

Family Itinerary – Winton QLD (2 Days / 1 Night)

Where to stay (Family Accommodation)

Families travel in a variety of different ways, and Winton offers a range of accommodation options to suit each type of traveller. Whether visiting Winton for a day trip, or as part of a longer caravan adventure, families will find comfortable and welcoming places to stay.

Outback Motel

Offers family rooms and a converted house with self-contained kitchen. Located a two-minute walk from the main street's shops and eateries. Air-conditioning, SMART TVs, Wi-Fi, and laundry facilities are included – ideal for travelling families.

The Crackup Sisters House

A quirky accommodation experience designed with families in mind. The Crackup Sisters house features eclectic décor, books and board games, a handball court and easy access to the Dustarena next door. WiFi, air-conditioning, and laundry facilities are included. The house is a short walk to the main street's shops and eateries.

Winton Roadhouse Cabins & Caravans Park

Offers studio or self-contained family cabins, as well as powered caravan sites. All cabins have air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, toiletries, and tea & coffee facilities.

Guests can enjoy park amenities, such as the pool, BBQ area, souvenir kiosk, and coin operated laundry. During Peak Season, bush poet Gregory North offers nightly comedy entertainment. Camping sites are pet friendly.

DAY 1: Dinosaurs & Winton Township

Morning: The Crackup Sisters Yard Tour

Start your Winton visit with some fun at the Crackup Sisters Yard Tour. Play handball in their yard, spot the performers in the flea circus and admire the quirky décor of the Crackup House. You might even meet some of the artists in residence – creatives of all disciplines that are performing in the region!

Mid-Morning: Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum of Natural History

Pick up snacks to go from the popular 4D Love of Bread Bakery before heading to Winton's most iconic family attraction. Located approximately 24km from town, the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum of Natural History can be reached by car or via a tour transfer with Red Dirt Tours.

The Museum focuses on preserving Australia's fossil past for future generations to learn from and find inspiration in. Guided tours showcase Australia's largest collection of dinosaur fossils. Their tour guides are very knowledgeable, and you can observe real palaeontologists at work in the Fossil Preparation Laboratory. It's a perfect educational experience for all ages.

Lunch: The Winton Hotel

Enjoy lunch at The Winton Hotel, which offers an outdoor seated area where the kids can play nearby. The venue is dog friendly, making it suitable for families travelling with pets.

Afternoon: Waltzing Matilda Centre

The Waltzing Matilda Centre is a beautifully presented, interactive museum telling the story of Banjo Paterson's famous ballad *Waltzing Matilda* alongside Winton's rich cultural history. The immersive displays cater to visitors of all ages.

Discover Winton's social history, the QANTAS founders' story, and be amazed by the Qantilda Museum which houses an extensive collection of historical items including WWI artefacts, medical equipment, pastoral history, and a BB181/4 Class Steam Passenger Locomotive resting at the original Chorregon Siding.

The Centre's Tuckerbox Café is open seven days a week and is perfect for refreshments between exhibitions.

Late Afternoon: Musical Fence & Arno's Wall

Two free, family friendly attractions are located close to town.

The Musical Fence is the first permanent musically tuned fence installation in the world and even feature a drumkit made entirely out of recycled items. The kids will love the chance to make some noise!

Nearby, Arno's Wall is an eclectic 70-metre-long display filled with household items, machinery parts and quirky objects. Families will enjoy spotting the many curiosities along the wall and turning it into a fun game of who can find the strangest item.

Evening: North Gregory Hotel & Royal Open-Air Theatre

Grab a takeaway from the North Gregory Hotel before heading next door to the Royal OpenAir Theatre, one of Australia's oldest remaining outdoor cinemas.

Depending on the day of the week, you can watch everything from new releases to nostalgic oldies and classic features.

The Candy Bar has a charming retro feel while still delivering treats the whole family will enjoy, including the best popcorn in town.

DAY 2 - Dinosaur Stampede & Outback Landscapes

Morning: Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park

Take a half day trip to see the world-famous dinosaur trackways at the Dinosaur Stampede National Monument at Lark Quarry Conservation Park, formed approximately 95 million years ago.

Guided tours explain the preserved footprints and the dramatic prehistoric chase scene they represent, complementing yesterday's experience at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs

The Dinosaur Stampede is located a two-hour drive from Winton, which gives families plenty of opportunities for wildlife spotting along the way.

For adventurous families, try some of the bush walks throughout the park! The Spinifex Circuit bush walk is recommended for families the track is a 500m **Grade 3** loop taking approx. 30 minutes. Please note, the track is steep in places, and always travel with sun protection and plenty of water.

Lunch: Coffee Cube

Return to Winton for lunch at the Coffee Cube, located in the Winton Newsagent. The café offers indoor and outdoor seating, and daily lunch specials, cakes, and milkshakes for the kids.

Afternoon: The Diamantina Heritage Truck & Machinery Museum

With storyboards and an audio exhibition, the Diamantina Heritage Truck and Machinery Museum is an excellent stop for families. The extensive collection of vehicles is all in working order, and you can even see a 1976 Austin London Cab amongst the trucks!

Late afternoon: Sunset Silhouette Signs

Create lasting family memories at Winton's sunset silhouette signs, located at three different points around town. Each stop offers the perfect photo opportunity, capturing your time in Winton against the colours of the outback sky.

Evening: The Crackup Sister's *Dusty Hour Show* and Tattersalls Hotel

Conclude your stay with the Dusty Hour at the Crackup Sisters' Dustarena. The show features whip cracking, aerial acrobatics, larrikin humour and outback storytelling. The best part is the audience participation, so don't be afraid to volunteer and take part in an unforgettable show!

Finish the evening with a classic outback pub meal at the nearby Tattersalls Hotel offering both indoor and outdoor seating and a kid's menu.