



OUTBACK BY AIR

THE ULTIMATE OUTBACK CRUSADE

**SYDNEY - TRILBY STATION - LONGREACH - KATHERINE -
KAKADU - KUNUNURRA - BROOME - ULURU - BIRDSVILLE -
WILLIAM CREEK - SYDNEY**

DAY 1

SYDNEY - LOUTH

Our crew welcome you at Bankstown Airport (Sydney) before departing on this exciting Outback adventure.

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 campfire.



7:30am: Arrive at Outback by Air

**** 3 Sopwith Place, Bankstown Aerodrome ****

Free parking is available onsite

8.30am: Bankstown to Bourke - Flight Time: 2 hrs

11:00am: Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

12.30pm: Lunch at Port of Bourke Pub

1:45pm: Bourke to Louth - Flight Time: 30min

5.00pm: Sundowners at Trilby Station

7:00pm: Outback Dining

Destination: Trilby Station, Louth

Accommodation: Trilby Station – Renovated Station Cottages or Shearers Quarters with shared bathroom facilities

Inclusions: Lunch, Dinner, Tours



DAY 2

LOUTH - LONGREACH

Take in the beauty below as we fly to the pioneering town of Longreach - the heart of Outback Queensland. Enjoy lunch surrounded by aviation history at the Qantas Founders Museum, followed by a guided tour. This award winning attraction celebrates the founding of our national airline over 100 years ago.

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

Experience luxury glamping in a deluxe canvas tent overlooking the Mitchell Grass Plains. Unwind in the freestanding bath and king-sized bed dressed in luxury linen with complimentary port and chocolates.



7.00am: Country cooked breakfast

8.00am: Transfer to airport - Louth to Longreach - *Flight Time: 1hr 45 min*

12:00pm: Lunch at Qantas Founders Museum

1.00pm: Qantas guided Airpark Tour - Qantas takes you behind the scenes of the DC-3, Boeing 747, Boeing 707 and Super Constellation.

3.00pm: Check into Mitchell Grass Retreat

3.45pm: Pickup for River Cruise



Destination: Longreach

Accommodation: Mitchell Grass Retreat - Luxury Boutique Glamping Experience

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours

DAY 3

LONGREACH and WINTON

We swap our wings for wheels and set off in our private transport for a day of exploring. Enjoy 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. The museum is home to the largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils in the world and this educational tour takes us to the Fossil Preparation Laboratory, Collection Room and Dinosaur Canyon. Witness the monumental March of the Titanosaurs exhibition where we will see a recently discovered 54m sauropod track site.

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

We spend the evening enjoying the hospitality at Camden Park Station where the Walker family once hosted the Queen. Outback Dan will give us a tour of this working sheep and cattle station before we enjoy sunset from this pastoral oasis.

We return to the Qantas Museum for the spectacular Luminescence 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.

6:30am: Gourmet 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

3.00pm: Bus transfer to Retreat

5:00pm: Bus transfer to Camden Park Station

Destination: Longreach and Winton

Accommodation: Mitchell Grass Retreat

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours



DAY 4

LONGREACH - KATHERINE

We begin our morning at the legendary Stockman's Hall of Fame where we wander the themed galleries to learn about our pioneering history. Hear firsthand the recollections from the extensive oral history collection and transcribed diary entries from those that cut a living from the harsh Outback environment.

We board our private plane to fly to the Northern Territory for our next adventure in Katherine, where the Outback meets the tropics. This is a region full of gorges and misty waterfalls, thermal springs and ancient cultures.

Take in the sights as we cruise past the Diamantina River - one of the river sources for Australia's largest salt lake, Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre.

The arid landscape of this region, almost unworldly, shows the ruggedness and resilience of this land.

