102*	\$68*	\$158*	\$93*
AFTERNOON SER	VICE DEPARTS MON,	TUE, THU, FRI	
Adult Economy	Senior Economy	Adult Business	Senior Business
\$81*	\$68*	\$111*	\$93*

+Price includes RailBus connection from Maryborough West to Hervey Bay transit centre.

TIMETABLE:

Departs Brisbane: Sun at 11am. Mon, Tue, Thu and Fri at 4:55pm Departs Rockhampton: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri and Sat at 6:45am

Rail departure days and times may change from September 2024, check the Queensland Rail Travel website for up to date timetable information. Ask your travel agent or use the QR code above for more information and availability.





# SPIRIT OF QUEENSLAND RAIL JOURNEY

Rediscover the luxury of time with a rail journey along Queensland's coast aboard the Spirit of Queensland. With regular services each week and daylight travel between Proserpine and Cairns, it's a great way to travel to some of Queensland's spectacular holiday destinations.

# FEATURES INCLUDE

- Café offering a selection of meals and refreshments
- Drinking fountains
- Tray table, reading light, drink holder, footrest and 240-volt power point

# Shower and toilet facilities

# ECONOMY SEAT

- Comfortable reclinable seat
- On-demand entertainment
- One item of checked-in luggage and one carry-on item

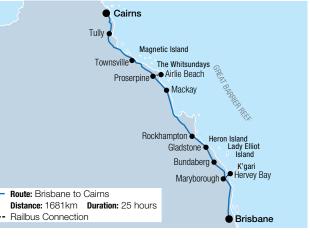


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### RAILBED

- Seat converts to a lie-flat bed at night
- All-inclusive in-seat dining experience including two course meals with complimentary beverage
- Linen, pillow, towel and amenities pack provided
- On-demand entertainment
- Two items of checked-in luggage and one carry-on item





# 📄 RAIL FARES

BRISBANE TO	AIRLIE BEACH		
Adult Economy <b>\$190*+</b>	Senior Economy <b>\$153*+</b>	Adult RailBed <b>\$329*</b>	Senior RailBed <b>\$280*</b>
BRISBANE TO	TOWNSVILLE		
Adult Economy <b>\$189*</b>	Senior Economy <b>\$158*</b>	Adult RailBed <b>\$332</b> *	Senior RailBed <b>\$285*</b>
BRISBANE TO	CAIRNS		
Adult Economy <b>\$222*</b>	Senior Economy <b>\$185*</b>	Adult RailBed <b>\$390*</b>	Senior RailBed <b>\$335</b> *
CAIRNS TO A	IRLIE BEACH		
Adult Economy <b>\$122*+</b>	Senior Economy <b>\$96*+</b>		
CAIRNS TO H	ERVEY BAY		
Adult Economy	Senior Economy	Adult RailBed	Senior RailBed
\$224*+	\$181*+	\$375*+	\$314*+
TOWNSVILLE	TO BUNDABER	G	
Adult Economy	Senior Economy	Adult RailBed	Senior RailBed
\$162*	\$135*	\$285*	\$245*

# TIMETABLE:



Departs Brisbane: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri and Sat at 1:45pm Departs Cairns: Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri and Sun at 9:35am

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# HERVEY BAY & K'GARI GETAWAY 4 DAYS

# Day 1: Brisbane to Hervey Bay

Hop aboard the Spirit of Queensland to the Fraser Coast and transfer with a RailBus connection from Maryborough West to Hervey Bay. Stay the next three nights at Ramada Resort by Wyndham Hervey Bay.

## Day 2: K'gari (BL)

After breakfast, join a full day 4WD guided tour of K'gari and learn about the natural and cultural history of the island. Swim in the crystal clear, blue waters of Lake McKenzie, the island's most beautiful perched lake. Enjoy lunch and a drive along spectacular Seventy Five Mile Beach. Stop to swim in the cool fresh waters of Eli Creek and marvel at the coloured sands of the Pinnacles.

### Day 3: Hervey Bay (B)

Spend the day at leisure exploring the beautiful coastal town of Hervey Bay. Perhaps take a bicycle ride along the picturesque foreshore, visit the Fraser Coast Discovery Sphere, or from August to October, enjoy a whale watching cruise (Whale Watch Adventure option).

# Day 4: Hervey Bay to Brisbane (B)

After breakfast, catch your RailBus connection transfer to Maryborough West railway station for the Tilt Train journey back to Brisbane. Relax in your reclinable seat and take in the passing scenery of South East Queensland.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch)

# **4 DAY WHALE WATCH ADVENTURE**

Add an afternoon Whale Watch cruise to your Hervey Bay and K'gari Getaway and see the Humpback whales in the calm waters of Hervey Bay (Jul - Oct).

From \$975\* Adult Sole use prices also available

From \$905\* Senior



# K'GARI ESCAPE 4 DAYS

# Day 1: Brisbane to Hervey Bay

Travel aboard the Spirit of Queensland to Maryborough and transfer to Hervey Bay by RailBus connection. Overnight at Ramada Resort by Wyndham Hervey Bay.

# Day 2: Hervey Bay to K'gari (BL)

You will be collected from your accommodation and transferred to River Heads for the ferry crossing to Kingfisher Bay landing on K'gari.

Head inland by 4WD coach and visit Central Station and Pile Valley before cooling off in the crystal-clear water of Lake McKenzie. Stay tonight at K'gari Beach Resort.

# Day 3: K'gari to Hervey Bay (BL)

Enjoy a buffet breakfast before setting off to explore iconic Eli Creek where you can float along the shallow stream. Head to The Pinnacles Coloured Sands and learn about the Indigenous Dreamtime stories that surround them. Travel past Indian Head, the most

easterly point of the island, to the Champagne Pools. Return along 75 Mile Beach and stop at the Maheno Shipwreck before boarding the ferry for the return trip to River Heads and your overnight accommodation at Ramada Resort by Wyndham Hervey Bay.

# Day 4: Hervey Bay to Brisbane (B)

After breakfast, transfer by RailBus connection to Maryborough West railway station for the journey to Brisbane on the Tilt Train. Relax in your reclinable seat and take in the passing scenery before arriving in Brisbane in the afternoon.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch)

# **COASTAL QUEENSLAND**

# 4 DAYS | BRISBANE TO BRISBANE

DEPARTS: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat (1 Apr 24 -31 Mar 25)

Adult	From \$829* per person twin share
Senior	From \$765* per person twin share

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk along the Urangan Pier
- See the Maheno Shipwreck on K'gari
- Swim in the crystal waters of Lake McKenzie

# INCLUDES

- One way travel on the Spirit of Queensland from Brisbane to Maryborough West - Economy Seat
- One way travel on the Tilt Train from Maryborough West to Brisbane - Economy Seat
- 3 nights 4 star accommodation in Hervey Bay Meals as specified
- Full day K'gari Explorer Day Tour Return RailBus connection from Marvborough West railway station to Hervey Bay

### Sole use prices also available.



# 4 DAYS | BRISBANE TO BRISBANE

DEPARTS: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat (1 Apr 24 -31 Mar 25)

Adult	From \$1115* per person twin share
Senior	From \$1065* per person twin share

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a dip in Lake McKenzie
- Marvel at the Pinnacles Coloured Sands

### INCLUDES

- One way travel on the Spirit of Queensland from Brisbane to Maryborough West - Economy Seat
- One way travel on the Tilt Train from Maryborough West to Brisbane - Economy Seat
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Hervey Bay
- 1 night 4 star accommodation at K'gari Beach Resort
- Meals as specified
- National Park fees .
- 2 day guided 4WD coach touring on K'gari
- Return RailBus connection from Maryborough West
- railway station to Hervey Bay transit centre

# Sole use prices also available. Itinerary may vary due to tides, seasons and weather conditions



\* FROM PRICES ARE A GUIDE ONLY, subject to change and availability and are in Australian Dollars. Prices for rail packages are per person per package twin share, unless otherwise specified and based on the lowest room category for travel in low season. For full terms and conditions including pricing, conditions and senior concession eligibility, refer to the Booking Conditions on the inside back cover of this brochure.



# BUNDABERG BREAKAWAY 4 DAYS

# Day 1: Brisbane to Bundaberg

Join the Spirit of Queensland in Brisbane and sit back and relax as you travel north to Bundaberg. Arrive in Bundaberg early evening and transfer to your accommodation in the seaside town of Bargara. Stay the next three nights at Kellys Beach Resort, Bargara.

# Day 2: Lady Musgrave Island (BL)

Cruise to Lady Musgrave Island and lagoon, the largest true coral cay on the outer Southern Great Barrier Reef. Snorkel on the stunning Great Barrier Reef that surrounds the island, and then experience the reef from a different perspective with a glass bottom boat tour. See tropical fish, turtles and other marine animals as you explore the blue waters.

# Day 3: Bundaberg (BL)

Spend the morning at leisure before being transferred to the Windmill Café for a delicious lunch by the sea.

After lunch, take a self-guided tour through the iconic Bundaberg Barrel and learn about the history of this family-owned company, the craft of brewing drinks and the locally sourced produce farmed in Bundaberg.

Visit the famous Bundaberg Rum Distillery and tour the interactive museum. After exploring the Bundaberg Rum Museum, join an expert guide and journey deep into the heart of a fully operational distillery.

### Day 4: Bundaberg to Brisbane (B)

Transfer to Bundaberg railway station for the Tilt Train journey back to Brisbane.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch)

# 4 DAYS | BRISBANE TO BRISBANE

DEPARTS: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat (1 - 22 Apr, 24 Apr - 17 Dec 24, 15 Jan - 31 Mar 25)

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enior	From \$1069* per person twin share

### HIGHLIGHTS

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- Cruise to Lady Musgrave Island
- Take a guided tour of the Rum Distillery

# INCLUDES

- One way travel on the Spirit of Queensland from Brisbane to Bundaberg - Economy Seat
- One way travel on the Tilt Train from Bundaberg to Brisbane - Economy Seat
- 3 nights 31/2 star accommodation in Bargara
- · Meals as specified
- Full day Lady Musgrave Experience with transfers
- Bundaberg Barrel Tasting and self-guided Gallery
- Tour with transfers Admission to Bundaberg Rum Museum and Distillery Experience Tour with transfers
- · Return coach transfers from Bundaberg railway station to Bargara

### Sole use prices also available.



# 6 DAYS | BRISBANE TO BRISBANE

DEPARTS: Sundays (7 Apr - 21 Dec 24, 12 Jan - 31 Mar 25)

Adult	From \$1249* per person twin share
Senior	From \$1185* per person twin share

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Rockhampton's historic Quay Street
- Take a Cathedral Cave Tour
  - Swim in the crystal clear waters at Great Keppel Island

### INCLUDES

- Return travel on the Tilt Train from Brisbane to Rockhampton - Economy Seat
- 2 nights 4½ star accommodation in Rockhampton
- 3 nights 4½ star accommodation in Yeppoon
- · Meals as specified
- Capricorn Caves Tour
- Full day Great Keppel Island cruise
- Return coach transfers from Rockhampton
- to Yeppoon

### Sole use prices also available.

# Yeppoon ③ ● Great Keppel Island RAIL START/FINISH O OVERNIGHT Brisbane - COACH



Day 2: Rockhampton

Spend the day at leisure exploring the town of Rockhampton. Stroll along the Fitzroy River and see many restored sandstone Victorian era buildings. Visit the beautiful Botanic Gardens or head to the Rockhampton Art Gallery to view mid-twentieth century Australian art.

