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#### **Booking Information**

**Acceptance of T & C's** It is understood by East Coast Coaches that all T&C's are accepted by the passenger when a deposit is paid.

**Bookings Cancellations and Refunds** Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and returning it to East Coast Coaches with the required deposit. Reservations can only be held for 7days without deposit. Final Payment is due 30 Days prior to departure. East Coast Coaches retains the right to cancel a tour due to insufficient numbers or unforeseen circumstances. In this instance either a substitute date or full refund will be offered.

**Cancellation Policy** The following fees apply according to notice given— 30 days prior to departure of tour, forfeit of deposit only 21 days or less full forfeit. Where a non-refundable ticket has been purchased this will be in addition to cancellation fee.

**Tour Costs** Tour Prices are current at time of Printing but subject to change without notice for unforeseen circumstances such as, Higher motel costs, Venues closing and replacing them with more expensive venues. All tour costs include GST. Tour price excludes drinks, telephone calls, mini bars, insurance and personal items.

**General Conditions** Seats cannot be reserved on tours. However, It is East Coast Coaches policy to rotate seats daily to ensure all passengers will enjoy seating.

**Dietary Requirements** Special meal requests must be advised at time of booking. All efforts will be made to accommodate special requirements such as , Vegetarian, Coeliac Meals, Gluten Free & Lactose Intolerant Meals

**Luggage Restrictions** Due to weight restriction imposed on coaches for different roads, passengers are limited to one medium sized suitcase p/p Maximum weight not to exceed 20kgs. One piece of hand luggage will be permitted to be carried onboard the coach.

**Single Supplement & Travelling Alone** A limited number of single rooms are available on each trip. Addition cost occurs for the sole use of a room

**Special needs** It is essential that you advise of any mobility, Medical conditions, or special needs that you may have at time of booking so we can ensure those needs are met as best as possible. Passengers requiring special assistance are welcome aboard provided that they are accompanied by an able bodied companion capable of providing the necessary assistance when required.

**Liability** East Coast Coaches while on tour reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary in the best interest of passengers, accommodation or carriers at anytime for any reason. While traveling we shall not be liable for any person taking the tour for a loss, injury or damage to such persons or belongings or otherwise in connection with any accommodation, transportation or other services or resulting directly or indirectly for any occurrences beyond its control including breakdown of equipment, Theft, cancellation or changes in itinerary or schedules etc.

**Travel insurance is advisable on all tours.**

# 14 Day Birdsville—Outback Queensland

## 21st July - 3rd August



**Tour Costs: From \$ 460/day**

**\$ 6,400 Per Person Twin/Double Share  
\$ 1,200 Single Supplement**

*A \$50 Deposit is required at time of booking.  
Final payment due 30days prior to  
scheduled departure.*

*Travel insurance not included however it is  
highly recommended all passenger take it  
out.*

**Bookings Close on the 19th of June 2025**

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## 14 Day—Beyond the Black Stump—Birdsville

### Day 1—Mon 21st July—Brisbane to Roma (L,D)

We travel a lot further than beyond 'The Black Stump' on our exciting holiday into Australia's Outback! Departing Brisbane, we travel to Queensland's Garden City, Toowoomba, stopping for a morning tea break at Picnic Point, to enjoy the expansive views across the Great Dividing Range. Continuing along the Adventure Way to Chinchilla, the Melon Capital of Australia!" We'll stop here for lunch before making our way to Roma arriving with time to freshen up for this evening. Tonight, celebrate the triumphs of our pioneering oil and gas industry. Join our 'Roma Rigger' guide at the base of the towering 1920s steam-driven rig. Listen to captivating stories and toast the sunset with a delicious regional Port. Then take your seats for the enthralling Sound and Light Show.

*(Lunch & Dinner incl.)*

### Day 2—Tue 22nd July—Roma to Blackall (B,D)

Today is a travel day, so sit back and enjoy the scenery. Our touring route takes us through **Mitchell**, **Morven** and **Augathella** as we continue to make our way to **Blackall**. Home to the legendary gun shearer Jack Howe and where he set the almost unbelievable record of shearing 321 sheep with blade shears in a day. A bronze statue now stands as a monument to the man and the achievement. Blackall claims to be the home of the **black stump** which has always loomed large in rural Australian mythology as a place beyond which was no man's land.

