Day 1 – Brisbane to Roma

**Journey:**
- Brisbane to Toowoomba: approx 126km / 1 hr, 50 mins
- Toowoomba to Chinchilla: approx 165km / 2 hrs, 10 mins
- Chinchilla to Roma: approx 186km / 2 hrs, 20 mins

**Highlights:**
- The Big Rig

**Morning:**
- We begin the day with an early departure from Brisbane en route to Toowoomba. Following a pleasant 1 hr 50 min drive, we will enjoy morning tea at Picnic Point, located on the edge of the Great Dividing Range in Toowoomba. We continue travelling on to Chinchilla, known as the ‘Melon Capital’ of Australia where 25 percent of Australia’s total watermelon crop is produced. Our lunch stop will be at Chinchilla.

**Afternoon:**
- After lunch we head towards Roma, known as the cradle of Australia’s oil and gas industry, and home to the Big Rig. We arrive in Roma late afternoon and check into our campsite for dinner.

**Evening:**
- **Experience:** Big Rig Night Tour, Warrego Highway, Roma. Ph: (07) 4622 4355

History is brought to life at the “Big Rig”, the town’s major tourist attraction, paying tribute to Roma’s oil and gas industry that began back in 1900. Through a theatrical presentation with pyrotechnics, computer lighting and a digitally mastered soundtrack, a night show dramatically recreates this remarkable story of Australia’s oil and gas.

**Our campsite:** Roma Aussie Tourist Park, 6 Bowen Street, Roma. Ph: (07) 4622 6464

(Included Meals: Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)

Day 2 – Roma to Charleville

**Journey:**
- Roma to Morven: approx 177km / 2 hrs, 10 mins
- Morven to Charleville: approx 91km / 1 hr, 15 mins

**Highlights:**
- Morven Miniature Pioneer Village and Museum
- Bilby Experience

**Morning:**
- Breakfast will be at the campsite before we begin our journey to Charleville. If time permits, have a tour at the Roma Salesyards – Tuesday and Saturdays only, but well worth the look! We will stop en route to experience the unique Morven Museum, a must-see collection of handcrafted, perfectly recreated miniature buildings from the bark and slab hut days of early Queensland’s Outback settlement, as well as an original kerosene tin hut. Enjoy a picnic lunch while in Morven.

**Afternoon:**
- **Experience:** Morven Miniature Pioneering Village and Museum, Albert Street, Morven.

Charleville is the largest town in the south west of Queensland’s Outback region where in 1890, Cobb & Co. based their largest coachmaking factory in Australia. We check into our campsite accommodation, then freshen up before dinner.

6 Days / 5 Nights ex Brisbane from $775* per student

Take a journey to the ‘natural’ Outback of Queensland’s South West. Be enthralled by the historic sound and light show at The Big Rig in Roma. Discover the universe at the Charleville Cosmos Centre and Observatory. Visit the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Centre, home of the Save the Bilby Fund. Discover the valuable service that the Royal Flying Doctor Service delivers to the people of Queensland’s Outback. Gain an understanding of how children in remote areas learn through the School of the Air. Experience life on a 45,000 hectare working sheep and cattle station. Camp out every night under clear skies, where the stars seem to stretch forever.
Evening: Following dinner, head over to the Bilby Experience, Charleville for a special evening visit.

Experience: Bilby Experience, 1 Park Street, Charleville.

Meet with the local Queensland Parks and Wildlife Centre Ranger to hear about the rehabilitation program for Bilbies, and Charleville’s role in this. Learn why the Bilby is an endangered species and what efforts are being made to save Australia’s Bilby population.

Our campsite: Bailey Bar Caravan Park, 196 King Street, Charleville. Ph: (07) 4654 1744

(Included Meals: Breakfast, Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)

Day 3 – In Charleville

Highlights:
- School of the Air
- Charleville Royal Flying Doctor Base
- Cosmos Centre and Observatory

Morning: We have breakfast at the campsite, before our day’s activities. This morning we have a visit to the School of the Air and learn how these vital services have sustained Queensland’s Outback communities for generations, then it’s on to the Charleville Royal Flying Doctor Base.

Experience: Charleville School of Distance Education, Parry Street, Charleville. Ph: (07) 4654 4172

The Charleville School of Distance Education (incorporating Charleville School of the Air) was established in 1966 in conjunction with the Royal Flying Doctors Service. Teachers conduct daily telephone lessons for prep, primary and secondary children, and the preschoolers have two lessons a week. To assist teachers with daily lessons, families are supplied with a specially designed telephone and headset by the school.

