

Western Queensland

A Quest to Queensland's Corners

- Birdsville
- Simpson Desert
- Poeppel Corner
- Haddon Corner
- Cameron Corner
- The Dig Tree
- and much more.....

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DAYS

Departs 15 September 2021
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13 Days **\$5995**pp

twin/double share

Includes:

Spacious 10 seat 4X4 Touring Coach
Fully Equipped 4X4 Support Vehicle
Accommodation

- 8 nights Motel/Hotel/Cabins
- 4 nights in eXpedition10 tents with beds and linen

Meals

- 12 Breakfasts
- 12 Lunches
- 11 Dinners

All Attractions listed in itinerary (other than those stated optional)

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE - 10

Tumble Weed in the Simpson Desert

In Australia there are 5 border corners of which 3 are attached to Queensland. Queensland's border corners are all within the south-west corner region and are all accessible by tracks, some better than others.

Join eXpedition10 on the quest to visit all 3 Queensland border corners; Poeppel Corner, Haddon Corner and Cameron Corner of the 12-day eXpedition into Outback Queensland travelling through the Simpson Desert and the Channel Country.

Day 1 Wednesday, 15 September 2021

Toowoomba to Surat

Meals LD

Our 'Quest to the West' venture sets off this morning departing Toowoomba heading to the remote outback. We won't need camels or packhorses on this eXpedition as our trusty 4X4, 10 seat bus and 4X4 support vehicle will carry more than enough provisions to keep us nourished. The early part of this journey will see a break for smoko at the Bunya Mountains, travel by the Coopers gap Wind Farm then lunch in Jandowae. Cross the Condamine at Condamine and stop to look at the corduroys' before arriving for an overnight stay in Surat.

Accommodation Surat Cabins

Day 2 Thursday, 16 September 2021

Surat to Morven

Meals BLD

Depart Surat and head through some back tracks to Mitchell. The flora will change the further we ply west with Maranoa bottle trees fading and the mulga becoming more abundant. We will set up camp for the first night near the outpost town of Morven at Gidgee Bush camp. Sitting around the campfire we will learn the plight and stories of fellow explorers through this region.

Accommodation – eXpedition10 roomy tents with beds and linen

Day 3 Friday, 17 September 2021

Morven to The Lake

Meals BLD

Continuing west today visit Charleville on the Warrego River. We will pick up some last minute supplies here as Charleville really is

'the gateway to the outback'. The landscape west from Charleville seems to flatten and the soil begins to change to a deeper, rich red colour. Pause at Foxtrap Hotel for lunch then travel another hour and a half to The Lake, just east of Quilpie. We have arranged sleeping quarters here for tonight beside this magnificent waterhole.

Accommodation – The Lake Cabins with shared facilities



The Lake - Quilpie



Day 4 Saturday, 18 September 2021

The Lake to Windorah

Meals BLD

Opal was discovered near Quilpie many years ago but it was a discovery of a different type we will find out about today. Dinosaur fossils were unearthed near Eromanga recently so we will detour slightly from our route to learn some more about this at the Eromanga Natural History Museum. You may notice there is an oil refinery in Eromanga. Well they do call oil fossil fuel, don't they? As we head further west we will enter the Cooper Basin, known for Cooper Creek from which flood waters flow into Lake Eyre. We will cross the Cooper just prior to arriving in Windorah.

Accommodation Windorah Hotel

Day 5 Sunday, 19 September 2021

Windorah to Birdsville

Meals BL

To the west of Windorah, cross vast flat grassy plains dotted with rich red sand dunes. The vegetation has begun to peter out making way for grasses, gidgee and a few coolabah lined creeks. Before reaching the end of the bitumen, near the edge of a low rocky range, call in to what was once a thriving outpost hotel now known as J.C. Ruins. We are now right on the fringe of Sturt's Stony Desert littered with seemingly endless plains of gibber stones. Take in the magnificent view from Deon's Lookout before calling in to the Betoota Pub. This pub has been open - and closed many times in recent years. Hopefully will be open again when we pass through as we head for Birdsville.

Accommodation Birdsville Lodge



Iconic Birdsville Hotel



Boiling water spilling from the bore at Birdsville



Doing the Eagle Rock



Poeppel Corner Post

Day 6 Monday, 20 September 2021

Birdsville to Poeppel Corner

Meals BLD

It's time now to get serious about this eXpedition with some real 4X4ing. Today we enter the Simpson Desert bound for the first 'corner' - Poeppel Corner. The track crosses a huge sand dune known simply as 'Big Red' followed by hundreds more - not so big. Stop for a look in Eyre Creek, cross vast dry lake beds and finally arrive at the intersection of Queensland, Northern Territory and South Australia. Camp tonight will be our first remote camp with no constructed facilities, however, we have brought some with us including a toilet.

Accommodation - eXpedition10 roomy tents with beds and linen

Day 7 Tuesday, 21 September 2021

Poeppel Corner to Birdsville

Meals BLD

Follow the same road back from Poeppel Corner to Birdsville leaving Big Red our final barrier to exit the Simpson Desert. Arrive back in Birdsville with time to wander through the streets and catch up with some locals at the pub.

