



# OUTBACK BY AIR

RED CENTRE INDULGENCE



SYDNEY - LOUTH (TRILBY STATION) - LONGREACH -  
BIRDSVILLE - ULURU - WILLIAM CREEK -  
BROKEN HILL - SYDNEY





  
**Outback**  
by air





# DAY 1

## SYDNEY - LOUTH

Our crew welcome you at Bankstown Airport (Sydney) before departing on this exciting Outback adventure. Take in the views from a completely different perspective. Our Cessna Grand Caravan's high wings and oversized windows are perfect for "flight seeing".

We fly northwest to the Outback town of Bourke, where we visit the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre. Set amongst a native garden of river red gums on the banks of the mighty Darling River, this modern museum showcases the fascinating local wool and riverboat history of the region.

### "If you know Bourke, you know Australia" - Henry Lawson

After lunch we track the Darling to the bush town of Louth. A dirt road leads us to Trilby Station, a family owned 320,000 acre sheep property. This overnight stay focuses on offering the true Australian Outback station experience. The Murray Family has lived in the area for seven generations, grazing merino sheep since 1860, and a glimpse into their way of life is not often accessible to outsiders. Our host, Liz, will take guests on a walking tour of the state-of-the-art shearing shed and aircraft hangar, while giving us an overview of life in the Outback.

Immerse yourself in the landscape, appreciating a bush sunset with drinks and canapés by the billabong.

### 7:00-7:15am: Arrive at Outback by Air

**\*\* 3 Sopwith place, Bankstown Aerodrome \*\***

Free parking is available onsite

**8:00am:** Bankstown to Bourke - *Flight Time: 2hrs 25min*

**11:20am:** Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

**12.30pm:** Lunch at Back O'Bourke Cafe

**1:45pm:** Bourke to Louth - *Flight Time: 30mins*

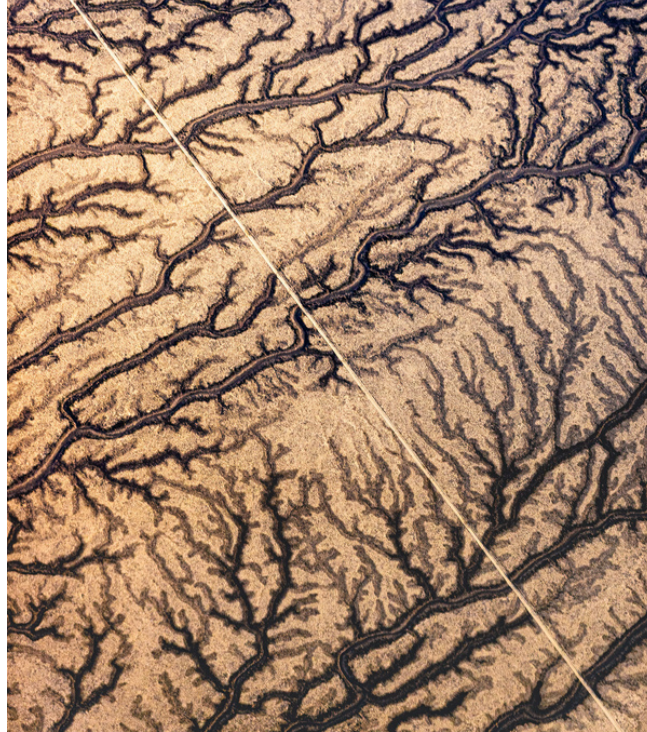
**5.00pm:** Sundowners at Trilby Station

**7:00pm:** Dinner at The Cottage Campfire

**Destination:** Louth, Trilby Station

**Accommodation:** Trilby Station – Station Cottages with shared bathroom facilities

**Inclusions:** Lunch, Dinner, Tours







# DAY 2

## LOUTH - LONGREACH

Appreciate the serenity and peace of an Outback morning as you awake at the Station. You may wish to take advantage of Trilby's 10kms of walking tracks along the Darling before a home cooked country breakfast.

After farewelling Trilby we are back in the air flying north through Queensland's vast grazing country to the pioneering town of Longreach. Enjoy lunch surrounded by aviation history at the Qantas Founders Museum. This award-winning attraction celebrates the founding of our national airline. Discover the Boeing 707 and 747, Super Constellation and the legendary DC-3 on a guided tour.

We spend the evening amongst nature on the Thomson River. There are endless photo opportunities on this gentle sunset cruise before we go ashore for a traditional Outback dinner and live show under a canopy of stars.

