



Lake Eyre by Air

Wednesday 21st to Tuesday 27th August 2019



If you've ever thought of seeing spectacular Lake Eyre, don't wait any longer!

Insights Tours' Lake Eyre by Air is a tour by private aircraft, giving you the perfect opportunity to visit a fascinating part of the outback, covering huge distances and varied terrain and gaining access to the isolated gems of this region. Travelling by air, you will gain an incredible perspective and appreciation of the enormity of Lake Eyre and its vast river systems. The tour encompasses the corner country of Queensland, South Australia and New South Wales – characterised by mulga country, immense intermittent flood plains, red desert dunes and salt pans, ancient mountain ranges and lunar landscapes. Visit places with astounding history – like Lake Mungo, where human remains dating from 40,000 years have been found – as well as the iconic and infamous, like Birdsville, Cooper Creek, and the Dig Tree. Your accommodation is as varied as the landscape and is part of the experience – stay on an outback cattle station, Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary in the Flinders Ranges, Mungo Lodge and the famous Birdsville Hotel.

Lake Eyre by Air is all-inclusive, fully escorted and has a maximum of 6 guests.

Touring Programme

Day 1 Wednesday 21st August

Wollongong to Kilcowera

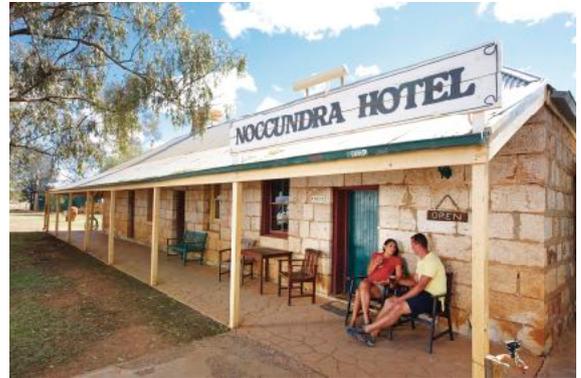
Depart Wollongong (Albion Park), stopping briefly at Bourke for a comfort stop, before heading further north-west and over the border into Queensland to Kilcowera Station. The owners of this vast station, Toni and Greg, meet us at their airstrip and take us on a tailored tour of their property where you'll hear what life is like on an outback station and see the diverse landscape. We also see Lake Wyara in Currawinya National Park, which adjoins Kilcowera station.

Overnight at Kilcowera Station.

Day 2 Thursday 22nd August

Kilcowera to Innamincka

A short morning flight to Thargomindah. A local guide will take us on a tour of this historic town on the Bulloo River. We visit the old hydro power station, which gave the town the distinction of being first outside Brisbane to be supplied with electricity, as well as Leahy House and the restored hospital. After morning tea we fly to Noccundra. The stone hotel (circa 1882) is all that remains of a gazetted town on the banks of the Wilson River. We enjoy lunch in the historic dining room, with a stroll afterwards to the river.



Flying west from Noccundra a tremendous view of the expansive floodplain of the Cooper Creek unfolds as we fly across the Strzelecki Desert to the South Australian outpost of Innamincka. This afternoon we visit the historic Elizabeth Symon Nursing station and finish the day with a sunset cruise on Cooper Creek. Overnight at Innamincka Hotel

Day 3 Friday 23rd August

Innamincka to Birdsville



Noccundra Hotel, Dig Tree, Big Red
(Tourism and Events Queensland)

This morning we have a very short flight to land at Nappa Merrie station, which acts as caretaker for the Burke and Wills Dig Tree site, where the hapless explorers tragically perished on the return from their epic overland trip to the Gulf of Carpentaria. A stroll from the airstrip we have us at the

historic site on the banks of Cooper Creek. Reboarding our aircraft we fly to Birdsville. This afternoon experience the serenity of the desert on a sunset tour to one of the largest sand dunes in the Simpson Desert – Big Red – about 40 kms from Birdsville.

Overnight at Birdsville Hotel.

