

Balonne Shire Visitor Information Centre

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Outback Oasis Explored



This 3-day journey across the St George Region will have you exploring this outback country oasis by experiencing historic pubs, inland fishing, local characters and spotting wildlife.

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Start your journey here in **St George**, where country meets the outback.

Begin your exploration of Queensland's Inland Fishing Capital on foot along the shady **Balonne Riverbank Walkway.** Grab a pair of binoculars and keep an eye out for the local birdlife as you make tracks along the two-kilometre stretch.

Make your way this morning to the **Unique Egg** where you'll find emu eggs transformed into hand-carved pieces of illuminated art by a local artisan. Continue your tour of town by taking the **St George Heritage Trail** to explore the town's historical sites and colourful history.

This afternoon get your coffee fix and buy some homemade treats from one of the town's quaint cafes to take with you on your journey 46 kilometres south to **Nindigully**.

Perched on the banks of the Moonie River, the **Nindigully Pub** is Queensland's longest continually licensed pub. Come hungry and tackle the pub's famous Road Train Burger, known to feed up to 10 people or sit back and enjoy the hum of chatter of travellers and locals alike on the veranda.

Set up camp in front of the pub and enjoy a shady spot on **Moonie River** or for a real outback pub experience, stay in one of the Nindigully Pub's historic rooms. **Overnight Nindigully.**

DAY 2

33 kilometres

NINDIGULLY TO THALLON

Embrace the region's relaxed lifestyle and ease into your morning in **Nindigully** by the Moonie River. Make sure to have your fishing rod packed to throw in a line in the hopes of catching Yellowbelly or Murray Cod, or lace up and take a stroll along the historical **Gully Walk**.

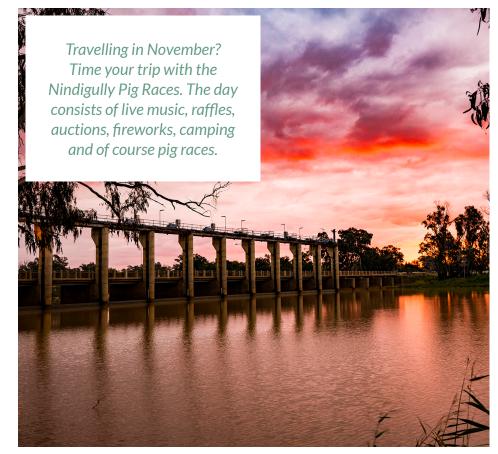
Enjoy your journey 33 kilometres south through prime grain growing country to **Thallon** where you'll be greeted by the giant 30-metre-high grain silos as you roll into town. The breathtaking silos feature the spectacular 'Watering Hole' mural.

Head to the **Francis Hotel** to grab your copy of the self-guided town history trails and fill your day diving into Thallon's early European history.

Don't leave town without getting a selfie with the giant 'William the Wombat' sculpture. Here, learn about Thallon's connection to the Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat and the need to protect them as one of the most critically endangered mammals in the world.

Camp up at the McGeever Recreational Grounds with a view of the silos or head to the Francis Hotel for a home-style meal and historic pub stay.

Tonight, remember to look up and gaze at the endless stars above. **Overnight Thallon**.



SIDE TRIP:

Want more of the St George Region?

Take the 40-kilometre journey south of Thallon to Mungindi and visit the heritage-listed One Ton Post which marks the first official survey of the border between the colonies of Queensland and New South Wales.

DAY 3:

79 kilometres

THALLON TO ST GEORGE

Wind down the windows, take in the fresh country air and admire the vast landscapes as you make the 79-kilometre return to **St George**. Along the way, see if you can spot some of the region's wildlife including kangaroos, emus and echidnas.

Feeling thirsty? Make a visit to the Riversands Vineyards to experience Queensland's most western winery. Sip your way through a personalised tasting of their wine range on arrival at their cellar door and hear the stories about the characters whom their wines are named after. Otherwise, find a spot in their country garden to experience the best of their boutique wines and country hospitality.

Experience the history of St George on a four-hour guided tour of **Anchorage Homestead.** Built in 1903 and steeped in history, the homestead is surrounded by an acre of green lawn and cottagestyle gardens, adding to the beauty of the residence.

Alternatively, take yourself for a dip at the **St George Baths**. The artesian spring heated water is the perfect way to revitalise yourself after a morning drive.

By late afternoon, cruise your way down the Balonne River on board the 'Balonne Baroo Andoo' with Sandytown River Cruises. You'll learn about the river's cultural aspects and the local flora and fauna including over 240 species of birds which call the St George Region home.

There's plenty of accommodation choices here in St George; take your pick from their variety of caravan parks and motels.

Overnight St George.