7:00am: Breakfast Basket delivered to your tent

8:30am: Bus transfer to Stockman's Hall of Fame

9:00am: Visit Stockman's Hall of Fame

10.30am: Longreach to Mount Isa - *Flight Time: 1hr 25min*

Lunch Mount Isa

1:00pm: Mount Isa to Tennant Creek - *Flight Time: 1hr 20min*

2:00pm: Fuel Stop (*Central time*)

2:30pm: Tennant Creek to Tindal - *Flight Time: 1hr 30min*

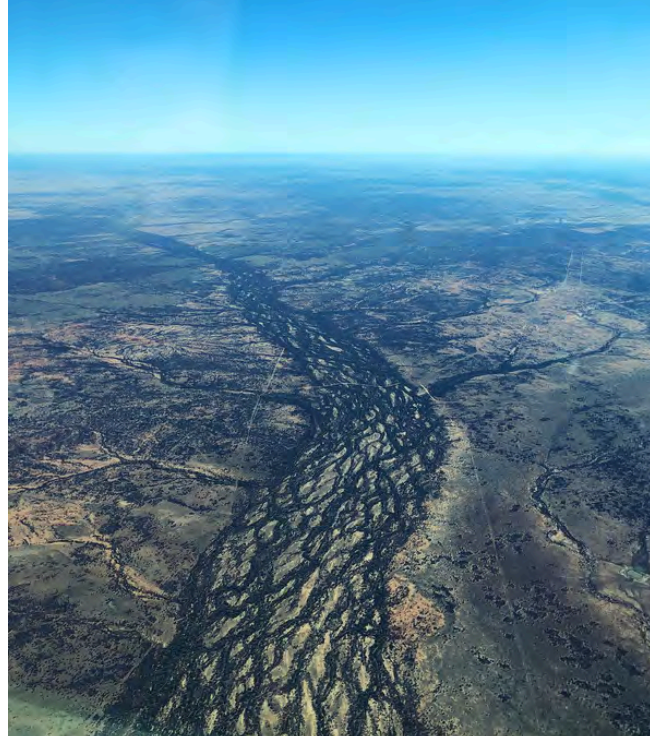
4:00pm: Transfer to Contour Hotel

7:00pm: Dinner at the Hotel

Destination: Katherine

Accommodation: Contour Hotel

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours





DAY 5

KATHERINE IMMERSION DAY

This morning we immerse ourselves in the vibrant culture of local aboriginal man, Manuel Pamkal and his tribe at the Top Didj Aboriginal Cultural Experience.

Manuel shares his stories about growing up in the bush, cultural differences, tribal life, and his own family tree. Learn how to light a fire from sticks and try your hand at throwing a boomerang and a spear.

On a cruise of the Katherine River, we experience the magic of a sunset against the dramatic backdrop of Nitmiluk Gorge. Indulge in a delicious three course dinner served with Australian sparkling.

Considered the jewel in the crown of the Nitmiluk experience, sit back and relax as the tranquil surroundings transport you into the spiritual world of the Jawoyn culture and history.

Discover the stories and ways of the Jawoyn people as the gorge changes colour with the setting sun.



8.00am: Breakfast at Contour Hotel

9.30 am: Transfer to Top Didj Experience

10am - 12.30pm: Top Didj Experience

1.00pm: Lunch

4:00pm: Meet in lobby to transfer to jetty

4:30pm: Nabilil Dreaming Sunset Dinner Cruise (3.5hr)

Destination: Katherine

Accommodation: Contour Hotel

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours

DAY 6

KATHERINE - KAKADU

Red dust and horses! Tom Curtain's award winning Katherine Outback Experience is not to be missed.

This amazing show celebrates the Northern Territory's unique pastoral history and culture through real horse-starting and working dog demonstrations, live music and story telling.

This is not your run-of-the-mill type of Outback show, rather it is an experience! It is raw and real!

We are back in the sky, flying to the world heritage listed Kakadu National Park.

The park's natural formations cannot be found anywhere else in the world. The roaring waterfalls, the expansive wetlands, and the diverse ecosystems are its greatest attractions, alongside the ancient Indigenous culture.

Upon arriving in Kakadu, our private transfer will transport us to Coinda to discover the natural splendour of this wildlife paradise as we cruise along The Yellow Water Billabong.

Did you know approximately a third of Australia's bird species are found in Kakadu! Look out for Whistling Ducks, Magpie Geese, Brolgas and of course crocodiles.

