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Outback QUEENSLAND Music Tour

with **Craig Giles**

Tuesday August 2 to Tuesday August 16, 2022

The sights of the Outback by day. The music of the Outback by night.

Brisbane, Roma, Charleville, Barcaldine,
Longreach, Winton, Mt Isa, Camooweal,
Cloncurry, Gulf of Carpentaria,
Cobbold Gorge, Undara, Cairns



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- **Transport by luxury coach**
- **Excellent accommodation throughout**

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Join me and John Howie for an experience you will never forget. Departing from Brisbane, we will travel through fascinating Outback Queensland, via the Gulf of Carpentaria, to the coastal city of Cairns, gateway to Australia's Great Barrier Reef. During the tour investigate the important role Outback Queensland has played in Australia's development, including the Great Shearers' Strikes of the 1890s, the origins of *Waltzing Matilda*, and the founding of Qantas. We have a whole day set aside, in Cairns, for you to visit the Great Barrier Reef (optional). - Craig Giles

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Combo Waterhole

Below: Members of previous tour group, listening to *Waltzing Matilda*, on mouth organ on its banks.

Pre-Tour Day Monday 1 August 2022

Pre tour in Brisbane

Because the tour departs Brisbane early on Tuesday August 2nd, it will be necessary for all tour group members, except those who live in Brisbane or very close to Brisbane, to travel to Brisbane on Monday 1st August. We will choose a suitable, well-located hotel in central Brisbane, for tour group members to stay.

Day 1 Tuesday 2 August 2022

Roma

Morning: Depart Brisbane. In Toowoomba visit the outstanding Cobb & Co Museum. See Australia's finest collection of horse-drawn vehicles. Also in Toowoomba, we pay tribute to Steele Rudd, the locally born author who created *Dad & Dave*. Enjoy an entertaining 'reading' from one or two of his literary works. Continue on to Roma, where we see some of the town's famous bottle trees. Also see the impressive heritage-listed Roma Courthouse (situated on site of courthouse where Harry Redford [Captain Starlight] was tried, for cattle-stealing, in 1872). *Evening:* Dinner at the White Bull Tavern, in Roma. Craig Giles will sing a few songs. *Overnight:* Mandalay Motel, Roma. (D)

Day 2 Wednesday 3 August 2022

Charleville

Morning: Travel to Charleville. On arrival, sightseeing tour with local guide. See the School of Arts Hotel, mentioned in the song *Charleville*, recorded by Slim Dusty. Visit the Charleville Historic House and Museum, a beautiful historic building (1881). During our visit we will be entertained by the president of the Charleville Historical Society, George Balsillie, who plays the autoharp. *Afternoon:* Attend the Charleville Bilby Experience (presented by Save the Bilby Fund). See the rare and endangered bilby, a cute local marsupial. *Evening:* Dinner at Charleville RSL Club. After dinner enjoy a fun-filled singalong session with John Howie & Gill Delaney. *Overnight:* Charleville Motel (B, Afternoon Tea, D)

Day 3 Thursday 4 August 2022

Barcaldine

Morning: Travel north. Morning tea in the town of Tambo. Meet the cuddly sheepskin bears at Tambo Teddies Store. Proceed to the town of Blackall, home of Jackie Howe, famous 'gun' shearer. Visit the Jack Howe Display. *Afternoon:* Visit Blackall Woolscour, the last remaining steam operated wool washing plant in Australia. On arrival in Barcaldine learn about the historic Tree of Knowledge (Tree under which shearers met during Great Shearer's Strike of 1891). *Evening:* Dinner at our motel. A local bush poet will entertain us with Aussie yarns & bush poetry. *Overnight:* Landsborough Lodge Motel, Barcaldine. (B, Afternoon Tea, D)

