



**We welcome you to our 2012
3 DAY FLYING OUTBACK PUB CRAWL**



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DAY 1:

Welcome aboard! From 7.30am on the morning of your 3 Day Flying Outback Pub Crawl, we will pick you up from your Adelaide CBD choice of accommodation. Our experienced and knowledgeable guide will greet you and transfer you to Parafield Airport, just a 30-minute drive from Adelaide city.

Once at Parafield, you will meet our highly skilled and entertaining pilots, Tony Schwerdt and Chris Pfitzner. Then we're off on a great adventure, visiting some classic Aussie pubs!

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 clearly see the Elder Range, the famous Wilpena Pound and the highest part of the range- St. Mary's Peak.

As the flight continues we will also see the geological rich Brachina Gorge in the Flinders Ranges.

Our first pub stop is at Marree, where we will also have lunch with our hosts Phil & Maz Turner. Built in 1883, these walls could certainly tell a story! Marree is home of Australia's first official mosque (which was made of mud brick) and legendary mailman Tom Kruse, who delivered everything and anything across 700km of challenging sandy and stony deserts to Birdsville.

After lunch our next port of call is The Dig Tree, which 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.

A short 8 minute flight from the Dig Tree is our next destination, the outback town of Innamincka. Located on the Strzelecki Track next to the beautiful banks of the Cooper Creek, Innamincka was formerly known as Hopetoun. This is where we put our feet up for the evening in your newly built accommodation at the Innamincka Hotel. The food here is incredible and a 3-course dinner is included for you at this genuine Outback pub, where travellers and locals alike come together and relax, sharing many a travelling story over a refreshing beverage. There is a large selection of beers, some great history and memorabilia covering the walls. Jill Ross and her friendly team makes sure that we are all very well looked after and there is never a dull moment here!

The Cooper Creek 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.

Now if you want to start looking around the town before a few cold frothies, you have the chance to really experience nature as you can explore the Creek by foot or canoe, seeing hundreds of different bird species including Pelicans, Cormorants, Corellas, Spoonbills, Wedge Tailed Eagles, Herons and Swans.

The river gums are equally spectacular and this little paddle up stream is an outstanding highlight for many on this trip. (Canoeing is dependent on whether conditions are deemed safe by local authorities)

DAY 2:

After a buffet breakfast of continental and cooked selections, we set about for another exciting day of flying. We head further north to fly low over the very impressive Coongie Lakes. Not a lot is often said about these wetlands, which covers 19,800 square kilometers, but it is recognized as being of international importance by designation under the Ramsar Convention, is a World Heritage Site and a National Park. Due to the past 3 years of flooding here, there are hundreds of thousands of birds breeding here and it really is an incredible place to fly over.

We touch down in a town that doesn't really need much introduction- Birdsville, which is known as one of Australia's "must visit" classic Outback towns, situated on the edge of the Simpson Desert.

As soon as we land, a Birdsville local guide will greet you for an hour-long town tour. You will learn all about the history of this popular stopover town that will conclude at the most popular port-of-call- the famous Birdsville Pub! This place can tell a story two, and it's a great chance to mix with some local stockmen, have one of their famous burgers and look at some impressive memorabilia on the pub walls.

After a few rounds in Birdsville, we take to the the air again following the Diamantina River to Goyder Lagoon via Clifton Hills Station. This is a magnificent delta that stretches for 120 kms to where the Warburton Creek commences its journey across the Simpson Desert and into Lake Eyre.

Lake Eyre is the lowest point in Australia at approximately 15m below sea level, and also is the largest lake in the country covering 9,500 square km. In flood this is an incredible sight, filled by Queensland channel systems, which slowly make their way down to fill the lake.

The Metro arrives at the top of Lake Eyre and then follows the eastern banks of the Lake to the site where the Cooper Creek enters the system, and then we fly across to Brooks Island on the southern part of the lake.

With some amazing scenery and different contrasts, the Lake makes this a photographers dream, especially flying in comfort and at low level to capture every breathtaking sight below.

Birdlife should again be prolific as we head west across to Dalhenty Island and Halligan Bay before landing at William Creek, just in time for happy hour!

Located on the world's largest cattle station Anna Creek, William Creek has a permanent population of 3 (plus a dog) and really is in the middle of no-where! New hosts at Australia's most isolated pub the well-decorated William Creek Hotel are Ngaire & Noel Beckett. They will make sure that we are all well looked after and being a Saturday night in the bush, the place has always something happening so you are in for another entertaining evening!

Accommodation tonight is at the brand new Pelican Suites, just behind the Hotel.

DAY 3:

A continental breakfast is supplied again at the pub and we have time to see the small township and walk to the Memorial Park to see diverse items such as the first stage of the Black Arrow Rocket (Britain's only successful independent space launch that was recovered at Anna Creek Station) and a great informative placard of legendary bushman and station owner, Sir Henry Kidman.

We take off late morning for our last stopover at Glendambo, located on the Stuart Highway. Another very friendly outback pub, we will have lunch here and time to sample another refreshment of choice whilst looking around this large hotel. Like the ones frequented over the weekend, the Glendambo Pub has its very own and distinct character and makes a perfect visit before we head back to Adelaide by 5pm.

Price: \$3,130.00 per person, all-inclusive.

What's included?

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

What isn't included?

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



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