# **Day 3: Capricorn Caves to Yeppoon**

This morning, visit the Capricorn Caves. Take a tour through large caverns with remarkable decorations, rare ferns and massive tree roots. The domed Cathedral Cave is renowned for its acoustics. At the end of the tour, walk through the pioneer passage on to a swinging suspended bridge in the rainforest. In the afternoon, transfer to Yeppoon and stay three nights at Salt Yeppoon.

activities on offer or spend time relaxing by the water.

# Day 5: Yeppoon

Today is free to discover Yeppoon. Visit the lagoon on the foreshore or wander the main street and take in the eclectic collection of street art.

# Day 6: Rockhampton to Brisbane

Transfer to Rockhampton railway station for your return rail journey to Brisbane.

(l = lunch)



# WHITSUNDAY ESCAPE 6 DAYS

### Day 1: Airlie Beach

Arrive in Airlie Beach and check in to your hotel. Late afternoon, cruise around Pioneer Bay and sip a glass of sparkling wine as you take in a magnificent sunset. Stay the next four nights at Coral Sea Marina Resort.

## Day 2: Airlie Beach (B)

Today is free to explore the beautiful Whitsundays. You might like to spend the day on Hamilton Island or cruise to the Great Barrier Reef (see optional tours below).

# Day 3: Whitehaven Beach (B)

Enjoy a leisurely start to the day. This afternoon, cruise to beautiful Whitehaven Beach on Whitsunday Island. Take in 360-degree views from the catamaran's observation deck as you listen to the commentary on the history and geography of the Whitsundays. Spend time swimming in the crystal clear water or just relax on the pure white silica sand beach.

### Day 4: Airlie Beach (B)

Do as little or as much as you please today. Head to Airlie Beach Lagoon for a dip, enjoy lunch at one of the many cafes and restaurants in Airlie Beach village or take a day tour and explore the hinterland.

### Day 5: Proserpine to Brisbane (BD)

Enjoy breakfast before checking out of your hotel. Spend the day relaxing by the resort or do some lastminute souvenir shopping. In the early evening, transfer to Proserpine by RailBus connection for your overnight journey on board Spirit of Queensland to Brisbane.

# Day 6: Brisbane (B)

Arrive in Brisbane in the morning where your holiday concludes

(B = breakfast, D = dinner)

# **COASTAL QUEENSLAND**

### 6 DAYS | AIRLIE BEACH TO BRISBANE

DEPARTS: Sun, Mon, Wed, Thu, Sat (1 Apr - 17 Dec 24, 12 Jan - 31 Mar 25)

	From \$1309*
Adult	per person twin share
Senior	From \$1265* per person twin share

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the coastal town of Airlie Beach
- Walk along the fine white silica sand on Whitehaven Beach
- Take in the stunning scenery of the beautiful Whitsunday islands

# INCLUDES

- 4 nights 4½ star accommodation in Airlie Beach
- Meals as specified
- Sundowner Sunset Cruise
- Afternoon Whitehaven Beach Cruise
- One way RailBus connection from Airlie Beach accommodation to Proserpine railway station
- One way travel on the Spirit of Queensland from Proserpine to Brisbane - RailBed

### Sole use prices also available.









# **GREAT BARRIER REEF ADVENTURE**

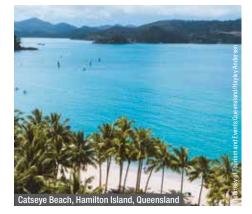
Cruise through Whitsunday Islands National Park en route to the outer Great Barrier Reef, one of the world's most stunning natural attractions. Dive off the pontoon to explore the wonders of the reef - see magnificent coral, colourful fish and other marine life. If you prefer to stay dry, discover the amazing underwater world from the spectacular underwater viewing chambers or on the semi-submersible submarine.

# Includes:

- 4 hours at Cruise Whitsundays reef pontoon on Hardy Reef • Semi-submersible rides
- Use of snorkelling equipment and wetsuits
- Sundeck 
   Underwater viewing chamber
- Morning and afternoon tea 
   Buffet lunch

Operator:	Cruise Whitsundays
Duration:	8 – 10 hours
Departs:	Daily from Port of Airlie at 8am

	Adult	Ser
Full Day Tour	\$309*	\$27



# SPEND THE DAY ON **HAMILTON ISLAND**

Why not spend the day on beautiful Hamilton Island. Take the direct service from Port of Airlie at 8am to maximise your time on the island. Return on the direct service departing Hamilton Island at 5:10pm or take one of the earlier transfers and enjoy an extended cruise of the Whitsunday Passage as guests are collected from Daydream Island.

# Includes:

- Return catamaran transfers
- Lunch at the Marina Tavern

<b>Operator:</b>	Cruise Whitsundays
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Duration:	Up to 10 hours
Departs:	Daily from Port of Airlie at 8am

Adult	Senior		Adult	Senior
\$309*	\$279*	Full Day Tour	\$146*	\$138*





# N.V. Whitsunday Explorer

# WHITSUNDAY EXPLORER 7 DAYS

# Day 1: Hamilton Island

Arrive on Hamilton Island and check into the Reef View Hotel. Stay the next two nights on Hamilton Island.

# Day 2: Hamilton Island (B)

Today is free to do as little or as much as you please. Relax by the pool, take a day cruise to the Great Barrier Reef or take in a stunning sunset from One Tree Hill.

# Day 3: Hamilton Island/Whitsunday Island Cruise (BD)

Enjoy a relaxing morning before checking out of your hotel. Perhaps head to the marina for lunch before boarding the 45m M.V. Whitsunday Explorer for a two night cruise through the beautiful Whitsunday Passage. Pass through the Molle Island group before dropping anchor at Cid Harbour for the evening, a tranquil and spacious sheltered harbour. Partake in drinks on the observation deck before settling into the main saloon for dinner with the Captain.

# Day 4: Cruising the Whitsundays (BLD)

Start your day with an alfresco breakfast on the upper deck or in the main saloon, as you sail past Henning, Dent and Hamilton Islands before dropping anchor near Whitsunday Island. Hop aboard the high-speed rigid inflatable boat, Island Adventurer, and head to the brilliant white sands of world-famous Whitehaven Beach. Jump back on Island Adventurer for the short cruise to Tongue Bay and the start of the Hill Inlet Lookout Track. If you're feeling energetic, you can take the short, uphill hike to the lookout and marvel at the ever-changing patterns created by shallow blue water and moving white silica sand.

Head back to the Whitsunday Explorer for lunch and sail around the northern tip of Whitsunday Island to enter Hook Passage. Take the opportunity to go ashore at Nara Inlet before hopping back on board to freshen up. Take in the sunset as you cruise to Long Island to anchor overnight. Enjoy dinner in the main saloon and treat yourself to a nightcap under the stars on the observation deck.

# Day 5: Airlie Beach (B)

Enjoy breakfast before exploring Long Island's shores at your leisure. Afterwards, cruise back to Airlie Beach, arriving around 11am. Farewell your fellow cruise companions and transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to discover Airlie Beach. Overnight at Heart Hotel and Gallery Whitsundays.

# Day 6: Airlie Beach to Brisbane (BD)

Check out of your hotel and spend the day at leisure. In the early evening, transfer by coach to Proserpine for your rail journey to Brisbane. Overnight onboard Spirit of Queensland.

# Day 7: Brisbane (B)

Arrive in Brisbane in the morning where your holiday concludes.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = Dinner)

# 7 DAYS | HAMILTON ISLAND TO BRISBANE

**DEPARTS:** Wednesdays (1 Apr – 8 Sep, 30 Sep – 15 Dec 24, 27 Jan – 31 Mar 25)

Adult	From \$2859* per person twin share
Senior	From \$2809* per person twin share

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend two nights on stunning Hamilton Island
- Relax on tropical Catseye Beach
- Cruise the beautiful waterways of the Whitsundays
- Visit uninhabited Whitsundays islands
- See the breathtaking contrast of brilliant white sand and bright blue water at Whitehaven Beach
- Take a leisurely stroll to Hill Inlet Lookout
- Spend time at Langford Island and discover the underwater world on the fringing coral reef
- Discover the coastal town of Airlie Beach

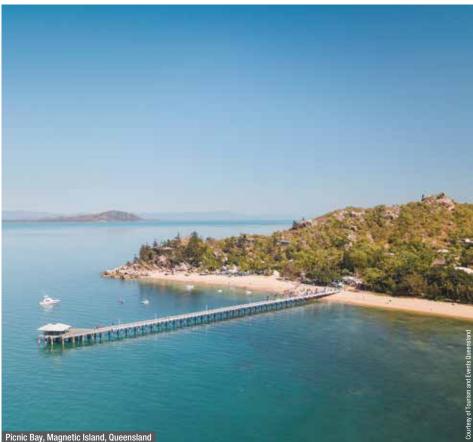
# INCLUDES

- 2 nights accommodation in a Garden View Room at Reef View Hotel, Hamilton Island
- 2 nights onboard Whitsunday Explorer
- 1 night 4 star accommodation in Airlie Beach
  - One way travel on the Spirit of Queensland from Proserpine to Brisbane – RailBed
  - Meals as specified
  - One way RailBus connection from Airlie Beach to Proserpine railway station

Sole use prices also available.







# TOWNSVILLE & MAGNETIC ISLAND EXPERIENCE 6 DAYS

# Day 1: Brisbane to Townsville (D)

Join the Spirit of Queensland in Brisbane for a scenic rail journey to Townsville. Relax onboard in your spacious RailBed and enjoy the personal in-seat entertainment and an evening meal. Overnight onboard Spirit of Queensland.

# Day 2: Townsville (B)

Arrive in Townsville early this morning and spend the day at leisure exploring Townsville.

Head to Castle Hill lookout and take in the spectacular views of Townsville. Stroll along The Strand and cool off in the seawater rock-pool or simply laze on the beach and enjoy the views of Magnetic Island. Overnight at Rydges Southbank Townsville.

# Day 3: Townsville to Magnetic Island (B)

Spend the morning exploring the city. Take in the iconic sites of Townsville including Palmer Street and the Queens Gardens. Visit the Museum of Tropical Queensland and learn about the history and heritage of North Queensland (own expense).

In the afternoon, take a trip to beautiful Magnetic Island on board a high speed catamaran. Stay the next three nights at Grand Mercure Apartments Magnetic Island.

# Day 4: Magnetic Island

Today is yours to explore Magnetic Island at your own pace. Having a unique natural environment of palm-fringed beaches, large granite boulders, sandy beaches and fringing coral reefs, there are plenty of things to see and do on this island paradise. Relax on one of the palm fringed beaches, dip your toe in the crystal-clear waters of Nelly Bay or visit the old Gun Batteries and Fort Buildings and learn about Australia's war history.

# **Day 5: Magnetic Island**

Enjoy another free day to continue exploring the island. Perhaps visit the Koala Sanctuary at Horseshoe Bay and meet native wildlife (own expense). Take a tour of the sanctuary and see a koala or a wombat, hold a snake or a lizard, and even feed the lorikeets.

Alternatively, spend the day relaxing by the rooftop pool and take in the magnificent views of the Coral Sea.

### Day 6: Townsville

Travel by ferry back to the mainland, where your holiday concludes.