Day 4 Friday 5 August 2022

Longreach



Stockman's Hall of Fame



Morning: Travel from Barcaldine to Longreach. Spend some time in the historic town of Ilfracombe. Visit Langenbaker House. This former teamster's cottage remained in the one family for a century, and is a fascinating 'time capsule'. *Afternoon:* Visit the Qantas Founders Outback Museum, which tells the story of QANTAS and the impact the airline has had on outback life. *Evening:* Enjoy a performance by our host, Craig Giles. *Overnight:* Albert Park Motor Inn. (B, Morning Tea)

Day 5 Saturday 6 August 2022

Longreach

Morning: Enjoy a 45 minute ride in a Cobb & Co coach (optional). See back of brochure for further details. We then visit the outstanding Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre, which pays tribute to Australia's outback heroes. *Afternoon:* Free time, in the centre of town. Make sure you visit The Station Store. This outstanding store is based on the traditional outback stores that sold everything. *Evening:* Enjoy Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show.....a 2 course table service dinner & show under the stars, on the banks of the Thomson River. (B, D)

Day 6 Sunday 7 August 2022

Winton

Morning: Travel to Winton. On arrival, visit the outstanding *Waltzing Matilda* Centre, which tells the intriguing story of *Waltzing Matilda*, written by 'Banjo' Paterson in the Winton area in 1895. *Note:* If some tour group members would prefer to visit Winton's Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum, instead of the *Waltzing Matilda* Centre, we can organise this. (See details, on back of brochure.). *Afternoon:* Visit (1) Winton's Musical Fence; (2) the Willie Mar Heritage Site (Willie was a much-loved Chinese market gardener, in Winton; he and his son ran the business for 90 years); (3) Arno's Wall (long stone wall embedded with all kinds of junk - lawnmower parts, typewriters, motorbikes, etc.). *Evening:* Visit Matilda Country Tourist Park, for regular 'campfire' type 3 course roast dinner, plus live country music / bush poetry entertainment. *Overnight:* Boulder Opal Motel, Winton. (B, Afternoon Tea)

Day 7 Monday 8 August 2022

Mount Isa

Travel to Mount Isa, via Combo Waterhole, a famous billabong that has important links with the *Waltzing Matilda* story. 'Banjo' Paterson visited Combo Waterhole for a picnic prior to writing the song. Did his visit provide some of the inspiration for the song? We will have a picnic morning tea at Combo Waterhole and sing the great song! We will then drop into the Blue Heeler Hotel, in the town of Kynuna. This pub is full of character and also has links to the *Waltzing Matilda* story. Continue on to the town of McKinlay. We will make a stop at the Walkabout Creek Hotel, location for the pub scenes in the movie *Crocodile Dundee*. Then continue on to Mount Isa, travelling through the beautiful ochre-red Selwyn



Craig Giles

Craig Giles is one of Australia's most popular entertainers. His rich singing voice, dynamic stage presence, and friendly personality have earned him a place as one of the top artists in Australian country music, rock 'n' roll, and rockabilly. He has many successful albums, hit singles, and music industry awards to his credit. Craig is looking forward to sharing his passion for music with you, on the 2022 Outback Queensland Music Tour.

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Ranges. Mount Isa is outback Queensland's largest town, built around a vast silver, copper, zinc and lead mine. *Evening:* A free night, for you to explore Mount Isa's clubs, restaurants, and music venues at your leisure. *Overnight:* Burke & Wills Motel. (B,MorningTea,L)

Day 8 Tuesday 9 August 2022

Mount Isa

Enjoy a day trip to the 'little border town of Camooweal'*. This remote town is the most westerly town in Queensland...just 14 km from the QLD/Northern Territory border. After morning tea, in Camooweal, travel to the NT border. On returning to Camooweal, visit Nowranie Waterhole, a lovely billabong on the outskirts of the town. Then visit the Camooweal Drovers Camp, a heritage centre devoted to the era when cattle were moved over vast distances by drovers on horseback. *Evening:* Visit the Mount Isa Irish Club for dinner & special performance by Craig Giles (if we are able to organise this with the Club). (B,MorningTea,L) (*quote from the song, *Camooweal*, recorded by Slim Dusty)

