GENERAL TOUR OVERVIEW

Join us on this outback journey taking in some of Queensland's most spectacular remote landscapes on one of the world’s oldest continents. Discover Australia's outback history at Longreach's Stockman's Hall of Fame and the Qantas Founders Outback Museum before exploration in an amazing array of dinosaur discoveries housed in The Age of Australian Dinosaurs Museum and a dinosaur stampede site at the spectacular Lark Quarry.

This four-day tour travels from Longreach to Cairns via the Winton and Richmond visiting Australia's exciting fossil discovery sites. This small group adventure will be expertly coordinated by Outback Aussie Tours in the expert company of Dr Paul Willis, well-known for his numerous presentations on ABC radio and television shows Catalyst and Quantum.

SPECIAL GUEST HOST

Dr Paul Willis is a respected leader in the science community, and has recently taken up an appointment at RiAus – Bringing science to people and people to science.

Paul’s early interest in dinosaurs and fossils, zoology and geology eventually lead him to a doctorate studying fossil crocodiles. Dr Willis has a solid research career in vertebrate palaeontology, and has discovered a number of significant vertebrate fossil specimens, including a small dinosaur and a large ichthyosaur.

His passion for science communication also saw him spend a number of years touring Australia with a life-sized inflatable Tyrannosaurus rex as part of a primary school education program.

OUTBACK AUSSIE TOURS

Outback Aussie Tour’s friendly team provides consistent care and attention above and beyond the call of duty. They have a natural passion for sharing their outback knowledge and hospitality to make your experience nothing but special. Sit back and relax with your fellow passengers while your driver/guide negotiates the outback tracks on a journey of a lifetime.

WHO SHOULD JOIN THIS TRIP?

Anyone who is:
- fascinated by the history of dinosaurs
- inspired by enriching experiences
- looking for a little bit of adventure
- wanting to experience the great Australian Outback
- travelling on the Australian Eclipse 2012 tour with Fred Watson and Ray Norris
ITINERARY OVERVIEW

DAY 1: MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2012 (D) - LONGREACH

Arrive into the heartland of country Queensland- Longreach. Qantas Link fly daily from Brisbane or you may choose to travel by train on the Spirit of the Outback. A transfer will be organized to meet you off your flight to and take you on to the Qantas Founders Museum. A hearty welcome dinner to commences the tour this evening.

DAY 2: TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2012 (B,L,D) - WINTON

We start the day early with time in the Stockman's Hall of Fame. Inside, the Centre's five themed galleries proudly display the history behind some of Australia's greatest and bravest explorers, stock workers, pastoralist, and Aborigines. We travel onto Winton the birthplace of QANTAS and the home of Waltzing Matilda, Dinosaurs and Opals. Enjoy the natural beauty of Winton Shire.

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2012 (B,L,D) - RICHMOND

With insights from our special guest host, Dr Paul Willis, we enter the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Laboratory this morning. The AAOD has the world's largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils and the country's biggest natural history museum to house them. Take time to let the magnificent countryside seep in and the amazing paleontological history of this region. Before travelling into Richmond for the evening we will visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre.

DAY 4: THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2012 (B, L, D) - UNDARA

In prehistoric times, Richmond's location was submerged beneath an Ancient Inland Sea and today the fossilised remains of animal and plant life from this Sea are being marketed globally through the World-Renowned Kronosaurus Korner. Stopping at Flinders Discovery centre and Porcupine Gorge we reach our final destination tonight Undara Lava Tubes. Spend the evening in lovingly-restored railway carriages.

DAY 5: THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2012 (B)

Travel across the Atherton Tablelands and descend into the tropical tourist town of Cairns our final destination, or join the Australian Eclipse 2012 Tour with Professors Fred Watson and Ray Norris commencing in Palm Cove.
AIR / TRAIN TRAVEL

Longreach is serviced by Qantas Link - a well-regarded reputable airline with a high standard of service and frequent departures from Brisbane. For those with a little more time you may like to take advantage of the romantic rail journey on board the Spirit of the Outback.

From Cairns Jetstar, Virgin Australia and Qantas operate frequent flights to all major cities. These airfares or train sector are not included in the package price.

TOUR PRICE AND AVAILABILITY

Places are strictly limited to a maximum of 20 people with preferences given to those participating on the Australian Eclipse Tour. The tour program is inclusive of all food, accommodation and transport for the duration of the tour as listed in the above itinerary.

- All accommodation
- Daily breakfasts, lunches and dinners included as per itinerary.
- Informative talks and discussions with special guest Dr Paul Willis
- Entrance fees as stated in itinerary
- Services of knowledgeable, well-qualified, English-speaking tour hosts and assistants throughout the tour.

Items not included are: Airport, airline and government taxes, visa fees; other meals as required, additional sectoral activities; health costs; personal expenditure, shopping.

Travel Insurance – Travel insurance is compulsory for all participants joining our program

TRIP COSTS

$1990 per person – twin Share
$250 – single supplement

Discount of $200 per person if travelling on Australian Eclipse 2012

RESERVATIONS

To secure your place, please email your intention to join us to marnie@fredwatson.com.au or write to

Fred Watson Tours
PO Box 973
Newport NSW 2106
Australia

Your option is held for seven days secured by receipt of a non-refundable deposit. Reservations can be made with a $200 deposit with final payment due prior 5 September 2012.