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Step aboard the legendary Gulflander for a rail journey into Queensland's pioneering past. The Heritage-listed Normanton to Croydon line is an outback legend and the only line in Queensland still measured in miles! This isolated railway line is affectionately said to go from 'nowhere to nowhere' and to this day, retains its patented steel sleepers, laid between 1888 and 1891. Throughout the journey, our onboard accredited Savannah guides will entertain and delight with their knowledge of this vast region, throwing in tales of the region's colourful characters. Join us for a 'must do' experience onboard this charming rail motor you won't regret.

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Climb aboard the iconic Gulflander, warmly known as the 'Tin Hare' and witness first-hand, a unique moment in Queensland's history. Initially built to connect the pioneer river port of Normanton with Croydon's rich gold fields, the Gulflander has steadfastly continued connecting Queenslanders and visitors with these isolated outback towns. The Heritage-listed Normanton to Croydon line is a legend of the outback, retaining the original patented steel sleepers laid between 1888 and 1891. The Savannah-accredited onboard guides will regale passengers with stories of the land and tales of the region's colourful characters whilst travelling the only railway line still measured in miles. Affectionately said to go from 'nowhere to nowhere', this is a 'must do' journey into Queensland's past.

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Step aboard the iconic Gulflander and experience a genuinely unique part of Queensland's history. Initially built to connect the bustling river port of Normanton with the feverish gold rush in Croydon, the Gulflander has journeyed its way into the hearts and minds of many a Queenslanders in the years since. A legend of the outback, the Heritage-listed Normanton to Croydon line, affectionately said to go from 'nowhere to nowhere', retains the original patented steel sleepers laid between 1888 and 1891. And to this day, the line, isolated from the rest of the Queensland Rail network, is still measured in miles! Whilst onboard, the accredited Savanna guides will regale passengers with their detailed knowledge of the unique landscape, throwing in tales of colourful characters and stories of the region. Join us for this one in a lifetime journey and witness a charming working tribute to the early pioneers of the Gulf of Carpentaria.

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Take a step into Queensland's pioneering past and journey aboard the Gulflander as it travels the Heritage-listed Normanton to Croydon line. Affectionately said to go from 'nowhere to nowhere', the line was built to connect the once bustling river port of Normanton with the rich goldfields of Croydon. To combat seasonal impacts, the line was laid with patented steel sleepers - to this day it retains most of the original sleepers laid between 1888 and 1891 and is the only railway line in Queensland still measured in miles! Although the gold rush is long past, the Gulflander continues to connect its outback community with vital services and visitors with a fascinating history. Enjoy the treasure trove of history and discovery at charming Normanton Station, wandering amongst displays and vintage locomotives and carriages. Enjoy stops at Blackbull Siding for a cuppa and to stretch your legs and visit Critter's Camp to spot the local creepy crawlies... All the while, our Savannah-accredited guide and driver will regale you with their detailed knowledge of local flora and fauna, before delighting you with tales of the region's colourful characters! If you can, turn it into a bigger adventure and explore Karumba – enjoy a sunset cruise on the Gulf of Carpentaria, learn something new at Karumba's Barramundi Discovery Centre or, try your luck with a spot of fishing! Whether travelling solo, in a group or with your favourite companion, the Gulflander and Normanton to Croydon line is a 'must do' experience.



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Editorial Descriptions

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The links to Queensland's pioneering past run deep, but few so unique as that of the 'Tin Hare' and the Heritage-listed Normanton to Croydon line it travels. A legend of the outback, the Normanton to Croydon line is affectionately said to go from 'nowhere to nowhere'. The line was originally constructed to connect the once bustling river port of Normanton with the rich goldfields of Croydon during the feverish heights of the Gold Rush. To combat the oft-times challenging seasonal impacts of floodwaters, the line was laid with George Phillips' patented steel sleepers. To this day, not only does the line retain most of the original sleepers laid between 1888 and 1891, but it remains isolated from the rest of the Queensland Rail network and is still measured in miles! While the gold rush is a distant memory, the railway line and its worthy companion, the Gulflander, continue to connect these regional communities with vital services, as well as connect visitors with Queensland's fascinating history.

Enjoy Normanton Station's vintage charm – make friends with the station animals or explore the treasure trove of history here; wander amongst the historical displays, museum and vintage locomotives and carriages, or stop by the gift shop for a Gulflander souvenir. Step aboard our rail motor overflowing with character, and imagine yourself on a journey from long ago. Stop off at Blackbull Siding for a cuppa and to stretch your legs and visit Critter's Camp to spot the local creepy crawlies... All the while, our Savannah-accredited guide and driver will regale you with their detailed knowledge of local flora and fauna, before delighting you with tales of the region's colourful characters!

Make it even more of an adventure, exploring Normanton's surrounds and heading to Karumba to enjoy a stunning sunset cruise on the Gulf of Carpentaria, learn something new at Karumba's Barramundi Discovery Centre, or try your luck on a fishing tour. Once deep into this diverse and at times surprising region, discover Croydon's Heritage Precinct, including the courthouse, which dates back to 1887 – just imagine the day to day runnings and court sessions that took place here! And before you head off, be sure to stop at Queensland's longest, continuously operating general store for some supplies – it's doors have been open since 1894!

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