
SUGGESTED ITINERARIES – OVERLANDERS WAY

For over 100 years our pioneers have been discovering the Overlanders Way. Today, travellers can follow in their footsteps on a 1,550 kilometre driving adventure across the breadth of Queensland and into the Northern Territory linking the wonders of the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef to the rugged Aussie Outback.

Day 1 – Townsville to Charters Towers

Journey

- Townsville to Charters Towers approximately 138kms / 1 hour 58 minutes

Morning

Depart the tropical North Queensland town of Townsville and begin your adventure travelling along the Overlanders Way. In Charters Towers you have the option to explore:

- **Ghosts of Gold Heritage Trail Stories** of legends and characters that made Charters Towers in its heyday.
- **Venus Gold Battery** Offers an insight into an amazing real-life gold rush of the late nineteenth Century.

Afternoon

Check out some other attractions:

- **Stock Exchange** One of Australia's first few regional Stock Exchanges than was hooked into the world via telegraph, with three calls a day, six days a week.

Evening

- **Towers Hill Lookout and the Ghosts after Dark** has many interesting and factual storyboards, so you can learn about the region's colourful past. Ghosts of Gold brings to life the stories and legends of the characters that made Charters Towers, in its heyday, the second largest city in Queensland.

Day 2 – Charters Towers to Richmond

Journey

- Charters Towers to Richmond..... approximately 363 kms/4 hours 12 minutes

Morning

Continuing west today we drive through Torrens Creek and Prairie where a stop in both towns to see the historic hotels, is recommended.

Then on to Hughenden, the start of the great ancient inland sea. From Hughenden, you might take an optional side trip to **Porcupine Gorge National Park**, a spectacular sandstone Gorge (63kms from Hughenden, with some unsealed road). Spend your time exploring the diverse range of flora and fauna that reside amongst the coloured volcanic basalt countryside and sandstone rocks. Fill your day with bush walking, bird watching and swimming.

Afternoon

Check out the **Flinders Discovery Centre**. Step back in time inside our museum and see the exhibition of dinosaur fossils from around the world and a growing display of fossils from our local area. Meet 'Hughie' our seven metre skeletal Muttaborrasaurus and much more. The Flinders Discovery Centre is also an accredited Information Centre.

Evening

Travel through to Richmond for an overnight stop.

Day 3 – Richmond to Julia Creek

Journey

- Richmond to Julia Creek..... approximately 149 km / 1 hour 43 minutes

Morning

Start today with a visit to the **Kronosaurus Korner Marine Fossil Museum** to discover an ancient time when this area was a great inland sea. We will now go fossicking to find our own fossils. Take some time to visit **Lake Fred Tritton**, and the **Pioneer Cemetery**.

Afternoon

Continue along the Overlanders Way to our overnight stop at Julia Creek.

Day 4 – Julia Creek to Mount Isa

Journey

- Julia Creek to Mount Isa..... approximately 258 km / 2 hours 59 mins

Morning

After a town tour of Julia Creek, travel west to Mount Isa, the mining capital of western Queensland. This afternoon, begin your exploration of this fascinating mining town with a visit to **Outback at Isa** - experience life as a miner on an underground tour at the **Hard Times Mine**.

Afternoon

Bring Australia's ancient past back to life at the **Riversleigh Fossils Museum**. Learn about the legends of the fierce **Kalkadoon Tribe**. Get a taste of outback life visiting the **Royal Flying Doctor Base**, the Hospital and the Tent House. A surface tour of **Mount Isa Mines** could be an optional extra. As the sun goes down, drive up to the city lookout for the best view around.

Day 5 – Mount Isa to Camooweal

Journey

- Mount Isa to Camooweal..... approximately 190 kms/2 hours 14 mins

Morning

Whilst in Camooweal visit the **Barkly Tableland Heritage Centre**. The heritage listed building dates to the 1890s. It was originally built by Burketown merchants and was the main store in Camooweal. Now a museum, it contains artefacts and photographs from the early days of settlement.

Camooweal Caves National Park, Barkly Tablelands that make up Camooweal Caves National Park are characterised by open Eucalypt woodland, Spinifex, turpentine Wattle scrubland and extensive areas of Mitchell Grass plains. The park provides a stopover for weary travellers to camp and refresh in a remote bush setting.

Afternoon

Drovers Camp Information Centre. The Drover's Camp provides a fascinating insight into the past and the Camooweal Drover's Festival, held each year at the end of August. It is an event which embodies the spirit of the Outback. It provides a chance for drovers, young and old, to share a yarn or two and show off the skills they learned to survive in the harsh land they travelled.

Rest up for a big drive into the Northern Territory tomorrow.

Day 6 – Camooweal to Tennant Creek

Journey

- Camooweal to Tennant Creek..... approximately 471 kms/5 hours 20 minutes

Morning

The remaining 443km of the Overlanders Way takes travellers across the mighty Barkly Tablelands and through some spectacular outback landscapes. The first major fuel and rest stop is the Barkly Homestead Wayside Inn, which offers a full range of fuel and motoring services as well as comfortable motel accommodation and caravan and camping facilities including a swimming pool.

Afternoon

The Overlanders Way joins the Explorers Way at the **Threeways**, 187km from the Barkly Homestead where travellers can take a break, have a meal and refuel at this popular truck stop.

Just 25km south is the historic township of Tennant Creek.

A major attraction in Tennant Creek is the Nyinkka Nyunya Centre which showcases the culture of the local Waramanga people.

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