

Hervey Bay



Susan River Homestead

Situated approximately half way between Hervey Bay and Maryborough on the main Highway joining the two cities is a taste of the "Outback on the Coast". The Susan River Homestead Adventure Resort is a 1,660 acre rural retreat with adventure activities that will please the most discerning holiday seeker.

Established in 1978 by the McLean family especially for the tourist industry with horse riding trails, tennis courts, Olympic size in-ground trampoline, swimming pool and spa being the initial attraction, the resort now has facilities that cater for water skiing and parasailing on the resorts own 17 acre lake, paint ball fields, high and low-rope courses and an abseiling tower which is operated by Oz Adventures. The resort offers fully-accommodated holidays with all meals catered or guests can book in on a bed-only basis and use the resorts specially built communal kitchen to prepare their own meals. There is a communal dining room also for this purpose.

The resort is where the well-known horseman Guy McLean, the youngest of the five McLean boys, honed his skills and is now renowned as one of the worlds best horse educators. Guy performs under the name "The Horseman from Susan River".

Two of Guy's brothers, Cameron and Travis, are integral parts in the daily operation of the resort together with Cameron's 11-year-



Picture: Susan River homestead

old daughter Abbie and nine-year-old son Nicholas, who are most valuable members at weekends and school holidays.

The McLean family and their staff will have pleasure in welcoming you to their fun resort.

For more information visit www.susanriver.com or call (07) 4121 6846.

Blue Dolphin Marine Tours

Blue Dolphin Marine Tours is Hervey Bay's longest running and leading sailing tour operator. Peter Lynch (owner/operator) has over 24 years experience with marine life. 14 years with Seaworld, a summer season with the Australian Antarctic Division and 10 years as a dolphin and whale watch operator here in Hervey Bay.

Dolphin Cruise 8.30am – 12.30pm

Bottlenose and Indo-Pacific Humpback dolphins, Dugongs, Turtles and Sea birds. A half day cruise of the Great Sandy Strait including morning tea. 95% success rate of seeing the dolphins.

Champagne Sunset Sail 5.15pm – 6.45pm Summer

Perfect way to enjoy Fraser Island and the spectacular sunsets across the Great Sandy Strait. 90 minute sail all inclusive of champagne, beer or soft drink. A light platter of cheese, vegetables and dip.

Full Day Whale Watch

High quality – low numbers – multi-lingual crew. An intimate whale watching experience awaits you. Tour includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea and a complimentary beer or wine with lunch.

For more information, email bluedolphintours@bigpond.com or visit www.bluedolphintours.com.au.



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COUNTRY HOSPITALITY AT ITS BEST

Enjoy a break from the backpacker treadmill and enjoy all that Susan River Homestead has to offer . . . RELAXATION, EXCITEMENT, FULFILLMENT . . it could be the highlight of your holiday.



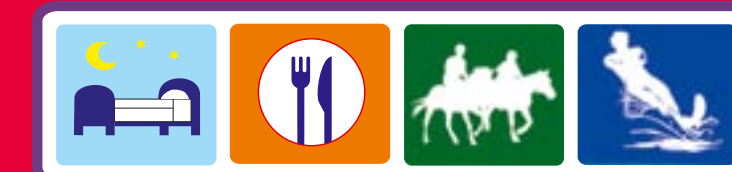
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- ★ Water Ski
- ★ Parasail



Clean and comfortable air conditioned guest rooms with ensuite. Meals that will please your taste buds or self cater in our well appointed communal kitchen and dining area.

PACKAGES TO SUIT ALL BUDGETS

SUSAN RIVER HOMESTEAD



ADVENTURE RESORT

You'll find us mid way between Hervey Bay and Maryborough on the fabulous Fraser Coast. Why not use us as your home away from home while you check out the Fraser Island or the whales?

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Thomson Belle, Longreach



Outback and Central Queensland

Fame, QANTAS Founders Museum, Wellshot Centre and Outer Barcoo Interpretation Centre. Whether its explorers or bushrangers, drovers or shearers, miners or significant events, you'll enjoy a unique Australian experience in an atmosphere reminiscent of early history in the Longreach Region.

There are four towns in the Longreach Region, Longreach, Ilfracombe, Isisford and Yaraka and is located right in the middle of Queensland approximately 1200 kilometres by road north-west of Brisbane. The Longreach Regional Council covers an area of 40,638 square kilometres and has a total population of about 4,700. The region was built around the sheep and cattle industries that thrive on the vast Mitchell Grass plains.

Towns in the region offer a full range of accommodation, whether seeking the comforts of home, or somewhere for your caravan you will find a place in our town. There's a choice of motels, pubs, caravan parks, cabin parks and a self-contained cottage. All accommodation is comfortable and the relaxed Longreach lifestyle will shine through no matter where you decide to pull up for a few days.