(B = breakfast, D = dinner)

# **COASTAL QUEENSLAND**

# 6 DAYS | BRISBANE TO TOWNSVILLE

**DEPARTS:** Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat (1 Apr – 15 Dec 24, 4 Jan – 31 Mar 25)

Adult	From \$1155* per person twin share
Senior	From \$1109* per person twin share

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a scenic rail journey along the Queensland coast aboard the Spirit of Queensland
- Enjoy stunning views from the top of Castle Hill in Townsville
- Visit The Strand beachfront promenade
- Swim in the crystal clear waters of Horseshoe Bay
- Spot a koala as you hike one of the many walking trails in Magnetic Island National Park
- Explore Magnetic Island's secluded beachesLook for turtles as you walk along Picnic
- LOOK for furties as you walk along Pichic Bay Jetty

# INCLUDES

- One way overnight travel on the Spirit of Queensland from Brisbane to Townsville – RailBed
- 1 night 4 star accommodation in Townsville
- 3 nights 5 star accommodation on Magnetic Island
- Meals as specified
  - Return ferry transfers to Magnetic Island

Sole use prices also available.











# Kuranda Scenic Railway. Tropical North Queensland

# BEST OF CAIRNS 6 DAYS

# Day 1: Brisbane to Cairns (D)

Join the Spirit of Queensland in Brisbane and settle into your RailBed. Choose to watch a movie on the stateof-the-art personal entertainment system or watch the scenery pass by as you journey along Queensland's immense coastline.

# Day 2: Cairns (BL)

This morning you will pass through the sugar cane fields of North Queensland. Sit back and relax as you watch the changing landscapes. Arrive in Cairns this afternoon and make your own way to your accommodation. Stay the next four nights at Pacific Hotel Cairns.

# Day 3: Cairns (BD)

After breakfast join a half day tour and discover an unforgettable Indigenous cultural experience right on the doorstep of Cairns. You will be welcomed with a traditional smoking and cleansing ceremony. The Mandingalbay Yidinji people will personally guide you, sharing ancient knowledge and insights into Indigenous customs. Enjoy dinner this evening at Ochre Restaurant, renowned for its regional Australian menu.

# Day 4: Kuranda (B)

Today experience the historic Kuranda Scenic Railway journey to Kuranda. Sit back, relax and take in the spectacular views as the train winds its way up to the quaint village of Kuranda on this famous journey. Walk around Rainforestation Nature Park and enjoy a tour on a historic World War II Army Duck.

This afternoon, return on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, gliding silently over the rainforest as you enjoy beautiful views along the way.

### Day 5: Great Barrier Reef (BL)

Today make your own way to the Reef Fleet Terminal for your reef cruise. Take a fast catamaran cruise to a floating platform situated right on the Outer Great Barrier Reef. Snorkel, visit the underwater observatory, cruise in a semi-submersible or just relax on the sundeck. Enjoy buffet lunch and afternoon tea while taking in the spectacular views of the outer reef before cruising back to Cairns.

### Day 6: Cairns (B)

Your holiday concludes this morning upon check-out from the hotel.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

# 6 DAYS | BRISBANE TO CAIRNS

**DEPARTS:** Mon, Wed, Sat (1 Apr – 9 Jun, 17 Jun – 20 Dec, 28 Dec 24 – 31 Mar 25)

Adult	From \$1669* per person twin share	
Senior	From \$1585* per person twin share	
Upgrade to 5 star Crystalbrook Bailey, Cairns	From \$115* per person twin share	

# HIGHLIGHTS

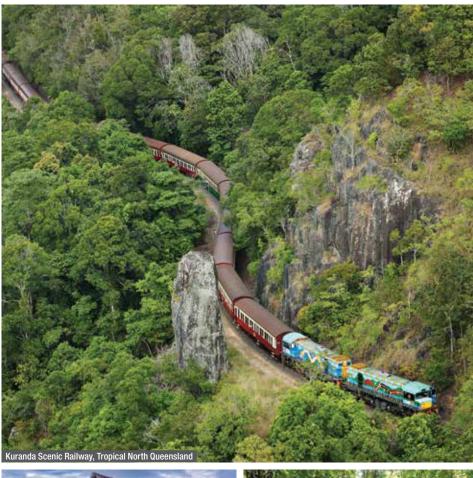
- Snorkel with spectacular marine life on the Great
  Barrier Reef
- Experience the famous Kuranda Scenic Railway and admire the ever-changing scenery
- Ride the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway
- See a traditional indigenous smoking ceremony
- Wander through the quaint village of Kuranda
- Dine on Australian native bush foods at Ochre Restaurant
- Stroll along the Cairns Esplanade

# INCLUDES

- One way overnight travel on the Spirit of Queensland from Brisbane to Cairns – RailBed
- 4 nights 41/2 star accommodation in Cairns
- Meals as specified
- Full day Great Barrier Reef Cruise
- Full day Kuranda Scenic Railway and Skyrail Rainforest Cableway Tour
- Half day Hands On Country Eco Tour
- Sole use prices also available.











# Day 1: Brisbane

Arrive in Brisbane and make your own way to your hotel. Stay overnight at Voco Brisbane City Centre.

# Day 2: Brisbane To Cairns (BD)

After breakfast, explore the city of Brisbane at your own pace. Hop on a CityCat and cruise along the Brisbane River and take in some of Brisbane's iconic landmarks including the Story Bridge and the Kangaroo Point Cliffs. Wander through the beautiful gardens at South Bank Parklands and stop for lunch at one of the many outdoor cafés. Join the Spirit of Queensland this afternoon and travel north overnight to Cairns.

# Day 3: Cairns (BL)

After breakfast, sit back and relax as you watch the ever-changing landscape as the train makes its way to Tropical North Queensland. Arrive in Cairns this afternoon and make your own way to your accommodation. Stay the next five nights at Pacific Hotel Cairns

# Day 4: Great Barrier Reef (BL)

Discover the spectacular underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef on a full day outer reef trip. Take a semisubmersible coral viewing tour and get up close and personal with the vibrant marine life. Visit the underwater observatory or just relax on the sundeck with a delicious buffet lunch.

### Day 5: Kuranda (B)

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This morning, experience the historic Kuranda Scenic Railway journey to Kuranda. Take in the spectacular views as you wind your way up to the quaint village of Kuranda on this famous journey. Spend time at the Rainforestation Nature Park and embark on an educational tour on a historic World War II Army Duck. Return to Cairns on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, gliding silently over the rainforest as you enjoy beautiful views along the way.

# Day 6: Cairns (B)

Spend the day exploring Cairns at leisure. Discover rich history and Indigenous culture at one of the art galleries, take a dip in the sparkling Esplanade Lagoon or just relax by the hotel pool.

# Day 7: Daintree Rainforest and Cape Tribulation (BL)

Journey north to the magnificent and untouched World Heritage listed Daintree Rainforest, the oldest living rainforest in the world. Spot crocodiles on a Daintree River cruise, take a guided boardwalk tour through the rainforest and enjoy a 4WD ride along the Bloomfield Track.

# Day 8: Cairns (B)

Your holiday concludes this morning upon check-out from the hotel.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

# COASTAL QUEENSLAND

# 8 DAYS | BRISBANE TO CAIRNS

DEPARTS: Sun, Tue, Thu, Fri (2 Apr 24 - 31 Mar 25)+

Adult	From \$1915*	
Senior	From \$1859* per person twin share	
Upgrade to 5 star Crystalbrook Bailey, Cairps	From \$145*	

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Take an unforgettable journey on the Spirit of Queensland from Brisbane to Cairns
- Discover the underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef on a semi-submersible tour
- Travel past rainforest, dramatic ravines and waterfalls on the historic Kuranda Scenic Railway
- Be enthralled by the traditional Aboriginal dancers at the Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience
- Embark on a guided walk through the Wet Tropics World Heritage Daintree Rainforest
- Journey along the Bloomfield Track

### INCLUDES

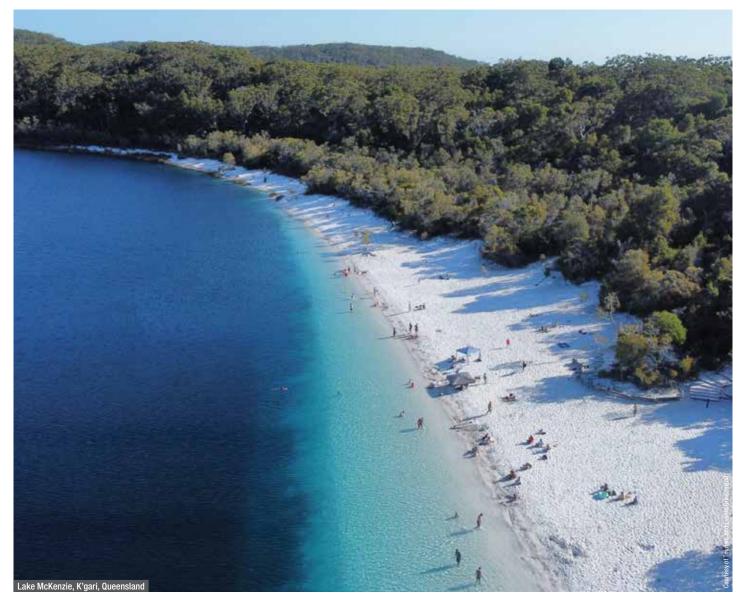
- One way overnight travel on the Spirit of Queensland from Brisbane to Cairns - RailBed
- 1 night 41/2 star accommodation in Brisbane
- 5 nights 4½ star accommodation in Cairns
- · Meals as specified
- Full day Great Barrier Reef Cruise
- Full day Kuranda Scenic Railway and Skyrail Rainforest Cableway Tour
- Full day Daintree Rainforest, Cape Tribulation and Bloomfield Tour

### Sole use prices also available. + Blockout dates apply.



Great Barrier Reef, Tropical North Queensland





# ISLANDS OF QUEENSLAND RAIL JOURNEY 11 DAYS

# Day 1: Brisbane to Hervey Bay

Depart Brisbane this afternoon on the Spirit of Queensland and travel north to Maryborough West, arriving late afternoon. Transfer by RailBus connection to the Hervey Bay Transit Centre and make your own way to your accommodation at Hervey Bay. Stay overnight at Ramada Resort by Wyndham Hervey Bay.

# Day 2: Hervey Bay to K'gari (B)

This morning you'll be collected and transferred to River Heads to board the ferry to World Heritage Listed K'gari, the world's largest sand island. Stay the next three nights at Kingfisher Bay Resort.

# Day 3: K'gari (BL)

Join a full day 4WD eco tour discovering all the beauty spots of the island. Guided by a local Ranger, you will walk along the boardwalk at Central Station and admire the impressive central station rainforest. Swim in the crystal blue water and white sands of Lake McKenzie.

After lunch, travel along the beach highway of 75 Mile Beach to see the Maheno shipwreck and the coloured sands of The Pinnacles.

# Day 4: K'gari (B)

Today is free to do as much or as little as you please. Relax by the large lagoon-style pool, join one of the guided walks or indulge with a day spa treatment at the Island Spa (own expense). Join the Bush Tucker Talk and Taste Tour and learn about native bush food.

# Day 5: K'gari & Spirit of Queensland (BD)

Spend the morning at leisure before transferring by ferry to Hervey Bay to connect with the RailBus service to Maryborough West.

Board the Spirit of Queensland for the overnight journey to Townsville. Dinner will be served to you at your seat. After dinner, your seat will be transformed to a flat bed and you can settle in for the evening.

