

Carnarvon Gorge

Luxury Wilderness Escape

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9 Days

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* Carnarvon Gorge is a unique area in Central Queensland where the ancient sandstone has been carved by streams over millions of years.
* Ward's Canyon, the Moss Garden, and Aljon Falls have unique vegetation, including the rare King Ferns. Cathedral Cave and the Aboriginal Art Gallery have fine examples of Aboriginal stencil art.

familiarise ourselves with the Wilderness Lodge cabins and have a 2-3 hour walk in the Gorge, maybe seeing a platypus.

Carnarvon Gorge Wilderness Lodge 07 4984 4503
(4 nights)

Days 4, 5 and 6: Carnarvon Gorge (BLD)

Over the next few days, you can fully explore the Gorge. We have arranged **Guided tours** or you can walk at your own pace. Short easy walks to the Platypus Pool via the Nature Trail, Baloon Cave or Mickey Creek can be taken. Longer walks are available from 6km, 10km and 20km. In the four days we have at the Gorge, all the major attractions—the Moss Garden, Art Gallery and Wards Canyon can be visited with easy walks from 6-10km as they all follow the Gorge Basin and Creek. A walk to **Cathedral Cave** or **Big Bend** will take a full day, with time for lunch or a paddle before returning. For the adventurous we ascend to Boolimba Bluff for magnificent views of the valley below.

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- * Platypus, possums, sugar gliders and rock wallabies, as well as numerous species of birdlife are seen here.
- * Carnarvon Gorge Wilderness Lodge at the National Park offers fully refurbished Luxury Safari Cabins of canvas and timber to blend in with the bushland setting and wildlife. Each cabin contains an ensuite, fan, refrigerator, tea and coffee making facilities, heating and electric blankets. Disabled cabins are available too.
- * The Wilderness Lodge provides all meals including packed lunches. There is a library, swimming pool, and bicycles for loan. Some evening entertainment is provided.
- * As a preferred Tour Operator, we have been able to create a great value package so you too can walk, relax and enjoy this magical place!



Night time activities include a **slide show and talk**. Maybe we can find the poet laureate amongst us, or just sit and star gaze. The wide shady verandas of the cabins and the bar at the dining room allow guests to read, doze or enjoy the wildlife.

Day 1: Sydney/Newcastle—Narrabri (LD)

We will pick up at Strathfield and Hornsby, Tuggerah and the Hunter. Travelling via Scone and Gunnedah, we will arrive in Narrabri mid afternoon.

Country Comfort Narrabri 02 6792 1488

Day 2: Narrabri—Roma (BLD)

We will travel through Moree then Mungindi and across the border into Queensland. Lunch will be at the pretty agricultural town of St George. At Roma we will have time to photograph the stately bottle trees lining the streets.

Explorers Inn 07 4620 1400

Day 3: Roma—Carnarvon Gorge (BLD)

We continue north through Injune to the Carnarvon Gorge National Park and arrive for lunch. After lunch we will

Day 7: Carnarvon Gorge—Roma & Dalby (BLD)

After breakfast we return to Roma where we will have some time for sightseeing before lunch. We will then travel to the Darling Downs for our overnight accommodation.

Dalby Midtown Motor Inn 1800 032 529

Day 8: Dalby—Toowoomba—Armidale (BLD)

In Toowoomba we will visit **Picnic Point** for a stroll and morning tea. Heading along the New England Highway we will see the **Celtic Standing Stones** at Glen Innes, before arriving at Armidale.

Hallmark Comfort Inn 02 6772 9800

Day 9: Armidale—Home (BL)

We will travel home via Newcastle to Sydney.