



I am being asked what it is like to travel domestically. Well of course there are different ways to travel – drive yourself is popular and fun however I am getting reports from people saying they are finding it hard to secure accommodation because lots of people are doing the same thing and pottering around, so make sure to prebook.

Campervans solve the find a bed for the night problem and offer great deals from around \$45 per day (depending upon the length of hire and the size of the camper). Call Travelling Places for details.

Queensland Rail will take you to the main centres around the state – out to Longreach and Winton, Up the coast where you can hop on and off or travel as far as Cairns, or even west to Mt Isa. Combine the train with a small group journey where all your sightseeing and accommodation is included so you don't miss out on the must sees! This could be from Cairns up to the Cape and west to Normanton. Longreach and Winton have options too.

Or we can arrange a car and accommodation for you to explore on your own. As your locally appointed Queensland Rail agency, Travelling Places can arrange your tickets and don't forget if you are a Queensland pensioner you can access almost free travel!

Then of course there is flying. The airlines are gradually introducing flights around the state, with regular flights from Brisbane to Cairns, the Whitsundays, Townsville, Longreach and further afield. The number of flights is limited to make sure there are not too many people in the airports at any time and as you can imagine the airlines have ramped up their hygiene protocols. We can help you check in prior to heading to the airport. Flying with Qantas you are provided with a mask and boarding is made in stages to load the aircraft from the back, on board there is a 'no contact' service, rather you will be given a bottle of water and a wrapped snack. There are lots of initiatives to make sure your travel is safe.

Unless you have lots of time available and the inclination to drive for hours then flying continues to be a great way to travel around Australia. Why not head up to the Whitsundays for a week – stay on one of the islands, go sailing, snorkelling, beach walking or relax in the sunshine with a good book. There are a range of island destinations catering for different people. Or head to Cairns and the northern beaches, Port Douglas or the Daintree, Kuranda and the Atherton Tablelands. Longreach and Winton are fascinating – spend a few days visiting the Stockmans Hall of Fame, the Qantas museum, the dinosaurs in Winton – you can catch the train one way and fly or drive back

We are so lucky to live in this vast and diverse state, let's face it Queensland is larger than many countries throughout the world, so let's head off and explore. Call Travelling Places 55451600 for some great ideas and offers.