

# GULFLANDER



## An iconic outback rail journey

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2026

# All aboard the legendary Gulflander

Discover the incredible Gulf Savannah country aboard the Gulflander, a 1950s railmotor, with experiences from Normanton or Croydon. From wetlands and grasslands to the arid Savannah, travel along a heritage-listed railway line unlike any other.

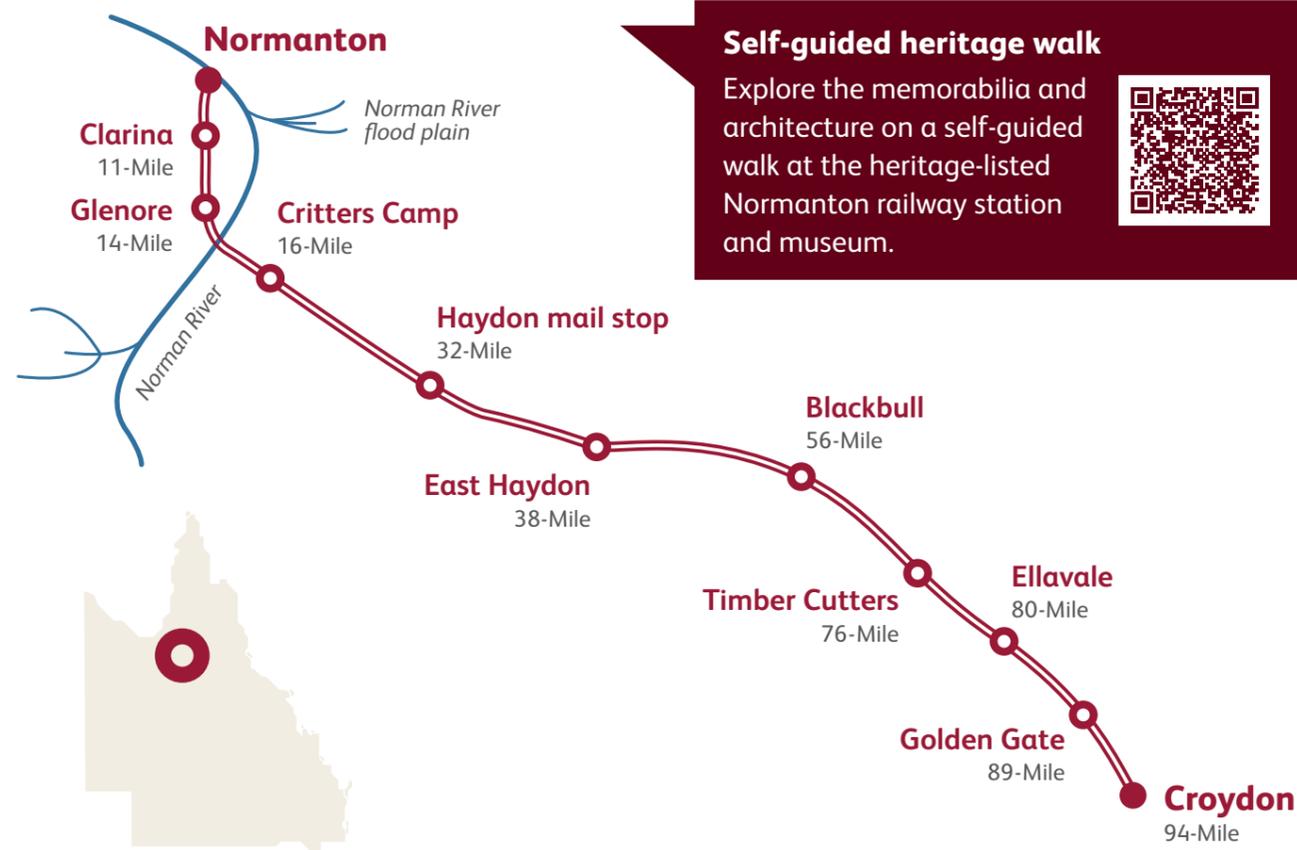
Affectionately known as the train that goes "from nowhere to nowhere", the line first opened in 1891 to connect the once bustling port of Normanton to the gold fields of Croydon. It remains the only line in Queensland still measured in miles. The construction of the line is an ingenious engineering feat built to withstand almost anything – including floods, termites and the test of time. Even today, the line retains most of the original rail and sleepers.

A trip on the Gulflander is more than a rail journey – it's a living piece of Queensland history. A once in a lifetime experience for all ages, and a must-do when travelling in the Gulf Savannah region.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Country over which the Gulflander traverses, the Gkuthaarn People and the Tagalaka People. We also recognise and respect the historical connections of other groups around the Croydon, Normanton and Karumba areas. This includes the Kukatj People and Kurtija People, who have strong historical links to the Normanton area and areas along which the Gulflander travels, noting their historical dislocation from traditional Country.

We pay respect to Elders past and present, and acknowledge their spiritual connection to the lands and waterways.

We ask that their ancestors watch over us as we tread lightly on Country.



