

AIRTOURS

Outback & Lake Eyre 2 Day Tour



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Airtours Outback & Lake Eyre itineraries make the most of the beautiful outback landscape 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 Outback & 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.





FLINDERS RANGES

The Flinders Ranges are composed largely of folded and faulted sediments of the Adelaide Geosyncline. This very thick sequence was deposited in a large basin during the Neoproterozoic on the passive margin of the ancient continent of Rodinia. During the Cambrian (about 540 million years ago) the area underwent the Delamerian orogeny, when the geosynclinal sequence was folded and faulted into a large mountain range. The area has undergone subsequent erosion resulting in the relatively low ranges today.

Most of the high ground and ridgetops are sequences of quartzites that outcrop along strike. The high walls of Wilpena Pound are formed by the outcropping beds of the eponymous Pound Quartzite in a synclinal structure. Synclines form other high parts of the Flinders, including the plateau of the Gammon Ranges and the Heysen Range. Cuesta forms are also very common.

The Ranges are renowned for the Ediacara Hills, South-west of Leigh Creek, where in 1946 some of the oldest fossil evidence of animal life was discovered. Similar fossils have subsequently been found in the ranges, although their locations are kept secret to protect the sites. In 2004 a new geological period, the Ediacaran Period, was created to mark the appearance of Ediacara biota.

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I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list ...

DAY ONE

Arrive at the Airtours Lounge at Adelaide Airport in time for your departure to the Flinders Ranges. On arrival at Rawnsley Park you will be transferred for your full day Central Flinders Day Tour which includes 4WD touring through both Brachina and Bunyeroo Gorges. Lunch will be at the Prairie Hotel in Parachilna, known for its beautiful interpretation of Australian 'Feral' Food.

This evening, watch a brilliant Flinders Ranges sunset overlooking the stunning Chace Range, whilst enjoying a glass of sparkling wine and gourmet canapés prepared by the Woolshed Restaurant. Dinner this evening is a three course meal in the Woolshed Restaurant at Rawnsley Park.

Inclusions: Lunch, Dinner, all touring, charter flights, overnight accommodation in a holiday unit at Rawnsley Park (upgrade to Eco Villa available at additional cost)

Exclusions: Items of a personal nature, alcoholic beverages





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 Woolshed Restaurant you will transfer back to your aircraft to begin the epic journey of discovering Lake Eyre! We fly towards the Marree Man on the way up to the river systems North East of Lake Eyre itself where the vast expanse of water and colours is simply breathtaking. Follow the water into Lake Eyre at lower level before reaching the Lake. Following your scenic flight over Lake Eyre you will land at the William Creek Airstrip for lunch in the iconic William Creek Hotel.

There will be time after lunch to explore this tiny town in the middle of nowhere before boarding your aircraft for the flight back to Adelaide, arriving by 5pm.

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, all touring, charter flights, one hour Lake Eyre and surrounds 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.

