



Welcomes you to your

2-Day Ultimate Lake Eyre and Outback Weekender



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DAY 1:

Welcome aboard! From 6.30am on the morning of your Lake Eyre and Outback Supreme Scenic Safari, we will pick you up from your Adelaide CBD choice of accommodation. Our experienced and knowledgeable guide will meet and greet you and transfer you to Parafield Airport, just a 30-minute drive from the Adelaide city. At Parafield, once you are briefed by our highly skilled and entertaining pilots, Tony Schwerdt and Chris Pfitzner, we're off on a great adventure!

Our choice of aircraft is the very reliable and spacious Fairchild Metro II. The Metro is a turbo prop with a pressurized cabin so you can remain at sea level at all times, adding to the comfort of these trips and no unforeseen ear problems! Everybody has a large window seat which gives you magnificent views of everything below, especially when we're flying at low level over some spectacular scenery.

From Parafield, we fly north over the South Australia's fertile Mid North farming land, to refuel at Port Augusta.

Back in the air, the real journey starts as we fly over the very beautiful and historic Flinders Ranges, the backbone of the landscape. Amongst the Ranges, we will clearly see the Elder Range, the famous Wilpena Pound and the highest peak of the range, St. Mary's. Moving along, we also will see the geological rich Brachina Gorge in the Ranges and then onto Marree in the northern Flinders Ranges.

Continuing on across the Sturt Stony Desert we land at the famous Burke and Wills, Dig Tree. The Dig Tree is right on the Cooper Creek and a big part of our Australian history. It is the site where the possessions of famous explorers Robert O'Hara Bourke and William John Wills were buried after their ill-fated attempt to cross inland Australia, from Melbourne to the Gulf of Carpentaria.

There is a large amount of interesting reading and history about the expedition, and it's also a great spot to have our lunch and ponder the events that transpired here in 1861.

Our next destination is a short 8 minute flight to the outback town of Innamincka, located on the Strezlecki Track next to the stunning Cooper Creek. A genuine outback pub is the highlight, where travellers and locals alike come together and relax, and share many a travelling story over a refreshing drink and a hearty outback lunch.

The pub is one thing, but the Cooper Creek at the moment, really is incredible. This is one of the most famous and yet least visited rivers in Australia and is one of 3 major Queensland river systems that flow into the Lake Eyre Basin, measuring 1300km in length.

There is hardly a soul out here and you have the chance to really experience nature along the creek by foot, seeing hundreds of different bird species including Pelicans, Cormorants, Corellas, Spoonbills, Wedge Tailed Eagles, Herons and Swans. The river gums are equally spectacular and an outstanding highlight for many on this trip. Time permitting we may also have a look at the historic Elizabeth Symonds Nursing Home, now serving as an information centre for the surrounding Innamincka Regional Reserve.

Back in the air again, we will then head north, covering the rich wild and birdlife at Coongie Lake. Coongie Lake is equally as impressive as Lake Eyre as we cruise down to low altitude to see this stunning region.

Swans, pelicans and ducks are just some of the birds on the Coongie and prime cattle are now grazing some of the best organic country in the world as we fly across the border into Queensland, landing at Birdsville.

Birdsville really does not need much introduction and is one of Australia's "must visit" and classic Outback towns. So it makes perfect sense to rest up here for the Saturday evening, with a 3 course meal is provided and local characters full of stories, making this a great night!

DAY 2:

After a full buffet breakfast, we set about for another exciting day. We will begin with a town tour of Birdsville with a local guide. You will learn all about the history of this popular stopover town that will conclude back at the most popular stopover point- the Pub!

Departing Birdsville we set about for another classic day of flying with our destination, the inland sea of Lake Eyre!

We follow the Diamantina River and what are now lush green pastures to Goyders Lagoon- a magnificent delta that stretches for 120 kms to where the Warburton Creek commences its journey across the Simpson Desert and into Lake Eyre.

The aircraft arrives at the top of Lake Eyre North only 45 minutes from departure where water can be seen making its way 160kms down the groove towards Belt Bay.

After flying the length down the Lake, we land at William Creek, located on the world's largest cattle station, Anna Creek. After a stretch of the legs, some more history beckons here as we are in Sydney Kidman country. Kidman, a legendary bushman and station owner, was knighted in 1921. Lunch today is at yet another iconic landmark, the William Creek Hotel.

From William Creek, your route will take you over South Australia's booming mine of Olympic Dam. This is a multi mineral ore body and is the world's fourth largest remaining copper deposit, fifth largest gold deposit and the largest uranium deposit. There are also significant quantities of silver.

We also fly over Woomera, which is a town synonymous with the testing of long range missiles and rockets during the Cold War, and the launch and tracking of spacecraft in the early days of the Space Age. From here, it's down to Pt. Augusta & the Spencer Gulf, on to Port Pirie & then landing back at Parafield Airport around 5pm. We then will take you back to the city to your accommodation, if required, and the rest of your stay in South Australia.

PRICED AT \$2,520.00 per person, all-inclusive.

WHATS INCLUDED

This safari includes all meals (plus water on the plane), accommodation at the Birdsville Hotel, transfers to and from Parafield Airport, guided tour around Birdsville etc

WHATS NOT INCLUDED

Travel to and accommodation in Adelaide, all alcoholic and other beverages, personal souvenirs, and travel insurance.



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