Campers, campervans and caravans who are fully self-sufficient, have the option of staying outside of Longreach and Isisford at designated parks beside the Thomson and Barcoo Rivers. After staying for a couple of days you'll realise why our rivers are one of our greatest natural assets. Be sure to check with the local Visitor Information Centre for conditions on staying at these parks.

Accommodation is reasonably priced, however it is recommended you book ahead to confirm your stay. For more information call (07) 4658 4150 or email visitinf@longreach.qld.gov.au.

Longreach

Queensland's Outback is truly awe inspiring and diverse. Now is the time to roll up your swag and go bush into the heartland of the traditional owners; the Inin(g)ai, Malintji and Kuungkai people. Experience a vibrant community excited about its natural and cultural heritage, amongst the traditions of the past and the coffee culture of the future.

Take the opportunity to discover this vast and ancient land. Immerse yourself in its history and soak up the warmth and hospitality that the Longreach Region has to offer. Listen as rivers, plains and billabongs share their secrets of famous Australian explorers, drover's campsites and the shearer's way of life. Climb the lookout notorious Captain Starlight used as a vantage point during his cattle rustling days. The magnificent vistas and spectacular panoramas make this an ideal spot to take in an inspiring outback sunsets.

Be amazed by the achievements of legendary characters while interacting with the exhibits at the Australian Stockman's Hall Of



Qantas Founders Outback Museum

Mount Isa

Mount Isa, North West Queensland, is one of the biggest cities in the world with an area of 41,000 square kilometres – equivalent in size to Switzerland. It has a population of 23,000 and is described as the oasis in the Outback: a gleaming mirage on the horizon for travellers from all directions.

Nestled in the ochre-red Selwyn Ranges, on the banks of the Leichhardt River, Mount Isa borders the Gulf and Savannah Country to the north, the Simpson Desert to the west, the cattle-rich Channel Country to the south and the rich pastoral grasslands to the east.

Mount Isa is the "real" Australia with unspoilt landscapes and friendly Aussie characters waiting to give all visitors a warm welcome. Surrounded by red hills and blessed by an abundance of minerals, Mount Isa has been well endowed with good fortune.

Set in the Selwyn Ranges within rock formations hundreds of millions of years old, the region enjoys results of major upheavals at the beginning of time, which thrust untold mineral wealth to the earth's surface. It is beneficial that those same upheavals have provided today's travellers with some of the most beautiful and breathtaking scenery in inland Australia.

Mount Isa, and the surrounding region, boasts a diverse range of attractions and activities that are sure to appeal to both visitors and residents. Altogether, Mount Isa is a remarkable place, a centre of confidence and birthplace of very many famous Australians, but most of all a place which believes in itself.

Outback at Isa 'Get Up Close' – Not to be missed

The Hard Times Mine is a unique underground experience in a mine built and operated by real miners that provides a rare opportunity to get up close and experience first hand the daily life and workings of an underground mine. From the moment you kit-out in your safety gear and descend in to the mine, to the moment you feel the earth



Underground Museum, Mount Isa

tremble with the face-firing, you are engrossed and captivated by the history, the stories and the machinery. Try your hand at the Air Leg drill, hear the roar of the Mucking Units and see first hand the ingenuity and skill of the legendary Mount Isa miners.

The Isa Experience is an interactive, multi-media gallery interpreting the region's fascinating cultural, indigenous, pioneering and mining heritage. It succeeds in escaping the stereotype of a stuffy museum through the fascinating and informative interactive displays which showcase the rich history of Mount Isa.

The Riversleigh Fossil Centre educates and interprets the fossils extracted from the nearby World-heritage Riversleigh fossil fields. These finds have been depicted as dioramas and exhibited in an authentic setting to illustrate the unique discoveries in one of the world's richest fossil fields. Unlike many other fossil deposits, the Riversleigh fossils are not just a snapshot in time, but a window on the development of early mammal megafauna over the past 30 million years. Join the Palaeontologist for a tour of the laboratory and see how fossils are extracted from the Riversleigh limestone.

Themed and designed to showcase the endemic plants of the region, Outback Park is a 2 hectare landscaped park with its central feature a lagoon and waterfall, inspired by the limestone tufas (small cascade waterfalls) of Lawn Hill Gorge.

Come and experience the best that Mount Isa has to offer at Outback at Isa.

Outback at Isa

See, hear and feel the history of Mount Isa come to life at Outback at Isa.

Experience an underground mine tour, explore ancient Australia or immerse yourself in Mount Isa's rich cultural and pioneering history.

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QANTAS PARK

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