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9 DAYS OUTBACK QLD

&

LIGHTNING RIDGE

Sunday 15 August - Monday 1 September 2027

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Immerse yourself in a true outback experience and discover some of Australia's most unique outback towns on this fascinating tour. Beginning in Queensland, discover the rich history of Roma and indulge in local food and wine at St George. Continuing to New South Wales to **Lightning Ridge**, home to the elusive '**Black Opal**' and renowned for its colourful characters and fantastic experiences.

Includes

- Home pick up & return service Metro Area & Mornington Peninsula
- Coach Travel
- 8 Nights Motel Accommodation
- Breakfasts - Evening Meals - Lunch as per itinerary
- Guided Tours & Entrance Fees

Cost from: \$4,080.00 Per person twin share/double

Single supp: \$765.00

NOTE: AIR CONTENT TO BE ADDED

Direct deposit: \$200.00 BENDIGO BANK

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Day 1: (D) HOME TO BRISBANE Sunday 15 August 2027

Welcome to our 9-day Outback Queensland and Lightning Ridge tour! Today we make our way to Melbourne Airport where we board our afternoon direct flight to Brisbane. Upon arrival to Brisbane, we are met by our coach driver who will transfer us to our overnight accommodation. We have time to settle in before we meet again for dinner in the hotel.

Hotel Grand Chancellor Brisbane | 1 night (07) 3831 4055

Day 2: (BLD) BRISBANE TO ROMA Monday 16 August

Today we begin our outback adventure! Departing Brisbane, we travel to Queensland's Garden City, Toowoomba, stopping for a morning break at Picnic Point, to enjoy the expansive views across the Great Dividing Range. Continuing along the adventure way to Chinchilla, the melon capital of Australia! We'll stop here for lunch at the Club Hotel before making our way to Roma arriving with time to freshen up for this evening. Tonight, celebrate the triumphs of the pioneering oil and gas industry. Join the 'Roma Rigger' guide at the base of the towering 1920s steam-driven rig. Listen to captivating stories and toast the sunset with a delicious regional port. Then take your seats for the enthralling sound and light show.

Best Western Bungil Creek Motel, Roma | 1 night (07) 4264 2200

Day 3: (BD) ROMA TO ST GEORGE Tuesday 17 August

We are met by a local guide this morning who will first take us to the Roma Saleyards to see firsthand the largest cattle selling centre in the Southern hemisphere on sale day. Through told and untold stories of early settlers, cattle duffers and merchants, you will discover Roma's past. Uncover how the town transformed, the industries it supports and find hidden treasures like Heroes Avenue, naturally illuminated stained glass windows, the Biggest Bottle Tree and the Roma Bush Gardens. We have free time in town to purchase lunch before we farewell Roma and continue our journey to Surat where we visit the Cobb & Co Changing Station. The Museum is built on the original site of the Cobb & Co Store and was once the drop off point for coach passengers and goods. Included in the current display is a 14-seat replica Cobb & Co Coach, a 25,000-litre freshwater aquarium and a display of local artworks at the Surat on Balonne Gallery. Located just outside of St George is The Anchorage Historic Homestead, a rare example of opulence and grandeur for a homestead of the early 1900s. The homestead was built in 1903 for Andrew Nixon from local cypress milled at Nixon's sawmill. The unique architecture features large lofty rooms and wide sweeping verandahs perfectly suited to western Queensland living. We enjoy a delightful afternoon tea on the verandah, the perfect way to wind down for the day. We then arrive at our accommodation in St George for our overnight stay.

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Riverland Motor Inn, St George | 1 night 1800 001899

Day 4: (BLD) ST GEORGE TO LIGHTNING RIDGE Wednesday 18

This morning a prominent local cotton and grain farmer will host us on a visit to his farm, where we learn about cotton planting, growing, irrigation, harvesting and marketing. Then onto Riversands Winery who will guide us through a journey on table and wine grape growing, followed by a delicious lunch and wine tasting. After a relaxing afternoon, we board the coach for an afternoon of travel along the Castlereagh Highway. We make our way through the small town of Hebel, once known as Kelly's Point because it is believed that Ned Kelly's brother Dan and flower Kelly gang member Steve Hard lived here under an alias. Arriving in Lightning Ridge, we make our way to our accommodation where we settle in for the next three nights.