# Day 6: Townsville (B)

Enjoy breakfast before arriving in Townsville. Make your own way to your hotel where you can leave your luggage before setting out to explore the surrounding area. Perhaps visit the Museum of Tropical Queensland or head to The Strand, one of Townsville's popular beaches. Stay the next two nights at Rydges Southbank Townsville.

### Day 7: Magnetic Island (B)

This morning, cruise to Magnetic Island on board a high speed catamaran. See all the major sights of beautiful Magnetic Island on a half day tour. Learn about the history, native wildlife and flora and fauna. Stop for lunch (own expense) and a swim before returning to Townsville in the afternoon.

# Day 8: Townsville to Cairns (B)

After breakfast, make your own way to Townsville railway station and board the Spirit of Queensland for the journey to Cairns. Settle into your Economy Seat and watch the scenery pass by as you head north. On arrival in Cairns, make your own way to your hotel. Relax and enjoy a complimentary welcome drink. Stay the next three nights at Mercure Cairns.

### Day 9: Fitzroy Island (B)

This morning, take a 45-minute cruise to the tropical paradise of Fitzroy Island. Spend the day discovering the unspoilt coral beaches and calm sheltered waters of the Great Barrier Reef. Choose to snorkel straight off the beach and discover the fascinating marine life, take a glass bottom boat tour or sit back and relax on the famous Nudey Beach.

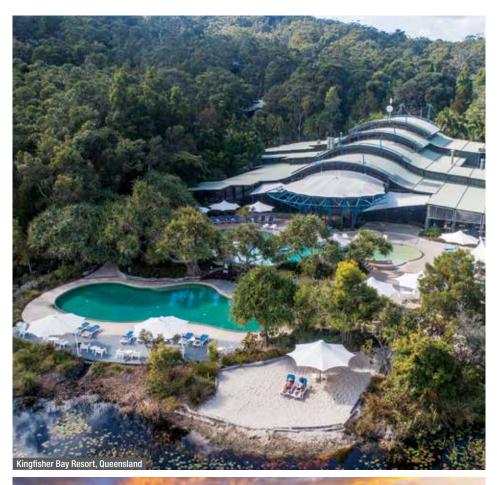
# Day 10: Cairns (B)

Today is free to explore Tropical North Queensland at your leisure. There is so much on offer but you won't want to miss the opportunity to visit the mountain village of Kuranda. Travel on the Kuranda Scenic Railway, passing through ancient Wet Tropics World Heritage rainforest of Din Din Barron Gorge National Park. Glide down the mountain on your return by Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, skimming the treetops and taking in spectacular views of Cairns below (own expense).

# Day 11: Cairns (B)

As the saying goes, all good things must come to an end! Your tour concludes upon check out of your accommodation this morning. Alternatively, you may like to extend your time in the Tropical North with a stay at Palm Cove or Port Douglas.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)







# 11 DAYS | BRISBANE TO CAIRNS

**DEPARTS:** Tue, Sat (2 Apr – 13 Dec 24, 21 Jan – 31 Mar 25)

Adult	From \$2299* per person twin share
Senior	From \$2239* per person twin share

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel Queensland's coastline in comfort aboard the Spirit of Queensland
- Spend three nights on K'gari, Australia's largest sand island
- Uncover K'gari's most iconic sights on a full day Beauty Spots tour
- Cruise to stunning Magnetic Island and explore the sights
- Enjoy time at leisure in tropical Cairns
- Soak up the sun on beautiful Fitzroy Island

# INCLUDES

- One way travel on the Spirit of Queensland from Brisbane to Maryborough West – Economy Seat
- Return RailBus transfers from Maryborough West to Hervey Bay
- 1 night 41/2 star accommodation in Hervey Bay
- Return bus transfers from Hervey Bay
   accommodation to River Heads Ferry Terminal
- Return ferry transfers from River Heads to K'gari
- 3 nights 4 star accommodation on K'gari
- Full day 4WD Beauty Spots Tour
- One way travel on the Spirit of Queensland from Maryborough West to Townsville – RailBed
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Townsville Return ferry transfer from Townsville to
- Magnetic Island
- Magnetic Island Big Bus Tour
- One way travel on the Spirit of Queensland from Townsville to Cairns – Economy Seat
- 3 nights 4 star accommodation in Cairns Fitzroy Island day tour
- Fitzroy Island day to
  Meals as specified

# Sole use prices also available.





# KURANDA SCENIC RAILWAY RAIL JOURNEY

Kuranda Scenic Railway is one of Australia's most scenic rail journeys, winding its way through ancient Wet Tropics World Heritage rainforest of Din Din Barron Gorge National Park to the mountain village of Kuranda. Travel in original red timber carriages and enjoy the breathtaking scenery, towering waterfalls and deep ravines as the train travels through 15 hand-made tunnels and over 55 bridges.

# HERITAGE CLASS

- Original red-wooden heritage carriages
- Souvenir trip guide
- Audio commentary
- 10 minute photo stop at Din Din (Barron Falls) viewing platform
- Filtered water available in each carriage
- Toilets

# GOLD CLASS

- Dedicated host
- Historic carriage with club lounge-style seating
- Welcome drink prior to departure
- Morning or afternoon refreshment with a
- selection of local produce
- Souvenir trip guide
- 10 minute photo stop at Din Din (Barron Falls) viewing platform
- Kuranda Scenic Railway gift pack
- Toilets



# RAIL FARES

# **CAIRNS TO KURANDA**

Adult Gold Class	Senior Gold Class
\$109*	<b>\$98*</b>
Adult Heritage Class	Senior Heritage Class
<b>\$55*</b>	<b>\$44*</b>

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Prices}}$  correct at time of printing and are subject to change without notice.



### TIMETABLE:

**Departs Cairns:** daily at 8:30am and 9:30am **Departs Kuranda:** daily at 2pm and 3:30pm

For more information on the latest timetable and availability, please ask your travel agent or use QR code above and visit Queensland Rail Travel website.





# KURANDA SCENIC RAILWAY & SKYRAIL RAINFOREST CABLEWAY

Start your day with the famous Kuranda Scenic Railway journey to Kuranda. Sit back, relax and take in the spectacular views as you wind your way up to Kuranda. There is plenty of time in Kuranda to explore this quaint village and visit the Heritage Markets. Board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for the return journey to Cairns, glide silently over and through the rainforest, enjoying beautiful views along the way.

# KURANDA SCENIC RAILWAY, RAINFORESTATION & SKYRAIL RAINFOREST CABLEWAY

Combine all the experiences of the Kuranda Scenic Railway and Skyrail Rainforest Cableway with a visit to Rainforestation Nature Park. Take the opportunity to ride the amphibious Army Duck and enjoy the Wildlife Park.

### Includes:

- One way Skyrail Rainforest Cableway
- One way Kuranda Scenic Railway
- Admission to Rainforestation (Kuranda Scenic Railway, Rainforestation & Skyrail Rainforest Cableway option)
- Return transfers from selected Cairns locations
- **Operator:** Down Under Tours

### Duration: 8 hours

Departs: From Cairns

Kuranda Scenic Railway & Skyrail Rainforest Cableway: Daily at 8:30am Kuranda Scenic Railway, Rainforestation & Skyrail Rainforest Cableway: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun at 8:30am

	Adult/Senior
Kuranda Scenic Rail & Skyrail	\$199*
Kuranda Scenic Rail, Rainforestation & Skyrail	\$273*

# EXTEND YOUR STAY IN TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND











# ADD 4 DAYS IN PORT DOUGLAS

Nestled between Cairns and the Daintree, Port Douglas is a tropical paradise and home to famous Four Mile Beach, with golden sand stretching as far as the eye can see, crystal-clear water lapping the shoreline and palm trees swaying in the breeze.

Nestled among the rainforest, Mantra PortSea offers easy access to the beach and just a short stroll to Macrossan Street. The large lagoon pool is perfect for cooling off after a day of sightseeing. Sip on a cool drink at the swim-up bar or enjoy a light bite to eat at Lagoons Pool Bar.

Set sail to idyllic Low Isles aboard the beautiful sailing catamaran, Wavedancer, for a perfect day of swimming and snorkelling.

This four day escape is the perfect way to extend your Tropical North Queensland holiday.

# INCLUDES

- 3 nights accommodation in a Hotel Superior room at Mantra Portsea
- Continental breakfast daily
- Wavedancer Low Isles Day Cruise
- Glass bottom boat coral viewing
- Marine biologist guided snorkel tour and island walk
- Tropical buffet lunch

From \$589\*^ per person twin share

### ^Price based on 3 night package. Ask your travel agent for prices for other room types.

# ADD 4 DAYS IN PALM COVE

If complete relaxation is on the menu, why not stay three nights in the glamorous beach village of Palm Cove. With a gorgeous palm-fringed beach and an esplanade lined with 500-year-old melaleuca trees, it's the ideal destination to indulge body, mind and spirit. Enjoy activities curated for rest, relaxation and rejuvenation at stunning Reef House Boutique Hotel & Spa. Spend a lazy day by the pool, luxuriate in a treatment at the award-winning spa or relax with a stretch class.

Extend your stay in the Tropical North with this four day getaway.

# INCLUDES

- 3 nights accommodation in a Brigadier King Studio at The Reef House Palm Cove
- Full breakfast daily
- Gin-infused welcome drink and cold towel on arrival
  Bottle of Australian sparkling wine and chocolate in room on arrival
- Complimentary afternoon tropical sorbet served poolside
- Complimentary punch and canapés served in the Lounge each evening
- Complimentary use of vintage-style cruiser bikes and fishing rods
- Select Complimentary activities including yoga, aqua aerobics, nature talks, cocktail making classes and more +

From \$1197\*^ per person twin share

^Price based on 3 night package. +Not all activities available every day.



# OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

Outback Queensland's central west is the birthplace of Qantas, Waltzing Matilda and Australia's Labor Party. This is a region of vast landscapes, endless blue skies, country pubs and outback characters just waiting to have a yarn. At the core of the central west is its pioneering history.

In the legendary town of Longreach, wander through the innovative museums, attractions and exhibitions at The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Qantas Founders Museum. Witness a stunning outback sunset as you cruise along the Thomson River and take a ride on a restored stagecoach.

Winton is best known as the place where Banjo Patterson penned Waltzing Matilda in 1895 and where Qantas was founded in 1920. Visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre or enjoy a meal at the iconic Tattersall's Hotel.

A short distance from Winton, stand where dinosaurs once roamed the earth at Lark Quarry Conservation Park. Take in the rugged landscape of mesas, gullies and broken escarpments formed over millions of year.







# **OUTBACK QUEENSLAND**







# SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK RAIL JOURNEY

The journey between Brisbane and Longreach offers a unique insight into the history and culture of Australia. Wonder at the ever-changing landscape, as the train makes its way into the very heart of the Queensland Outback.

Indulge in a private Single or Twin Sleeper, providing a comfortable seat during the day converting to a bed at night. Immerse yourself in the experience with exclusive access to the restaurant, where delicious meals are prepared by the onboard chef. Or choose to travel in an Economy Seat, with your choice of meals, light refreshments and drinks available to purchase throughout the journey.

Watch the Outback come to life as the Spirit of the Outback travels through spectacular scenery and the remote towns along the way.

