

# Stars, Parks & Legends - accommodated & camping safari

Charleville – Quilpie – Windorah – Welford National Park – Jundah – Stonehenge – Longreach

6 Days/5 Nights ex Brisbane – price on application

Discover the wonder of the night skies at **Charleville's Cosmos Centre**. Tour the Quilpie Powerhouse Museum and enjoy **historic Ray Station**, a living museum. At **Welford National Park**, dine on a claypan and track critters at the sandhill. Visit Windorah's Solar Farm and climb the red sandhills. In Longreach, join a guided tour of the **Qantas 747 and 707 jets** and ride an authentic **Cobb & Co. coach** through the scrub.

## Day 1 – Brisbane to Charleville

- Journey:** Flight Brisbane to Charleville..... (QantasLink or Rex Airlines)
- Highlights:** Cosmos Centre and Observatory
- Afternoon:** We "Journey to Infinity" at the **Cosmos Centre and Observatory**, hold meteorites in our hands during a guided 'show and tell' session and hear why Pluto was taken out of the Planet Club.
- Evening:** Experienced night sky guides take us on a journey through the Cosmos as we explore the night sky with the aid of the powerful Meade telescopes.
- Accommodation:** Bailey Bar Caravan Park, 196 King Street, Charleville. Ph: (07) 4654 1744

## Day 2 – Charleville to Quilpie & Ray Station

- Journey:** Charleville to Quilpie..... approx 212kms / 2 hrs 30 mins
- Highlights:** Charleville School of Distance Education; Charleville Royal Flying Doctor Base; Quilpie Powerhouse Museum; Ray Station
- Morning:** This morning we visit the **Charleville School of Distance Education** and learn how these vital services have sustained Queensland's Outback communities for generations. Discover the valuable service to the people of Queensland's Outback by the **Charleville Royal Flying Doctor Base**.
- Afternoon:** Travel to Quilpie, visit the **Quilpie Powerhouse Museum** and learn how Quilpie became the first town to have a Powerhouse. Around 75km out of town we arrive at the historic Ray Station, once owned by pioneers of the district - the Tully and Durack families. Here we view some early film footage, visit the Pioneer cemetery, and get hands-on with opal fossicking.
- Evening:** Tonight we enjoy **Ray Station** Homestead hospitality with dinner, music and poetry around the campfire.
- Accommodation:** Ray Station, Quilpie. Ph: (07) 4656 4737 or 0428 377 921



Cosmos Centre and Observatory, Charleville



Red sandhills of Windorah

### Day 3 – Quilpie to Welford National Park (via Windorah)

- Journey:** Quilpie to Windorah ..... approx 244kms / 3hrs  
 Windorah to Welford National Park ..... approx 110kms / 1hrs 10mins
- Highlights:** Windorah Solar Farm; Windorah Sandhills; Welford National Park
- Morning:** Departing Ray Station, we travel to Windorah and visit the **Windorah Solar Farm**, the first solar farm trial by Ergon Energy. Time to explore the **majestic red dunes** just out of town.
- Afternoon:** Travel to **Welford National Park** with its red river gum and coolibah-lined waters, golden-green spinifex, and white-barked ghost gums against a backdrop of red sand dunes. Here we'll discover a rare (rammed earth) original grazing homestead and keep an eye out for local birdlife, red and grey kangaroos and wallaroos.
- Evening:** **Dinner tonight on a claypan**, the perfect vantage point to watch the shadows created at night!
- Accommodation:** Little Boomerang Waterhole Campsite, Welford National Park Ph: 13 QGOV (137468)

### Day 4 – Welford National Park

- Highlights:** Explore Welford National Park
- This morning with the help of the Park Ranger (if available), we'll **track the critters at the Sandhill**, seek out the varied habitats for local wildlife and discover remnants of **Aboriginal heritage** and use, including water wells and stone arrangements. Enjoy some fun afternoon water activities at one of the large **permanent waterholes**.
- Tonight we have the rare opportunity to watch the sun set and the moon rise at the same time over the **Barcoo River**.
- Evening:** Campfire dinner under the stars.
- Accommodation:** Little Boomerang Waterhole Campsite, Welford National Park Ph: 13 QGOV (137468)

### Day 5 – Welford National Park to Longreach

- Journey:** Welford National Park to Longreach..... approx 217kms / 3hrs
- Highlights:** Barcoo Shire Museum; The Native Well; Stonehenge; Qantas Founders Museum; Kinnon & Co.'s Royal Mail Gallop
- Morning:** After breakfast we will drive to **Jundah** and visit the **Barcoo Shire Museum**, with its impressive collection of pioneering era relics. Visit **the Native Well**, a valuable source of water for Indigenous people in days gone by. En route to **Stonehenge** we'll spot interesting rock holes, ghostly white gum trees and intriguing rock formations sculptured over millions of years.
- Afternoon:** Arriving in Longreach we visit the **Qantas Founders Museum** where we will learn the history of Australia's national airline. Experience a **WWI simulator**, take a guided tour of the **707 and 747 jets** and discover hands-on historical exhibits.
- Join Kinnon & Co. for a 20-minute ride in an authentic replica **Cobb & Co. coach** pulled by a team of four horses. We'll learn about the history of Cobb & Co. while getting a glimpse of what public transport was like from the mid 1800s.
- Evening:** Dinner at our accommodation.
- Accommodation:** Longreach Tourist Park. Ph: 1800 356 099 or Longreach Pastoral College Ph 1800 888 710

## Day 6 – Longreach to Brisbane

**Journey:** Flight Longreach to Brisbane..... (QantasLink)

**Highlights:** Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame

**Morning:** At the Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame explore the five themed galleries to discover the history behind some of Australia’s greatest and bravest explorers, stock workers, pastoralist, and Aborigines.



### Tour Highlights

- Cosmos Centre and Observatory, Charleville School of Distance Education and Charleville Royal Flying Doctor Base
- Quilpie Powerhouse Museum and historic Ray Station (overnight stay)
- Windorah Solar Farm and a two night Welford National park bush camp
- Barcoo Shire Museum, The Native Well and Stonehenge
- Qantas Founders Museum & Jet Tour, Kinnon & Co.’s Royal Mail Gallop and Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame

Relevant Fact Sheets: 1-4,14-15, 17-18, 22, 25

### BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES

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