Wallangulla Motel, Lightning Ridge | 3 nights 1800 247376

Day 5: (BLD) LIGHTNING RIDGE Thursday 19

This morning our coach captain takes us on a brief sightseeing tour of the town before our first visit to the Walk in Mine. Here we experience the atmosphere of an underground mine with a tour including a video presentation and explanation about opal mining. Next, we uncover one of the more unusual sights in the town is Amigo's Castle. The 15-metre-tall structure, based on Italian ruins, was hand built with ironstone boulders in the 1980s and is now home to a small gallery, underground cellars, a corner turret and no roof! Next, we explore the fascinating history of Lightning Ridge's world-famous black opal industry at the Opal Miners Hall of Fame. For a complete and unforgettable opal experience, take a walk-through time on an immersive journey. From the fascinating formation of opals to modern-day mining and stories from the Hall of Fame legends, there's something to amaze everyone. Following our walk through, we enjoy a delicious Bush BBQ lunch at the Opal Miners Hall of Fame, featuring classic Australian favourites in a relaxed and welcoming setting. This afternoon we are in for a unique experience at Chambers of the Black Hand. We will be captivated by local artist, Ron Canlin, through witnessing the stunning paintings and sculptures he has created 11.2 metres underground. Ron's creations include The Last Supper, the Egyptian Chamber, and the Chinese Terracotta Warriors. The remainder of the day will be at leisure where you may wish to visit the **Hot Artesian Bore Baths**.



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Day 6: (BLD) THE GRAWIN Friday 20 August

No trip to Lightning Ridge would be complete without a trip to The Grawin. We'll see interesting places like The Pub in the Scrub, The Glengarry Hilton and Sheepyard Flats. Located about 70 kilometres west of Lightning Ridge, The Grawin was established in 1908 with the discovery of the opal at "Hammond Hill". Further discoveries in 1920 at "Richards Hill" put the unofficial village on the map. It was at Grawin that the largest opal 'Light of the World' was found in 1928. Since the first discovery of opal in the region, people have come and gone in tides with each new strike, seeking their fortune in search of the rainbow in the rock. It is believed that a field at Grawin was discovered in 1905, but it wasn't until the 1970s became a major field in its own right. The Mulga Rush, which began in 2000, is the biggest opal rush since the Coocoran was discovered in the early 1900s. A local guide joins us on a day's touring including lunch at the Glengarry Hilton.

Day 7: (BLD) LIGHTNING RIDGE TO GLEN INNES Saturday, 21 August

Farewelling "The Ridge", today we venture to the township of Glen Innes, regarding itself as the Celtic Capital of New England and is also known as the "Land of the Beardies". We return to Castlereagh Highway, where we journey through fertile farming land, arriving in Narrabri for our lunch stop at the Outback Shack. We continue to Glen Innes for overnight stay.
New England Motor Lodge, Glen Innes | 1 night

Day 8: (BLD) GLEN INNES TO BRISBANE Sunday, 22 August

Glen Innes has the distinction of being chosen for the site of the "Australian Standing Stones". These are the only standing stones to be erected in the last 3000 years and can be viewed at the Centennial Parklands. Departing Glenn Innes, we travel through Tenterfield, the town where Sir Henry Parkes made his famous 1889 speech calling for Australia's federation and Stanthorpe, located in the heart of the Granit Belt. We stop for lunch today in Warwick before the final stretch to Brisbane for our final night on tour.
Hotel Grand Chancellor Brisbane 1 night.

Day 9: (B) BRISBANE TO HOME Monday, 23 August 2027

What a wonderful time we have had with friends. After breakfast we get transferred to Brisbane Airport for our flight back to Melbourne completing a sensational tour with many wonderful memories and newfound friends made on our holiday.

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