



Lake Eyre by Air

Saturday 18th to Thursday 23rd July 2026

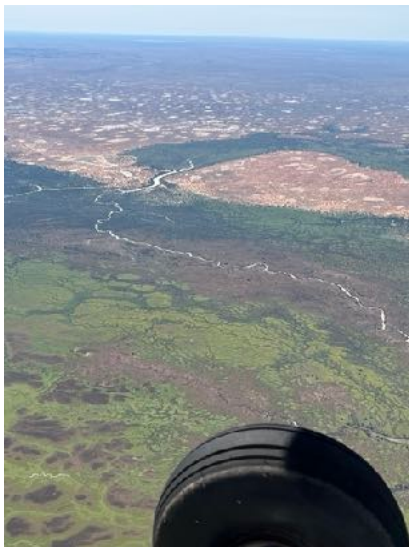
If you've ever thought of seeing spectacular Lake Eyre Lati Thanda, don't wait any longer! Our *Lake Eyre by Air* tour by private chartered aircraft gives you the perfect opportunity to visit this fascinating part of the Outback – cover huge distances and varied terrain in comfort and gain access to the isolated gems of this region. With a bird's eye view, you will gain an incredible perspective and appreciation of the enormity of Lake Eyre and its vast river systems.

The tour encompasses the Channel Country of Queensland, far northern South Australia and Outback New South Wales; characterised by immense flood plains, red desert dunes and salt pans, ancient mountain ranges and lunar landscapes.

Visit places with legendary history as well as the iconic and infamous, like Birdsville, Cooper Creek, Lake Eyre and William Creek. Your accommodation includes Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary in the Flinders Ranges, Innamincka Hotel and the famous Birdsville Hotel. *Lake Eyre by Air* is an exclusive, unique and fully escorted tour with just 7 guests maximum.

Day 1

Saturday 18th July - Wollongong to Innamincka



Depart Illawarra Regional Airport, stopping briefly at Bourke for a comfort stop, before heading further north-west and over the border into Queensland to the tiny settlement of Eulo where the airstrip is so close to town that we can walk to the hotel for lunch! Flying west from Thargomindah, a tremendous view of the expansive floodplain of the Cooper Creek unfolds before we arrive at Innamincka in South Australia. This tiny outback locality belies its historic significance for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples – a place of abundant water and food, spiritual site and a community hub for an isolated settler population. Overnight at Innamincka Hotel.

Day 2

Sunday 19th July – Innamincka to Birdsville

After breakfast we visit the restored Elizabeth Symon Heritage Nursing station established by the Rev John Flynn's Australian Inland Mission, founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service and stroll down to the Cooper Creek for a look at the astonishing levels of past floods. After taking off from Innamincka we fly along Cooper Creek and orbit over the Burke and Wills Dig Tree site. This is the very spot where the hapless explorers tragically perished on the return from their epic overland trip to the Gulf of Carpentaria in 1862.

We then head north west over the vast freshwater Coongie Lakes and across the Strzelecki Desert to Birdsville. Lunch at the iconic Birdsville Hotel then this afternoon we experience the serenity of the desert on a sunset tour to Big Red, one of the largest sand dunes in the Simpson Desert, about 40 kms from Birdsville.

Overnight at Birdsville Hotel.

Day 3

Monday 20th July – Birdsville to Arkaroola



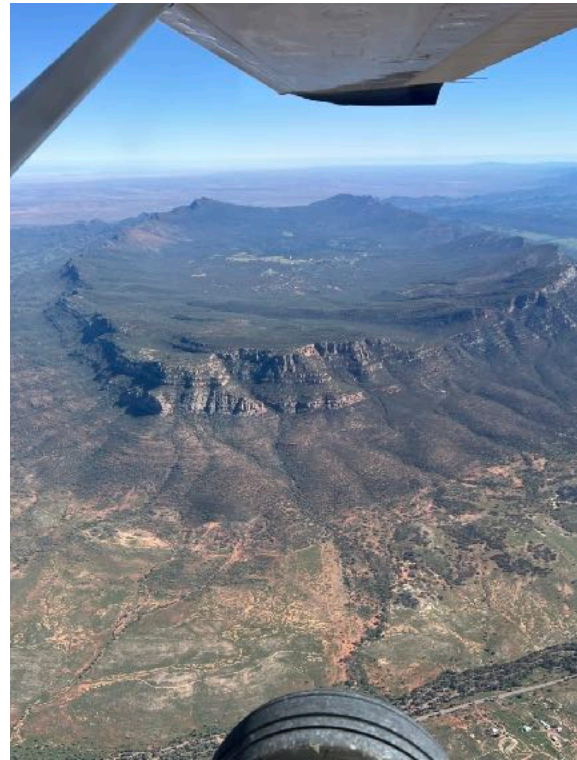
Morning departure for the highlight of the tour – mighty Lake Eyre. We overfly Poepfels Corner where the borders of South Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory meet, then track south over the stunning and intriguingly-shaped salt lakes of the Simpson Desert to the magnificent expanse of Lake 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, Neales River and Macumba River. After a comprehensive sightseeing flight of both Lake Eyre North and Lake Eyre South, we land at William Creek for lunch at the hotel.

