



Outback South Australia by Air

Saturday 12th to Saturday 19th September 2020



Outback South Australia by Air is an intimate air tour exploring South Australia's contrasting and evocative landscapes and its people, from Spencer Gulf and the Eyre Peninsula, to the deserts of the Nullarbor, Flinders Island in the Great Australian Bight and iconic Kangaroo Island. From regional coastal towns to outback weather station, a heritage lighthouse keepers cottage and an island holiday "shack", we stay in comfortable and sometimes unique accommodation, and enjoy local cuisine and beautiful home-cooked food in stunning and isolated surrounds. Outback South Australia by Air will not only give you a birds-eye view but allows you to visit places you might not otherwise reach. Join us for an unforgettable outback experience!

Day 1

Saturday 12th September — Wollongong to Port Augusta

An early departure from Shellharbour Airport for Port Augusta at the head of Spencer Gulf. Tracking west over the Great Dividing Range, the landscape rolls out over the slopes and plains to the Riverina, where we land for a morning refuelling stop in Mildura (including freshly brewed coffee for you). Enjoy a cut lunch onboard as we continue on into South Australia, landing at Quorn. After a long flight, an indulgent champagne afternoon tea awaits on The Afghan Express as we take the final leg to Port Augusta on land — and in style. Dinner at our hotel.

Overnight accommodation at Standpipe Hotel, Port Augusta.

Day 2

Sunday 13th September — Port Augusta to Ceduna

Direct flight to Ceduna this morning where we transfer by private vehicle to Smoky Bay for all things oysters. We join family-owned SA Premium Oysters to learn about these delicious marine morsels, and most importantly to sample some — along with a glass of wine! We head to Streaky Bay, where we enjoy a light lunch before touring the rugged coastline from Cape Bauer to the quirky blowholes of Whistling Rocks and Point Labatt. Wild and beautiful, this stretch of the coastline offers a wealth of photogenic vistas and the opportunity to view the only mainland colony of Australian sea lions. Return to Ceduna for dinner at our motel.

Two nights accommodation at Foreshore Motel, Ceduna.



Day 3

Monday 14th September — Ceduna

Morning tour of the town, visiting an Aboriginal-managed gallery, Arts Ceduna, which sells artwork on behalf of many Aboriginal artists from the Far West of South Australia, and Port of Thevernard, which ships Eyre Peninsula grain, salt, mineral sands and gypsum from the mine at nearby Kevin. We then head to Penong on the eastern end of the Nullabor crossing, and home to the Windmill Museum, which we visit before lunch. After lunch we take a specially-arranged tour of the busy Kevin gypsum mine, where the Mine Manager will explain the workings of the largest and longest-operating gypsum mine in Australia supplying the raw materials for essential plasterboard products across Australia and New Zealand. Return to Ceduna via Denial Bay. Dinner at our motel.

Day 4

Tuesday 15th September — Ceduna to Forrest

An early breakfast and departure for an epic day's flying, as we head to Maralinga for a full day tour with Maralinga Tours. The former site of British atomic testing during the 1950s, Maralinga was finally remediated in 2000 following a lengthy Royal Commission and settlement process and, aside from a restricted area, is now safe to visit. Go to Ground Zero, visit the 3km bitumen airstrip in the middle of the desert, marvel at sand-turned-to-glass and gain insights into the history — Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal — of this place on this informative and well-regarded tour which respects the wishes of the Maralinga Tjarutja people. Mid-afternoon we track south west, crossing the sand dunes, stony plains and salt lakes of the Great Victoria Desert, landing at Forrest in Western Australia. This isolated settlement (population, 2) on the Trans-Australian Railway, was formerly a staffed Bureau of Meteorology weather station, and we stay tonight in the former residences and dine with the caretakers.



Overnight accommodation at former Bureau of Meteorology station officer residences, Forrest.

Day 5

Wednesday 16th September — Forrest to Flinders Island

Direct flight with lunch served en route to Flinders Island, arriving early afternoon. Flinders Island is located off the western coast of the Eyre Peninsula and is currently home to one family, who operate a 3,700 ha sheep station and we will be the only guests on the whole island. Enjoy total seclusion and relaxation on this unique island. Dinner both nights is freshly-prepared in our holiday cottage.



Two nights accommodation at Flinders Island Getaway, Flinders Island.

Day 6

Thursday 17th September — Flinders Island

A leisurely day experiencing the island — drink in spectacular Southern Ocean views, breathe easy under wide open skies, wander stunning sheltered beaches, discover historic shipwrecks.