**6:30am:** Breakfast

**7.30am:** Depart for airport

**8.20am:** Louth to Longreach - *Flight Time: 2hrs 50min*

**12.00pm:** Lunch at Qantas Founders Museum

**12.55pm:** Guided tour of museum (1.5 hrs)

**3.00pm:** Check into Mitchell Grass Retreat

**3:45pm:** Bus pick up for Drover's Sunset River Cruise followed by dinner

**9.00pm:** Bus to Retreat

**Destination:** Longreach

**Accommodation:** Mitchell Grass Retreat - boutique luxury glamping

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours





# DAY 3

## LONGREACH

Luxuriate in an Outback sunrise over the surrounding Mitchell Grass Plains as you enjoy breakfast on your private deck.

Today we swap our wings for wheels and set off in our private transport for a day of exploring. Soak up the Outback big sky scenery as we head to the Age of Dinosaurs experience, painting a picture of what this area looked like 90 million years ago. Witness the monumental March of the Titanosaurs exhibition where we will see a recently discovered 54m sauropod track site!

Meet “Banjo”, “Matilda” and would you believe “Wade” - yes these are just some of the huge specimens held at the working museum.

Enjoy lunch at the Waltzing Matilda Centre in Winton, surrounded by the story of Banjo Patterson’s famous ballad.

We return to the Qantas Museum in the evening for the spectacular Luminescent Longreach light and sound experience designed to delight and entertain. Stand amongst iconic aircraft as world class projection mapping and 360-degree immersive sound brings the 100-year-old story of Qantas to life.

Relax with drinks and dinner at the popular Harry’s Restaurant before retiring to The Retreat.

**6:30am:** Breakfast basket delivered to your tent

**7:15am:** Bus transfer to Winton - *Travel Time: 2 hrs*

**9:30am:** Age of Dinosaurs Experience

**1:00pm:** Lunch at Waltzing Matilda Centre, Winton

**6:00pm:** Light show at Qantas Founders Museum

**7:00pm:** Dinner at Harry’s Restaurant, Longreach

**Accommodation:** Mitchell Grass Retreat - boutique luxury glamping

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours







# DAY 4

## LONGREACH - BIRDSVILLE

Discover the wonders of our rich pioneering history as we visit the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre. Enjoy a self guided tour of the galleries to learn about the incredible and often unknown stories of the everyday people who are at the heart of the Outback.

Our next leg in the air takes us down through channel country before landing at the iconic Outback town of Birdsville where our plane will taxi 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 to take us to “Big Red” – the Simpson Desert’s largest sand dune. Toast the experience of another stunning golden sunset amongst the dunes with drinks and canapes.

This evening we enjoy traditional Outback hospitality back at the pub.

**7.00am:** Breakfast Basket delivered to your tent

**8.30am:** Checkout and bus transfer to Stockman's Hall of Fame

**9:00am:** Stockman's Hall of Fame followed by lunch

**1.00pm:** Longreach to Birdsville - *Flight Time: 2hrs 15min*

**4:00pm:** pickup for sundowners at Big Red

**7:30pm:** Dinner at The Birdsville Hotel

**Destination:** Birdsville

**Accommodation:** The Birdsville Hotel

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours





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# DAY 5

## BIRDSVILLE - ULURU

Foxtrot Tango Tango flies us across the Simpson Desert to the spiritual heart of Australia, Uluru. "The Rock" which was formed over 350 million years ago was once covered by sea.

"Around 500 million years ago the whole area was covered in sea. Sand and mud fell to the bottom and covered the seabed, including these fans. The weight of the new seabed turned the fans into rock. The sandy fan became sandstone (Uluru) while the rocky fan became conglomerate rock (Kata Tjuta).

400 million years ago the sea disappeared. The rocks folded and tilted as the earth's tectonic plates shifted. Kata Tjuta tilted slightly and Uluru tilted 90 degrees. Over the last 300 million years, the softer rocks eroded away, leaving the spectacular forms of Uluru and Kata Tjuta behind." - Source: Parks Australia

Get set for an evening of delight with the breathtaking Sounds of Silence Dinner experience. Admire the ever changing colour of the rock as the sun sets. Indulging in canapes and sparkling wine overlooking spectacular Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, this evening will be one to remember.

As the night sky twinkles to life, we will be welcomed to an interactive chef's station where we will be served a freshly prepared bush tucker inspired menu incorporating native bush ingredients. All accompanied by Australian wine and star gazing with our local guide.