Watch the sun turn golden over this timeless landscape.

8:00am: Breakfast at Contour Hotel

9:00am: Checkout and transfer

9:30am: Katherine Outback Experience

12.00pm: Depart Katherine to Kakadu - *Flight time: 30min*

1.00pm: Lunch at Coinda Lodge

Relaxation time

4:30pm: Yellow Water Sunset Cruise

7:00pm: Dinner at Coinda Lodge

Destination: Kakadu

Accommodation: Coinda Lodge

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours



DAY 7

KAKADU IMMERSION DAY

Today we immerse ourselves in this living cultural landscape which has been inhabited continuously for more than 40,000 years.

The cave paintings, rock carvings and archaeological sites record the skills and way of life of the inhabitants. It is a unique example of a complex of ecosystems, including tidal flats, floodplains, lowlands and plateau, and provides habitat for a wide range of rare or endemic species of plants and animals.

Our day starts with a leisurely morning cruise of the East Alligator River.

An Aboriginal guide will give us an insight into their culture, local mythology and the river's abundant food chain. Learn about traditional uses for many plants and animals and essential bush survival skills.

We disembark on the Arnhem Land side of the river for a display of traditional hunting and gathering implements.

Next, we take the famous Ubirr walk that passes through several breathtaking Aboriginal art sites and leads up to a stunning lookout over the Nadah floodplain. Ubirr's rock art is considered among the best in the world, with fine examples of x-ray painting as well as contact art from the time when Aboriginals first encountered Europeans.

Stroll through shaded rock shelters at the Nourlangie rock art site. Marvel at the World Heritage-listed art and discover how life used to be for the Bininj people.

6.30am: Breakfast

7.45am: Bus transfer

9:00am: Guluyambi Cultural Cruise on the East Alligator River (2 hrs)

12.30pm: Lunch

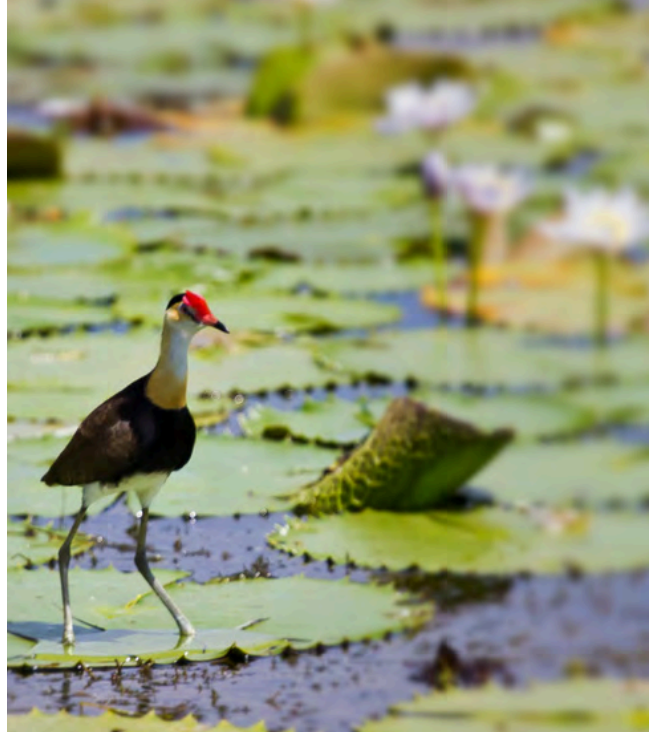
Guided tour of Kakadu in the afternoon

7:00pm: Dinner at Coinda Lodge

Destination: Kakadu

Accommodation: Coinda Lodge

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours





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DAY 8

KAKADU - EL QUESTRO - KUNUNURRA

Embrace magnificent landscapes as we fly to Kununurra, the gateway to the stunning Kimberley region of Western Australia.

The Kimberley is known for its vast lakes, ancient ranges and huge Outback stations.

We land at one of the Kimberley's most famous stations, El Questro Wilderness Park, where we enjoy swimming at the glorious Zebedee Springs. Set in an oasis of Livistona palms, these thermal pools are the perfect place to relax.