## PLAN YOUR DAY

### Our railway stations

The Gulflander departs from Normanton and Croydon railway stations. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to departure.

Advance bookings are recommended for all experiences.

### Luggage

Luggage is limited to one piece per person at a maximum of 20kg, plus a small carry-on bag. For luggage information, visit our website.

### Accessibility

The heritage style carriages are not suitable for customers who use a wheelchair or mobility device. Our website provides resources and information in alternate formats, including:

- virtual and audio tours
- Easy Read booklets



## EXPERIENCES



### Gulflander Classic Experience

Take a journey on the Gulflander from Normanton or Croydon across rugged country, floodplains and grasslands. Your driver and guide will point out some of the unique flora and fauna. The journey includes a stop to hop off and enjoy morning tea at Blackbull.

#### Inclusions

- one-way or return travel from Normanton or Croydon
- morning tea at Blackbull served in your own souvenir mug

#### Departures

##### Normanton railway station:

Wednesdays at 8.30am, arrives Croydon at 1.30pm

##### Croydon railway station:

Thursday at 8.30am, arrives Normanton at 1.30pm

Fares	Adult	Concession	Child (4 to 14)
<b>Rail and morning tea:</b>			
One-way	\$94.00	\$78.20	\$54.50
Return	\$154.00	\$127.60	\$88.00
<b>Rail only:</b>			
One-way	\$79.00	\$63.20	\$39.50
Return	\$132.00	\$105.60	\$66.00

### Self-drive Gulflander Explorer

Combine a journey on the Gulflander with your self-drive holiday. One person travels on the Gulflander to Blackbull, while the other drives your vehicle to meet the train, then swap places, sharing the Gulflander Classic Experience and the drive.

**Fare from \$109 for two adults one-way, including morning tea at Blackbull.** Concession fare also available.

#### Same day coach back to Normanton

Book an afternoon coach from Croydon (Wednesdays) to travel back to Normanton. Seats are limited, so advance bookings are recommended. To reserve your seat, contact Trans North Bus and Coach on +61 7 3036 2070, or visit [transnorthbus.com.au](http://transnorthbus.com.au)



Self-guided heritage walk

### Critters Camp Excursion

Enjoy a short return ride on the Gulflander to Critters Camp. Discover the history of the 16-mile turning angle, built in 1891, and the tales of how this earned its unusual name. While at Normanton railway station, take a self-guided heritage walk and explore the station's museum to uncover more of its fascinating past.

#### Inclusion

- return ticket from Normanton to Critters Camp

#### Departure

##### Normanton railway station:

9am on selected days between May and October, returning at 11am

Fares	Adult	Concession	Child (4 to 14)
Return	\$56.00	\$44.80	\$28.00

### Croydon Golden Sunset Tour

Step aboard the Gulflander in Croydon for a breathtaking sunset journey. Travel in the late afternoon to Golden Gate, once a bustling goldmining hub. Savour a hearty outback-style, open-air meal while watching the golden hues of the setting sun before returning to Croydon.

#### Inclusions

- return ticket from Croydon to Golden Gate
- hearty outback-style meal

#### Departure

##### Croydon railway station:

5pm on Wednesdays on select dates between July and August, returning at 6.30pm

Fares	Adult	Concession	Child (4 to 14)
Return	\$61.50	\$55.30	\$31.00

### Croydon Forever Golden Tour

Experience the Gulflander and explore points of interest around Croydon in an air-conditioned coach with a local guide.

#### Inclusions

- 15-minute ride on the Gulflander from Croydon to Golden Gate
- visit Lake Belmore by coach for morning tea
- continue to Croydon Lookout, Chinese Temple, Mining Museum and enjoy a short film capturing Croydon's past and present
- free time to explore the Heritage Precinct

#### Departure

##### Croydon railway station:

8.30am on Thursdays on select dates between April and October, returning at 12.00pm

#### Booking

To book the tour, contact Croydon True Blue Visitor Information Centre on +61 7 4748 7153.

Fares	Adult	Concession	Child (4 to 14)
Return	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$40.00



Enjoy the sunset at Golden Gate

Your travel agent:

### Book your Gulflander experience

Phone reservations: 7am to 4.30pm AEST

Phone: **1800 577 245**

International: **+61 7 4231 9045**

Email: **[gulflander@qr.com.au](mailto:gulflander@qr.com.au)**

Normanton railway station

Matilda Street, Normanton

Croydon railway station

Helen Street, Croydon



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Conditions apply. Prices are per person and quoted in AUD (Australian Dollars). Prices are valid from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 and are subject to availability. Gulflander operates seasonally. Schedules may change due to weather and track maintenance, visit the Service Updates page on the website for details. Cancellation and booking conditions apply. Child fare is available for travellers 4 to 14 years of age (inclusive). Infants aged 0 to 3 years travel free of charge. Concession discounts available for Australian State Government or Territory Pension Concession Card or Seniors Card holders. Other discounts available, eligibility conditions apply. If you cannot find the fare you need, please contact reservations for a quote. Queensland Rail Travel reserves the right to make changes without notice. Queensland Rail Limited ABN 71 132 181 090.