Day 9 Wednesday 10 August 2022

Cloncurry

Morning: Enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of Mount Isa, with local guide, including a visit to Mount Isa's fascinating World War 2 Underground Hospital. Then travel to Cloncurry. Afternoon: Visit Cloncurry Airport, where we see the historic Original Qantas Hangar. Then visit Cloncurry's excellent Mary Kathleen Memorial Park & Museum. Learn about Cloncurry and the nearby Mary Kathleen uranium mine. A prize exhibit is Burke's leather water bottle, from the 1860-61 Burke & Wills Expedition. *Evening:* Enjoy dinner at Grinners Pizza & Pasta Restaurant, including an informal performance by Craig Giles. *Overnight:* Gidgee Inn Motel, Cloncurry. (B,D)

Day 10 Thursday 11 August 2022

Karumba

Travel to Karumba, on the Gulf of Carpentaria. On the way visit the town of Normanton, just south of the Gulf, on the Norman River. On arrival in Karumba enjoy a Sunset Cruise on the Norman River (to where the river enters the Gulf of Carpentaria). Drinks & snacks (including prawns) are included. *Evening:* For dinner you may wish to sample the excellent Gulf seafood at Ash's @ the Point Café, or the bistro meals at the Sunset Tavern. *Overnight:* End of the Road Motel, Karumba. (B,L,Drinks&Snacks On Sunset Cruise)



Underground Hospital, Mount Isa



Undara Lava Tubes

Day 11 Friday 12 August 2022

Cobbold Gorge

Morning: Travel in an easterly direction, heading for Cobbold Gorge. Stop, along the way, in the towns of Croydon and Georgetown. *Afternoon:* Continue on to spectacular Cobbold Gorge, located on Robin Hood Station. Cobbold Gorge is quite narrow, with steep, rugged walls. Cruise the crystal clear waters of the gorge in flat bottomed boats. See lots of fish and maybe some fresh water crocodiles. At the conclusion of our cruise travel to the town of Forsayth. *Overnight:* Goldfields Hotel and Finnigan's Rest, Forsayth. (B,Afternoon Tea,D)

Day 12 Saturday 13 August 2022

Undara

Morning: Travel to Undara Volcanic National Park, famous for its gigantic lava tubes which were created during volcanic eruptions 190,000 years ago. *Afternoon:* Arrive Undara Lava Lodge, which features accommodation in beautifully refitted old train carriages. Enjoy unforgettable two hour Lava Tubes Tour. *Evening:* After dinner Craig Giles will entertain us with an informal performance around the campfire. *Overnight:* Undara Experience. (B,D)

Day 13 Sunday 14 August 2022

Cairns

Travel to Cairns via picturesque Atherton Tablelands. *Afternoon:* Prior to our arrival in Cairns visit colourful Kuranda Market. You then have the opportunity to go on the Kuranda Scenic Rail trip or on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway (both optional). Proceed to our hotel in Cairns. *Evening:* A free night for you to explore the restaurants, bars, & colourful waterfront precinct of Cairns. *Overnight:* Cairns Plaza Hotel. (B)

Day 14 Monday 15 August 2022

Cairns

Today you have a choice of (1) having a free day in Cairns, or (2) going on an optional cruise to the Great Barrier Reef...one of the great natural wonders of the world. Those going on the cruise will travel to Green Island, in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, where they will be able to view the spectacular fish, turtles, and coral, via a glass bottom boat, or they can go snorkelling (to see the marine life & coral). See information on back cover of brochure for further details. *Evening:* Back in Cairns, celebrate the conclusion of a wonderful tour with special End-of-Tour Dinner. (B,D)

Day 15 Tuesday 16 August 2022

Depart Cairns

A free morning in Cairns. Late morning you will be transferred to Cairns Airport for your flights back home. (B)

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Tour Price

The price per person, twin-share \$ 5,395
Single supplement \$ 995

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Deposit refundable up to
60 days before departure

Included in the tour price:

