



# OUTBACK BY AIR

CLASSIC OUTBACK PUB CRAWL



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

**Explore remote Outback locations on the ultimate pub crawl, visiting 11 iconic pubs and travelling over 4000 kms in 5 days.**

**Travel through NSW, SA and QLD to have a beer with the locals.**

**No need to walk to the next pub when we can fly you to it.**





# 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.

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:

**7:00-7:15** Arrive at Outback by Air

**3 Sopwith Place, Bankstown Aerodrome**

8:15 Bankstown to Bourke - Flight Time 2:35

11:00 Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

1:30 PM Lunch at Port of Bourke Pub

4:30 PM Bourke to Tibooburra - Flight Time: 1:31

7:00 PM Dinner and Drinks at The Family Hotel

**Destinations:** Bourke - Tibooburra

**Accommodation:** Tibooburra Hotel

**Inclusions:** Lunch, Admission to Back 'O Bourke Exhibition Centre, 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 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 PM Lunch and drinks at The Innamincka Hotel

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

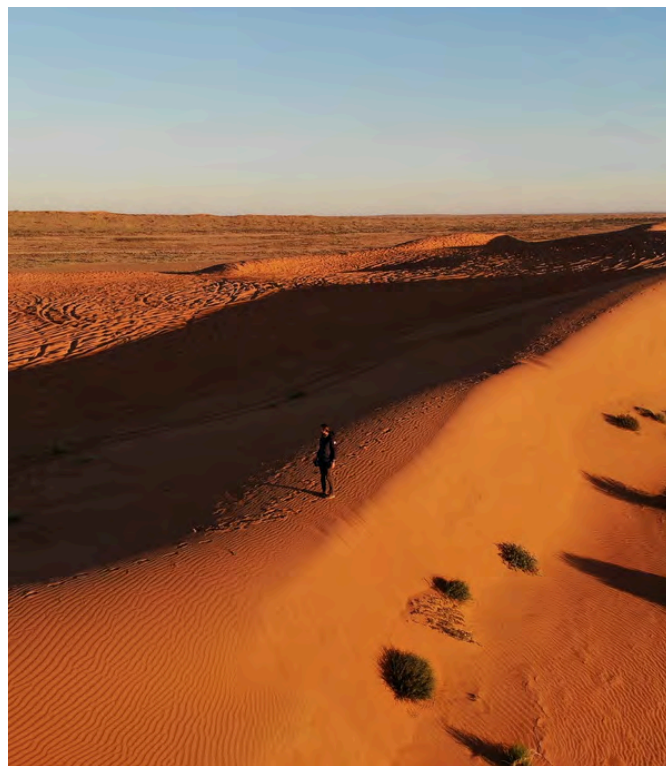
4:00 PM (approx) Big Red Sunset Tour

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 PM 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







# 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 interesting tales with our local guide, alternatively for those wanting to explore the Painted Hills, an early morning sunrise flight to the hills can be organised. 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 Tydvil Hotel with its award winning Gin Distillery.





# DAY 4 CONTINUED

## Schedule:

7:00 Breakfast

8:00 Tour of William Creek or optional Painted Hills tour (at additional cost)

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 Tydvil Hotel

**Destinations:** Marree - Broken Hill

**Accommodation:** The Royal Exchange Hotel

**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, 11 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

12:30 PM 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)

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





# TRIP CHECKLIST

- Packed bag as per the pre-departure guidelines
- Camera
- Hat, Sunglasses and Sunscreen
- Fly net for face/hat  
(in some locations this can be very handy at certain times of the year)
- Walking Shoes
- Water Bottle
- Warm Jacket/Wind Jacket
- Closed comfortable shoes for the flights

# 2024 TOURS

CLASSIC OUTBACK PUB CRAWL 21 MARCH 2024

CLASSIC OUTBACK PUB CRAWL 11 APRIL 2024

RED CENTRE INDULGENCE 4 MAY 2024

CLASSIC OUTBACK PUB CRAWL 30 MAY 2024

ULTIMATE OUTBACK CRUSADE 15 JUNE 2024

THE OUTBACK CLASSIC 21 JULY 2024

CLASSIC OUTBACK PUB CRAWL 1 AUGUST 2024

MUNDI MUNDI BASH 15 AUGUST 2024

THE BIRDSVILLE RACES 6 SEPTEMBER 2024

CLASSIC OUTBACK PUB CRAWL 19 SEPTEMBER 2024

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ESCAPE 10 NOVEMBER 2024

TASMANIAN EXPERIENCE - FEBRUARY 2025



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