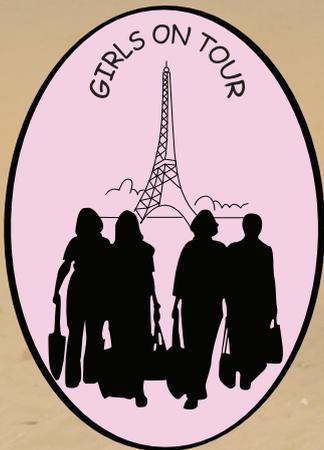


THE BIRDSVILLE RACES



STONESTREETS
TRAVEL

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The Melbourne Cup of the Outback

Departs: 3 September 2019
Duration: 7 Days
Cost: \$4,335pp (tw/dbl)
Single Supplement: +\$250pp



Day 1: Tuesday 3 September

BRISBANE/QUILPIE

Depart Brisbane 1:45pm - Arrive Charleville 3:45pm. (Qantas Link)

On arrival in Charleville you will be met by your coach captain and your Girls On Tour escort Sue to board your luxury coach and travel to Quilpie for your overnight stay.

Overnight Quilpie Motor Inn (Or similar) Meals: D

Day 2: Wednesday 4 September 2019

QUILPIE/BIRDSVILLE

After an early breakfast join the Birdsville Development road where you hit the outback, this is where the bitumen ends and the gravel roads begin. You will have a lunchtime picnic and comfort stop, visit the town that was Betoota and the old roadhouse hotel before arriving in Birdsville late afternoon.

On arrival in Birdsville whilst you are enjoying a welcome drink the crew will set up your tent city and prepare your evening meal. Meals: BLD

Day 3: Thursday 5 September 2019 - BIRDSVILLE

Enjoy breakfast at Stonestreeets Tent City and climb on board the coach for a short orientation/sightseeing tour of Birdsville. On return the rest of the day is free to enjoy as you wish. Watch as the small town of Birdsville comes alive with over 8000 people descending for the legendary Birdsville Racing Carnival. Tonight, get dressed up for The Birdsville Race Club sixth annual RFDS Birdsville Races Cocktail Party. This is surely the most glamorous event of race week, the Cocktail Party provides a fantastic opportunity to dress up and experience outback hospitality in style. The evening includes live entertainment, finger foods and one complimentary drink on arrival. Meals: BLD



COOPER CREEK

Australia's largest braided stream

Travelling for more than 1,500 kilometers, Cooper Creek begins with the joining of the Thomson and the Barcoo Rivers in South West Queensland. It flows south through New South Wales and South Australia where it finally reaches the Lake Eyre Basin. From North of Windorah to the South Australian Border, a distance of approximately 400km the Cooper splits immeasurably into a braided network of parallel channels in a region known as The Channel Country.

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Day 4: Friday 6 September 2019 - BIRDSVILLE

Today is the first day of a two day programme and you will be able to transfer to Birdsville Race Club by coach which will be available throughout the day for the race meeting. Soak up the atmosphere of the Birdsville races where you will see an eclectic assortment of people dressed to the nines or in theme costumes. Join the fun loving crowd at the Birdsville Pub. Chat to the right person this evening and you may be able to pick up some hot tips for tomorrows races. Meals: BLD

Day 5: Saturday 7 September 2019 - BIRDSVILLE RACES

Breakfast/Brunch will be served at the Tent City then prepare yourself for Races. Enjoy the relaxed and charming outback atmosphere as excitement and merriment builds with music, and punters and cheering their favourite horse. After the last race is run today the evening the town will be abuzz with music, dancing celebrating and commiserating. Meals: BLD

Day 6: Sunday 8 September 2019 - QUILPIE

After an early breakfast your crew will pack up the Tent City and you'll say farewell to Birdsville, retrace your route back through Windorah and then on to Quilpie.

Stay: Quilpie Motor Inn or Similar. Meals: BLD

Day 7: Monday 09 September 2019

This morning after breakfast, visit St Finbarr's Church Quilpe and view the beautiful opal altar and font before heading to Charleville. See the sights around the township of Charleville before travelling to Roma for your flight. Meals: B

Depart Roma 6:25pm - Arrive Brisbane 7:25pm (Qantas Link)

Please note: If minimum numbers are not achieved, operator may sell remaining places and group may no longer be a private women-only tour. In this case clients will be given the choice to continue or receive a refund of deposits paid.

INCLUSIONS

- Return Flights ex Brisbane
- 2 Day Entry to Birdsville Race Track
- Luxury Coach Travel
- Experienced Driver / Guide and catering crew
- 2 night's motel accommodation in Quilpie
- 4 night's accommodation in Stonestreeets Tent City (Pre-erected tents)
- Meals:
Breakfast - 6
Lunch - 5
Dinner - 6
- Cocktail Party on Arrival in Birdsville (Dress Code Applies)
- Birdsville Races Souvenir Medallion

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One weekend each September the population of the tiny outback town of Birdsville swells from 300-odd residents to over 6,000 when the annual Birdsville Races take place.

First held in 1882 as an event for hack and stock horses, the carnival has grown in recent years to a 13-race program boasting prize money of over \$200,000 and the priceless Birdsville Cup.

Situated on a claypan, surrounded by sand dunes, the track is 2000m in length, catering for the longest race of the carnival, the 1,600m Birdsville Cup.

Each year the two days and three nights provides great live entertainment, a cocktail party, Fun Run, Fashions on the Field, Fred Brophy's Boxing Troupe, a variety of food vendors and a fantastic atmosphere making it truly, a bucket-list worthy event.