# FEATURES INCLUDE

- Servery to purchase souvenirs, meals and refreshments
- Drinking fountains
- Large panoramic windows
- Shower and toilet facilities

# ECONOMY SEAT

- Comfortable reclinable seat with footrest, tray table and reading light
- One item of checked-in luggage and one carry-on item

# SLEEPER

- Private cabin with spacious seat by day
- Converts to a lie-flat bed at night with linen, pillow, towel and amenities pack
- All-inclusive meals served in the Tuckerbox Restaurant
- Lounge car
- Cabins include a wash basin with
- mirror and small wardrobe
- Two items of checked-in luggage and one carry-on item



# RAIL FARES

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\$141*	\$118*	\$427*	\$359*
BUNDABERG TO	LONGREACH		
Adult Economy Seat \$120*	Senior Economy Seat \$100*	Adult Sleeper \$392*	Senior Sleeper \$334*
ROCKHAMPTON	TO LONGREACH		
Adult Economy Seat \$87*	Senior Economy Seat <b>\$73*</b>	Adult Sleeper <b>\$336*</b>	Senior Sleeper <b>\$294*</b>

The RailBus connection service provides a transfer from Longreach railway station to Winton, your gateway to the prehistoric dinosaurs at Lark Quarry. The RailBus connection takes two hours. RailBus departs Winton Monday and Thursday morning three hours before the departure of the Spirit of the Outback, to ensure there is time for check in at Longreach before departure.



# TIMETABLE:

**Departs Brisbane:** Tue evening and Sat afternoon, travelling overnight through Bundaberg and Rockhampton, before heading west and arriving in Longreach on Wed night or Sun afternoon.

**Departs Longreach:** Mon and Thu mornings, travelling the outback route towards the coast during the day before heading south through Rockhampton and Bundaberg during the night and arriving in Brisbane on Tue or Fri mornings.

Rail departure days and times may change from September 2024, check the Queensland Rail Travel website for up to date timetable information. Ask your travel agent or use the QR code above for more information and availability.

# **OUTBACK QUEENSLAND**





# Carisbrooke Station, Winton, Queensland

# WINTON ADVENTURE 7 DAYS

# Day 1: Brisbane to Longreach (D)

Get to know your fellow travellers over a refreshment in the Shearers Rest Lounge as you venture into the heart of the Queensland Outback. You'll be captivated by the ever-changing landscapes on your journey between Brisbane and Longreach. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback.

# Day 2: Longreach to Winton (BLD)

Follow in the footsteps of the early pioneers as you travel through historic outback towns on your way to Longreach. Arrive into Longreach in the afternoon and travel by coach to your accommodation in Winton.

Enjoy dinner outback-style at the Tattersall's Hotel. Stay the next four nights at the Winton Outback Motel.

# Day 3: Winton (BLD)

Visit Carisbrooke Station and discover the hidden treasures of the Merton Gorge and Lookout. See the Three Sisters, fossick for opal and learn how this vast landscape came to be and how the pioneers lived off the land. Continue your journey through Winton's mesa country to the Dinosaur Stampede where 3300 dinosaur footprints were preserved 95 million years ago.

### Day 4: Winton (B)

Today visit the Australian Age of Dinosaurs and see the largest collection of Australian dinosaur bones in the world.

Check out how the fossils are looked after in the Fossil Preparation Laboratory, then take a trip to Dinosaur Canyon, where you can walk through four exhibits with life-size dinosaur replicas. Hear the history of dinosaur discoveries and digs as you walk through the canyon. Enjoy afternoon tea high up on a mesa with spectacular views over the surrounding landscape.

Late afternoon, visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre. This museum is a fabulous celebration of our unofficial national song and the history of Winton.

# Day 5: Winton (B)

Travel to Bladensburg National Park which is steeped in history but also has the rugged beauty of rock formations and a diverse ecosystem. Visit the old homestead and shearing shed which is one of the original sheep stations in the Winton area dating back to the 1870's. Explore Scrammy Gorge and Lookout and see the permanent water holes (weather dependent). This afternoon, take a tour to Rangelands Station and walk through the Rangelands Rifts. Take in the spectacular views from the sunset lookout and enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles as you watch the sun set.

### Day 6: Longreach to Brisbane (BLD)

Transfer by coach to Longreach for the journey to Brisbane. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback.

# Day 7: Brisbane (B)

Arrive in Brisbane where your tour concludes.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

# 7 DAYS | BRISBANE TO BRISBANE

**DEPARTS:** Saturdays (6 – 12 Apr, 20 Apr – 10 May, 18 – 31 May, 8 – 28 Jun, 6 Jul – 26 Oct 24)

Adult	From \$2215* per person twin share
Senior	From \$2049*

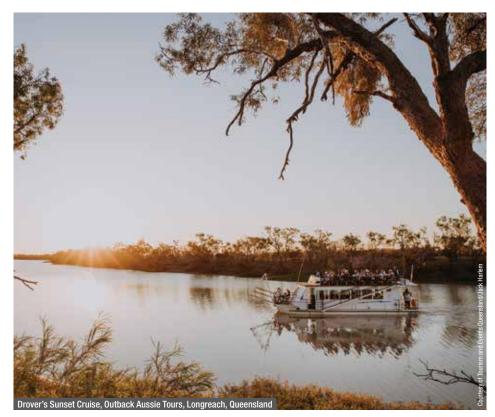
# HIGHLIGHTS

- See the Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park
- Take in the natural beauty of Carisbrooke Station
- Tour the fossil preparation laboratory at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs
- Visit the old Homestead at Bladensburg National Park
- Enjoy dinner at the Tattersall's Hotel

# INCLUDES

- One way overnight travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach – Sleeper
- One way overnight travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Longreach to Brisbane – Sleeper
- 4 nights 4 star accommodation in Winton
- Meals as specified
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs Tour, including Dinosaur Canyon and the Collection Room
- Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Tour
- Bladensburg National Park Half Day Tour
- Rangelands Sunset Tour
- Admission to Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Return RailBus connection transfers from
- Longreach railway station to Winton
  Savannah Guides Enterprise and accredited guide
- All coach transfers in Longreach
- Sole use prices also available.







# LONGREACH & WINTON DISCOVERY 8 DAYS

# Day 1: Brisbane to Longreach (D)

Board the Spirit of the Outback for your overnight journey to Longreach. Wonder at the ever-changing landscape as the train makes its way into the heart of the Queensland Outback. Follow in the footsteps of the early pioneers and get ready for the holiday of a lifetime.

# Day 2: Longreach (BLD)

On arrival at Longreach railway station, you'll be met by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel. Stay the next three nights at Longreach Motor Inn.

# Day 3: Longreach (BLD)

Visit the Longreach School of Distance Education before spending time at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame. Explore the fascinating themed galleries, a tribute to the pioneers and indigenous people of the Australian Outback. Watch the Stockman's Live Show and witness amazing horsemanship. Late afternoon, travel to Camden Park Station for a dose of outback hospitality by fifth-generation graziers, the Walker family. Enjoy sunset drinks and an exclusive dinner in the 100-year-old woolshed.

# Day 4: Longreach (BLD)

After breakfast, visit historic Rosebank Station and enjoy a relaxed homestead morning tea. Transfer to the Qantas Founders Museum and spend time exploring the interpretive and interactive exhibits before joining a guided Airpark Tour featuring the Boeing 707, DC-3, Super Constellation and the Boeing 747. Late afternoon, transfer to the Thomson River and board the Longreach Explorer for the award-winning Drover's Sunset Cruise.



Australian Age of Dinosaurs, Winton, Queensland

Relax on the top deck with 360-degree views of this

This morning, board the Outback Rail Adventure, a

Heritage Rail Motor journey along the Great Darr River

Rail Run before travelling by coach to Winton. Take in

the changing landscape as you travel west to Winton.

On arrival, enjoy a town tour and see the quirky Arno's

special sunset barbecue. Stay the next two nights at

Wall. Tour the Australian Age of Dinosaurs before a very

Today, take a ride around town on a 100-year-old horse

After dinner at the North Gregory Hotel, take in a classic

Spirit of the Outback for your overnight journey. There'll

drawn carriage and visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre

to learn the story behind Australia's unofficial anthem.

Transfer to Longreach railway station to board the

be plenty of time to reminisce about your outback experience as the train makes its way along the scenic

This morning breakfast is served on board before

arriving in Brisbane, where your tour concludes.

stars at Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show.

Day 5: Longreach to Winton (BLD)

Boulder Opal Motor Inn, Winton.

movie at the Royal Open-Air Theatre.

Day 7: Longreach to Brisbane (BLD)

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

Day 6: Winton (BLD)

route back to Brisbane.

Day 8: Brisbane (B)

majestic outback waterhole and enjoy onboard nibbles

followed by a two-course table service dinner under the

# 8 DAYS | BRISBANE TO BRISBANE

**DEPARTS:** Tuesdays (9, 23 Apr, 7, 28 May, 18, 25 Jun, 2, 16, 23 Jul, 6, 20, 27 Aug, 3, 24 Sep, 1, 15 Oct 24)

OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

Adult	From \$4355* per person twin share
Senior	From \$4219*

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Go behind the scenes at the Qantas Founders Museum and join the guided Airpark tour
- Cruise the majestic Thomson River
- Enjoy an exclusive dinner in the 100-year-old woolshed at Camden Park Station
- Explore the fascinating themed galleries at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Experience a sunset dinner at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs

# INCLUDES

- Return overnight travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach – Sleeper
- 3 nights 4 star accommodation in Longreach
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Winton
- Meals as specified
- Longreach School of Distance Education Tour
- Admission to the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame & Outback Stockman's show
- Camden Park Station Sunset Tour
- Admission to Qantas Founders Museum and Airpark Tour
- Drover's Sunset Cruise
- Outback Rail Adventure Tour
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs: Sunset Tour and exclusive BBQ Dinner
- Admission to Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Travel by quality 4WD coach
- Savannah Guides Master Operator driver and host
- All coach transfers
- Sole use prices also available.



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# **OUTBACK QUEENSLAND**



# **EXPLORE OUTBACK LONGREACH & WINTON 8 DAYS**

# Day 1: Brisbane to Longreach (D)

Get set for the ultimate Longreach and Winton holiday with six full days in the incredible Queensland Outback to discover all the sights and insights of the region. Your adventure begins as you board the Spirit of the Outback in Brisbane for the rail journey to Longreach. Enjoy dinner in the Tuckerbox Restaurant before retiring to your private cabin for the evening. Alternatively, you might like to enjoy a nightcap and mingle with your fellow passengers. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback.

### Day 2: Longreach (BL)

Enjoy a hearty breakfast in the Tuckerbox Restaurant this morning, as your journey to Longreach continues. Wonder at the ever-changing landscape as the train makes its way to the very heart of the Queensland Outback, passing through the heritage towns of Emerald and Barcaldine. On arrival in Longreach, you'll be met and transferred to your accommodation. Stay the next five nights at The Staging Post, Longreach.

# Day 3: Longreach (BLD)

Take your seat for the ride of your life at the only place in the world where you can experience what it's like to gallop in a Cobb & Co stagecoach. Enjoy morning tea before watching a classic Australian movie followed by the Old Time Tent Show. A Billy-can Lunch is served during the show. This afternoon, travel to the banks of the Thomson River and board a historic paddlewheeler for a sunset cruise. Afterwards, enjoy a hearty stockman's dinner around the campfire with bush entertainment and the authentic Starlight's Spectacular Sound and Light Picture Show.