**7.30am:** Breakfast at Hotel

**9.00am:** Depart Birdsville to Mount Dare - *flight time 2hrs*

**12.00am:** Lunch at Mount Dare Hotel

**1.00pm:** Depart Mount Dare for Uluru - *flight time 2hrs*

**3.00pm:** Arrive at Uluru for check in to Sails in the Desert

**5.00pm:** Bus Transfer for Uluru sunset tour followed by Sounds of Silence Dinner (**Dress: smart casual - remember to bring a warm jacket - it gets cold in the desert in the evenings**)

**9.00pm:** Return to Sails in the Desert

**Destination:** Uluru

**Accommodation:** Sails in the Desert, 5 Star luxury in the Desert

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours





# DAY 6

## ULURU - WILLIAM CREEK

We have an early start to make the most of the unrivalled sunrise in the World Heritage listed Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. With Uluru basking in the light as a new day begins, experience the sunrise with a guided drive around the base of The Rock.

As we travel towards Uluru its vast shape rises from the sand dunes as the early dawn light highlights its presence. Our guide will take us to a special location with uninterrupted views to watch the sunrise over this amazing monolith as we enjoy a picnic breakfast. We visit the Mutitjulu Waterhole to learn the creation stories of Liru (venomous snake) and Kuniya (Python). We then make our way to Kata Tjuta where you can revel in the serenity of a truly spiritual place. Learn about this diverse environment and take in the breathtaking views from two lookouts while having lunch.

Climb aboard as we make our way to the remote town of William Creek (population 10) on the famous Oodnadatta Track. 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.

**6.00am:** Meet in Hotel lobby for check out

**6.15am:** Pick up for Uluru Sunrise Tour - including breakfast & lunch (**bring bottled water and wear enclosed shoes - warm clothing is advised due to cold mornings in the desert**)

**2.00pm:** Drop off at airport for departure to William Creek - *Flight time: 2hr 40min*

**7.15pm:** Dinner at William Creek Hotel

**Destination:** William Creek

**Accommodation:** William Creek Hotel

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours





# DAY 7

## WILLIAM CREEK - BROKEN HILL

An early start as we jump aboard a local WrightsAir plane to fly over Australia's largest cattle station, which is bigger than Belgium!

Anna Creek Station is home to the super model of the Outback, The Painted Hills, which is only accessible by air. This flight gives us a unique opportunity to discover one of Australia's hidden iconic landmarks. There are 30kms of sandstone formations, some curvy and soft while others are tall and statuesque.

The guided walk upon landing gives us the opportunity to truly appreciate the fragility of the landscape and the chance to see some marine fossils.

Witness mesmerising views of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre, Australia's largest salt lake, as we track towards Broken Hill. Look out for the enigmatic Marree Man - a remarkable 2.7 km long drawing of an aboriginal hunter. It is one of the largest geoglyphs in the world but its origin remains a mystery, with no one claiming responsibility for its creation!

Take in the spectacular ruggedness of the Flinders Ranges and the beauty of Lake Frome - a desert-like mélange of gold earth and swirling white salt pans, an amazing sight from above.

Upon landing in The Silver City experience a rich and historical guided tour of Broken Hill and its local delights.

Drinks at the colourful Palace Hotel is a must, made famous by the Priscilla Queen of the Desert movie before dinner and gin tasting at the Tydvil Hotel.







**7:00am:** Flight to The Painted Hills

**9:00am:** Breakfast at the hotel

**10:15am:** William Creek to Broken Hill - *Flight Time: 2hr 40min*

**1:15pm:** Lunch at Al Fresco's Cafe, Broken Hill

**2:15pm:** Guided Tour of Broken Hill

**7:00pm:** Dinner at The Tydvil Hotel and Gin Distillery

**Destination:** Broken Hill

**Accommodation:** The Royal Exchange Hotel, Broken Hill

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours











# DAY 8

## BROKEN HILL - SYDNEY

Our final morning is spent at the interactive Royal Flying Doctor Museum which celebrates the history of the Flying Doctor, including its doctors, pilots and nurses. The base at Broken Hill is unique because it is one of the only working RFDS bases.

The Caravan is back in the sky, heading to the Outback post of Tilpa. Our farewell lunch is at the Tilpa Hotel, considered one of the last remaining true bush pubs in Australia. Established in 1894 to service the river boat trade the pub is a classic, character-filled hotel made of corrugated iron and timber.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery from the Cessna Caravan as we take you home. We trust you have enjoyed your Outback experience and hope to welcome you back for another air safari soon.



**7:30am:** Breakfast at the hotel

**9:00am:** Tour of RFDS

**10:30am:** Broken Hill to Tilpa - *Flight time 1hr 12min*

**12.00pm:** Lunch at Tilpa Hotel

**2:00pm:** Depart Tilpa for Sydney

**5.00pm:** Arrive Sydney

**Destination:** Sydney

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch, Tour







# TRIP CHECKLIST

- Packed bag as per the pre-departure guidelines
- Camera
- Hat, Sunglasses and Sunscreen
- Walking Shoes
- Water Bottle
- Warm Jacket/Wind Jacket
- Closed comfortable shoes for the flights





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