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CARNARVON GORGE OUTBACK RETREAT

Apr 29, 2021 - May 3, 2021

From \$1,995 per person

Join us for a 5-day small-group micro adventure which will take us far from the madding crowd to our private outback glamping retreat.

This is a total escape, with no internet or phone access, we are free from outside distractions. We will have the time to switch off and really connect with the natural environment.

Join us as we hike along little-known tracks, enjoy great conversations with your fellow travellers, indulge in meals made from fresh, locally-sourced produce, be mesmerised by the camp fire and be in awe of the vastness of the night sky.

It's your time to connect, or reconnect, with outback Queensland

We'll spend our first night in the outback town of Roma. Here we'll have a guided walk to learn about the fascinating, colourful history and characters that has moulded this town.

Next, we head to our retreat on a 72,000ha cattle property, staying in glamping safari tents with comfortable posturepedic beds with fresh white linen and modern bathrooms with a rustic feel.

We'll venture out on a hike each day visiting the Expedition and Carnarvon Ranges and of course the stunning Carnarvon Gorge. Guided by our very own skilled and experienced ecologists to learn about Australia's native flora and fauna in its natural environment.

It is a rare opportunity and one not to be missed. Be shown the real side of Australia's natural ecosystem, including hidden and cryptic creatures, amazing rock formations, unique Aboriginal art, Australian native wildlife and plants, inland streams and gorges.

Finishing each day with a cheese platter and sundowners around the camp fire as the sun sets behind us.

Our form of sustainable ecotourism has been developed to ensure that you see Outback Queensland the way it was intended. Your tour experience is important to us but so is maintaining the pristine quality and untouched landscape of our backyard.

Trip Summary

April 29 - Roma

Meet in Roma at 14:00hrs

April 30 - Roma - Expedition National Park

Lonesome Section, Expedition National Park (6 - 8km)

May 1 - Carnarvon Gorge

Carnarvon Gorge National Park (8 - 24km)

May 2 - Arcadia Valley

Wallaroo Station 6 - 12km

May 3 - Wallaroo - Roma

Wallaroo - Roma (2 hours)

April 29 - Roma



Meet in Roma at 14:00hrs

On arrival in Roma mid-afternoon we'll meet our local guide for an insight into the colourful history and characters as we go for a leisurely walking tour around town.

Purchase any supplies you may need as these are the last shops we will see for the next few days (hint: they have excellently stocked bottle shops). Dinner will be at Royal on 99, the modern take on the outback pub (own expense).

O/N Roma Central Motel (or similar)



April 30 - Roma - Expedition National Park



Lonesome Section, Expedition National Park (6 - 8km)

Today we meet our local eco-guide and prepare to head deeper into the outback to immerse ourselves in this incredible and unique natural environment.

Our guide will take us on a hike into the Lonesome section of the Expedition National park located at the junction of the Carnarvon and Expedition Ranges.

Lonesome is spectacular with its sandstone cliffs and diverse fauna and flora. Our guide, as an ex-park ranger is an expert of all things that move or grow in this region.

We'll walk amongst the sandstone scenery on unformed tracks down to have punch overlooking the tall pillars of sandstone known as 'The Candlesticks'. They make a majestic site as they ascend from the grassy plains.

Mid afternoon we'll drive to our retreat at Wallaroo, a 72,000ha cattle property. All we have to do now is unpack, relax and enjoy a few sundowners around the camp fire before dinner.

And we don't even have to hammer a single peg into the ground to set up camp #winningatlife



May 1 - Carnarvon Gorge



Carnarvon Gorge National Park (8 - 24km)

Today we will delve into a stunning landscape of towering cliffs, colourful gorges, endless views and sites steeped in historic and cultural connections.

We'll travel to Carnarvon Gorge National Park from the retreat (about 75mins). We'll walk the formed return track along Carnarvon Creek while exploring the main gorge and key attractions such as the Moss Garden, Amphitheatre, Wards Canyon and Art Gallery.

As this is a private group there is flexibility enabling us to choose a walk depending on fitness, interests and weather conditions. Which ever track we choose everybody is going to appreciate the absolute majesty of this incredible pocket of Queensland's outback.

Depending on the weather and time, there is an option to take a dip in the cool water of the rock pool on our way back to our camp.

Dinner around the fire to share stories and wonder at the night sky before retiring to your comfortable bed.



May 2 - Arcadia Valley



Wallaroo Station 6 - 12km

After breakfast we have a day of adventure as we explore part of a 72,000 acre property in the Carnarvon Ranges with our local expert and ecological guide.

We'll be walking cross country on private land which is not available to the public.

Walk locations can be varied depending on the group's interests, fitness levels and weather, but may include the Dawson River and its side gorges, White Horse Mountain, Cycad Gorge and Fern Gully.

All you need to carry is your water bottle and camera.

Sundowners tonight will be served chilled with a cheese platter over-looking one of the most picturesque hidden spots on the entire property. #chillout



May 3 - Wallaroo - Roma



Wallaroo - Roma (2 hours)

After breakfast we'll retrace our steps back to Roma to swap vehicles, have a coffee, then say our farewells.

Information & Documents



INCLUSIONS

- Fully hosted Tour
- All transport in 4WD minibuses from Roma onwards
- Private walking tour of Roma
- Ecological guides for all hikes on day 2, 3 & 4
- 3D, 3L, 4B plus cheese platters at sundown
- Twin/double safari tents with posturepedic bedding and all linen
- Your own private bathroom per tent with hot showers and flushing toilet
- Camp oven dinners around open fire (marshmallows provided!)
- All parks and licence fees
- COVID Safe Plan in place



EXCLUSIONS

- Transport to Roma
- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic drinks
- Dinner on day 1
- Personal expenses



SINGLE SUPPLEMENT?

If you don't have a travel partner and want to join us, we will match you in a twin share (2 x single beds) with someone of the same gender. No charge.

If you don't want to share a tent plus have your own bathroom the additional charge is \$450. Only 2 single sups available.