

# Travel and Safety Information

Travelling in **Outback Queensland** is similar to most road-trips with towns and fuel stops **rarely more than 200 kilometres apart**. Sealed highways and township roads are available throughout the region.

The following information answers some commonly asked questions about travelling in Outback Queensland, however should you have further questions, please speak with your tour organiser or the friendly staff at the Visitor Information Centres (see inside back cover) in the towns you will be visiting.

## Medical Facilities

In the same respect as getting fuel, you will find that most towns in Outback Queensland have either hospitals or private health care centres. These towns also have an ambulance service to assist you with any problems. A list of hospitals and private health care clinics can be found at: <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/healthservices/byFacility.asp>. There are also three Royal Flying Doctor Service bases in Outback Queensland. They are located in Charleville, Longreach and Mount Isa. The Royal Flying Doctor Service provides 24 hour emergency service to victims of illness or accident who are in a serious or potentially life threatening condition.

## Mobile Phone Coverage

Longreach, Mount Isa and Charleville have coverage from most networks. Outside of these three towns only the Telstra 3G network is available, usually within a 20km radius of towns. Public phones are available in all towns and satellite phones and UHF radios are recommended for extended travel.

## Weather Conditions

Outback summers are hot but much less humid than on the coast and more bearable. Most attractions, facilities and transport are air-conditioned. Storms and heavy rains can occur during summer and minor flooding can cause some towns to become cut off for a few days, but this is all part of the adventure of Outback Queensland. The most temperate weather occurs between the beginning of April and the end of October. It is recommended in all seasons to drink plenty of water regularly and protect your skin from burning. Seek shade when outside, cover up with clothing and wear a sun protective hat, sunglasses and SPF 30+ sunscreen.

## Litter

Help us keep Outback Queensland clean for future visitors by properly disposing of your rubbish.

## Animals

If you see stock or wild animals near the road, slow down, they have a habit of crossing in front of you! Wild animals like emus and kangaroos can be seen throughout Outback Queensland, especially one hour either side of sunset and sunrise.

## Station Properties

Many roads cross station properties and have gates across them. The rule of the Outback is to leave gates in the same way that you find them, ie. if the gate is closed when you get there, close it again after you drive through or, if the gate is open when you arrive, leave it open.

## Road Conditions

For current road reports please contact the Visitor Information Centre in the town that you will be visiting. As road conditions cannot be accurately predicted please contact the Visitor Information Centres close to the time of your journey.



Outback Road