

COME AND JOIN US ON THIS SPECTACULAR JOURNEY



the diverse conditions provide a challenge to our wonderful service. Meeting the men and women of the RFDS is always a privilege and this is just one of the features of this year's outback tour.

From the heart of Western Queensland to the beauty and isolation of Far North Queensland, this is flying doctor territory. The vast distances and

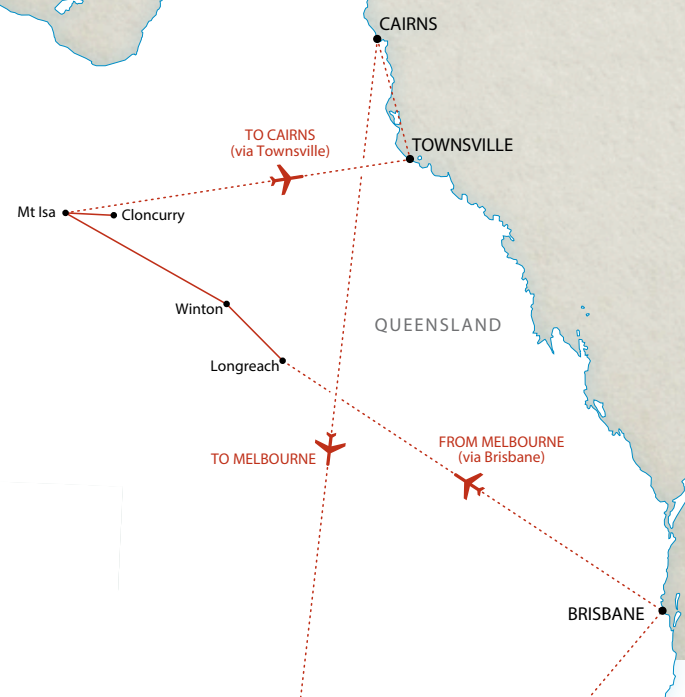
We depart Melbourne on Thursday 9 June and return on Tuesday 21 June.

This tour has been especially created to take in many of the iconic and historic destinations of Australia including the Stockman's Hall of Fame, the John Flynn Museum in Cloncurry, World Heritage Listed sites and the magnificent Great Barrier Reef. General Manager of Fundraising and Marketing Jacqui De Kievit and I will co-host this unique adventure.

For more information please call me on 03 8412 0400 or 0408 051 597.

Regards,

Annette Allison
Public Affairs Manager



PHOTOS

- 1 Stockman's Hall of Fame, Longreach, QLD
 - 2 View of Barron Falls from the Skyrail, Barron Gorge National Park
 - 3 Inside the John Flynn Museum
 - 4 Mossman River, Daintree National Park
- Cover: A Stockman at Longreach, QLD



COSTS & FURTHER INFORMATION

Cost is \$7842.00 per person - (based on twin share)

Limited single rooms are available. Single supplement: \$1,600.00 per person

Deposit required: \$3000.00

If paying by credit card a surcharge of 1.85% may apply

Travel insurance is essential

The costs include:

- > Airfares: Melbourne to Longreach.
- > Airfares: Mt Isa to Cairns.
- > Airfares: Cairns to Melbourne
- > 23 meals as per itinerary
- > Best available accommodation with private facilities
- > Transfers/sightseeing by coach (unless otherwise specified)
- > Entry fees to all attractions

The costs exclude:

- > Meals other than specified
- > Gratuities
- > Items of a personal nature
- > Travel insurance
- > All tours specified as 'optional'
- > Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages

For further information please contact Public Affairs Manager

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Please note: Itinerary can vary slightly without notice

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THE RFDS OUTBACK TOUR²⁰¹⁶



TO QUEENSLAND & THE TROPICAL NORTH



Royal Flying Doctor Service
VICTORIA

OUR ITINERARY

9-21 JUNE 2016

-  = Accommodation
-  = Meals included



DAY 1 – THU 9 JUNE

Melbourne to Longreach

This morning we take an early flight to Brisbane and then on to Longreach in Central Queensland. On arrival we will be met and transferred by coach to our accommodation. This afternoon we visit the legendary Stockman's Hall of Fame and attend the Outback Stockman's Show and Dinner with entertainer Lachie Cossor. A night of fun and getting to know your travelling companions.

QF 608 departs Melbourne at 8:10am, arrives Brisbane 10:20am

QF 2532 departs Brisbane at 11:15am, arrives Longreach at 14:05pm



-  **Albert Park Motor Inn Longreach**
-  **Welcome Dinner**

DAY 2 – FRI 10 JUNE

Longreach

After a hearty breakfast we set off to the Qantas Founders Outback Museum including the jet tour (for those who wish to partake). Afterwards we transfer to the Station store and café for lunch (own expense) to catch the very funny Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show.

Transfer back to hotel followed by an evening pickup for the beautiful cruise on the Thomson River and dinner around the camp fire.

