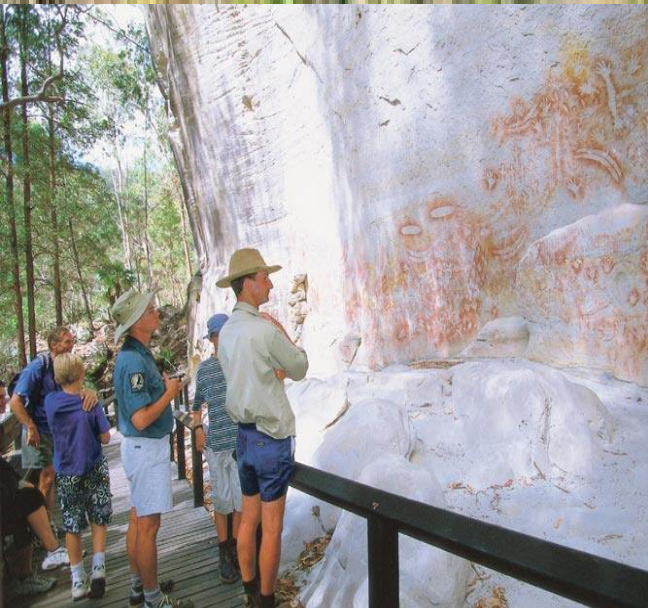


Self Drive Tours Capricorn Queensland

Rockhampton to Carnarvon

Real Natural Environment Tour



Rockhampton

Travel West from Rockhampton through Duringa to Dingo. This small town is famous for the World Championship Dingo Trap contest, held each year in July. The bronze statue of a dingo is a great rest stop.

Blackdown Tablelands 15mins from Dingo

Further west, 15km on the left is the turn-off to the Blackdown Tableland National Park. The park has a 600-metre-high sandstone plateau, spectacular lookouts, and walking tracks.

Blackwater

35mins West from Blackdown

After your bushwalk, continue westward as you enter the heart of coal production in Central QLD, Blackwater. As a tribute, the local community has built a Japanese Garden which is renowned as one of the best in Queensland, a great rest place.

Emerald

35min West of Blackwater

Emerald is the hub of the Central Highlands and the gateway to the Sapphire Gemfields. It offers great shopping, restaurants and excellent accommodation. The restored railway station is noted for its beautiful cast iron lace portico. Other local sights include the Botanic Gardens, Art Gallery, Town Hall's fossilised tree and the huge reproduction of Van Gogh's Sunflowers.

Lake Maraboon

Just to the south is Lake Maraboon, three times the size of Sydney Harbour and a great place for water sports and fishing.

Rolleston

234km South of Emerald

As you take the drive to Rolleston take the time to visit the Staircase Range and discover the convict cuttings in the side of the mountain. Rolleston is "Pure Country" that is supported by a thriving beef and cropping industry and is the closest town to Carnarvon Gorge. Once at Rolleston take the Carnarvon Rd turn off.

Carnarvon Gorge

90Km South of Rolleston

1 hour and ten minutes drive from Rolleston and you will experience Carnarvon National Parks grandeur which will leave you breathless. Famous for its deep sandstone gorge, you'll find yourself under a canopy of lush green ferns and palms as you walk by spectacular cliffs, moss gardens and a variety of fauna and flora. The ancient Aboriginal rock paintings, including the most extensive examples of stencil art in Queensland, are at least 19,000 years old.

Ensure you leave yourself ample time to enjoy this special part of Australia with cabins and camping facilities available.

