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OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

MUSIC TOUR

with **Brendan Scott**

4 to 19 May 2027

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

Brisbane, Roma, Charleville,
Barcardine, Longreach, Winton,
Mt Isa, Camooweal, Cloncurry,
Karumba (Gulf of Carpentaria),
Cobbold Gorge, Undara, Cairns'



Transport by luxury coach • Excellent accommodation throughout



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Lots of live entertainment, with **Brendan Scott & outstanding outback QLD artists**
- Travel through iconic **Outback Queensland towns**
- Cruise the spectacular **Cobbold Gorge**
- **Optional Great Barrier Reef** cruise experience

Join me 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). – *Brendan Scott*



PRE-TOUR DAY Monday 3 May 2027

Pre tour in Brisbane

Because the tour departs Brisbane early 4 May, tour group members, except for Brisbane area residents, will need to travel to Brisbane 3 May. We will suggest a suitable hotel in central Brisbane for tour group members to stay.

DAY 1 Tuesday 4 May 2027

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*. Continue to Roma, where we see the town's famous bottle trees. Also see the impressive heritage-listed Roma Courthouse (on site of courthouse where Harry Redford was tried, for cattle-stealing, in 1872). **Evening:** Dinner at the White Bull Tavern. Brendan Scott will sing a few songs. **Overnight:** Mandalay Motel & Starlight Motor Inn, Roma. (D)

DAY 2 Wednesday 5 May 2027

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. Brendan Scott will sing the song for us. Visit the Charleville Historic House and Museum, a beautiful historic building (1881). We will be entertained by one or two local musicians (if available), playing traditional instruments. **Afternoon:** Attend the Charleville Bilby Experience. See the rare and endangered bilby, a cute local marsupial. **Evening:** Dinner at Charleville RSL. After dinner enjoy a fun-filled singalong session with Brendan Scott. **Overnight:** Charleville Motel. (B,AfternoonTea)

DAY 3 Thursday 6 May 2027

Barcaldine

Morning: Morning tea in the town of Tambo. Visit the outstanding Tambo Teddies store. Then proceed to the town of Blackall, home of Jackie Howe, famous 'gun' shearer. **Afternoon:** Visit Blackall Woolscour, the last remaining steam operated wool washing plant in Australia. Also at the Woolscour site, visit the Jack Howe Display (museum). On arrival in Barcaldine learn about the historic Tree of Knowledge (tree under which shearers met during Great Shearers' Strike of 1891). **Evening:** Dinner at our motel. Local personality, Rob Chandler, will entertain us with Aussie yarns & bush poetry. **Overnight:** Barcaldine Country Motor Inn. (B,D)

DAY 4 Friday 7 May 2027

Longreach

Morning: Travel to Longreach. Spend some time in historic town of Ilfracome. See historic Langenbaker House (former teamster's cottage); visit the Wellshot Centre (tells the story of one of Australia's greatest sheep stations...Wellshot Station); visit the Machinery Mile (outstanding display of tractors & farm machinery). **Afternoon:** Free time in Longreach's town centre. Make sure you visit The Station Store (lots of excellent outback leather goods, souvenirs, etc.). Also enjoy a 45-minute ride in a



Listening to a tour group member playing *Waltzing Matilda* on a mouth organ.

Cobb & Co stagecoach (optional). See back of brochure for details. **Evening:** Dinner at The Woolshed Bar & Grill, including performance by Brendan Scott. **Overnight:** Albert Park Motor Inn. (B,MorningTea)

DAY 5 Saturday 8 May 2027

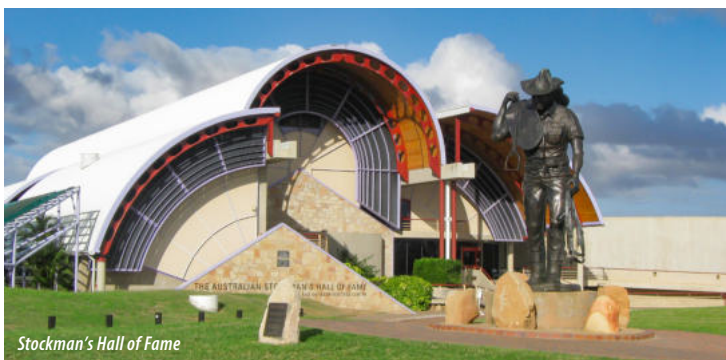
Longreach

Morning: Visit the outstanding Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame & Outback Heritage Centre (pays tribute to Australia's outback heroes), including the Live Outback Stockman's Show (excellent arena show, with stock horses, sheep dogs, etc.). **Afternoon:** Visit Qantas Founders Museum (tells story of QANTAS & the impact it has had on outback life). **Evening:** Enjoy Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show (open air dining & entertainment experience). (B,D)