This vast and ancient landscape spans 700,000 acres which we fly across as we track to Kununurra.

This evening we dine in an East Kimberley institution, The PumpHouse.

This building was originally built as a pump station as part of the Ord River Irrigation Scheme and was converted into a restaurant in 2008.

Enjoy this unique dining experience overlooking the waters of Lake Kununurra.



8.00am: Breakfast

9.20am: Depart Kakadu for El Questro - *Flight Time: 2hr - plus time zone difference*

11.00am: Land at El Questro Station

11.45pm: Lunch at El Questro Station Steakhouse

1.00 - 2.00pm: Swim at Zebedee Springs

3pm: Depart El Questro for Kununurra - *Flight Time: 20 min*

6.30pm: Dinner at Pumphouse Restaurant

Destination: Kununurra

Accommodation: Freshwater East Kimberley Apartments

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours

DAY 9

KUNUNURRA and LAKE ARGYLE

A day of exploration as our bus transports us to Lake Argyle, the perfect place for spotting wildlife and marvelling at incredible views.

En route we visit the Argyle Homestead Museum, built by the famous pioneering Durack family.

There is no better way to experience a breathtaking Lake Argyle sunset than out on the water.

On our cruise we will explore the rugged northern end of the lake while navigating through some of its 90 islands and inlets.

Our skipper will entertain and inform us about the natural history and development of the lake.

Watch the sunset turn golden over this massive expanse of water and don't forget your sunset swim!

8.30am: Breakfast at local cafe

Morning Sightseeing

Noon: Light lunch

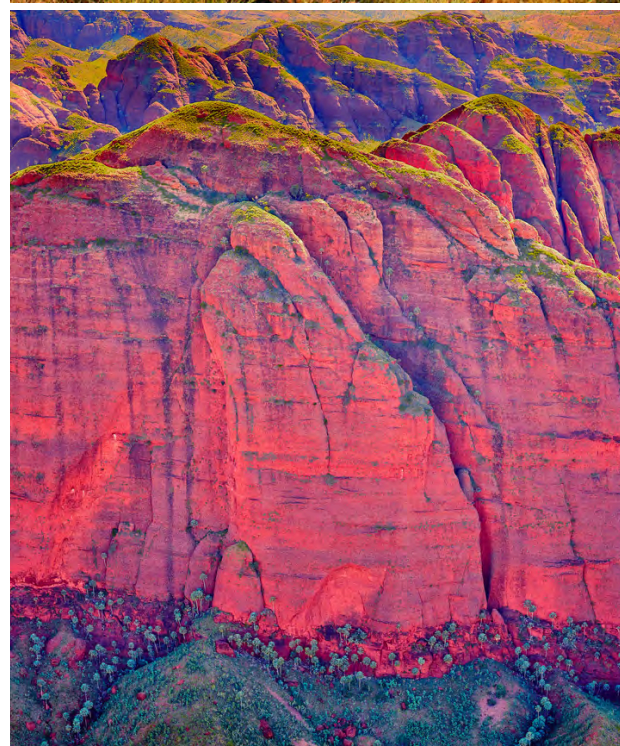
12:30pm: Bus transfer to Lake Argyle Cruise

6:00pm: Dinner

Destination: Kununurra

Accommodation: Freshwater East Kimberley Apartments

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours



DAY 10

KUNUNURRA - BROOME

Enjoy infinite skies as we fly over the awe-inspiring Bungle Bungles towards the pearling town of Broome.

Although these curious striped dome-shaped rock formations have been in existence for over 350 million years, they are so remote they were not discovered until 1983!

Upon landing in Broome we enjoy lunch at Matso's Brewery - Australia's most remote brewery. Fancy a mango beer?

The afternoon is free to explore this unique port steeped in pearling history.

Take a stroll to Gantheaume Point, home of dinosaur footprints, take a dip in the stunning turquoise waters of Cable Beach or be dazzled by the pearl showrooms.

