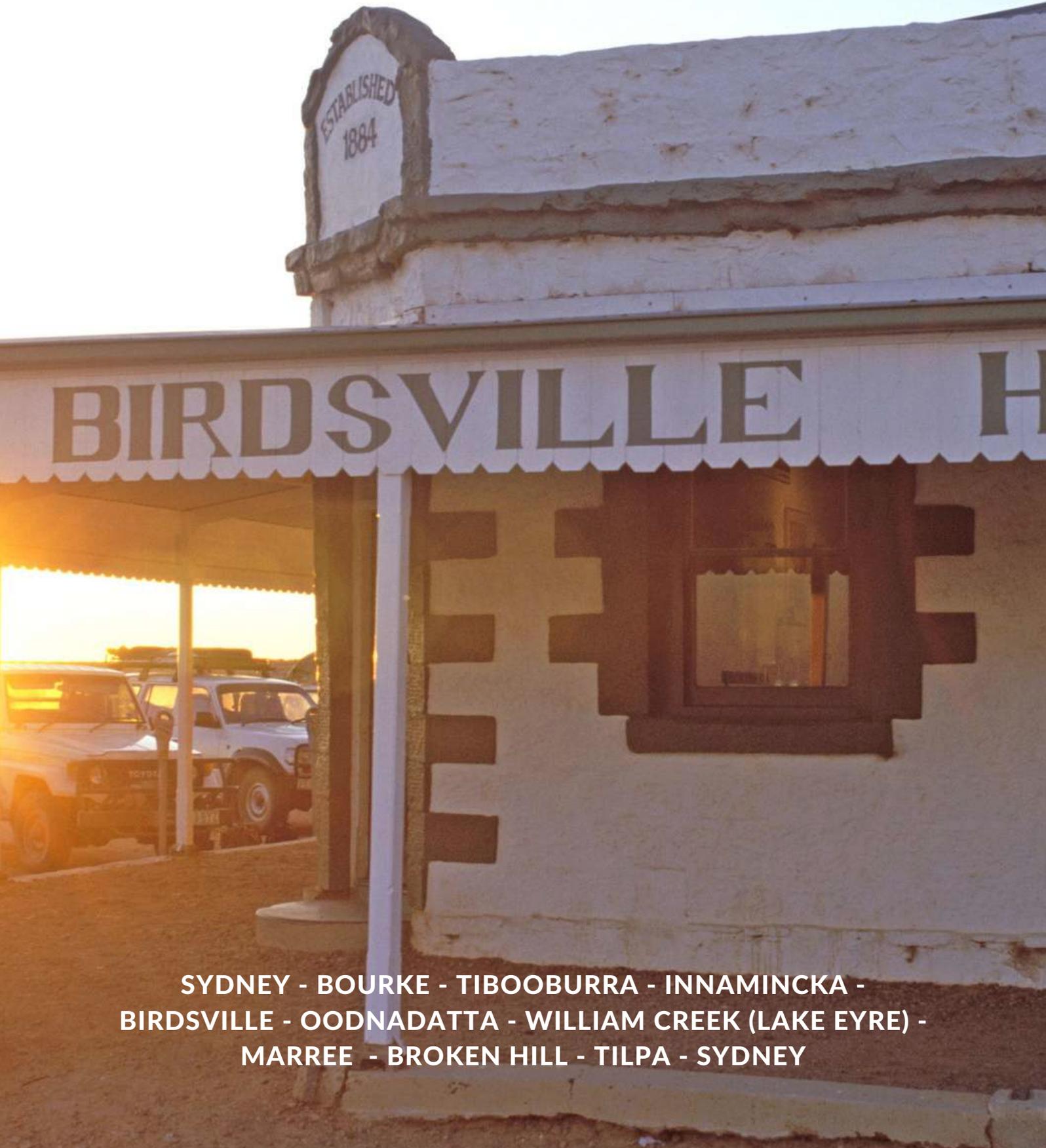




# OUTBACK BY AIR

CLASSIC OUTBACK PUB CRAWL



**SYDNEY - BOURKE - TIBOOBURRA - INNAMINCKA -  
BIRDSVILLE - OODNADATTA - WILLIAM CREEK (LAKE EYRE) -  
MARREE - BROKEN HILL - TILPA - SYDNEY**

