

UNEARTH CLONCURRY

3 DAY/2 NIGHT FAMILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Explore History and Heritage

Morning:

- **9:00 AM:** Welcome to Cloncurry, where the spirit of outback Australia comes alive! Check into your cozy accommodation and get ready to embark on a journey through history.
- **10:00 AM:** Step into the captivating world of the John Flynn Place Museum. Immerse yourselves in the remarkable story of Reverend John Flynn and the pioneering heroes of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Hear the crackling conversations between remote stations and the flying doctor base, marvel at Alfred Traeger's ingenious wireless pedal radio.

Afternoon:

- **12:00 PM:** It's time for a well-deserved lunch break! Choose from a selection of pubs or pack a delicious picnic to enjoy amidst the tranquil outback surroundings.
- **1:00 PM:** Head to Cloncurry Unearthed Visitor Information Centre and Museum and dive into the history of Cloncurry. Grab a coffee or ice cream and explore the outdoor museum. The children can explore the playground.

Evening:

- **4:00 PM:** Enjoy wondering the Cloncurry township and walking through the boutique shops and also the heritage signage walk.
- **6:30 PM:** Treat your taste buds to the flavours of the outback with a delectable dinner at one of Cloncurry's restaurants. Share stories and laughter as you recount the day's adventures.

Day 2: Outdoor Escapades and Family Fun

Morning:

- **Sunrise:** Wake up to the crisp outback air and enjoy the sunrise from the lookout.
- **8:00 AM:** Head into the Cloncurry Bakery for breakfast to fuel your day of adventure.
- **9:00 AM:** Gear up for an action-packed day as you set out to explore the breathtaking Chinaman Creek Dam. With activities ranging from bushwalking and BBQing to fishing and kayaking, there's something for everyone in the family to enjoy. Keep your eyes peeled for the colourful array of birdlife that calls this oasis home.

Afternoon:

- **11:30 AM:** Relish a delightful picnic lunch by the shimmering waters of Chinaman Creek Dam, surrounded by the majestic outback landscape.
- **2:00 PM:** Continue your outdoor escapade with a visit to Corella Dam/Clem Walton Park. Take in this picturesque setting while you relax and soak in the serenity. Don't forget to capture those precious family moments amidst nature's splendour.

Evening:

- **6:00 PM:** Camp at Corella Dam and enjoy looking up at the stars while sitting around the campfire.

Day 3: Mining Heritage and Landscapes

Morning:

- **9:00 AM:** Start your morning off with breakfast by the dam and then step back in time with mining heritage and see some wonderful landscapes that Cloncurry has to offer.
- **9:30 AM:** The Ballara Heritage Trail is a rugged 4WD historical adventure that takes you off the Barkly Highway into the Argylla Ranges, leading to the remnants of long-abandoned copper mining towns including Bulonga, Ballara and Hightville, which sprang up in the early 1900s and faded after World War I as copper prices fell. Along the trail you'll encounter ghost town ruins, old railway formations and artefacts of outback mining life, as well as the beautiful Fountain Springs a natural rock pool and crevice waterfall that's a perfect scenic stop to relax and take in the dramatic landscape.

Afternoon:

- **12:00 PM:** It's time for a well-deserved lunch break at the township of Mary Kathleen Mine. Pull up in the remnants of what was once a bustling town.
- **1:00 PM:** Explore the Mary Kathleen township and old mine. Discover the story of the Mary Kathleen Mine, a once-bustling uranium town, now a fascinating site of industrial heritage. Visit the old open cut pit which offers a serene contrast to the rugged mining ruins the aqua waters.

Evening:

- **5:00 PM:** Return to Cloncurry and unwind after a day of discovery.