Experience: Charleville Royal Flying Doctor Base, Old Cunnamulla Road, Charleville.
Ph: (07) 4654 1233

At the Royal Flying Doctor Service Centre you will discover the valuable service, both past and present, that the doctors deliver to the people of Queensland’s Outback. An introductory film introduces you to the service. Extensive displays of past and present equipment provide a fascinating insight into the history of this unique Outback service.

Afternoon: We enjoy a picnic lunch before heading out to the Cosmos Centre and Observatory.

Evening: Following dinner we return to the Cosmos Centre to be guided through the night sky.

Our campsite: Bailey Bar Caravan Park, 196 King Street, Charleville.

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)
Day 4 – Charleville to Cunnamulla

Journey: Charleville to Aldville Station ................................................................. Approx 170km / 2 hrs

Highlights:
- Aldville Station
- Sheep shearing demonstration

Morning: We start the day with a hearty breakfast at our campsite before breaking camp and travelling to Cunnamulla and out to Aldville Station.

Experience: Aldville Station, via Cunnamulla. Ph: (07) 4655 4814
Aldville Station is a 30,000 hectare sheep and cattle station which offers visitors a chance to experience the real Queensland’s Outback. Participate in a shearing demonstration and learn about the significance of the wool industry in Australia.

Afternoon/

Evening: We enjoy a picnic lunch at the station, before setting up camp in the shearsers quarters. You will have some free time to explore, visit the livestock, or try your hand at fishing if you can find a flowing stream or river.

Tonight, we relax by the campfire for a delicious dinner.

Our campsite: Aldville Station, via Cunnamulla.
(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)

Day 5 – Cunnamulla to Jondaryan

Journey: Aldville Station to Bollon ............................................................... 300km / 3 hrs, 15 mins
Bollon to St George ................................................................. approx 113km / 1 hr, 20 mins
St George to Moonie ................................................................. approx 189km / 2 hrs, 15 mins
Moonie to Jondaryan ............................................................... approx 154km / 1 hr, 50 mins

Morning: After breakfast we have an early start leaving Aldville Station behind to commence our trip back east along the Balonne Highway.

Morning tea stop will be at Bollon. On the banks of Wallam Creek, Bollon is the habitat of a large koala population which thrives on the abundant red river gums in the area. More than 110 species of birds have been recorded in the area.

Afternoon: Picnic lunch will be at St George, often referred to as an ‘Oasis’ or ‘the inland fishing capital of Queensland’. St George is situated on the picturesque banks of the mighty Balonne River.
We call in at Moonie for a brief comfort stop, before continuing our journey via Dalby to Jondaryan.

**Evening:**
We arrive at our overnight stop at Jondaryan Woolshed where you get to sleep in the woolshed for the night. Located in the heart of the Darling Downs, Jondaryan Woolshed is of great historical interest, featuring historic buildings, machinery, equipment and collections which have been restored over the past 30 years.

Dinner will be served at our overnight campsite.

**Our campsite:** Jondaryan Woolshed, Evanslea Road, Jondaryan. Ph: (07) 4692 2229

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)

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**Day 6 – Jondaryan to Brisbane**

**Journey:** Jondaryan to Brisbane................................................................. approx 168km / 2 hrs, 25 mins

**Highlights:**
- Jondaryan Woolshed

**Morning:**
After breakfast at camp, enjoy a fun-filled day of activities at the woolshed including demonstrations of blacksmithing, sheep dogs and beekeeping followed by a horse and cart ride and your chance to get up close with the farm animals in the nursery.

**Afternoon:**
After lunch we bid goodbye to Jondaryan Woolshed and begin our journey home to Brisbane. We travel via Toowoomba, Queensland’s Garden City, then on to Ipswich, home of ‘The Workshops Rail Museum’, an interactive campus of the Queensland Museum. Our Queensland’s Outback adventure comes to an end as we arrive back in Brisbane.

(Included Meals: Breakfast; Morning Tea; Lunch; Dinner)
Tour Inclusions:
- All coach travel in an air-conditioned luxury tour coach with seatbelts
- Coach features: TV, DVD, radio, P.A. and CD player
- Tent accommodation throughout
- Full catering kitchen and caterers for all meals as specified
- Entrance fees to all attractions and experiences as specified

Items not included:
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Items of a personal nature
- Personal travel insurance

Tour Highlights:
- Big Rig Night Tour, Roma
- Roma Saleyards
- Cosmos Centre and Observatory – Day and Night Tour, Charleville
- School of the Air, Charleville
- Royal Flying Doctor Service, Charleville
- Aldville Station, Cunnamulla
- Jondaryan Woolshed, Jondaryan
- Bilby Experience

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