

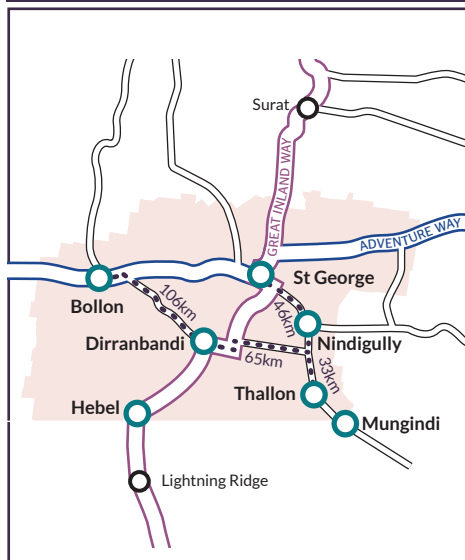
4 DAY ITINERARY

Adventure Way Loop



This 4-day journey beginning in St George will have you exploring this country oasis. Experience our best pubs, local fishing hot spots and rural history before finishing in Bollon – ready to continue your journey west along the Adventure Way.

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DAY 1: ST GEORGE TO NINDIGULLY

46 kilometres

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

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 – there are over 240 species of birds which call the St George Region home.

Spend your morning in the gardens of **Riversands Vineyards**, experiencing 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.

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**.

Experience the best of St George on a cotton farm and winery tour by joining a four-hour guided bus tour hosted by local St George cotton farm and vineyard owners

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 3:

106 kilometres

DIRRANBANDI TO BOLLON

Grab a coffee to take away and hit the road 106 kilometres north west to **Bollon**. Get your camera ready to spot emus who are often found strolling the streets of the town.

Visit the **Nullawokka First Nations Gallery** and admire the works of emerging artists from the local area and shop for authentic gifts. Join their two-hour **Bollon Cultural Walk** in the afternoon to discover traditional scar trees, find bush medicine and experience a gourmet bush tucker tasting with a descendant of the local Gwamu/Kooma people.

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. **Overnight Thallon**.

DAY 3:

65 kilometres

THALLON TO DIRRANBANDI

Enjoy the freedom of the wide-open roads as you travel 65 kilometres to **Dirranbandi** this morning. The town booms during the cotton harvesting season where a tour of **Cubbie Station**, the largest cotton producer in the Southern Hemisphere, is a must.

Come hungry to Dirranbandi, where the **Dirranbandi Bakery** will have your taste buds dancing. Russian-born baker Natalia runs the local gem that has cabinets stocked with homemade pies, bakery favourites and sweet Russian delights. Treat yourself to their traditional honey bread, Pryanick or Turkish delight to take for a picnic along the river at **Jack Dwyer Park**.

A visit to **Dirranbandi's Railway Precinct** will have you uncover the town's history. Call into **Railway Park** to find the old waiting room, the original parcels office and the 1913 Station Master's residence, now the Dirranbandi Rural Transaction Centre.

This afternoon make your way to the town's river walk or throw in a line from the pontoon at Jack Dwyer Park.

Dirranbandi offers a range of accommodation including a caravan park, two motels and a hotel. **Overnight Dirranbandi**.

For National Park Explorers:

Serious bush campers and four-wheel drive enthusiasts can venture out to Thrushton National Park, found 37 kilometres north east of Bollon. Situated in the heart of the mulga lands, it conserves a remnant of original vegetation and features the Thrushton Homestead ruins. During spring admire the beauty of the blooming wildflowers. Keen bush campers can choose from either the Homestead or Woolshed camping areas to stay.

For those hoping to spot the elusive koala while in Bollon, take an afternoon stroll along the shady creek-side walkway that features Aboriginal dreamtime artwork.

Take your pick from a shady spot down at the **Wallam Creek Caravan and Camping Area** or stay in the comfort of the **Bollon Hotel** and enjoy a classic pub meal for your night here in Bollon before you continue your journey west on the Adventure Way. **Overnight Bollon**.

SIDE TRIP:
Got time in your itinerary?

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.

