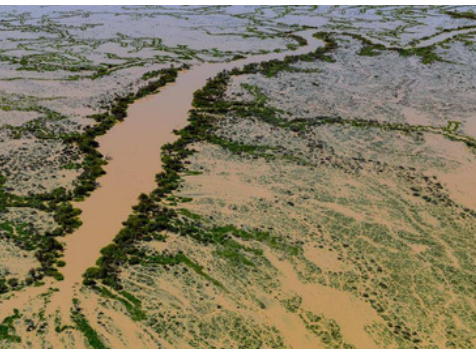


AIRTOURS

Lake Eyre Spectacular 2 Day Tour



LAKE EYRE SPECTACULAR 2 DAYS / 1 NIGHT TOUR

Airtours Lake Eyre Spectacular itinerary makes the most of the beautiful outback landscape, iconic hotels and magnificent flood waters making their way into Lake Eyre in a fast and comfortable aircraft enabling maximum time on the ground to explore these wonderful and remote outback destinations. We believe the true Australian Outback is experienced at its best when you interact with the people who live and work on the land, sharing their stories with you and inviting you into their world.

This 2 day, 1 night Lake Eyre tour encompasses the best of South Australian Outback destinations and the magnificent Lake Eyre in an easy to manage, comfortable and exciting itinerary.





COOPER CREEK

The Cooper Creek is one of the most famous rivers in Australia because it was the site of the death of the explorers Burke and Wills in 1861. It is sometimes known as the Barcoo River from one of its tributaries and is one of three major Queensland river systems that flow into the Lake Eyre Basin.

The flow of the creek depends on monsoonal rains falling months earlier and many hundreds of kilometres away in eastern Queensland.

At 1,300km in length it is the second longest inland river system in Australia after the Murray-Darling system.

DAY ONE

Arrive at the Airtours Lounge at Adelaide Airport in time for your morning departure to Rawnsley Park in the Flinders Ranges. Indulge in a local area 4WD tour before enjoying a freshly prepared morning tea at the Woolshed Restaurant. Transfer back to your aircraft to depart for Innamincka where you will have lunch in the Innamincka Hotel. Jump aboard for your very quick flight to land at the Dig Tree where you can wander down to the banks of the Cooper Creek and explore the history of this location.

Fly to Birdsville with a low level segment on the way in to land along the beautiful Diamantina River system, your aircraft parking across the road from the iconic Birdsville Hotel where you will spend tonight.

Inclusions: Lunch, Dinner (3 course), all touring, charter flights, overnight accommodation in an ensuite motel room at the Birdsville Hotel.

Exclusions: Items of a personal nature, alcoholic beverages

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*Sometimes you find
yourself in the
middle of nowhere,
and sometimes in
the middle of
nowhere, you find
yourself.*



INNAMINCKA

Innamincka is a small settlement in the north east of South Australia, with a population of only 12. The town lies within the Innamincka Regional Reserve and is surrounded by the Strezlecki Desert to the south and the Sturt Stony Desert to the north. The township is situated along the Cooper Creek, a part of the Lake Eyre Basin.



LAKE EYRE

Lake Eyre, officially known as Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre, contains the lowest natural point in Australia, at approximately 15m below sea level, and, on the rare occasions that it fills, is the largest lake in Australia covering 9,500 square kilometers.

The shallow endorheic lake is the depocentre of the vast Lake eyre basin and is found in Northern South Australia, some 700km north of Adelaide.

When the lake is full, it has the same salinity level as the sea, but as the lake dries up and the water evaporates, salinity increases.

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*We travel not to
escape life, but for
life not to escape us*

DAY TWO

After a cooked bush breakfast at the Birdsville Hotel, stroll across the road to your aircraft in preparation for the journey of a lifetime! We fly from Birdsville, navigating the vast expanse of desert which has transformed into an inland oasis and following remote stations situated along the channel country as we make our way down towards Lake Eyre. This scenic flight is flown at low level and there will be extensive photo opportunities - truly spectacular! Your aircraft lands at William Creek after flying over Lake Eyre ready for lunch in the William Creek Hotel. There will be time after lunch to explore this tiny town before meeting back at your aircraft for your comfortable flight back to Adelaide Airport, approximately 1hr45 mins. Tours are planned to arrive in Adelaide by 5pm.

Inclusions: Breakfast (Birdsville), Lunch (William Creek), all touring, charter flights, Lake Eyre & Channel Country scenic flight.

Exclusions: Items of a personal nature, alcoholic beverages

CHANNEL COUNTRY

The Channel Country features an arid landscape with a series of ancient flood plains which only flow intermittently. The principal rivers are Georgina River, Cooper Creek and the Diamantina River.

When there is sufficient rainfall in their catchment area these rivers flow into Lake Eyre, South Australia. In most years the flood waters are absorbed into the earth or evaporate. The primary land use is cattle grazing and it is estimated that in the Queensland section alone there are between half to one million head of cattle.