Day 7

Friday 18th September — Flinders Island to Kangaroo Island

Depart Flinders Island for Kangaroo Island, stopping to refuel in Port Lincoln and overflying the entrance to Spencer Gulf and Wedge and Thistle Islands, so-named for two crew members lost at sea during Matthew Flinders' circumnavigation in the Investigator. On arrival on Kangaroo Island late morning, we travel to Flinders Chase National Park on the western coast, where we enjoy a picnic. Spend the rest of the day exploring the iconic coastline and cultural heritage of the park, including historic Cape de Couedic Lighthouse and world-famous Admiralty Arch and Remarkable

Rocks. In the afternoon we head to our heritage accommodation at Cape Willoughby, where we enjoy a delicious home-cooked dinner.

Overnight accommodation at Cape Willoughby Heritage Lighthouse Keepers Cottages.



Day 8

Saturday 19th September — Kangaroo Island to Wollongong

After breakfast, take off for our return flight to Wollongong, tracking over the Adelaide Hills and stopping for refuelling and lunch at Mildura before arrival at Shellharbour Regional Airport late-afternoon.

Accommodation

At Port Augusta and Ceduna we have good quality ensuite motel rooms.

At Forrest the best (and only) available accommodation consists of two large houses comprising four bedrooms each. Some rooms have a double bed with the remaining rooms having single beds. If you require a double bed, please be sure to advise us on your booking form. Each house is spacious and is equipped with a bathroom and a separate toilet. Dinner will be served in the Manager's residence adjacent to the homesteads. Breakfast will be available in each house.



At Flinders Island the accommodation comprises a five-bedroom house which was formerly the home of the family living on the island. It is spacious and has a large lounge, separate dining room and a large deck overlooking Groper Bay. There is one bathroom, a separate toilet and wash basin. There are two double rooms and the remaining rooms have single beds. Again, if you desire a double bed, please advise on your booking form and we will

allocate these on a first-booked basis. All meals will be prepared by our on-board chef Brigitte.

On Day 7 we stay in two lighthouse keeper's cottages at Cape Willoughby on Kangaroo Island. These five-bedroom cottages are adjacent to each other and contain two double rooms and three single bedrooms. There is one bathroom per cottage. All meals will be prepared by our on-board chef Brigitte.



Transport

Train

The *Afghan Express* train from Quorn to Port Augusta is operated by the Pichi Richi Railway Society and will be hauled by a steam locomotive. Insights Tours has chartered an historic lounge car, *Light*, for Insights Tours exclusive use. Complimentary light refreshments and beverages will be served during the journey.



Road Travel

A variety of vehicles will be used during the tour based on the limited availability at the remote places that we will be visiting. At Quorn, Port Augusta and Kangaroo Island taxi-van or similar will be used. On Days 2 and 3, two 4WD vehicles have been chartered for our group, ensuring spacious seating. At Maralinga the tour is not exclusive and Insights Tours has reserved places on the tour bus. At Flinders Island a Toyota 4WD Troop carrier will be used for the excursions on the island.

Air Travel

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



General Information & Booking Conditions

Cost

The cost of this tour is AUD 10,845.

The cost includes:

- all train, road and air travel as per the itinerary
- comfortable accommodation on a single basis with shared facilities at Forrest, Flinders Island and Kangaroo Island, and ensuite rooms at Ceduna and Port Augusta
- please refer to the detailed descriptions above of the accommodation at each location
- all meals
- services of Insights Tours' tour escort throughout the tour
- services of private cook at Flinders Island
- all road transport as explained above under Road Travel
- seat in tour bus during tour at Maralinga

- all sightseeing excursions, guided touring and entrance fees to all places as specified in the itinerary
- all taxes and tips
- complimentary reusable metal water bottle

The additional costs are:

drinks, travel insurance and items of a personal nature and anything not specified above.

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 10th July 2020.

Cancellation policy

If you need to cancel your booking prior to or on Friday 10th July 2020, the cancellation fee is \$200 per person.

If you need to cancel your booking after Friday 10th July 2020, 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 13th July 2020 and we will refund in full any money paid.

Luggage

Please limit your luggage to 1 bag and 1 piece of hand luggage per person. The maximum weight of all 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 usually 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.

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.

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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 our guests with spacious and comfortable accommodation. Our philosophy is to arrange tours 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 5 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 more details about any aspect of the itinerary or facilities, please contact John and Brigitte Tuckerman:

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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 (no additional charge)	
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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