

Girls On Tour: "On The Trail of Giants"

17 days from 16th May to 1st June 2022



Day 1 – Monday 16 May 2022 – BRISBANE TO ST GEORGE

Early morning departure from Brisbane as our adventure begins making our way to St George via Goondiwindi. Here we will visit a Cotton Farm, Cotton Shop and the township before continuing on to St George and a visit to Riverland Winery on the way.

Day 2 – Tuesday 17 May – CHARLOTTE PLAINS - 2 NIGHTS

Morning sightseeing around St George and then off to the Nindigully Pub for lunch. We visit Thallon to see the painted Silos before heading off to Charlotte Plains, a working cattle and sheep station famous for its luxurious Artesian Bore. Sunset drinks will set the

scene for a great night under the stars around the campfire. Our accommodation tonight is in the comfortable shearer's quarters adding to this authentic outback experience.

Day 3 – Wednesday 18 May – CHARLOTTE PLAINS

This morning we will join Charlotte Plains host for an extensive tour and informative chat about the working property, how it was established, and we visit the historical, original woolshed which in its heyday would produce 1,500 bales of wool. The rest of the day is yours to explore and relax in these beautiful bush surroundings and perhaps even another visit to the artesian bore.

Day 4 – Thursday 19 May – CUNNAMULLA – 2 NIGHTS

After a leisurely start to the day, we say goodbye to Charlotte Plains and make our way to Cunnamulla where you will have time to wander and explore this charming outback town. Tonight, we will enjoy the 'All Aboard' 3D Sound and Light Spectacular.

Day 5 – Friday 20 May – CUNNAMULLA

Our sightseeing tour of the town today takes us to the Cunnamulla Fella statue, the Artesian Time Tunnel and the Robbers Tree. The Time Tunnel gives you the opportunity to gain an understanding of the importance of water from the Great Artesian Basin to sustain life and support our pastoral and mining industries as well as learning a little about the cultural heritage of the area.



Day 6 -Saturday 21 May – EROMANGA (3 nights)

An early start today as we enter into dinosaur and megafauna territory with a stop at Eulo, home to the Diprotodon (Giant Wombat). A life size statue of this prehistoric creature greets us as we enter this little town of only 70 residents. It is also the home of Eulo Queen Hotel with its interesting past surrounding the life and times of Isabel Gray, a colourful character who made and lost her fortune in this area. We'll visit the Prison and some of the local shops selling opals, honey and fabulous leather work. From here we travel to Eromanga the home of Australia's largest dinosaur,

and in the top 5 largest dinosaurs in the world by length and mass, "*Australotitan cooperensis*" (Cooper), where we will check in to Cooper's Country Lodge in readiness for our search for Giants!

Day 7 & 8 Sunday 22 and Monday 23 May - EROMANGA

Over the next 2 days we bring out the palaeontologist in us and enjoy a unique experience of a full day dinosaur dig in the field and a full day of fossil preparation in the Eromanga Natural History Museum lab. You will be taken on a prehistoric journey that started 90-95million years ago. Over two days we immerse you in the story which has led to the discovery of one of Australia's most significant dinosaur fossil fields. You will be guided through time from discovery, through to display of some of the largest animals that ever walked on earth, the Eromanga dinosaurs. Under the



guidance of the dedicated team of palaeontologists, geologists and museum staff we will learn how to uncover and process these important and historic discoveries of dinosaur and megafauna fossils in an unforgettable experience.



Day 9 – Tuesday 24 May – WINTON – 2 NIGHTS

Say goodbye to “Cooper” and the gang at ENHM and head off to Winton via the epic red sand hills of Windorah, then Jundah and Opalton before arriving at our final destination for today Winton, the birthplace of ‘Waltzing Matilda’ and dinosaur country!

Day 10 – Wednesday 25 May - WINTON

Another day of highlights today as we travel first to Lark Quarry where 95 million years ago a Dinosaur Stampede took place and is frozen in time. Some 4,000 footprints mark the only still visible example of a dinosaur stampede or river crossing in the

world. In the afternoon we explore ‘Age of Dinosaurs’ including the fossil lab and collection room housing some of Australia’s most complete dinosaur fossils, “Banjo” and “Matilda”.

Day 11 – Thursday 26 May – LONGREACH – 1 NIGHT

An early start today as we leave Winton to arrive at Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame in Longreach for our 9am “Stockman’s Experience” tour to learn more about the essence of the Australian stockman. After lunch we visit the Air Park and Qantas Founders Museum.



Day 12 – Friday 27 May – TAMBO – 1 NIGHT

We depart Longreach this morning for Tambo via Blackall and Barcardine. In Blackall we’ll see The Black Stump and Jackie Howe statue. On arrival in Barcardine we visit the Tree of Knowledge, the birthplace of the Australian Labor Party and the “Young-Un” the only direct offspring of the heritage listed Tree of Knowledge which is located at the Australian Workers Heritage Centre. Next, it’s on to Tambo, the home of the Tambo Teddies.

Day 13 – Saturday 28 May – CHARLEVILLE – 2 NIGHTS

Today we visit the Tambo Teddies famous store. During our sightseeing tour of Tambo we will learn about the historical significance of this town before travelling to Charleville for an afternoon visit of the Cosmos Centre.

Day 14 – Sunday 29 May – CHARLEVILLE

Our first stop today is a visit to the RFDS Museum and then the WW2 Secret Base tour. Later we’ll visit the Bilby Centre to learn about and view our endangered Bilby’s. We finish the day with a drink at the iconic ‘long bar’ at the Coronas Hotel.

Day 15 – Monday 30 May – ROMA – 1 NIGHT

As we head towards Roma today, we stop at Mitchell where we enjoy a soak in the warm waters of the therapeutic Great Artesian Spa. On arrival in Roma we visit the Big Rig and learn a little about the oil and gas pioneers in outback Queensland.

Day 16 – Tuesday 31 May – TOOWOOMBA – 1 NIGHT

Our first stop today is the largest Cattle Sale Yards in Australia before we leave Roma for ‘The Garden City’, Toowoomba. After lunch we will enjoy a walking tour of the inner city.

Day 17 – Wednesday 1 June – BRISBANE

After breakfast a guided sightseeing tour of Toowoomba including the Historical Railway Station, Bulls Head Inn at Drayton, some of Toowoomba’s finest gardens and Picnic Point. After lunch and a visit to the Cobb and Co Museum it is time to return to Brisbane where sadly we farewell our new friends after a wonderful adventure.



INCLUSIONS

- 14 nights twin share hotel accommodation.
- 2 nights Charlotte Plains Station Shearer’s Qtrs.
- All Entry Fees and activities as shown on itinerary
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. (excluding breakfast on day 1 and dinner on day 17).
- Private hostess/guide on board & GOT Escort.
- Private air-conditioned coach and professional driver.

EXCLUSIONS

- Personal items, travel insurance.
- Anything not shown on itinerary.

Cost - \$8,480*pp

Single supplement \$720

* based on group of 12 travellers

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