*(Breakfast & Dinner included)*

### Day 14—Sun 3rd Aug—Gympie to Brisbane (B)

Following the Bruce Highway, we continue south on our way home. Stopping for rest stops and a lunch break. We continue home where we say goodbye to our new friends but take away fantastic recollections from our outback adventure!  
*(Breakfast included)*

### Inclusions

Coach Travel	Meals as Listed
13 nights Accommodation	Sound & Light show
Venue Entry as listed	Theatrical Show

Home Pickup Included on this 14 day tour

*All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc.*

**Bookings and final payment due 19th July 2025  
\$6,400 Per Person T/S**

**\$1,200 Single Supplement**

**\*\*Please note costs to be advised ASAP. Not yet released due to Hotel policies, some venues may change\*\***



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### Day 13— Sat 2nd Aug—Monto to Gympie (B,L,D)

Discover the extraordinary **street art** in Monto, including the Curious Cow, the legendary Cheryl and the Monto Water Tower, amongst others. We visit the latest of the Queensland Silo art collection, the **Three Moon Silo**, completed in 2020 depicting the Three Moons story, about the Gooreng Gooreng people and how they used to help farmers move cattle. Because they did not speak the same language, the farmer would tell them to 'come back in three moons'. **Eidsvold** calls itself the 'Beef Capital of the Burnett'. This small, quiet town is nestled in a valley of gently undulating grazing country and is a service centre for the surrounding pastoralists. Today the area is sustained by cattle, timber, citrus and vegetable crops we visit the **Eidsvold Historical Museum** which incorporates the George Schafer Collection of minerals, gems, bottles, antiquated tools, seven heritage buildings, a railway siding with old rolling stock, and interesting memorabilia. We enjoy a talk of the Museum before we visit the **RM Williams Australian Bush learning Centre**. Legends like RM Williams whose spirit lives on in Eidsvold's history and whose name graces a Centre which stands as a lasting tribute to genuine pioneer spirit and the character and courage of the people of the bush. On arrival we are given a talk on the centre including RM Williams himself and then have some free time to explore the centre before lunch. From here we head to **Mount Perry** where we have a short break from coach before continuing on to **Gin Gin**, a perfect example of a town which has survived and flourished solely because of its location on the main road from Brisbane to Cairns. We drive on to **Biggenden**, and as we drive through the main street we will see the **Biggenden Rose** which weighs in close to two tonnes! We now make our way to **Gympie**, located on the Mary River and the place where Queensland's first gold rush saved the State from near bankruptcy. Today Gympie is a major heritage town, home to around 19,000 people many of whom are involved with the gold mining, tourism, agricultural and timber industries. On arrival, we can check in to our motel and relax before dinner  
*(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included)*

### Day 3—Wed 23rd July—Blackall to Winton (B,D)

From Blackall we continue north to **Barcaldine** before turning west and via **Ilfracombe** to Longreach. We visit **Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame** where we can have some free time to look through the museum. We will see some dramatic and ever-changing scenery as we make our way to **Winton**, including the "jump up" – a rugged mesa plateau formation that stands 75 meters above the surrounding plains. On arrival in Winton, there will be some free time to wander along the main street – make sure you take a look at the Opal Walk and the historic Royal Open-Air Theatre and Museum. *(Breakfast & Dinner included)*

### Day 4— Thur 24th July—Winton to Boulia (B,D)

This morning we set our sights on our next destination of **Boulia**. Upon arrival we make our way to the **Min Min Encounter** and Visitor Information Centre where we watch the theatrical show dedicated to the story of the Min Min Light phenomenon. This light has many theories abounding as to what it is but nothing has ever been proven and so it remains the mystery it has always been when it was first sighted near the Min Min Hotel graveyard. *(Breakfast & Dinner included)*

### Day 5— Fri 25th July—Boulia to Birdsville (B,D)

We depart Boulia and travel past the **Carcoory Ruins** on our way to **Birdsville**. Initially developed as a customs depot for livestock movement between South Australia and Queensland, Birdsville was formerly known as **Diamantina Crossing**. Later the name Birdsville was adopted believing to be on account of the prolific bird life in the district. Many of Australia's pioneering European explorers travelled through the Birdsville district well before the town was gazetted. Monuments to acknowledge the feats of Captain Charles Sturt, Burke & Wills, Madigan and others are located throughout the town. On arrival we check into the famous **Birdsville Pub** where we can enjoy a drink with the locals before dinner.  
*(Breakfast & Dinner included)*