Accommodation Birdsville Lodge

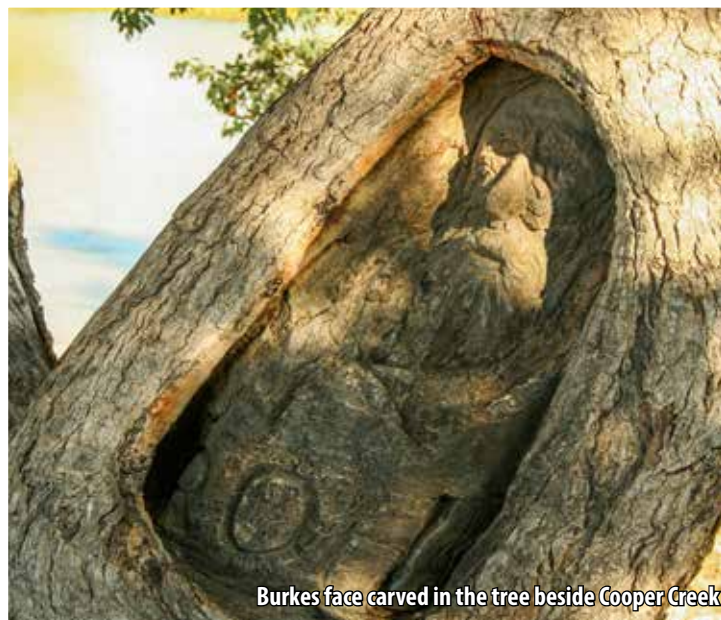
Day 8 Wednesday, 22 September 2021

Birdsville to Dig Tree

Meals BLD

Directly east of Poeppel Corner is our next corner visit where Queensland shares a border with South Australia. Named by Augustus Poeppel, the same surveyor who marked Poeppel Corner, this site, Haddon Corner is not named after a person but the property it was on, Haddon Downs. Our journey heads pretty much south from Haddon Corner, along sand dune ridges dotted with spinifex and scrubby wattle, until we reach the Dig Tree beside Cooper Creek, near where Burke and Wills perished. Our Campsite for tonight.

Accommodation - eXpedition10 roomy tents with beds and linen



Burkes face carved in the tree beside Cooper Creek



The Dig Tree near Innamincka

Day 9 Thursday, 23 September 2021

Dig Tree to Cameron Corner

Meals BLD

Most of the tracks covered today are used by workers on the Strzelecki Oil and Gas Fields of the Cooper Basin. The Cooper Basin has been an important part of oil and gas production since the mid 1900's. The main refinery is located in South Australia at Moomba. Some of the oil fields travelled through today include Santos, Epsilon and Omicron. Tonight we will be staying in cabins (still in Queensland) at Cameron Corner.

Accommodation – Cameron Corner Cabins

Day 10 Friday, 24 September 2021

Cameron Corner to Noccundra

Meals BLD

North east of Cameron Corner is the historic pub at Noccundra. Dating back to the late 1882, Noccundra pub is built from sandstone quarried 260 kilometres south at Milparinka. Noccundra is where we will be staying tonight in cabin accommodation. Just over the road is the Wilson River. Well worth taking the stroll across to check out the beautiful waterhole.

Accommodation – Noccundra Hotel Cabins

Day 11 Saturday, 25 September 2021

Noccundra to Charlotte Plains

Meals BLD

We are back on the sealed roads today as we travel to Thargomindah. Did you know that Thargomindah is home to Australia's first hydro-electricity scheme? A generator was run using pressure from the town bore, providing power for lighting. Although the power plant has ceased operating commercially, the bore is still the water supply for the town. Cross the Bulloo River to the east then arrive in Eulo, famous for its hot mud spa's and Eulo Queen Hotel. While looking

around town, keep an eye open for the WWII bomb shelter. Visit the Cunnumulla Fella in Cunnumulla then take a short drive to Charlotte Plains Station, famous for its warm mineral baths – home for the night.

Accommodation - eXpedition10 roomy tents with beds and linen

Day 12 Sunday, 26 September 2021

Charlotte Plains to Dirranbandi

Meals BLD

It will be hard to drag ourselves away from this lovely place but we must continue as we have an appointment with a local guide Bill Speedy in Bollon today. During our cultural walking tour along the banks of Wallam Creek we will learn how to track animals, find bush medicine and discover traditional scar trees. Bill's entertaining and educational tours introduce you to First Nations culture and some local history, finishing with a gourmet bush tucker tasting. Wave Bill farewell as we head across to Dirrinbandi in the heart of cotton country. Dirrinbandi will be our final night of this tour.

Accommodation Dirranbandi Motel

Day 13 Monday, 27 September 2021

Dirranbandi to Toowoomba

Meals B

Once a major grain growing centre, more recently the Dirranbandi region has transformed into a major cotton producing area with huge land holdings like Cubby Station just a stone throw away. There are still many grain silos in the district and we will visit one that has been transformed into a work of art. The Thallon Silo's are now famous with thousands visiting each year. From Thallon, travel through Goondiwindi then Millmerran before arriving back in Toowoomba.

Thank you for travelling with eXpedition10. Looking forward to sharing another adventure with you soon.

Cameron Corner - in QLD in NSW or SA??



Historic Noccundra Pub



Sturt Desert Pea



Bore drain at Charlotte Plains



Sand dune in the Simpson Desert

A promotional banner for Expedition 10. On the left is the 'X10' logo in green and black, with the tagline 'luxury tours for ten' in a stylized font below it. In the center, two white expedition vehicles are parked on a grassy field: a motorhome on the left and a larger truck on the right. A tall, narrow, conical structure made of straw or hay stands between the two vehicles. The background shows a line of trees under a blue sky.

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