



We welcome you to our
3-DAY BIRDSVILLE RACES PACKAGE
September 6-8th 2013



DAY 1: Friday 6th September 2013

Welcome aboard! From 7.30am 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 your briefed by our highly skilled and entertaining pilot, Tony Schwerdt, we're off on a great adventure and to visit some classic Aussie pubs and of course be trackside at the Birdsville Races.

Our choice of aircraft is the very reliable, twin engine, turbo charged Piper PA31-350 Navajo Chieftain. Everybody has a 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 Hopeton. 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 Coopers 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 don't want to start looking around the town before a few cold frothies, you have the chance to really experience nature, as we will explore the Creek by boat, 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 2-hour cruise up stream is an outstanding highlight for many on this trip starting at 4pm and running into a beautiful outback sunset.

DAY 2: Saturday, 7th September 2013

It's the 131st Birdsville Cup Day! 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. It's the town's biggest day on the calendar with the historic race meet, which sees the township of 120 people swell to 6000 over this weekend. It's going to be a very entertaining and memorable day and included in the package for you is;

- 30 minute guided town tour
- Racetrack entry
- Clear fronted marquee with full track views
- Gourmet dining
- Beer, wine & champagne
- Exclusive trackside entrance
- Complimentary race book
- Sky Channel coverage
- Live music

Due to the large crowds, there is no suitable accommodation available in Birdsville this weekend. After a big day at the races, our adventure continues and we will have to reboard the plane to take us to William Creek. 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: Sunday, 8th September 2013

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 mid morning for Adelaide with our estimated arrival time of 1pm.

Price: \$3,820.00 per person, all-inclusive.

What's included?

This safari includes all meals (plus water on the plane), accommodation at Innamincka and William Creek, Cooper Creek boat cruise, your full day at the Birdsville races, transfers to and from Parafield Airport.

What isn't included?

Travel to and accommodation in Adelaide, all alcoholic and other beverages(except trackside at Birdsville races) personal souvenirs, and travel insurance. We cannot be held responsible if you miss the plane when departing Birdsville!!

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There are occasions when bad weather causes us to change the itinerary. We have not built this extra cost in to your fare. With any such delay, you would be expected to pay for the extra meals and accommodation.

Luggage:

Please keep luggage to a maximum of 10kg packed in a small soft bag or backpack. We recommend you to bring the following;

- ⇒ A hat
- ⇒ Small day pack
- ⇒ Sunscreen
- ⇒ Insect repellent
- ⇒ Swimming costume & towel (if canoeing)
- ⇒ Light comfortable clothing
- ⇒ Warm jacket
- ⇒ Camera
- ⇒ Personalized toiletries & medication

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