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## From Reef to Red Dirt – Dinosaurs, Marine Reptiles & Deep Time Discoveries

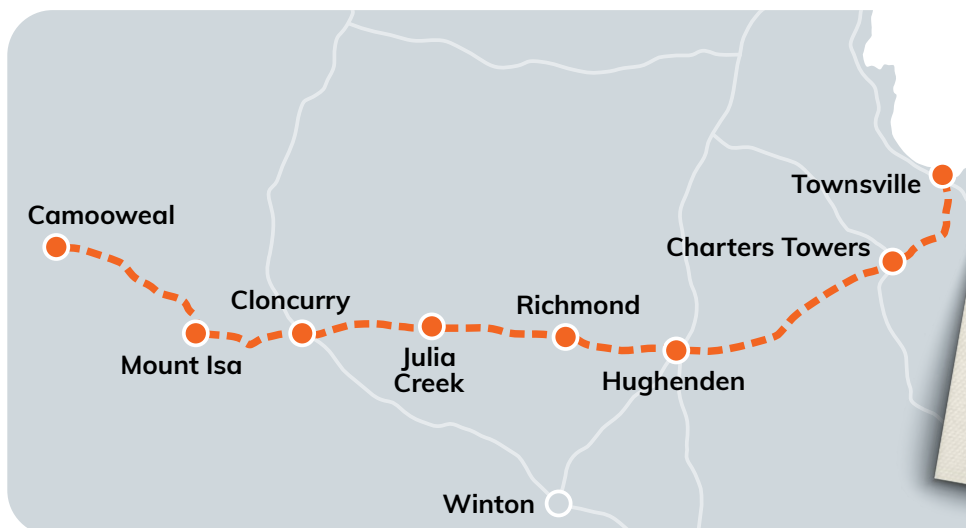
Travel from the Coral Sea to Queensland's fossil-rich outback along one of Australia's most iconic drives. The Overlanders Way links Townsville to Mount Isa, tracing landscapes shaped by ancient inland seas, prehistoric giants and geological forces millions of years in the making.

Here, reef ecosystems echo vanished oceans, dinosaur floodplains stretch to the horizon, and marine reptiles once ruled warm inland waters.

It's where reef meets red dirt – and deep time reveals itself at every stop.

### DINOSAUR & FOSSIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Meet "Hughie" the Muttaborrasaurus – Hughenden
- ◆ Explore Kronosaurus Korner – Richmond
- ◆ Watch real fossil preparation
- ◆ Discover the Riversleigh World Heritage story – Mount Isa
- ◆ Trace the ancient Eromanga Sea





## Drive Itinerary

### DAY 1 – TOWNSVILLE

#### Where Reef Meets Ancient Seas

Begin at the Great Barrier Reef – a living marine world that mirrors the ancient Eromanga Sea which once covered much of Outback Queensland.

Stroll The Strand, visit the Museum of Tropical Queensland and enjoy sunset over the Coral Sea.

#### Overnight: Townsville

Visitor Information: Townsville Enterprise VIC  
The Strand | P: 13 74 68  
[www.townsvillenorthqueensland.com.au](http://www.townsvillenorthqueensland.com.au)

### DAY 2 – TOWNSVILLE TO CHARTERS TOWERS (137 KM)

#### Gold & Geology

Drive inland as coastal plains give way to mineral-rich country shaped by volcanic forces and ancient seabeds.

Explore Charters Towers' gold rush heritage and historic streets carved from local stone.

#### Overnight: Charters Towers

Visitor Information: Charters Towers VIC  
157 Gill Street | P: (07) 4761 5533  
[www.visitchartertowers.com.au](http://www.visitchartertowers.com.au)

### DAY 3 – CHARTERS TOWERS TO HUGHENDEN (248 KM)

#### Enter Dinosaur Country

Vast floodplains once lay beneath an inland sea.

At the Flinders Discovery Centre, meet "Hughie" the Muttaborrasaurus and explore over 3,000 fossil specimens revealing life from 100 million years ago.

Visit Porcupine Gorge – "Australia's Little Grand Canyon" – where exposed rock layers reveal geological time in cross-section.

#### Overnight: Hughenden

Visitor Information: Flinders Discovery Centre  
37 Gray Street | P: (07) 4741 2970  
[www.visithughenden.com.au/flinders-discovery-centre](http://www.visithughenden.com.au/flinders-discovery-centre)

### DAY 4 – HUGHENDEN TO RICHMOND (115 KM)

#### Realm of Marine Monsters

Once covered by the vast inland Eromanga Sea, this landscape was once ocean floor. At Kronosaurus Korner, step into that deep-time world and come face-to-face with one of the largest marine reptiles ever discovered, alongside "Mia," Australia's best-preserved dinosaur. Watch real fossil preparation in action as ancient bones are carefully revealed from stone, then try your own hand at fossicking in nearby dig sites. Afterwards, unwind at Lake Fred Tritton – where water still defines the horizon, echoing a time when this outback town lay beneath an ancient sea.

#### Overnight: Richmond

Visitor Information: Richmond VIC / Kronosaurus Korner  
P: 1300 576 665 | [www.kronosauruskorner.com.au](http://www.kronosauruskorner.com.au)

### DAY 5 – RICHMOND TO MOUNT ISA (406 KM)

#### From Dinosaurs to Ancient Mammals

The story shifts from dinosaurs to mammals.

At Outback at Isa, explore the Riversleigh Fossil Discovery Centre – gateway to one of the world's richest mammal fossil sites. Discover giant "Demon Ducks," ancient crocodiles and early marsupials preserved in limestone up to 25 million years old. End the day at Telstra Hill Lookout.

#### Overnight: Mount Isa

Visitor Information: Outback at Isa  
19 Marian Street | P: (07) 4749 1555  
[www.outbackatisa.com.au](http://www.outbackatisa.com.au)

### Optional Extension Riversleigh World Heritage Area

Journey into Boodjamulla National Park and walk through internationally recognised fossil deposits where science, landscape and First Nations culture intersect.

Camp at Wugudaji–Adels Grove or Miyumba and wake surrounded by deep time.

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The Overlanders Way offers a complete palaeo journey – fully sealed, family-friendly and rich in authentic outback character.