Day 4 Saturday 24th August

Birdsville to Arkaroola



Lake Eyre (John Tuckerman)

Morning departure for the highlight of the tour – the mighty Lake Eyre. We overfly Poepfels Corner where the borders of South Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory meet, then track south over the stunning and intriguingly shaped salt lakes of the Simpson Desert to the magnificent sight of the expanse of Lake Eyre. We overfly the western shore of the lake and the monumental Warburton Groove – the astonishing northern entrance of the lake. See all the major watercourses which flow into Lake Eyre including Kallakoopah Creek, Warburton Creek, Cooper Creek and the Neales and Macumba Rivers. After a comprehensive sightseeing flight of both Lake Eyre North and Lake Eyre South, we land at Marree for lunch in the dining room of the Transcontinental Hotel, an imposing two-storey structure built for the passing traffic of the original Ghan railway.

After lunch, a one-hour flight takes us to Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary, an award-winning sanctuary in the rugged and spectacular northern Flinders Ranges. After dinner, we join an astronomy tour to see the night sky from one of Arkaroola's telescopes.

Overnight at Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.

Day 5 Sunday 25th August

Arkaroola to Broken Hill

The spectacular Ridgetop Tour (Advanced Ecotourism accredited) by specially constructed open top 4WD traverses some of the most rugged country on earth, to the depths of ancient seabeds and across razor-back ridges to the magnificent and hair-raising climax at Sillers Lookout. A trained tour guide will share their knowledge of Arkaroola's ancient geology, local history and flora and fauna.

In the afternoon, the Flinders Ranges experience is completed as we fly over Wilpena Pound, a truly remarkable geological formation best appreciated with a bird's eye view and continue to the silver mining city of Broken Hill. Famed around the world for its extraordinarily rich silver, lead and zinc mining which has been operating since 1883. We visit the Living Desert and Sculptures to watch the sunset then enjoy dinner at the Musician's Club - a short walk from our centrally located motel.



Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary and Ridgetop Tour (Copyright SATC), Willpena Pound (John Tuckerman)

Overnight at Crystal Motel.

Day 6 Monday 26th August

Broken Hill to Lake Mungo

A morning tour of the highlights of Broken Hill including the Line of Lode Lookout, the Miner's Memorial, the iconic Trades Hall building and the Sulphide Street railway station, before our flight south over the Darling River and the Menindee Lakes en route to Lake Mungo, where we stay at the beautifully appointed Mungo Lodge. After lunch at the lodge, we visit Mungo National Park in outback NSW. This extraordinary area is part of the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Area, a chain of once-lush lakes between Willandra Creek and the Lachlan River. Lake Mungo dried up around 14,000 years ago, and today a great crescent-shaped dune, called the Walls of China, stretches along the eastern shore of the lakebed. It was here that the world discovered the deep human history of Australia, with the dating at 40,000 years of the remains of Mungo Man, now returned to Mungo and the traditional owners of the land.

Our tour visits Lake Mungo, the Walls of China, Mungo Visitor Centre and the Mungo Woolshed built by Chinese laborers back in 1869. Overnight Mungo Lodge.



Walls of China, Shear Outback (Destination NSW)

Day 7 Tuesday 27th August

Lake Mungo to Wollongong

After a leisurely breakfast we take off for Hay, where we have a tour of the town with a local guide. Visit Shear Outback, telling the stories of the outback's legendary shearers, and the Dunera Museum at the Hay Railway Station which details Hay's World War II POW camp history. After lunch return to Wollongong, arriving about 5pm.

General Information & Booking Conditions

Cost

The cost of this tour is \$7,695 AUD

The cost includes:

- ☼ good motel quality motel style accommodation on a twin-share basis in ensuite rooms except day 1
- ☼ outback station accommodation in private room with shared facilities located in adjacent building on day 1
- ☼ all meals
- ☼ private, chartered aircraft travel as per the itinerary
- ☼ bottled water and light snacks during flights
- ☼ services of Insights Tours' tour escort throughout the tour
- ☼ all road transport as per the itinerary
- ☼ all sightseeing excursions, guided touring and entrance fees to all places as specified in the itinerary
- ☼ all taxes, charges and entry fees
- ☼ complimentary reusable metal water bottle

Additional costs

Drinks and items of a personal nature and anything not specified above including travel insurance.

Single supplement

Limited single accommodation is available for an additional cost of \$200

To make a booking

Please complete the enclosed booking form and return it to Insights Tours with your deposit. Places on the tour require a \$500 deposit.