### Day 6—Sat 26th July—Birdsville (B,D)

Time for a breather today, you may like to visit the beautiful Birdsville Billabong, enjoy lunch at the Birdsville Bakery or view the local artwork in a gallery. We are joined later this afternoon by a **local expert** to learn the history and unique characters of Birdsville on a town tour. We head to **Big Red** (Munga Thirii) to witness nature's very own light show, accompanied by chef prepared nibbles and a choice of drinks! *(Breakfast & Dinner included)*



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### Day 7—Sun 27th July—Birdsville to Boulia (B,L,D)

We backtrack through Channel Country, one of the most distinctive landscapes in Australia as we make our way back to **Boulia** for our overnight stay. *(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included)*

### Day 8—Mon 28th July—Boulia to Cloncurry (B,L,D)

Today is a travel day as we make our way through scenic jump up country, flat Mitchell grass grazing land and spinifex plains to **Cloncurry**, stopping along the way to enjoy our picnic lunch. The copper mines of Cloncurry quickly made this town one of the most prosperous in the Outback. Down through the years since the copper lode was discovered in 1867, Cloncurry has hosted a plethora of other historic occasions. It was here where the idea for Qantas was first mooted. 'Conceived in Cloncurry, born in Winton and grew up in Longreach' goes a local saying. The original hangar still stands at the local aerodrome. Cloncurry is also home to the Royal Flying Doctor Service and we make a visit to **John Flynn Place**, focused on Flynn's life and work, the early history of the Australian Inland Mission and the birth of the Royal Flying Doctor Service  
*(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included)*

### Day 9 —Tue 29th July—Cloncurry to Hughenden(B,L,D)

This morning we head east to Hughenden. As we pass through **Julia Creek**, look out for the Julia Creek Opera House who's only connection with its more famous Sydney cousin is its birthday – quirky Outback humour at play here! We continue to **Richmond**, once the heart of a vast inland sea filled with prehistoric marine life and make a visit to **Kronosaurus Korner**, Australia's premier marine fossil museum. It showcases nearly 1,150 unique fossil specimens from Richmond, including the million year old remains of extinct marine reptiles, fishes, ammonites and squids that once dominated Australia's ancient inland sea. After lunch at the Museum, we travel on to **Hughenden**, a town best known for the discovery of the dinosaur known as the Muttaborrasaurus. Located on the edge of the ancient underground sea, several fossils have been found in the area with the Muttaborrasaurus being the most important.  
*(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included)*

### Day 10 —Wed 30th July—Hughenden to Charters Towers (B,L,D)

This morning we travel on the Flinders Highway through Prairie and Pentland as we make our way to Charters Towers. En-route we will stop to enjoy our picnic lunches. **Charters Towers** is a scenic gold mining city that is big on history and character. From a chance discovery of gold in 1871, the town was soon turned into a bustling metropolis, which in its heyday, boasted being the second largest city in Queensland. Upon arrival we collect our **local guide** and uncover the many significant site and facts on a tour of town. After an interesting day we check in to our motel and relax prior to dinner.  
*(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included)*

### Day 11— Thur 31st July—Charters Towers to Emerald (B,L,D)

Our journey takes us south today – through the Blackwood National Park and onto Clermont. Here we visit the **Clermont Museum**. When shepherds found gold beside Hoods Lagoon in 1861, Clermont gained instant fame. A history of floods, strikes, war heroes and known as the 'town that moved', Clermont is now celebrating 150 years of diverse culture and community spirit. A rich collection of local artefacts and personal stories are stored and exhibited at the refurbished Centre. Afterwards we continue our journey to Emerald for our overnight stay.  
*(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included)*

### Day 12— Fri 1st Aug—Emerald to Monto (B,D)

While in the town of Emerald we'll take a moment to see the **Historic Railway Station** built in 1900 and now classified by the National Trust. Outside the Town Hall we also see a fossilized tree that is 250 million years old. It was unearthed on the banks of the Mackenzie River when a railway bridge was being constructed to one of the local mines. Leaving emerald now we journey to the town of Blackwater and visit the very interesting **Blackwater International Coal Centre**. Here we'll enjoy **morning tea** before we wonder at the size and scale of the massive mining equipment on display, uncovering Australia's leading role in the development of technologies of global importance. Back on board the coach now, we sit back and relax as we express through to **Monto** for our overnight stay.  
*(Breakfast & Dinner included)*