



Two-day Itinerary for Active Travellers in Croydon, Queensland

Nestled in northwest-Queensland along the iconic Savannah Way, Croydon is a charming Outback town with a golden past, vibrant community, and rich natural beauty. Its compact size makes exploring easy and rewarding, especially for travellers who enjoy history, culture, and time outdoors at their doorstep.

Nearby nearby towns

Georgetown – 148 km east

Normanton – 154 km west

Karumba – 224 km northwest



Day 1: Discovering Croydon's Heritage & Golden Moments

Morning: True Blue Visitor Information Centre (8:30 AM – 10:00 AM)

Distance: Located in the heart of Croydon; walkable from most accommodations.

Begin your journey at the Visitor Centre. The friendly team offers a warm welcome and an engaging introduction to Croydon's rich history through museum-style exhibits and a short video presentation.

Local Tip: Wander through the Centre's landscaped garden, featuring heritage and quirky displays, vintage vehicles, and a miners' hut.

Mid-Morning: Croydon Heritage Precinct (10:15 AM – 11:45 AM)

Distance: A short 5-minute walk from the Visitor Centre

Step back in time as you explore the heritage-listed Courthouse, Gaol, Police Station, and Town Hall. Discover original architecture and captivating stories that defined Croydon's gold rush heyday.

Local Tip: Step into the old courtroom and listen to a reenacted trial from 1902. It's theatrical and surprisingly gripping!

Lunch: Gulf Gate Roadhouse (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM)

Distance: 1 km from the Heritage Precinct; 2-minute drive or 10-minute walk

A local favourite with generous servings.

Local Favourite: Try the famous chips with cheese and gravy—you won't regret it!

Afternoon: Leisure at Lake Belmore (1:30 PM – 3:30 PM)

Distance: 4 km from town; approx. 7-minute drive

Unwind beside this scenic freshwater lake. Cast a line, launch a kayak, or enjoy a lakeside barbecue.

Local Tip: On the way back, stop at Diehm's Lookout for panoramic views of the town and countryside—perfect at golden hour.

Late Afternoon: Croydon Golden Sunset Tour (5:00 PM – 6:30 PM)

Departs from Croydon Railway Station, a 5-minute walk from town centre

Hop aboard the legendary Gulflander train for a nostalgic sunset ride to Golden Gate. Dine on a station-style supper while the Outback glows around you.

Note: Operates Wednesdays in July and August. Be sure to book before 1:00 PM at the Info Centre.

Evening: Croydon Club Hotel Experience (7:00 PM onwards)

A 5-minute walk from the town centre

Unwind at the Croydon Club Hotel—the last remaining pub of 36 from the gold rush era. Swap stories with locals, enjoy a cold drink, and soak up the Outback pub atmosphere.

Local Tip: You'll feel like a regular before you even finish your first round.





Overnight Stay: Embracing the Outback Night Sky

Before turning in, pause to stargaze. With minimal light pollution, Croydon's night sky is ablaze with stars.

Accommodation Options: Choose from the fully equipped caravan park, donation-based Racecourse Rest 1 km from town, or a room at the historic Club Hotel.

Day 2: Trails, Tales & Twilight Moments

Early Morning: Heritage Trails Exploration (6:30 AM – 8:00 AM)

Start just a 10-minute walk from the centre of town

Walk or bike along Croydon's Heritage Trails—paths that weave through bushland rich with historical artefacts like old gravestones and rusted water tanks.

Local Tip: Look out for wallabies and birds.

Safety Note: Bring water, sun protection, and let someone know your route.

Mid-Morning: Chinese Temple Site & Iguana Mining Museum (9:00 AM – 10:30 AM)

Distance: 15-minute walk from the town centre

Discover Croydon's multicultural past at the Archaeological Chinese Temple Site, with landscaped grounds and interpretive signs. Then head to the Iguana Mining Museum to see vintage machinery and mining artifacts that shaped the town.

Local Tip: Snap a selfie and tag #VisitCroydonQLD.

Lunch: Federation Park (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM)

Located in the centre of town; walkable from all attractions

Relax under shady trees and enjoy lunch in this green oasis.

Local Tip: Look for the public art sculptures throughout the park—each with its own story.

Afternoon: Croydon Cemetery (1:30 PM – 2:15 PM)

Distance: 5-minute drive or 30-minute walk from town centre

Stroll through this peaceful historic cemetery, known for its shell-decorated graves—a unique tradition symbolising life and resurrection..

Note: Ask the friendly Visitor Centre staff for help with family history research.

Late Afternoon: Birdwatching at Cemetery Swamp (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

Located adjacent to the cemetery

Settle into the bird hide and take in the sights and sounds of local birdlife. You may also spot wallabies or wild deer near this quiet watering spot.

Note: Bring binoculars if you have them.

Evening: Sunset at Diehm's Lookout & Twilight Heritage Walk (5:30 PM – 6:30 PM)

Diehm's Lookout is 20-minute walk from town centre

Catch one last golden view from the lookout, then meander through the softly lit Heritage Precinct as the vintage streetlamps cast a magical glow over Croydon's historic charm.

Local Tip: Keep an eye out for the 'resident ghost' said to still linger near the old gaol.