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# DAY 1

SYDNEY - BOURKE - TIBOOBURRA

Our Outback journey begins in the morning in Sydney as we board our private aircraft and set course towards the Northwest. Take in the views from a completely different perspective. Our Cessna Grand Caravan's high wings and oversized windows are perfect for 'flight seeing'. Keep an eye out as we pass over the Blue Mountains and fly over previously drought-stricken land, now lush from the recent rain.



Our first stop is Dubbo Airport for a quick morning tea and a breath of fresh country air. We then head further West - flying over the 'Orana' agricultural region. The green landscape fades to a deep orange and red backdrop, scattered with native bush and scrub. We land out the 'Back O' Bourke'- a well known colloquial term meaning a long way away - well we are approximately 800kms away from home!

Discover the history of this region at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre. Take an interactive journey through the early exploration, the riverboat era, the pastoral industry; discover the poets, the bushrangers, the conflicts and the legends. We then head to the pub for lunch - it's the official start of our 'pub crawl' at the Port Of Bourke Hotel!

Next stop is Tibooburra in Corner Country, surrounded by an arid landscape and remarkable granite rocky outcrops. This evening we gather at the Family Hotel, a classic Outback pub and home to the extraordinary Clifton Pugh mural which takes up a whole wall beside the bar.

## Schedule:

- 8:00 Bankstown to Dubbo Flight Time: 1:15.
- 9:30 Morning Tea in Dubbo
- 10:30 Dubbo to Bourke Flight Time: 1:23.
- 12:30 Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre
- 1:30 PM Lunch at Port of Bourke Pub
- 4:00 PM Bourke to Tibooburra Flight Time: 1:31.
- 5:00 PM Dinner and Drinks at The Family Hotel



**Destinations:** Dubbo, Bourke, Tibooburra

**Accommodation:** Tibooburra

**Inclusions:** Morning Tea, Lunch, Back 'O Bourke Exhibition Centre admission, Dinner

# DAY 2

TIBOOBURRA - INNAMINCKA - BIRDSVILLE

For those early risers - enjoy the natural splendour of an Outback sunrise before breakfast. Back in the air we head for Innamincka, one of the most remote towns in Australia. With a vibrant natural beauty, the town sits on the Cooper Creek, lined with river gums filled with masses of native birds. The town's name comes from the Yandruwandhana words 'Yini' and 'Mingka' meaning 'your watering hole'. We spend the afternoon here at the 'The Innamincka Hotel', our lunch stop and first pub of the day.

Relax and enjoy infinite skies as our journey continues as we fly towards the historic town of Birdsville in Queensland's Channel Country. Upon landing, our plane will taxi us right up to the front door of the famous Birdsville Hotel! Where else in the world can you do this!

Enjoy a beer and the view from the verandah while we wait for our four wheel drive drive to take us to "Big Red" - the Simpson Desert's largest sand dune, with the second largest dune beside it making them the world's longest parallel dunes. Share the experience of a stunning golden sunset amongst the dunes, with drinks and snacks. This evening we enjoy traditional Outback hospitality back at the pub.

## Schedule:

8:00 Breakfast

10:30 Tibooburra to Innamincka Flight Time: 0:55.

