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## **WINTON EXPLORER 4 night/5 day Package**

Have the freedom to explore Winton and the best it has to offer. Visit Carisbrooke Station to see the spectacular scenery of the region, marvel at the preservation of 3300 dinosaur footprints made 95 million years ago at the Dinosaur Stampede, see the dinosaur bones found in the local area at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs, hear about the explorers and pioneers of the region, the hardship of station life and the events that shaped Winton and its people. This 4 night package has a weekly departure that links with the Spirit of the Outback rail.

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum
- Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park
- Carisbrooke Station
- Bladensburg National Park
- Waltzing Matilda Centre\*

### **ITINERARY:**

#### **Day 1 – Sunday (D)**

Arrive in Winton and transfer to your accommodation.

Tonight, enjoy dinner outback style at the Tattersall's Hotel with indoor and alfresco dining.

**Overnight at the Winton Outback Motel**

#### **Day 2 – Monday (B, L)**

Breakfast in room at the Winton Outback Motel (cooked and continental)

#### **Carisbrooke Station and Dinosaur Stampede Full Day Tour (8.00am – 5.00pm)**

Visit Carisbrooke Station and the Dinosaur Stampede in one day tour. The Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park preserves 3300 dinosaur footprints that were made 95 million years ago. We will be enthralled by the tour at this site. Then we travel to Carisbrooke Station to marvel at the natural wonders and history of this spectacular location. See the Three Sisters, fossick for opal and just sit back and enjoy the open expanse of the landscape.

**Overnight at the Winton Outback Motel**

#### **Day 3 – Tuesday (B)**

Breakfast in room at the Winton Outback Motel (cooked and continental)

#### **AM - Bladensburg National Park Half Day Tour (8.00am – 1.00pm)**

One of the original homesteads in the Winton region, Bladensburg National Park is steeped in history but also has the rugged beauty of rock formations as well as diverse ecosystems for the region. We visit the old homestead and shearing shed, Scrammy Gorge and Lookout and permanent water holes.

#### **PM - Australian Age of Dinosaurs Tour~ (1.30pm – 7.15pm)**

Visit the Australian Age of Dinosaurs (AAOD) with the largest collection of Australian dinosaur bones in the world. Hear how the bones are surfacing and are dug up right here in the Winton region and remain in Winton to be prepared and displayed. We also tour through the Dinosaur Canyon comprising outdoor galleries which displays up to 85 life-sized bronze statues of dinosaurs.

**Overnight at the Winton Outback Motel**

#### **Day 4 – Wednesday (B, D)**

Breakfast in room at the Winton Outback Motel (cooked and continental)

**Time to wander town at leisure** and soak up the outback atmosphere. Your day includes entry into the new **Waltzing Matilda Centre\***, the Corfield and Fitzmaurice Sheep and Wool display, and the Royal Open Air Theatre^.

See local boulder opal in one of the opal shops, visit Willy Mar's historic market garden site and visit the following attractions at leisure (vouchers provided for entry fee facilities):

- **Corfield and Fitzmaurice** building – This heritage listed building houses a wool industry display with history of the Shearers Strikes of the 1890's; a display about the opal mining industry of the region and an historic account of the Corfield and Fitzmaurice general store.
- **The Royal Open Air Theatre^** – offers a Nostalgia Night with reels of old shorts, ads and cartoons.

**This evening**, enjoy dinner at the Tattersall's Hotel before an Evening of Nostalgia at the Royal Open Air Theatre.

#### **Overnight at the Winton Outback Motel**

#### **Day 5 – Thursday (B)**

Breakfast in room at the Winton Outback Motel (cooked and continental)

**Depart Winton** – Rail: on the Winton Connect Rail Bus bound for Longreach and the Spirit of the Outback  
Flights: Transfers to Winton Airport available upon request.

#### **PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- 4 nights accommodation at the Winton Outback Motel with ensuite facilities
- Meals as indicated – 4x breakfasts, 1x lunch, 2x dinners
- All tours, activities and museum admissions as specified
- Air-conditioned 4WD vehicle
- Savannah Guides Enterprise and accredited guide
- Weekly departure (some block out dates may apply)

#### **NOTES – Substitutions will be offered where these are not available:**

\***Waltzing Matilda Centre** will be officially opened on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018, however it is likely the new museum will be open prior to this but is subject to building inspection and Council approvals.

^**Royal Open Air Theatre** offers the Nostalgia Night on Wednesdays only from April to October.

~**Australian Age of Dinosaur Sunset Tour** – During the warmer months of March, April and October the sunset tour will change to a half day tour only without the sunset.

**Substitution** - Where substitutions are required, guests will be offered a Sunset Tour to Rangelands and the Rangeland Rifts on the Wednesday.

#### **GETTING TO/FROM WINTON:**

- **Train** – Book the Spirit of the Outback train to Winton with Queensland Rail. The passenger train goes as far as Longreach with a Rail Connect Bus leaving immediately from the Longreach Railway Station to transfer to Winton. Your drop off is at the Outback Motel in Winton where you will be greeted by Red Dirt Tours. On the day of your departure this Rail Connect Bus will pick you up from Outback Motel and return you to Longreach in time for the Spirit of the Outback train departure.
- **Fly - Rex Airlines – Townsville-Winton** - Rex flies Tuesday and Thursday ex Townsville on the route Townsville-Winton-Longreach-Winton-Townsville. The Winton Airport is 10km east of town so airport transfers can be arranged upon request.
- **Fly - QantasLink / Rex – Brisbane-Longreach-Winton** - Fly Tuesday and Thursday from Brisbane to Longreach on QantasLink and connect with Rex Airlines for a short flight between Longreach and Winton. Airport transfers can be arranged upon request.
- **Bus Qld** – Long distance bus daily from Brisbane to Winton – travels Toowoomba, Roma, Charleville, Barcaldine, Longreach, Winton and all towns along the way, continuing to Mount Isa. Return buses travel Mount Isa via Winton to Brisbane daily also.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- **Payment** of 50% total cost per person is required at the time of booking. The balance of payment is due no later than one (1) month from the date of departure. You will be sent an email requesting payment for the balance. Where full payment is not received the booking is not confirmed.
- Red Dirt Tours (the operator) operates in remote and rugged regions where facilities and services are either very limited or non-existent. Despite our best reasonable endeavours, weather or road conditions, safety or operational issues, injury or illness, or electrical/mechanical failure can cause **disruption and change to itineraries**. In any of these circumstances the operator reserves the right to alter or cancel any day tour or package element at its sole discretion. Every reasonable endeavour will be made to keep to arrival/departure times but no guarantee can be given and the operator will not be liable for any costs incurred through delay, change in itinerary or failure to connect with any other service.
- The operator will not accept responsibility for any problem, complaint or claim resulting from the provision of a service or failure to provide a service by any transportation, accommodation or other supplier who may supply a service at the request of the operator. All reasonable efforts will be taken to fix problems during your stay.