DAY 6 Sunday 9 May 2027

Winton

Morning: Travel to Winton. Visit the *Waltzing Matilda* Centre, which includes the *Waltzing Matilda* Museum (tells the intriguing story of *Waltzing Matilda*, written by 'Banjo' Paterson in the Winton area in 1895) and the Qantilda Museum (excellent local historical museum). **Note:** If you'd prefer to visit Winton's Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum, instead of the *Waltzing Matilda* Centre, we can organise this (see 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.). Also visit The Crackup Sisters house, including their excellent Museum of Outback Entertainers and a special performance by the girls (yarns, hilarity, dogs, whip-cracking, etc.). **Evening:** Enjoy a relaxing evening in Winton. You may wish to have dinner at the North Gregory Hotel (where *Waltzing Matilda* was performed in public for the first time). **Overnight:** Matilda Motel, Winton. (B,AfternoonTea)



Stockman's Hall of Fame



The Crackup Sisters



Brendan Scott is an accomplished and experienced performer who has been part of the Australian entertainment industry ever since his stage debut at age 4. He has worked in all facets of the entertainment industry and continues to use his wealth of experience to entertain audiences in many parts of Australia. In his performances, Brendan showcases his many talents. Not only does he sing many well-known songs, he also plays piano, guitar, saxophone, banjo, and violin. If that's not enough, Brendan often surprises audiences by launching into a tap dance. Add to this Brendan's flare for audience interaction and participation as well as his ability to have people in stitches with his comedy, and you have a complete entertainment experience.



DAY 7 Monday 10 May 2027

Mount Isa

Travel to Mount Isa. We'll have morning tea at the Blue Heeler Hotel, in Kynuna. This hotel has connections with the Waltzing Matilda story and the Great Shearers' Strikes of the 1890s (it being close to Dagworth Station and Combo Waterhole, which both played a role in the *Waltzing Matilda* story). Brendan Scott will lead us in singing the great song. We'll then continue on to the town of McKinlay. There, we'll stop at the Walkabout Creek Hotel, location for the pub scenes in the movie *Crocodyle Dundee*. We'll stop, for lunch, in Cloncurry. Then continue on to Mount Isa, travelling through the beautiful ochre-red Selwyn Ranges. Mount Isa is outback Queensland's largest town, built around a vast silver, copper, zinc & lead mine. **Evening:** Enjoy dinner at the excellent Buffs Club. **Overnight:** Ibis Styles Mt Isa Verona, Mount Isa. (B, MorningTea, L)



Underground Hospital, Mt Isa

DAY 8 Tuesday 11 May 2027

Camooweal/Mount Isa

Enjoy day trip to Camooweal, a remote town 14 km from the QLD/Northern Territory border. After morning tea travel to the NT border. On returning to Camooweal, visit Camooweal Billabong, on the outskirts of 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 Mount Isa Irish Club for dinner & performance by Brendan Scott. (B, L)

DAY 9 Wednesday 12 May 2027

Cloncurry

Morning: Sightseeing coach tour of Mount Isa, with local guide, including a visit to Mount Isa's World War 2 Underground Hospital. Then travel to Cloncurry. **Afternoon:** 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. Also visit Chinaman Creek Lookout, for superb views of the district. **Evening:** Enjoy a fun-filled informal music 'session', hosted by Brendan Scott or our tour manager. Please bring your instruments & voices, and join in! **Overnight:** Gidgee Inn Motel, Cloncurry. (B, MorningTea)

DAY 10 Thursday 13 May 2027

Karumba

Travel to Karumba, on the Gulf of Carpentaria. Morning tea at the Burke and Wills Roadhouse, Four Ways. **Afternoon:** Visit the town of Normanton, 30 kms south of the Gulf. See Krys the Crocodile (life size replica of a huge saltwater crocodile that was captured in the area) and visit the Visitor Information Centre (Housed in Normanton's heritage-listed Burns Philp Building [1884]). **Late afternoon/evening:** On arrival in Karumba, enjoy a short panoramic coach tour of the town before checking into our hotel. For dinner you may wish to sample the excellent Gulf seafood at Ash's @ the Point Café, or the Bistro meals at either our hotel or the Sunset Tavern. **Overnight:** Karumba Lodge Hotel Motel. (B, L)

