

# Reef to Beef - Fixed Wing

in conjunction with

## Gilberton Outback Retreat

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Gilberton Outback Retreat is located in far North Queensland. The retreat is set on the banks of the Gilbert River on the 7th generation occupied Gilberton Station. This exclusive package includes fixed-wing aircraft transfers and one night's accommodation at Gilberton Outback Retreat.

*Please note: This product is on request. We will confirm availability within the shortest possible time after we receive your order.*

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## Rates

**Private Retreat for 2 people**

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## Duration

2 Days

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## About

Gilberton Outback Retreat is an inclusive one night package for two people and includes the following:

- All Meals,
- Drinks (including alcoholic beverages),
- Tours and Experiences
- Fixed-Wing Aircraft Transfers.
- Your adventure begins with a fixed-wing plane flight from Ingham across the Australian Outback to the stunning Gilberton Outback Retreat.

NOTE: Helicopter flights and other options are available at additional cost.

Upon arrival, you will be shown to your room, introduced to your hosts and the range of activities that you can take part in.



## The Experience



There is plenty to see and do at Gilberton if your heart so desires. Enjoy abundant wildlife on a leisurely walk or a guided tour, or even sit back and watch the wildlife from your room. Bird lovers will have plenty of twitching opportunities! Part of Gilberton is a Nature Refuge, which is recognised by the Queensland Government as being an area of high conservation significance. The family focus has always been on environmental sustainability, with looking after the land an absolute priority.

## Accommodation

During your stay, you will have uninterrupted views of the Gilbert River from your private hut and will sleep in the comfort. The hut has a fully self-contained kitchen, with a large range of food and ingredients at your disposal. There are no phones, TV or Internet available allowing you to truly escape and relax.

## Activities:

### 4WD Safari

Our farm tour consists of touring around the cattle station helping put supplementary feed out for the cattle, or, if we are in mustering season, being involved in training the young cattle ready for the big wide world of living without Mum. On the tours, our guests are given a detailed talk about why we do what we do, and how it helps the animals and their environmental health.



Morning tea and/or lunch is taken with us depending on the length of the tour. Options are for a whole day or a half-day.

Highlights: diverse landscapes, wildlife, cattle, flora and fauna

\*Tour is by 4-wheel drive with a limited amount of walking.

### Culture Tour

Gilberton is one of the few places in North Queensland where European, Chinese, and Aboriginal played a major role in opening up mining before agriculture took over. The family has been proactive in looking after country and keeping the history alive.

Highlights: seeing relics of ancient years

\*It is approximately a half day tour, taking morning tea better known as smoko along with us.



### Fossicking

In 1869 Gold was discovered in this region and it grew to become the administration centre for the Etheridge region before Georgetown was founded. The population at that time exploded to 3000 people living in a tent city consisting of 7 pubs, a soft drink factory, a hospital, a commissioner's house, two stores and a butcher shop. Today our guests are taken out to explore what remains of the gold fields. They are equipped with a metal detector or a panning dish and shown techniques for finding gold, and then given the opportunity to find their own piece of golden treasure.

Morning tea is taken out with us, but we are generally home for lunch at the Gilberton homestead.

Highlights: exploring the old mining township, relics of yesteryears, panning or detecting for gold.

\*Approx. 20 minutes walking time