12:00 Lunch and drinks at 'The Innamincka Hotel'

2:00 PM Innamincka to Birdsville Flight Time: 0:59

4:00 PM (approx) Big Red Sunset Tour

7:00 PM (approx) Dinner at the Birdsville Pub

**Destinations:** Innamincka, Birdsville

**Accommodation:** The Birdsville Hotel

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Big Red Sunset Tour



# DAY 3

BIRSDVILLE - OODNADATTA - WILLIAM CREEK

A day to remember as we sweep across the magnificent Simpson Desert, flying at an altitude where we have a bird's eye view of more than 1100 sand dunes. Witness this spectacular landscape before landing "in the middle of nowhere" at Oodnadatta - pronounced just how it is spelled! It was once the starting point for camel 'caravans' that carried supplies for the remote communities of the desert interior in the late 1800's. It is now part of the famous unsealed 600km Oodnadatta Track that 4WD enthusiasts and Outback adventurers frequent. We enjoy lunch at the quirky 'Pink Roadhouse'. Try the famous Oodnaburger or the locally sourced kangaroo and camel sausages from the game menu.

Back in the air we follow the Track to the remote Outback post of William Creek - the gateway town for Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre. William Creek (also fondly known as Bill Rivers) neighbours the world's largest cattle station - Anna Creek Station, home to the stunning Painted Hills. This evening we dine at the authentic bush pub, The William Creek Hotel. This pub is loved by travellers from all around the world, with a front bar decorated by hundreds of notes, memorabilia and mementos.

## Schedule:

8:00 Breakfast

10:30 Birdsville to Oodnadatta Flight Time: 1:44.

12:30 Lunch and drinks at 'The Pink Road House'

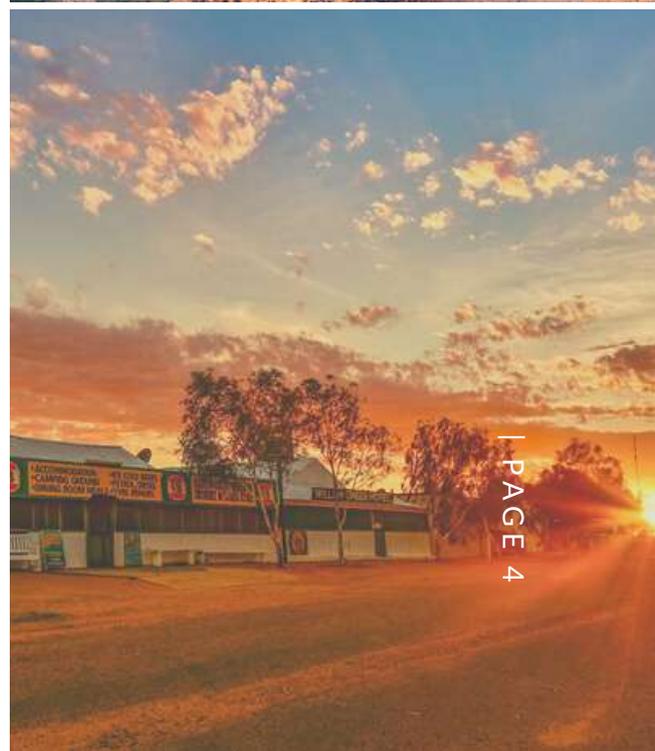
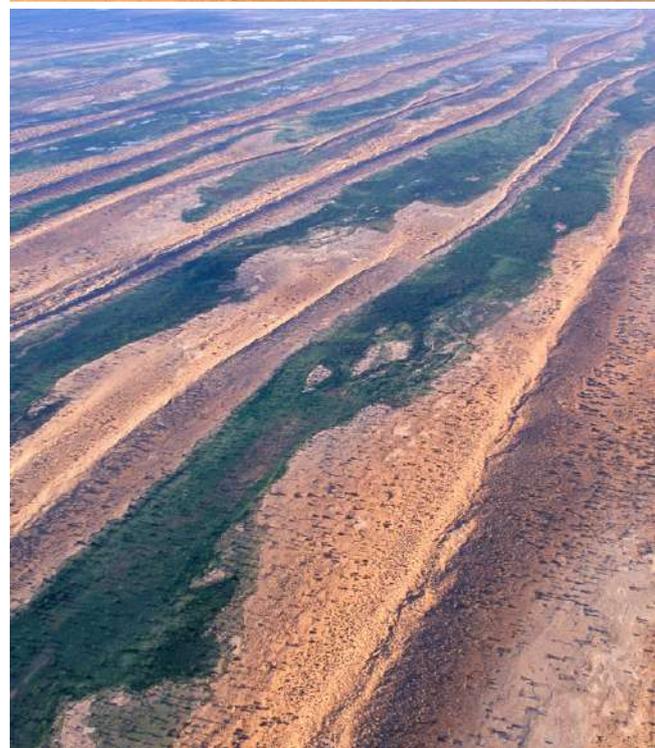
3:00 PM Oodnadatta to William Creek Flight Time: 0:41.