# Day 4: Longreach (BLD)

Enjoy a country buffet breakfast at The Welcome Home before travelling to historic Nogo Station. Spend the morning exploring this working cattle and sheep station. Head to the shearing sheds and watch a champion sheep shearer at work. Experience the incredible station safari in an opentop double-deckers bus. Visit Captain Starlight's stockyards and enjoy a traditional saddlebag lunch under the gum trees.

Transfer to the Qantas Founders Museum and join a guided tour of the 747 plane and Super Constellation. After the guided tour spend time discovering the many exhibits and learn about the pioneers of flight. This evening, enjoy the Stonegrill<sup>®</sup> Dining Experience at The Welcome Home.

### Day 5: Longreach to Winton (BLD)

An early start this morning for a full day tour of Winton. Travelling the two hours to Winton from Longreach, gives you a sense of the vastness of the outback and the rich colours of the land. Visit the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum. Take an interpretive tour of the laboratory, the March of the Titanosaurs display and Dinosaur Canyon.

Enjoy lunch at the historic North Gregory Hotel and take a stroll down the main street before visiting the Waltzing Matilda Centre. Walk through the museum and learn about the story of Waltzing Matilda. Travel back to Longreach in the late afternoon. You will have plenty of time to freshen up before heading to the Welcome Home restaurant for dinner.

### Day 6: Longreach (B)

Today, visit the iconic Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and explore the five galleries of the museum. Hear first-hand the recollections from the extensive oral history collection, transcribed diary entries from those that cut a living from a harsh environment. The galleries bring to life the rugged landscape of the Outback and recreate the story of the pioneering men and women who shaped the state.

# Day 7: Longreach to Brisbane (BLD)

Transfer to the railway station for the journey back to Brisbane. You may like to spend time in the Lounge car or take in the passing scenery from the privacy of your cabin. Enjoy lunch and dinner in the Tuckerbox restaurant and then settle in for evening. Overnight on board the Spirit of the Outback.

# Day 8: Brisbane (B)

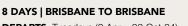
Your holiday concludes upon arrival into Brisbane mid morning.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)









OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

DEPARTS:	Tuesdays	(2 Apr –	23 Oct 24)
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Adult	From \$3855* per person twin share
Senior	From \$3719* per person twin share

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a stagecoach ride on the old Longreach to Windorah mail route
- · Board a paddlewheeler for a sunset cruise on the Thomson River
- See a shearer at work on historic Nogo Station
- · Follow in the footsteps of dinosaurs as you walk through Dinosaur Canyon
- Be charmed by local bush theatre at the Old Time Tent Show
- Visit the iconic Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame

# INCLUDES

- One way overnight travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach - Sleeper
- One way overnight travel on the Spirit of the Outback from Longreach to Brisbane - Sleeper
- 5 nights 4 star accommodation in Longreach
- Meals as specified
- Nogo Station Experience
- Admission to Qantas Founders Museum and Airpark Tour
- Cobb & Co Stagecoach Experience
- Starlight's Cruise Experience with 2 course
- campfire dinner Starlight's Spectacular Sound & Light Picture Show
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs Tour, including Dinosaur Canyon and the Collection Room
- Winton Town Tour
- Admission to Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Admission to Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame • All coach transfers in Longreach

Sole use prices also available.







Venture deep into Gulf Savannah Country and discover where the Outback meets the sea. Rugged by nature, the Gulf Savannah is home to great fishing, pioneer heritage and unique landscapes.

Friendly characters and historic towns showcase the Gulf Savannah's rich pioneering heritage. Established as a Gold Rush port, Normanton is the Gulf Savannah's largest town. Stop by the Victorian era Normanton railway station or get to know the locals at the 'Purple Pub'. Visit the historic gold mining townships of Croydon and Forsayth and wander through the many heritage buildings.

It's also blessed with awe-inspiring geological wonders. Cruise through the breathtaking sandstone escarpments of Cobbold Gorge. Take a dip in the waters of Copperfield Gorge, with its sheer basalt cliffs. Visit Undara Volcanic National Park and marvel at the world's oldest and longest volcanic lava tubes, formed 190,000 years ago.

Experience the amazing landscape of the Gulf Savannah on two incredible rail journeys: the Gulflander and Savannahlander.



Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre, Karumba, Queensland





# GULFLANDER RAIL JOURNEY

Discover the incredible Gulf Savannah country aboard the Gulflander, a legendary rail journey unlike any other. The Heritage-listed Normanton to Croydon line is an icon of the Outback, an isolated railway line affectionately said to go from 'nowhere to nowhere' and to this day, retains its patented steel sleepers, laid between 1888 and 1891.

# FEATURES INCLUDE

- Informative Savannah Guide driver trip commentary
- Morning tea refreshment at Blackbull Siding
- Hear stories about the interesting station names along the way including Critters Camp
- · Stop to deliver the mail at Haydon Mail stop (subject to postal activity)
- Souvenir trip guide
- · Drinking water and toilet facilities

# SAVANNAHLANDER RAIL JOURNEY

Experience the heritage and rugged natural beauty of the Savannah Country as you travel from Cairns to Forsayth on the Savannahlander.

Departing once a week from March to November, The Savannahlander stops overnight at three different outback towns – Almaden, Forsayth and Mount Surprise.

Ask your travel agent for timetables and prices.



# RAIL FARES – GULFLANDER

# NORMANTON TO CROYDON (VICE VERSA) Adult Senior

\$90\*

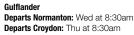
Senior **\$75\*** 

Includes morning tea

Prices correct at time of printing and are subject to change without notice.



# TIMETABLE:



Departs Croydon: Thu at 8:30am Savannahlander

**Departs:** Once a week from March to November and stops overnight at three different outback towns – Almaden, Forsayth and Mount Surprise.

For more information on the latest timetable and availability, please ask your travel agent or use QR code above and visit Queensland Rail Travel website.





# **GULF SAVANNAH EXPERIENCE 7 DAYS**

# Day 1: Cairns

Arrive in Cairns and make your own way to your accommodation. If time permits, take a self-guided tour around Cairns. Stroll along the Esplanade, soak up the outdoor lifestyle at the many restaurants and cafés or spend time exploring the Cairns Aquarium (own expense). Overnight at Cairns Plaza Hotel.

# Day 2: Cairns to Karumba (B)

An early start this morning for a full day of travelling by coach to Karumba. Travel over 700 kilometres, as you journey along the Savannah Way. Heading west from Cairns, wind your way up the Kuranda Range onto the Atherton Tablelands and then onto remote, untamed reaches of the Outback. Pass through the historic outback towns of Mount Surprise and Croydon before arriving in Karumba late afternoon. Stay the next two nights at Ash's Holiday Units, Karumba.

### Day 3: Karumba (B)

The town of Karumba is a popular Barramundi fishing port on the Gulf of Carpentaria. Spend the morning at leisure. Choose to take a cruise through the Port of Karumba estuary or try your luck with a fishing tour (all own expense).

In the afternoon transfer to the Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre and join a behind the scenes tour. Get to see the hatchery operations and learn about the species of the Southern Gulf strain of Barramundi. Finish the day with a sunset cruise on the Norman River (own expense).

# Day 4: Karumba to Forsayth (BLD)

After breakfast, transfer to Normanton railway station for your journey to Croydon onboard the Gulflander. Take in the diverse Gulf landscape and its rich history as you travel along the Heritagelisted Normanton to Croydon line. Make a stop at Blackbull Siding for morning tea. Arrive in the historic gold mining town of Croydon and enjoy lunch at the Croydon Hotel before transferring to Forsayth.

Enjoy dinner at the Goldfields Hotel followed by a one hour Forsayth By Night tour. Learn about the history of how Forsayth was built during the gold rush and how the rail line development impacted on the town. Stay the next two nights at Finnigan's Rest, Forsayth.

# Day 5: Cobbold Gorge (BLD)

Transfer from Forsayth to Cobbold Gorge. After lunch, gain an informative insight in to the geology of the rugged sandstone formations before taking an interpretive walk to the escarpment. Cross over Australia's first fully glass bridge and take in the view of the gorge's impressive sandstone walls.

Then explore Cobbold Gorge as you glide through the spectacular sculpted gorge walls on a boat cruise. This gorge is vastly different from others owing to its extreme narrowness, measuring a mere two metres width in places and featuring spectacular 30 metre cliffs on either side. After the cruise, return to Forsayth and spend the remainder of the afternoon at leisure.

# Day 6: Forsayth to Undara (BLD)

Depart on the Savannahlander from Forsayth. The train travels through the Einasleigh Ranges before arriving at Mount Surprise. Arrive at Mount Surprise and join an afternoon tour of the Undara Lava Tubes.

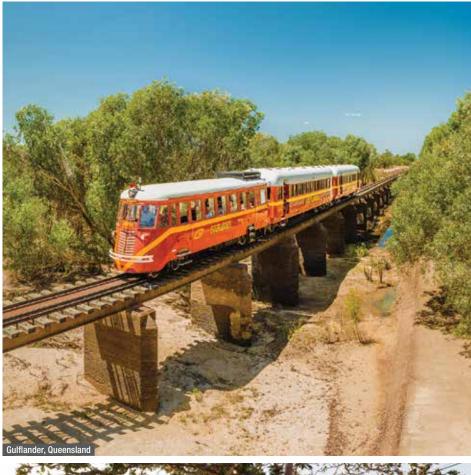
Savour rustic Australian flavours as you relax over dinner. After dinner, take part in a truly authentic outback experience as you gather around the campfire and listen to live entertainment. Overnight at Discovery Parks – Undara.

# Day 7: Undara to Cairns (BL)

This morning rejoin the Savannahlander. Along the way, stop at Bullock Creek Café for a morning tea break and then onto Almaden in time for lunch.

After lunch, the Savannahlander will travel through World Heritage-listed rainforest, stopping briefly at Kuranda and Din Din (Barron Falls) before travelling down the range to Cairns where your tour concludes.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)







# 7 DAYS | CAIRNS TO CAIRNS

**DEPARTS:** 14 Apr, 5, 12, 19 May, 16, 30 Jun, 21 Jul, 11, 25 Aug, 1, 8, 15, 22 Sep, 6, 13, 20, 27 Oct 24

Adult	From \$2569* per person twin share
Senior	From \$2519*

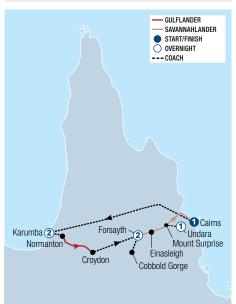
### HIGHLIGHTS

- Step aboard the iconic Gulflander and Savannahlander trains
- Enjoy a magnificent Gulf sunset in Karumba
- Wander through Croydon's heritage precinct
- Tour the old goldfield town of Forsayth
- Cruise through Cobbold Gorge on a solar powered boat
- See the rugged sandstone formations of Cobbold Gorge as you walk across the glass bridge
- Explore the oldest standing lava tubes on earth at Undara
- Learn the rich history of Aboriginal culture

# INCLUDES

- One way travel on the Gulflander from Normanton to Croydon
- One way travel on the Savannahlander from Forsayth to Cairns
- 1 night 3½ star accommodation in Cairns
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Karumba
- 2 nights 3 star accommodation in Forsayth
- 1 night 3 star accommodation in Undara
- Meals as specified
- Karumba Hatchery Behind-the-Scenes Tour and Hand Feeding Experience
- 1 hour Forsayth By Night Tour
- 3 hour Cobbold Gorge Boat Cruise
- Afternoon Undara Lava Tubes Tour
- One way coach transfer from Cairns to Karumba
  One way coach transfer from Karumba to Normanton
- One way coach transfer from Croydon to Forsayth
  - Return coach transfers from Forsayth to Cobbold Gorge
  - Return coach transfers from Mount Surprise to Undara

### Sole use prices also available.



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# **GULF SAVANNAH WANDERER** 9 DAYS

# Day 1: Cairns to Atherton (LD)

An early start this morning as you travel up the Kuranda Range to the Atherton Tablelands and on to Herberton. Explore the Historic Village of Herberton. The award-winning attraction is more than a vintage precinct – it's a tangible buzz of things past with over 50 original buildings with intact interior displays, original machinery and vehicles, plus thousands of antique items and period memorabilia. Overnight in Atherton.