The balance will be due by Friday 21st June 2019

Cancellation Policy

For cancellations on or before Friday 21st June 2019

If you need to cancel your booking prior to or on Friday 21st June 2019, the cancellation fee is \$200 per person.

For cancellations after Friday 21st June 2019

If you need to cancel your booking after Friday 21st June 2019, the cancellation fee is 100% of the total tariff, that is, there is no refund of the total tariff.

Insights Tours strongly recommends that you consider travel insurance in case you need to cancel.

Insurance

We strongly recommend considering travel insurance to cover cancellation fees as well as medical emergencies, lost luggage and unforeseen delays during the tour. Insights Tours can provide information about obtaining insurance. We are an accredited agent of Aussie Travel Cover insurance.

Viability of tour

In the event that the economic minimum number of guests is not reached, the tour will be cancelled by Insights Tours no later than Monday 24th June 2019 and we will refund in full any money paid

Luggage

Please limit your luggage to 1 soft sided bag and 1 piece of hand luggage per person. The maximum weight for your luggage is 15kgs.

Water

Insights Tours will provide a complimentary water bottle which can be refilled as you require.

Guides

Insights Tours has engaged our own proficient guides wherever we have advertised a guided tour in the itinerary.

Meals

All meals are included and are a set menu. We take care to ensure that the menu is varied throughout the tour. Please ensure that you carefully note any dietary or any other requests on your booking form so that we can oblige your requirements.

Aircraft

We fly in a turbine powered Cessna Caravan aircraft which is certified as one of the safest single engine aeroplanes. It is equipped with 6 passenger seats and as we have a maximum of 6 guests, everyone has a window seat and we fly at altitudes which afford the best views commensurate with safety and operational requirements.

Guest numbers will be limited to a maximum of 7 to ensure your safety and comfort. The aircraft has been chartered by Insights Tours from There by Air Pty Ltd and the aircraft is pictured on the front of this brochure. The Cessna Caravan offers a spacious interior, combined with first class safety and performance. It is powered by a Pratt and Whitney PT-6 Turboprop engine - one of the most reliable engines in the world.

Each guest has a window seat and because the aircraft has a high wing, each passenger is afforded uninterrupted viewing. There are airstairs which provide easy access to the cabin.



Changes to the itinerary

There is always the chance that our itinerary could be delayed or curtailed in some way beyond our control. Except for prolonged or unexpected events, the tour will be conducted as closely as possible to the itinerary stated above. Every reasonable endeavour will be made to conduct the advertised itinerary however we reserve the right to alter the itinerary in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Cover Images: Lake Eyre (John Tuckerman), Sillers Lookout (SATC)

About Insights Tours

Insights Tours is a tour company operated by Paul, Brigitte and John Tuckerman. We arrange tours which utilise chartered trains, coaches and aeroplanes and provide passengers with spacious and ample accommodation. Our philosophy is to provide a tour with a spectrum of interesting visits, inspections and conveyances. Each tour is uniquely arranged to encompass the most interesting sights of the regions visited. Insights Tours engages our own guides to ensure that our passengers have the best insight into the location being visited.

Guest numbers are limited to ensure a commodious travelling experience and to ensure that visits and guided tours are of maximum benefit. This tour is for a maximum of 6 guests. Each of our tours is personally escorted ensuring you can relax in the confidence that all of the pesky administrative details and arrangements are taken care of. This tour will be escorted by John Tuckerman. If you would like details or assistance with any booking, please contact Brigitte:

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(please make an appointment to ensure our office is attended when you visit)

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Booking Form

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	Guest 1	Guest 2
Name		
Address		
Telephone		
Email		
Emergency Contact Person & Telephone		
Any special requirements or requests (especially dietary)		
Room type (please indicate)	<input type="checkbox"/> Twin (2 beds) <input type="checkbox"/> Double (1 large bed) <input type="checkbox"/> Single supplement (additional \$200)	
Deposit	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque enclosed - Please make cheques payable to "Insights Tours" - or - <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic transfer/direct deposit Account Name: Insights Tours Client Travel Account BSB: 062607 Account Number: 10131313	

I/we acknowledge the terms and conditions of booking

Signature/s

Guest 1

Guest 2

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