6:00 PM Dinner and drinks at the William Creek Hotel

**Destinations:** Oodnadatta - William Creek

**Accommodation:** The William Creek Hotel

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





THE PAINTED HILLS



# DAY 4

WILLIAM CREEK - MARREE - BROKEN HILL

Begin the morning with a hearty pub breaky before a day of exploration. This morning we have a chance to explore William Creek and its surrounding natural beauty. Back in the air we have the unique opportunity to view Australia's largest salt lake, the wondrous Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre, from the air. The lake spans a massive 9,500 square kilometres. Flying over this amazing landscape provides perspective of just how big this landmark is. En route to the railway town of Marree look out for the modern geoglyph, the 'Marree Man' - a remarkable 4.2 kilometre long, line drawing of an aboriginal hunter. Still one of the Outback's greatest mysteries, we are yet to discover who created this large artwork in this arid and remote landscape.



We spend the afternoon at the fascinating watering hole, The Marree Hotel, in the middle of desert country. To the North lies the Simpson Desert and Sturt's Stony Desert and to the North East is the Strzelecki Desert. Enjoy historical charm at the magnificent heritage listed Marree Hotel, regarded as the most impressive in the Outback.

Back in the air we head towards the frontier mining town of Broken Hill, which once boasted 70 pubs! Witness more mesmerising images as Lake Frome appears – a desert-like melange of gold earth and swirling white salt pans. Gaze in awe as we pass North of the magnificent rugged Flinders Ranges, before landing at the Silver City. Enjoy pre dinner drinks surrounded by grandiose murals at the colourful Palace Hotel, famous from the film "Priscilla Queen of the Desert". Tonight we dine at the boutique Broken Hill Pub, built in 1886 and formerly known as The West Darling Hotel, before going through a transformation six years ago. The BHP is the town's oldest pub still operating.



# DAY 4 CONTINUED...

## Schedule:

7:00 Breakfast

8:00 Tour of William Creek

11:30 William Creek to Marree Flight Time: 0:44.  
with an aerial fly-by over the Marree Man.

12:30 PM Lunch at the Marree Hotel

2:30 PM Maree to Broken Hill Flight Time: 1:40.

6:00 PM Drinks at the Palace Hotel

7:00 PM Dinner at the Broken Hill Pub

**Destinations:** Lake Eyre, Marree, Broken Hill

**Accommodation:** Broken Hill

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



# DAY 5

BROKEN HILL - TILPA - COBAR - SYDNEY



An early start today as we prepare to fly back towards the East. Enjoy a visit to the interactive Royal Flying Doctors (RFDS) Museum. The RFDS provides a vital air service to remote Outback towns and communities - many of which we have visited on our tour.

The Caravan is back in the sky to Tilpa to visit our last pub on our Crawl - don't be too sad though - we have saved one of the best for last. Established in 1894 to service the river boat trade, the Tilpa Hotel is a classic, character-filled Outback pub made of corrugated iron and timber. The perfect place to enjoy our farewell lunch in the Outback.



We will stop briefly in Cobar on our journey back to Sydney. Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery from this vantage point as we take you home. Three States, ten iconic Outback pubs and more than 4000 kms have been covered in just five days. We trust you have enjoyed your Outback experience and hope to welcome you back for another wilderness adventure soon.

