



Plan an epic road trip in North West Queensland





Discovery Drive

The Discovery Drive will take you on a journey packed to the brim with outback legends, ancient discoveries, and bucket-list adventures. The drive links the Overlander's Way and Australia's Dinosaur Trail with the fascinating Channel Country. Expect to witness vast ever-changing landscapes; meet eccentric outback characters; see amazing prehistoric discoveries; and connect with Australia's pioneering communities.

North West Loop

A 'must do' adventure self-drive route, the North West Loop features spectacular National Parks, timeless gorges, prehistoric discoveries and welcoming communities. The drive links The Savannah Way with the Overlander's Way via the northern section of the Matilda Way. Expect to indulge your adventurous spirit; be captivated by the open road; sample delicious Gulf seafood; and to immerse yourself in Australia's cultural heritage.



- Follow in Australia's pioneering footsteps on the Overlander's Way
- See the prehistoric discoveries of Australia's Dinosaur Trail
- Explore the dramatic scenery of the Channel Country



- Adventure west between Cairns and Burketown on The Savannah Way
- Ride in vintage trains, fish the Gulf and explore incredible National Parks
- Uncover pioneering stories and natural gems along the Overlander's Way



DRIVE SAFETY TIPS

Pre-trip Planning

A little bit of preparation goes a long way in the Outback – ensure you have a good map and plan ahead. It's a good idea to calculate travel times and distances between stops, even preparing alternative routes, especially when travelling during the Australian summer (Nov – Apr) when rain and storms can impede travel plans.

Be Prepared

On major highways fuel stops are rarely more than 200km apart so it should not be necessary to carry spare fuel. However, where you do see "no fuel" signs, it means exactly that. Ensure that your vehicle is mechanically sound, carry a first aid kit, ample water and spares such as tyres, radiator hoses and fanbelts, together with a good tool-kit. Ensure that your spare tyre is at the correct pressure.

Road Conditions

Contact the local Visitor Information Centre in the town that you are visiting, or visit the Queensland Government Traffic and Travel Information Website www.131940.qld.gov.au, or call **131 940** for current road conditions.

Stay in Contact

If you're travelling remotely it's always a good idea to let someone know where you're going, and when you plan to get there. Keeping in touch is not as hard as you might think, via phone or radio. Please check with your mobile provider about coverage in Outback Queensland.

Water Crossings

Water crossings are not recommended and should not be attempted if you are uncertain of your vehicle's capabilities.



Heavy Vehicles and Road Trains

Care should be taken when passing and overtaking road trains and heavy vehicles, including other caravans. Ensure you have a clear line of sight, allow plenty of room and be prepared for vehicles to move a little from side to side as you overtake. If a road train is approaching to overtake you, move as far to the left as possible and stop if necessary to allow it to overtake safely.

Single Lane Driving

When meeting road trains and heavy vehicles on single lane roads, slow right down and move off the road to the left. If it is safe to do so, move off the road entirely and stop to avoid driving into any obstacles on the verge. In wet conditions road verges tend to be soft and/or slippery, so when pulling off to the left you should always keep your right wheels on the bitumen and keep moving slowly to avoid getting bogged.

Fatigue

Long distances and stretches of unchanging landscape can make a driver very tired and we recommend that regular breaks are taken for your safety.

Animals

If you see stock or wild animals near the road, slow down; don't swerve as this may cause your vehicle to roll. Be patient of stock and wary of kangaroos and emus.

Stay On Track Outback

For even more outback road safety tips and travel information visit: www.stayontrackoutback.qld.gov.au



Visitor Information Centres



Boulia

Min Min Encounter Tourist Centre
P: (07) 4746 3386
boulia.qld.gov.au



Burketown

Burketown Visitor Centre
P: (07) 4745 5111
burketown.com.au



Charters Towers

Charters Towers
Visitor Information Centre
P: (07) 4761 5533
visitcharterstowers.com.au



Cloncurry

Cloncurry Unearthed Visitor
Information Centre and Museum
P: (07) 4742 1361
cloncurry.qld.gov.au



Croydon

True Blue Visitor
Information Centre
P: (07) 4748 7152
croydon.qld.gov.au



Georgetown

Terrestrial Information Centre
P: (07) 4079 9027
terrestrialgeorgetown.com.au



Hughenden

Flinders Discovery Centre
P: (07) 4741 2970
visithughenden.com.au



Julia Creek

At The Creek
P: (07) 4746 7690
atthecreek.com.au



Mount Isa

Outback at Isa
P: (07) 4749 1555
mietv.com.au



Normanton

Normanton Visitor
Information Centre
P: (07) 4747 8444
carpentaria.qld.gov.au



Richmond

Kronosaurus Korner
P: 1300 576 665 or (07) 4719 3390
kronosauruskorner.com.au



Winton

Winton Visitor Information Centre
P: 1300 665 115
experiencewinton.com.au