# Day 2: Atherton to Georgetown (BLD)

This morning, head west on the Kennedy Highway to Mount Surprise, where you'll enjoy lunch and a snake show. Travel aboard the Savannahlander train as it tracks towards the former copper mining town of Einasleigh. Enjoy a refreshing drink at the pub or visit the sparkling Copperfield Gorge, before the train departs for Forsayth. Transfer from Forsayth to Georgetown for your overnight stay.

# Day 3: Georgetown to Karumba (BLD)

Enjoy morning tea on the shore of Croydon's Lake Belmore before lunch in Normanton. Established as a Gold Rush port, Normanton is the Gulf Savannah's largest town. See its famous landmarks, the 'Purple Pub', historic Burns Philp General Store and a replica of Krys, the 8.63m crocodile. Continue to Karumba for a spectacular Gulf sunset. Stay the next two nights at Karumba Lodge.

# Day 4: Karumba (BLD)

After a leisurely breakfast take a cruise on the Gulf of Carpentaria. This afternoon spend time at the Barramundi Centre with a guided Feed-A-Barra tour. Tour the hatchery for an educational, entertaining and engaging experience.

This afternoon, head out to Sunset Point for happy hour. The perfect place to enjoy a magnificent Gulf sunset. Dinner at Karumba Lodge.

# Day 5: Karumba to Normanton (BLD)

After breakfast, visit Burke & Wills Camp #119, the most northerly campsite of the ill-fated expedition of 1860. It's then on to Normanton for lunch, followed by a visit to the Mutton Hole Wetlands for crocodile and bird watching. The wetlands are rich in bird life and you may see brolgas, Sarus cranes and jabiru (black-necked storks). Overnight at Normanton.

### Day 6: Normanton to Cobbold Gorge (BLD)

This morning, depart from Normanton's famous Victorian architecture railway station. Board the historic Gulflander RM93 train, for a ride through the savannah landscape across the Norman River to Critters Camp. On to Black Bull Siding, then the old gold mining town of Croydon. Peek into pioneering history as you wander through Croydon's Heritage Precinct.

This afternoon, visit Georgetown and Forsayth on the way to Cobbold Gorge. Stay the next two nights at Cobbold Gorge.

# Day 7: Cobbold Gorge (BLD)

Cruise the secluded waterway of Cobbold Gorge and see the spectacular 135 million year old sandstone cliffs. There is ample time to enjoy this beautiful area. You may choose to walk to the top of the escarpment and across the gorge's glass bottomed bridge to take in the spectacular views of the gorge.

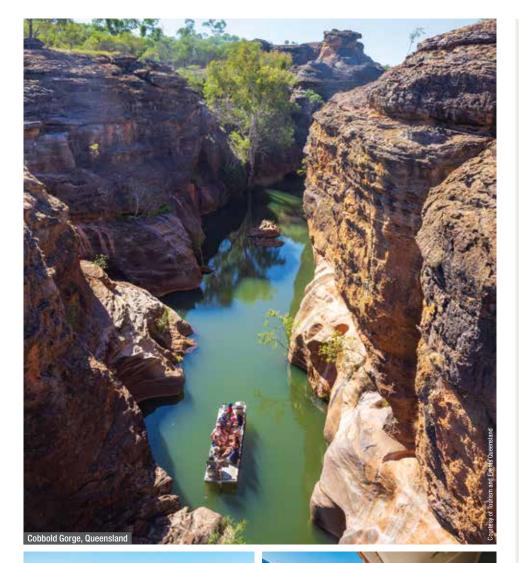
# Day 8: Cobbold Gorge to Undara (BLD)

Today, travel via Einasleigh and Mount Surprise to the famous Undara Lava Tubes. Enjoy campfire entertainment after dinner before retiring to restored antique railway carriages or Pioneer cabins. Overnioht at Undara.

# Day 9: Undara to Cairns (BL)

After a bush breakfast, an experienced Savannah Guide will meet you for a tour of the world's largest, longest and most accessible lava tube system. Continue the scenic drive over the Tropical Tablelands past the Wind Turbines at Ravenshoe, stopping off at the magnificent Curtain Fig Tree, before returning to Cairns where your tour concludes.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)





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# 9 DAYS | CAIRNS TO CAIRNS

**DEPARTS:** 22, 29 May, 5, 19, 26 Jun, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Jul, 7, 14, 21, 28 Aug, 11 Sep, 2 Oct 24

# Adult/Senior From \$4299\*

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- Step aboard the Gulflander and
- Savannahlander trainsExplore the Herberton Historic Village
- Take a sunset cruise on the Gulf of Carpentaria
- Stop at the historic Burke and Wills' northernmost campsite
- See the spectacular sandstone escarpments of Cobbold Gorge
- Visit the world's longest and largest lava tubes at Undara

# INCLUDES

- One way travel on the Savannahlander from Mount Surprise to Forsayth
- One way travel on the Gulflander from Normanton to Croydon
- 1 night 3 star accommodation in Atherton
- 1 night 3½ star accommodation in Georgetown
- 2 night 3 star accommodation in Karumba
- 1 night 3 star accommodation in Normanton
- 1 night 3 star accommodation Forsayth or Cobbold Gorge
- 1 night 3 star accommodation in Cobbold Gorge

SAVANNAHLANDER GULFLANDER START/FINISH OVERNIGHT

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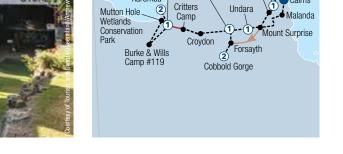
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Atherton

Herberton

- 1 night 21/2 star accommodation in Undara
- · Meals as specified
- Herberton Historic Village
- Karumba Sunset Cruise
- Cobbold Gorge Cruise
- Undara Lava Tubes Tour
- Air-conditioned vehicle
- Sole use prices also available.

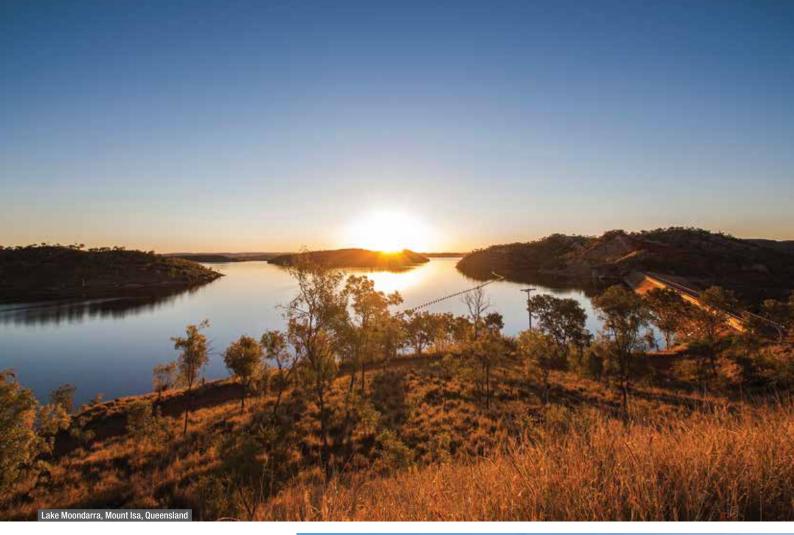


Normanton

Karumba

Georgetown

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# **NORTH WEST & SOUTH WEST** QUEENSLAND

Head to North West Queensland, one of the world's richest mineral-producing regions, for a taste of outback mining life. In Mount Isa, venture underground to explore the history of mining and learn about the good and hard times of the people working deep under the earth's surface. Explore the many exhibits at the Outback at Isa complex. Head to Lake Moondarra and take in a spectacular outback sunset.

Journey west of Brisbane and discover where country meets the outback. Roma is known as the birthplace of Australia's oil and gas industry and home to the country's largest cattle yards. Perch on a fence and watch the action at the Roma Saleyards. Hear heroic stories of oil drilling and exploration at The Big Rig. Hidden in the rugged ranges, Carnarvon Gorge features towering sandstone cliffs, vibrantly coloured gorges, an abundance of native wildlife and fascinating Aboriginal rock art.







# NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND



# **INLANDER** RAIL JOURNEY

Step aboard the Inlander and journey from the tropical city of Townsville to the prominent mining hub of Mount Isa. Wonder at the rugged yet beautiful inland scenery on your journey past Charters Towers, through the Great Dividing Range and into the landscapes of the northern Outback.

# FEATURES INCLUDE

- Lounge car
- Large panoramic windows
- Drinking fountains
- Shower and toilet facilities
- Economy Seat

# ECONOMY SEAT

- Comfortable reclinable seat with footrest, tray table and reading light
- Complimentary snack pack served at meal times
- One item of checked-in luggage and one carry-on item



# 📄 RAIL FARES

 TOWNSVILLE TO MOUNT ISA (VICE VERSA)

 Adult Economy
 Senior Economy

 \$108\*
 \$90\*



# TIMETABLE:

**Departs Townsville:** Wed and Sat at 12:40pm **Departs Mount Isa:** Sun and Thu at 1:30pm

For more information on the latest timetable and availability, please ask your travel agent or use QR code above and visit Queensland Rail Travel website.



# MOUNT ISA DISCOVERY 6 DAYS

# Day 1: Townsville to Mount Isa

Travel overnight from Townsville to Mount Isa on the Inlander. This historic journey takes you past Charters Towers over the Great Dividing Range and through the mining towns of Hughenden and Julia Creek.

# Day 2: Mount Isa

Arrive into Mount Isa and transfer to your accommodation. Take a self-guided tour around the town. Stay the next three nights at Outback Motel Mount Isa.

# Day 3: Mount Isa (B)

Spend the day exploring Mount Isa at leisure. Visit the underground hospital and uncover the story behind Australia's first and only underground hospital (own expense). Late afternoon, join a tour to picturesque Transport Bay. Experience the serenity and sunset over Lake Moondarra while enjoying a drink and ploughman's platter.

# Day 4: Mount Isa (B)

Today take an interpretative city tour taking in the history and sights that make up the iconic city of Mount Isa. Discover the past and present of Mount Isa with a visit to Outback at Isa. Experience life as an underground miner on the Hard Times Mine tour and wander through the Isa Experience Gallery and Outback Park. Browse extensive collections of rare megafauna fossils at Riversleigh Fossil Centre.

### Day 5: Mount Isa to Townsville (B)

Transfer to Mount Isa railway station for the overnight journey to Townsville on board the Inlander.

# Day 6: Townsville

Arrive into Townsville late morning, where your tour concludes.