## Schedule:

7:30 Breakfast

9:00 Tour of the RFDS Museum

10:30 Broken Hill to Tilpa Flight Time: 1:12.

12:00 Tilpa Hotel Pub Lunch.

2:00 PM Tilpa to Cobar Flight Time: 00:35.

3:00 PM Cobar to Bankstown Flight Time: 2:15.

**Destinations:** Broken Hill - Tilpa - Sydney (Bankstown)

**Accommodation:** Home

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch, RFDS Tour





# TRIP CHECKLIST

- Camera
- Hat, Sunglasses and Sunscreen
- Walking Shoes
- Water Bottle
- Warm Jacket/Wind Jacket
- Closed comfortable shoes for the flights
- Face Mask (if you would like to BYO)

# TRAVELLING SAFELY IN 2021

*"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page"*

Well if this quote is true - most of us have a lot of 'reading' to catch up on in 2021! That's why at Outback By Air, we are thrilled to be able to provide tours that allow you to explore your very own backyard, the Australian Outback. A place like no other - filled with endless possibilities, rich in natural beauty and history, with modern influences and hidden treasures.

To ensure you are able to travel safely during these times we have developed a COVID-19 Policy. This ensures that you can sit back and relax and enjoy the experience knowing that your safety is always our number one priority.

## **The Outback By Air COVID Safe Policy**

- Crew are instructed to limit contact with others - no shaking hands or touching objects unless necessary.
- All passengers are provided with individual alcohol-based hand sanitiser, face masks and individual waste bags.
- Passengers will complete a verbal screening questionnaire before embarking on the tour
- Passengers will have their temperature tested each time they board the aircraft.
- Both staff and passengers are encouraged to practice good hand hygiene and good sneeze/cough hygiene by washing hands often with soap and water or with hand sanitiser (provided by OBA) before and after eating and after using the bathroom. They are encouraged to cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing, disposing of tissues and immediately washing hands. They are encouraged to avoid touching their mouth, eyes and nose. This health advice is provided in the seat pocket of every passenger seat.
- Passengers will be advised that while wearing a mask in NSW is not mandatory, NSW Health strongly recommends people wear a mask when unable to physically distance.
- Passengers will be instructed to stay in their assigned seats for each flight.
- Seats, tables and door handles will be wiped with disinfectant after each flight by a member of staff.
- Where possible, OBA will seat groups together.
- If a member of staff or a passenger reports symptoms of Covid, OBA will immediately contact the National Coronavirus hotline (1800 020 080) and follow all instructions.
- OBA will keep up to date and follow public health and WHS advice

# OUR TOURS

SYDNEY TO MUDGEE VINEYARD WEEKEND 05 MARCH 2021

CLASSIC OUTBACK PUB CRAWL 18TH MARCH DEPARTURE 2021

CLASSIC OUTBACK PUB CRAWL 25TH MARCH DEPARTURE 2021

JOURNEY INTO THE OUTBACK 11 APRIL 2021 10 DAYS

OUTBACK LOOP APRIL 2021 28 APRIL 2021 6 DAYS

OUTBACK LOOP MAY 2021 10 MAY 2021 6 DAYS

THE ICONIC EXPLORER 19 MAY 2021 14 DAYS

THE ULTIMATE OUTBACK CRUSADE 03 JUNE 2021 14 DAYS

CLASSIC OUTBACK PUB CRAWL 17TH JUNE DEPARTURE 2021  
(SOLD OUT)

THE OUTBACK DISCOVERY 24 JUNE 2021 7 DAYS

THE RED CENTRE INDULGENCE 18 JULY 2021 8 DAYS

LOUTH RACES 05 AUGUST 2021

THE OUTBACK CLASSIC 15 AUGUST 2021

THE BIRDSVILLE RACES 03 SEPTEMBER 2021

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