7:00am: Breakfast at a local cafe

8:30am: Kununarra to Halls Creek - *Flight Time: 1hr*

10:00am: Halls Creek to Broome - *Flight Time: 1hr 20min*

1:00pm: Lunch at Matso's Broome Brewery

The afternoon is yours to enjoy

7:00pm: We will meet to dine in a local restaurant

Destination: Broome

Accommodation: Moonlight Bay Suites

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours



DAY 11

BROOME

A morning of discovery awaits as we explore the heritage listed buildings, unique Broome architecture, art galleries, Town Beach and more.

Dive into the rich tapestry of Broome's pearling history with the Pearling Masters Trek. This captivating tour weaves through the chinatown precinct, exploring global influences from China, Japan, Malaysia and beyond.

Try delicate pearl meat with a glass of bubbles while admiring art at one of the galleries. This walking tour is the perfect way to immerse ourselves in the rich cultural history of Broome.

This afternoon we enjoy a camel safari along the world famous Cable Beach, before experiencing the sunset over the brilliant turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean.

Dinner tonight will be overlooking Cable Beach at Zanders Restaurant.

8.30am: Breakfast at local cafe

10.30am: Meet for transfer to The Pearling Master's Trek (*this walking tour is approximately 3km so please wear comfortable shoes and bring water and a hat: 11am - 1pm*)

1.15pm: Lunch

4:00pm: Transfer to Cable Beach for Camel Safari

4.20pm: Sunset Camel Safari along Cable Beach

6.30pm: Dinner at Zanders Restaurant at Cable Beach

Destination: Broome

Accommodation: Moonlight Bay Suites

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours



DAY 12

BROOME - ULURU

We farewell Western Australia and head to the heart of the red centre – Uluru also known as the "The Rock", which was formed over 350 million years ago:

"Around 500 million years ago, the whole area became 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. 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 at the breathtaking Sounds of Silence dinner. Admire the ever-changing colour of the rock as the sun sets upon it. Indulge in canapés and sparkling wine overlooking spectacular Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

This evening will be one to remember.

8:00am: Breakfast

9:30am: Transfer to airport

10:00am: Broome to Balgo Hill - *Flight Time: 1hr 20min*

Brunch at Balgo Hill

12:20am: Balgo Hill to Uluru - *Flight Time: 1hr 20min plus time zone change*

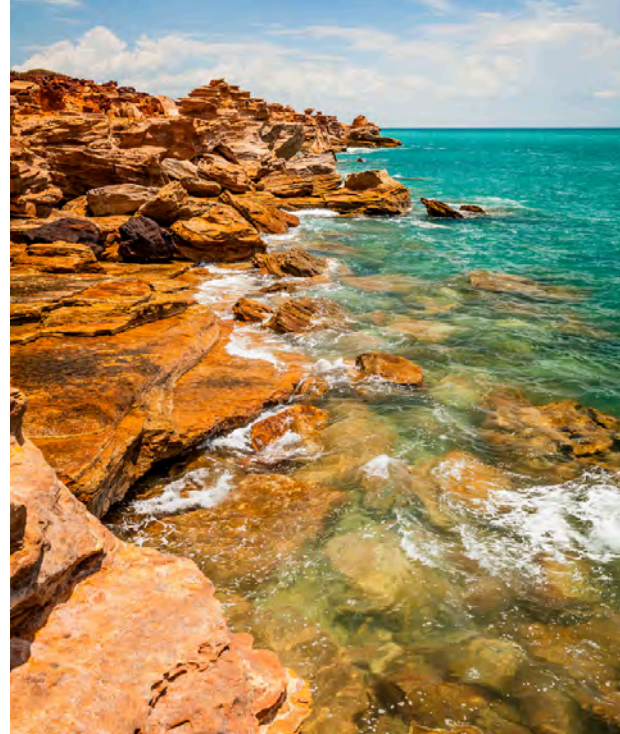
3:15pm: Transfer to Sails in the Desert

5:00pm: Bus transfer for Uluru Sunset Tour, followed by Sounds of Silence dinner

Destination: Uluru

Accommodation: Sails in the Desert - 5 Star accommodation in the desert

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours





DAY 13

ULURU - BIRDSVILLE

We have an early start to the day 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 Uluru, including the Mutijulu Waterhole, Rock Art and the Cultural Centre.