DAY 11 Friday 14 May 2027

Karumba

Morning: Visit Karumba's Barramundi discovery Centre (only hatchery in the world to breed the Southern Gulf strain of this iconic fish). Enjoy their Feed-A-Barra Tour. **Afternoon:** Free time for you to explore Karumba at your leisure. **Late afternoon/evening:** Enjoy a Sunset Cruise on the Norman River (to where the river enters the Gulf). Drinks & snacks (including local prawns) are included. After the cruise you may wish to sample the excellent Gulf seafood at Ash's @ the Point Café, or the bistro meals at our hotel or the Sunset Tavern. (B, Drinks&SnacksOnSunsetCruise)



Cobbold Gorge

DAY 12 Saturday 15 May 2027

Cobbold Gorge

Morning: Today we travel to Cobbold Gorge. Stop for morning tea in Croydon, an historic Queensland town where gold was discovered in 1885. Stop for lunch in Georgetown. **Afternoon:** Arrive at 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 freshwater crocodiles. **Evening:** Dinner & informal music 'session', at our high-quality outback accommodation. **Overnight:** Cobbold Gorge Village. (B, D)

DAY 13 Sunday 16 May 2027

Undara Lava Tubes

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 Discovery Resort – Undara, which features accommodation in beautifully refitted old train carriages. Enjoy unforgettable two hour Lava Tubes Tour. **Evening:** After dinner Brendan Scott (or a local entertainer) will entertain us with an informal performance around the campfire. **Overnight:** Discovery Resorts – Undara. (B, D)

DAY 14 Monday 17 May 2027

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 (Kuranda to Cairns) or 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 Harbourside Hotel. (B)

DAY 15 Tuesday 18 May 2027

Cairns

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

DAY 16 Wednesday 19 May 2027

Depart Cairns

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



Skyrail Rainforest Cableway

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Tour Price

The price per person, twin share	\$ 7,595
Single supplement	\$ 1,295

Brisbane Pre Tour Accommodation

The price per person, twin-share	\$ 140
Single room	\$ 240

Included in the tour price:

- 15 nights' accommodation, on a twin-share basis, in well-located hotels and motels with private facilities, including hotel taxes and service charges.
- Tour escorted throughout by popular Australian entertainer Brendan Scott.
- 15 breakfasts (every day except Day 1); 6 dinners; 3 lunches; 3 morning teas; 2 afternoon teas; 1 drinks & snacks on Sunset Cruise. 'Included' meals are indicated in brackets at the end of each day's text in the itinerary as follow (B,L,D,MorningTea,Afternoon Tea, etc.).
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked optional. If it says 'see' an attraction, it means we don't go in to the attraction.
- Entry to all music performances specifically mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked optional.
- Tour leadership by Travelrite tour manager.
- Travel in first-class chartered coach.

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, price per person is approximately \$170 p/p. We have 2 Cobb & Co coaches booked, with Outback Pioneers (they run the Cobb & Co rides). Each coach takes 12 people, so we might be limited to the first 24 people that book on our tour (indicating they wish to go on the Cobb & Co ride).

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 May 9th, 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.

Optional cruise to Green Island, Great Barrier Reef. The optional excursion we are offering (Day 15 of our tour) is the Green Island Eco Adventure, with cruise company Great Adventures. Green Island is a beautiful 6,000-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 snorkeling 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. \$130 pp. 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.

Accommodation at Discovery Resorts – Undara. The really unique, and appealing accommodation at this establishment is in the beautifully refitted old train carriages. We will request accommodation, for all our tour group members, in these train carriages. However, they only have so many train carriages. In the past, with our tour groups, we sometimes haven't been able to get all tour group members into the train carriages. Some have had to stay in very nice self-contained cabin or motel-type accommodation, on the same site at Discovery Resorts – Undara. Just advising everybody, up-front, that we can't guarantee train carriage accommodation at Undara, but we will be able to provide good quality, on-site accommodation for all tour group members.

General information and booking conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd. A.C.N. 005 817 0781 (Travelrite International) is the tour operator.

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DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days before departure. A 1.5% administration charge will be added to payment by Visa, Mastercard and American Express.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations within 60 days prior to departure will result in the loss of all monies paid. Cancellation outside 60 days from departure will result in a refund of \$500 per person. Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The tour has been costed on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 60 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost if the minimum number is not achieved.

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