(B = breakfast)

# 6 DAYS | TOWNSVILLE TO TOWNSVILLE

**DEPARTS:** Wednesdays (1 Apr – 6 Aug, 14 Aug – 27 Sep 24)

Adult	From \$815* per person twin share
Senior	From \$749* per person twin share

### HIGHLIGHTS

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- Gain an insight into the life of a miner
- Take in the sunset on the shore of Lake Moondarra
- Enjoy a comprehensive city tour of Mount Isa

### INCLUDES

- Return travel on the Inlander from Townsville to Mount Isa – Economy Seat
- 3 nights 31/2 star accommodation in Mount Isa
- Meals as specified
- Full day Mount Isa Discovery TourReturn coach transfers from Mount Isa railway
- station to accommodation

# Sole use prices also available



# SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND



# WESTLANDER RAIL JOURNEY

Venture across Queensland's South-West Outback aboard the Westlander. This scenic journey from Brisbane travels across the Great Dividing Range, through the rich farmlands of the Darling Downs to western towns of Dalby, Roma and Mitchell, before reaching Charleville. Travel in the comfort of an Economy Seat and relax in the lounge carriage. Escape the city and enjoy the adventure of an outback rail journey.

# FEATURES INCLUDE

- Lounge car
- Large panoramic windows
- Drinking fountains
- Shower and toilet facilities

# ECONOMY SEAT

- Comfortable reclinable seat with footrest, tray table and reading light
- Complimentary snacks packs served at meal times
- One item of checked-in luggage and one carry-on item





Adult Economy

\$65\*

# **BRISBANE TO ROMA (VICE VERSA)**

Senior Economy \$54\*

# BRISBANE TO CHARLEVILLE (VICE VERSA)

Adult Economy \$90\*

Senior Economy **\$75\*** 

The RailBus connection provides a transfer from Charleville to Cunnamulla and Quilpie.



# TIMETABLE: Departs Brisbane: Tue at 7:15pm,

Thu at 6:55pm Departs Charleville: Wed and Fri at 6:15pm

Rail departure days and times may change from September 2024, check the Queensland Rail Travel website for up to date timetable information. Ask your travel agent or use the QR code above for more information and availability.



# ROMA EXPERIENCE 5 DAYS

# Day 1: Brisbane to Roma

Board the Westlander and journey overnight to Roma.

Day 2: Roma (B)

Arrive in Roma and transfer to your accommodation. After checking in, spend the morning at leisure exploring this outback town. In the afternoon join the Big Rig Ultimate experience tour. Take a journey through time and learn about Australia's first discovery of petroleum and the exploration of oil and gas. This evening, enjoy a sound and light journey to learn of the entertaining triumphs of the men and women of Roma. Stay the next two nights at Roma Explorers Inn.

# Day 3: Roma (B)

This morning, share a few hours with a Roma local for an insight into the colourful history and present-day activities in and around this outback town. Visit hidden treasures like Heroes Avenue, the Biggest Bottle Tree and the Roma Bush Gardens.

# Day 4: Carnarvon Ranges (BL)

Today, head to the Carnarvon Ranges for a full day guided tour. With exclusive access to a large privatelyowned cattle property nestled in the Carnarvon Ranges, this is a great introduction to Outback Queensland. Explore secluded gorges, amazing rock formations and unique Aboriginal rock art. This evening, transfer to Roma railway station for your journey back to Brisbane aboard the Westlander.

# Day 5: Brisbane

Arrive into Brisbane late morning, where your tour concludes.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch)

# 5 DAYS | BRISBANE TO BRISBANE

**DEPARTS:** Tuesdays (2 Apr – 31 Oct 24, 5 – 31 Mar 25)

dult	From \$959* per person twin share
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# HIGHLIGHTS

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- Spend the day exploring the Carnarvon Ranges
- Visit the Roma Cattle Sale Yards
- · Enjoy an evening light and sound show

# INCLUDES

- Return travel on the Westlander from Brisbane to Roma – Economy Seat
- 2 nights 4 star accommodation in Roma
- Meals as specified
- Discover Roma Half Day Tour
- Big Rig Ultimate Experience Tour
- Full day Discover Carnarvon Ranges Tour
- Return coach transfers from Roma railway station to accommodation

### Sole use prices also available.



Please read these Booking Conditions carefully as they apply to all bookings with Viva Holidays.

# HOW TO BOOK

Contact your ATAS travel agent and request a reservation. All verbal quotes provided are an estimate only and subject to change until confirmed in writing.

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# PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE

Anything not specifically indicated as being an inclusion.

# CONCESSION RAIL FARES

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Queensland residents who hold a current Queensland Pensioner Concession Card are entitled to four rail entitlements each calendar year. These entitlements may be combined to provide two return Economy Seat journeys or one Business Seat return journey. Additional charges apply for Sleepers, RailBeds and meals. A non-refundable administration fee applies for every entitlement. This entitlement can be combined with all holiday packages available in this brochure. Please check with us or your travel agent when booking.

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# **OMISSIONS & ERRORS**

While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy and currency of the information in the brochures, errors or omissions may occur. All errors and omissions identified post the date of publication are notified to our retail partners to advise you. Please check with your agent for all up-to-date corrections, including prices and inclusions.

# DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS

# Deposit

A minimum non-refundable deposit of \$55 per person is payable within 7 days of confirmation of your booking. You will be notified at the time of booking if any additional deposit is required. All deposits are non-refundable for changes of mind or cancellations by you (subject to your rights under the Australian Consumer Law).

### **Final Payment**

Final payment of your holiday cost is required no later than 30 days prior to departure or by sale end date or by the payment deadline specified in individual package conditions, whichever is earlier. Some services may require full payment at the time of booking. For bookings made less than 31 days prior to travel, full payment of holiday cost is required at the time your booking is confirmed.

Please ensure payments are made by the due dates. If this does not happen, our system will automatically cancel the booking without notice or liability to you.

Only upon payment of the full cost of your holiday do you have a final booking with the Supplier of the relevant good and/or service. In arranging your booking, Viva Holidays is acting as the agent of the Supplier of the relevant Product and at no time do you have a contract with Viva Holidays.

### **CREDIT & DEBIT CARD SURCHARGES**

A fee will apply for payments made by debit and credit cards. Fees

may vary depending on card type. Please check this fee with us or your travel agent when booking.

# FEES

### Amendment Fees

If you wish to change your booking prior to departure, an amendment fee of \$30 will be charged if the overall value of the booking remains the same or decreases, in addition to any fees imposed by the Supplier of each service booked.

# Late Booking Fees

A fee of \$30 will be charged for all bookings made less than 7 days prior to travel.

All fees can be varied without notice.

# **CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS**

Prior to Final Payment Your deposit is forfeited.

# After Final Payment

There will be no refund of your deposit, in addition to any fees imposed by the Supplier, which may be up to 100% of monies paid.

### After Travel

There will be no refund if you cancel your booking once travel has commenced. There will be no refund for unused services, except for OPEN DATED services where the service was not booked with the Supplier. Requests for refunds received more than 6 months after departure date will not be accepted.

Should a refund after departure be approved, a \$110 refund processing fee will apply.

# RESPONSIBILITY

Viva Holidays acts as an agent for the Suppliers (transport, tour, event or accommodation providers) who provide the various goods and/or services (Products). All bookings are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by each Supplier. It is therefore important for you to obtain and read the applicable Supplier's terms and conditions as they may limit or exclude their liability to you.

In producing this brochure, we have used information provided by Suppliers. Irrespective of any measures taken by us to ensure the information contained in this brochure is accurate at the time of printing, Viva Holidays disclaims and will be exempt from liability in respect of anything misleading, false, incomplete or inaccurate and any errors, misdescription and all associated disappointment, loss, expense, damage, inconvenience, delay, death, shock, illness or injury, however caused.

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# CONDITIONS OF CARRIAGE

Full Queensland Rail Travel terms and conditions may be obtained from Viva Holidays. By booking train travel through Viva Holidays you agree to be bound by Queensland Rail Travel's Conditions of Carriage.

# **MAPS & PHOTOGRAPHS**

The maps in this brochure are intended as a guide only and are not to scale. They do not necessarily reflect actual routings or accommodation or attraction locations. Accommodation room photographs are representative only and actual rooms occupied may vary in decor and inclusions from those shown.

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# **BOOKING CONDITIONS**

# PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS

Product descriptions and accommodation ratings featured in this brochure are provided by the individual Suppliers. Facilities, features or ratings are subject to change at any time. Tours may not operate on certain dates and durations and departure times are approximate only. You should check at the time of booking for any changes to published information of which we may be aware.

# BONDS

Bonds or credit card imprints are required by most Suppliers at the time of check-in to cover incidentals and fees not included in your holiday cost.

### **TRANSFERS & TOURS**

Some Accommodation Suppliers provide courtesy transfers to/ from the airport. It is essential that these transfers are pre-booked. Some Tour Suppliers provide complimentary pick up and return to your holiday accommodation and require a minimum number of passengers to operate. If minimum numbers are not achieved tours may be cancelled at short notice. Additionally, some Suppliers reserve the right to cancel departures for other reasons, including bad weather. Some tours and itineraries may also vary and attractions may be substituted due to seasonal conditions. Viva Holidays will not be held liable for a service variation, cancellation, delay or withdrawal, or a Supplier's failure to notify you. A full refund apolies for the cancelled tour.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend you take out appropriate travel insurance to cover your travel arrangements.

# LUGGAGE

The following checked-in luggage limits apply (not exceeding 20kg and 180 linear cm per piece):

Economy Seat – one item per person; Business Seat, Sleeper and Railbed – two items per person. An additional fee will apply to excess luggage (subject to approval).

Checked-in luggage cannot be accessed for the duration of the rail journey, so you should bring a carry-on bag containing everything you need while on the train. Carry-on luggage is limited to one item per person and must not exceed 20kg (dimensions 23cm x 34cm x 48cm). If you require assistance with your carry-on luggage, please limit the weight to 7kg or less. Refer to the following website for more information: https://www.queenslandrailtravel.com.au/ PolicyCentre/Pages/Luggage.aspx

# PRIVACY

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# MONIES NOT HELD ON TRUST

All monies paid by you to us will be the property of Viva Holidays and will be a debt due and payable to the relevant Supplier (contingent on availing) once the services to which the money relates have been availed, or the relevant booking is cancelled (subject to cancellation fees). You agree and acknowledge that such monies will not be held by Viva Holidays on trust for or on behalf of you, and we may hold such monies in any account as we see fit, including with our own and/or other customer monies.

# **GOVERNING LAW**

These conditions are governed by the laws of New South Wales, Australia and any action arising under them or in any way connected with a booking may be brought only in a court in New South Wales, Australia, subject to any law which is expressly inconsistent with this.

You acknowledge that you are 18 years of age or older and that you understand and agree with the above terms and conditions and our Privacy Policy. Please read our full booking terms and conditions at vivaholidays.com.au/policies/booking-conditions. Kuranda Scenic Railway, Gimuy (Cairns)

# QUEENSLAND BY RAIL

Take in the stunning scenery as you travel through Queensland by rail, from the coast to the outback and tropical rainforests, all from the comforts onboard. Your holiday starts the moment you board, with plenty of time to relax, unwind and enjoy an incredible rail holiday.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the country we traverse. We pay respect to Elders past, present and future. We acknowledge their spiritual connection to the lands and waterways and ask their ancestors to watch over us as we tread lightly on Country.

# To book, see your preferred Travel Agent or vivaholidays.com.au for information

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