We farewell the Red Centre as we track towards a remote town situated on the border of South Australia and The Northern Territory, Mt Dare. It is quite literally the middle of nowhere!

We stop here for lunch and a quick refuel. Back on board the aircraft, relax and enjoy infinite skies as our journey continues as we fly towards the historic town of Birdsville in Queensland's Channel Country.

We fly over the Simpson Desert, home to some of the world's largest sand dunes. 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 'coldie' on the veranda while we wait for our four wheel drive to take us to "Big Red". Share the experience of a stunning golden sunset amongst the dunes. This evening we enjoy traditional Outback hospitality back at the pub.

6 00am: Meet In Lobby

6:15am: Bus transfer to Uluru Sunrise Experience - including picnic breakfast

9:30am: Bus transfer to airport

10:00am: Uluru to Mount Dare - *Flight Time: 1hr 20min*

12:00pm: Lunch at Mount Dare Hotel

1:30pm: Mount Dare to Birdsville - *Flight Time: 1hr 10min*

4:15pm: Big Red Tour

7:30pm: Outback pub hospitality at The Birdsville Hotel

Destination: Birdsville

Accommodation: The Birdsville Hotel

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours



DAY 14

BIRDSVILLE - WILLIAM CREEK

Witness mesmerising views as we sweep across the dunes of the Simpson, before reaching the northern end of Kati Thanda - Lake Eyre. Australia's largest Salt Lake is a massive 144km long and 77km wide.

Our destination is the Outback remote post of William Creek, population 10.

We jump on board one of the Wrightsair planes to fly over the world's largest cattle station, which is bigger than Belgium!

Anna Creek Station is also home to the super model of the Outback, The Painted Hills.

This flight gives us a unique and spectacular opportunity to view one of Australia's hidden iconic landmarks with 30kms of sandstone formations, some curvy and soft, others tall and statuesque.

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

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.

8:00am: Breakfast at the hotel

10:30am: Birdsville to William Creek - *Flight Time: 1hr min*

12:30pm: Lunch at the William Creek Hotel

2.30pm: Scenic flight to Anna Creek Station to visit The Painted Hills

7:00pm: Dinner at the William Creek Hotel

Destination: William Creek

Accommodation: The William Creek Hotel

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours



DAY 15

WILLIAM CREEK - BROKEN HILL - SYDNEY

Enjoy dress circle views overhead as we fly east towards Broken Hill and pass famous landmarks including Lake Frome, The Flinders Ranges and the 'Marree Man,' a remarkable 4.2 kilometre long, line drawing of an aboriginal hunter.

Our first stop is Broken Hill - Australia's oldest mining town, dating back to the 1880's with a rich history in silver mining.

Enjoy a visit to the interactive Royal Flying Doctors Museum - which displays how this important organisation provides a vital air service to remote Outback towns and communities.

Experience a rich and historical private guided tour of Broken Hill and its local delights.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery from the Beechcraft Super King Air as we take you home.

Five States and over 8,500 kms have been covered in 15 days.

We trust you have enjoyed your Outback experience and hope to welcome you back for another air safari soon.

6 45am: Breakfast at the hotel

7:45am: William Creek to Broken Hill - *Flight Time: 1hr 40min*

10:00am: Guided tour of The Royal Flying Doctor Outback Heritage Experience

11:30am: Private guided tour of Broken Hill

2:30pm: Broken Hill to Sydney - *Flight Time: 2hrs*

Destination: Sydney (Bankstown)

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
- Closed comfortable shoes for the flights
- Insect repellent/Fly net
- Swimming Towel

2024 TOURS

OUTBACK CLASSIC - 21 JULY

CLASSIC OUTBACK PUB CRAWL - 1 AUGUST

MUNDI MUNDI BASH - 15 AUGUST

BIRDSVILLE RACES - 6 SEPTEMBER

CLASSIC OUTBACK PUB CRAWL - 19 SEPTEMBER

TASMANIAN EXPERIENCE - NOVEMBER TBA

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ESCAPE - NOVEMBER TBA



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