- Accommodation, on a twin-share basis, in well-located hotels and motels with private facilities, including hotel taxes and service charges. At Undara about half the tour group will be staying in the lovely restored train carriage ensuite accommodation, and half in the modern Pioneer Huts motel-style ensuite accommodation.
- Tour escorted throughout by popular Australian entertainer Craig Giles.
- 14 breakfasts (every day except Day 1); 8 dinners; 3 lunches; 2 morning teas; 4 afternoon teas (plus approximately 3 or 4 roadside morning & afternoon teas 'from the coach'). 'Included' meals are indicated, in brackets, at the end of each day's text, in the itinerary, as follows: (B,L,D, Morning Tea, Afternoon Tea).
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked optional.
- Entry to all music performances specifically mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked optional.
- Tour leadership by John Howie, of The Howie Brothers, including the organisation of excellent musical entertainment (& bush poetry) most nights of the tour.
- Travel in first-class chartered coach.

Pre Tour Day Hotel. We will nominate a suitable, well-located hotel in central Brisbane. The tour will depart from this hotel. Those wishing to stay at this hotel please tick the relevant tick box, on the booking form. We will endeavour to find a hotel costing approx. \$85 p/p, twin share, & approx. \$70 single supplement. We will plan for the tour to depart our hotel at 7.30am on Day 1 (Tues. Aug. 2nd).

Ride on Cobb & Co coach, in Longreach (optional). This experience is highly recommended! Those wishing to go on the 45 minute Stagecoach ride, in Longreach, on Saturday morning August 6th, please tick the relevant box on the booking form. Cost of the ride: If we have 20 people or more: approx. \$90 per person. If we have less than 20 people: approx. \$100 p/p.

Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum, in Winton. If you would prefer to visit the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum, instead of the Waltzing Matilda Centre, in Winton, on Sunday morning August 7th, please indicate this by ticking the relevant box on the tour booking form. Cost of entrance to both attractions is almost the same, and 'included' in the tour; i.e., this is not an 'optional' activity; you don't have to pay.

Lava Tube Tour, Undara. On Sunday afternoon August 13th, we have included in the tour a 2 hour guided Lava Tube Tour. The tour is 'easy fitness' level, with boardwalks and some fairly lengthy steps (stairs) [see picture, 2nd inside page of brochure]. This tour may not be suitable for people with mobility concerns. The cost of the tour is approx. \$60 p/p. If you think you would have difficulty, and would prefer not to do the 2 hour Lava Tube Tour, tick the relevant box on the booking form, and we will deduct the approx. \$60 from your tour price.

Optional cruise to Green Island, Great Barrier Reef. The optional excursion we are offering (Day 14 of our tour) is the Green Island Eco Adventure, with cruise company Great Adventures. Green Island is a beautiful 6000 year-old coral cay located in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Aboard Great Adventures' fast catamaran from Cairns, your journey to the Great Barrier Reef takes 45 minutes. Once at Green Island you have a choice of seeing the reef coral, and the diverse marine life, by going snorkelling or via a glass bottom boat. You can also go on a self-guided walk through Green Island's unique rainforest environment. You have up to 7 hours at Green Island. Cost: approx. \$102 p/p. Includes morning tea/coffee. Lunch can be purchased at Green Island. If you would like to go on the optional cruise to the Great Barrier Reef, please indicate this by ticking the relevant tick box on the tour booking form.

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The tour manager will be

John Howie. John was a secondary school music teacher for 23 years (he taught Kylie Minogue). He and his twin brother, Graeme, perform as The Howie Brothers. John has been leading successful music tours for 26 years. John

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The assistant tour manager will be

Gill Delaney. Gill (accordion/ukulele/mouth organ player from Wangaratta) has played in dance bands most of her life, and knows a million tunes! She will be coming on the tour as assistant tour manager, as long as we get a reasonable

number of bookings on the tour. She will be involved in lots of fun-filled informal music sessions with Craig, John, & the tour group.



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