-  **Albert Park Motor Inn Longreach**
-  **Breakfast, Dinner**



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DAY 3 – SAT 11 JUNE

Longreach to Winton

Today we travel 179km from Longreach to Winton along the Landsborough Highway. Winton is home to diverse landscapes, rolling downs give way to mesa formations, red earth and spinifex and then channel country. Immerse yourself in the outback spirit and the wide open spaces of this picturesque part of Queensland. We visit the famous North Gregory Hotel for lunch (own expense) with time to see the mini dinosaur museum before settling into the 3.5 star Boulder Opal Hotel.

-  **Winton Opal Boulder Hotel**
-  **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 4 – SUN 12 JUNE

Winton



Winton is known as the dinosaur capital of Australia and a visit to the recently opened Australian Age of Dinosaurs is a must. Here we can take a guided tour of the museum and also the fossil preparation laboratory. This afternoon we travel to Carisbrooke Station and visit the amazing Dinosaur Stampede National Monument where dinosaurs roamed 95 million years ago. We also visit the Musical Fence and Arno's Wall.

-  **Winton Opal Boulder Hotel**
-  **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 5 – MON 13 JUNE

Winton to Mt Isa



Mt Isa Ibis Styles Verona is in the heart of Mt Isa, with views of the city and the spectacular Mt Isa Mines. The hotel is a few minutes' walk from the main shopping centre and Mt. Isa's main tourist attraction, the *Outback at Isa Discovery Centre* is close by. We have a familiarisation tour before relaxing at our hotel.

-  **Mt Isa Ibis Styles Verona**
-  **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 6 – TUE 14 JUNE

Mt Isa



Today we meet some of the men and women of the RFDS when we go to the RFDS Base and Visitor Centre. We also make a trip to the RFDS hanger one of the busiest bases in the country.

-  **Mt Isa Ibis Styles Verona**
-  **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 7 – WED 15 JUNE

Mt Isa – Cloncurry – Mt Isa

Cloncurry was the birthplace of the Royal Flying Doctor Service when the first flight took off from there in 1928. The John Flynn Museum displays the history of the remarkable John Flynn and the story of this Australian icon. We travel by coach from Mt Isa and return.

-  **Mt Isa Ibis Styles Verona**
-  **Breakfast, Dinner**



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DAY 8 – THU 16 JUNE

Mt Isa to Cairns

We board QF 2469 departing Mt Isa at 8:50am and arriving in Townsville at 10:25am. We catch QF 2312 connecting flight to Cairns arriving at 12:30pm.



On arrival we are transferred to the RFDS Base in Cairns to meet the RFDS staff based there and tour the active working area. The picturesque Hotel Cairns is our next stop which is an easy 5 minutes walking distance to shops and eateries in Cairns CBD and the waterfront.

-  **The Hotel Cairns**
-  **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 9 – FRI 17 JUNE

Cairns

Today we travel north to take the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway to Kuranda Village through the world Heritage listed rainforest. Return via the train and Barron Falls. A spectacular day. Tonight we meet some of the men and women of the RFDS Base in Cairns.

-  **The Hotel Cairns**
-  **Breakfast, Dinner**



DAY 10 – SAT 18 JUNE

Cairns to Port Douglas

The Captain Cook Highway is one of the most beautiful drives in the world as the road winds its way between the coast and the tropical seaside rainforest. We take this leisurely trip before arriving in the bustling hamlet of Port Douglas. Many options await us for a 3 day stay.

Please note: as there a 105 restaurants in Port Douglas we have chosen to make open dining so guests can decide where they want to dine and who with. (own expense).



Remainder of the day at leisure. Wander the fascinating shops in Port Douglas Village take a stroll down Four Mile Beach or discover the Daintree.

-  **Mantra Port Sea Port Douglas**
-  **Breakfast only (Cairns)**

DAY 11 – SUN 19 JUNE

Mantra Port Sea – Port Douglas

Day at leisure. Visit the fascinating Sunday Markets, take a trip to the Great Barrier Reef, trek to Cape Tribulation, or just laze by the pool. Optional tours available.

-  **Mantra Port Sea Port Douglas**
-  **Breakfast only**

DAY 12 – MON 20 JUNE

Mantra Port Sea – Port Douglas

Day at leisure. Explore Aboriginal culture, take a crocodile cruise, or buy last minute souvenirs. Optional tours available.


Tonight we host a special farewell dinner at the legendary Nautilus Restaurant in Port Douglas.

-  **Mantra Port Sea Port Douglas**
-  **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 13 – TUES 21 JUNE

Port Douglas to Melbourne

After breakfast we leave the beautiful tropical north by coach from Port Douglas to Cairns then board QF 703 to Melbourne departing at 13:30 pm arriving in Melbourne at 16:50 pm.

-  **Breakfast**

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