After lunch our plane takes us to Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary, an award-winning sanctuary in the rugged and spectacular northern Flinders Ranges.

Overnight at Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary

Day 4

Tuesday 21st July – Arkaroola



The spectacular accredited ecotourism Ridgetop Tour 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 Siller's Lookout. Our tour guide will share their knowledge of Arkaroola's ancient geology, local history and flora and fauna.

Day 5

Wednesday 22nd July - Arkaroola to Balranald

Our flight from Arkaroola takes in more of the stunning Flinders Ranges including Wilpena Pound, a truly remarkable geological formation best appreciated with a bird's eye view. Heading eastwards we will fly over the Silver City of Broken Hill then the Darling River and Menindee Lakes en route to Mildura.

After lunch we continue to the outback town of Balranald where our local guide meets us for afternoon touring along the banks of the Murrumbidgee River with sunset drinks included. We stay overnight at the Balranald Club Motel

Day 6

Thursday 23rd July - Balranald to Wollongong

We are met by our guide for touring to Yanga National Park including the historic homestead then to the Balranald Southern Cross Exhibition which showcases the historic landing of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith in the 1930's and includes replicas of the Southern Cross and Lady Southern Cross aircraft.

Our tour concludes after a picnic lunch and we take-off from Balranald for Wollongong, arriving about 5pm.

General Information & Booking Conditions

Cost

The cost of this tour is AUD \$17,495 per person on a twin share basis.

The cost includes:

- motel style accommodation on a twin-share basis in ensuite rooms.
- all meals
- private, chartered aircraft travel as per the itinerary
- 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
- a personal complimentary reusable insulated water bottle

Additional costs

The additional costs are: drinks, travel insurance and items of a personal nature and anything not specified above.

Single supplement

Single occupancy of a room is available for an additional cost of AUD \$471.

To make a booking

Please complete the booking form and send it to Insights Tours along with your deposit. Places on the tour require a AUD \$1000 deposit per person. The balance will be due by Wednesday 3rd June 2026.

Cancellation policy

If you need to cancel your booking on or before Wednesday 3rd June 2026, we will refund all monies paid less a cancellation fee of AUD \$200 per person.

If you need to cancel your booking after Wednesday 3rd June 2026, 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 and unforeseen delays during the tour. Insights Tours can provide information about obtaining insurance. We are an accredited agent of Covermore 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 Friday 5th June 2026 and we will refund in full any money paid

Luggage

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

Fitness

You must be able to climb 4 stairs to enter the aircraft and be comfortable to walk up to a total of 1km each day.

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 (similar to the plane pictured) which is regarded as one the safest single engine aeroplanes.

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. The Cessna Caravan offers a spacious interior, combined with first class safety and performance. It is powered by a 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. We fly at altitudes which afford the best views commensurate with safety and operational requirements. There are 5 air-stairs which provide easy access to the cabin.

Transfers and tour vehicles

Sightseeing excursions and transfers will be conducted in a mini-bus except at Arkaroola where the tour is conducted in an open sided, specially constructed 4WD.

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.

[Privacy and your data](#)

Insights Tours provides data about you to third parties only to the absolute minimum necessary to provide you with our advertised services. For example; we provide your name to accommodation providers for the purposes of registration as a guest where this is required by regulation

[Force Majeure](#)

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Insights Tours arranges and coordinates services provided by suppliers and Insights Tours cannot guarantee the performance of suppliers.

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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 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 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 will be for a maximum of 7 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.

If you would like details or assistance with any booking, please contact John:

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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 circle)	<input type="checkbox"/> Twin (2 beds) <input type="checkbox"/> Double (1 large bed) <input type="checkbox"/> Single supplement (Single occupancy of double room. Additional AUD 471)	
Deposit <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic transfer/direct deposit or by cheque 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

Date _____

Please return by email or post to:

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