



OUTBACK BY AIR

OUTBACK CLASSIC

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

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 campfire.

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: 2hr 25min*

11:00am: Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

12.30pm: Lunch at the Port of Bourke Hotel

2:00pm: Bourke to Louth - *Flight Time: 30min*

5.00pm: Sundowners at Trilby Station

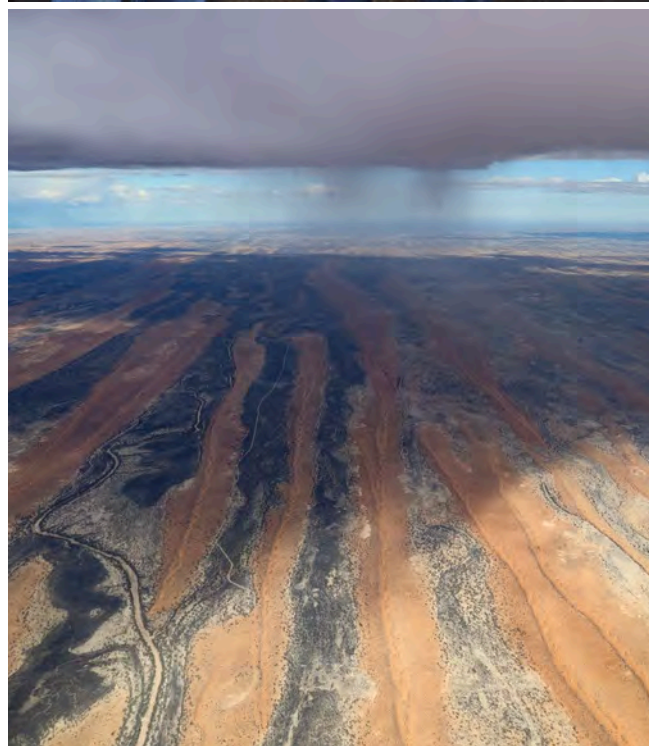
7:00pm: Outback Dinner

Destination: Louth, Trilby Station

Accommodation: Trilby Station – Renovated Station

Cottages or Shearers Quarters 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.

Our next stop is 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.

This evening, we enjoy the hospitality of Camden Park Station where the Walker family once hosted the Queen. Outback Dan will take us on a tour of this working cattle station before enjoying sunset drinks on this pastoral oasis.

6:30am: Breakfast

7.30am: Depart for airport

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

12.00pm: Lunch at Qantas Founders Museum

12.55pm: Guided tour of museum (1hr 20min)

2.30pm: Visit Stockman's Hall of Fame

4.00pm: Check into Retreat

5.00: Bus pick up for Camden Park

9.00pm: Return to Retreat

Destination: Longreach

Accommodation: Mitchell Grass Retreat - Luxury Glamping Experience

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours



DAY 3

LONGREACH and WINTON

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.

The museum is home to the largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils in the world and the educational tour takes us to the heart of the museum - 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 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: Gourmet Breakfast Basket delivered to your tent

7:00am: Bus transfer to Winton - *Travel Time: 2 hrs*

9:30am: Age of Dinosaurs Experience

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

4.30pm: Pickup for Thomson River Cruise

Accommodation: Mitchell Grass Retreat

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours





DAY 4

LONGREACH - ALICE SPRINGS

Our flight path takes us over the expansive northern tip of the Simpson Desert, a unique landscape of dunes, desert grass and bush. Our destination is the spirited Outback capital of Alice Springs.

Experience the Alice Springs Desert Park, where we immerse ourselves in the beauty and mystery of Australia's deserts as we wander through ancient landscapes with our local guide. Feel the adrenalin rush as raptors of the desert sky fly over our heads during the Nature Theatre Bird Show. Free-flying birds of prey demonstrate their natural survival skills including hunting and foraging in a free-spirited display at the base of the MacDonnell Ranges.

6.30am: Gourmet Breakfast Basket

7.30am: Checkout and bus to airport

8:00am: Longreach to Boulia - *Flight Time: 1hr 50min*

11.00am: Boulia to Alice Springs - Brunch - *Flight Time: 2hr 30min*

2.30pm: Guided tour and Bird show at Alice Springs Desert Park

7.00pm: Dinner at Hanuman Restaurant at Double Tree by Hilton

Destination: Alice Springs

Accommodation: Double Tree by Hilton

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours





DAY 5

ALICE SPRINGS - ULURU

Learn about the history of the Royal Flying Doctor Service as we visit the original working base that commenced in 1939. This organisation remains vital to many Australians living in the Outback today. Step inside a replica RFDS aircraft and feel what it is like to be a patient at 15,000 feet!

We farewell Alice Springs and head to the spiritual heart of our country – Uluru - also known as the 'The Rock', which was formed over 350 million years ago.

Take in the glorious vistas from a completely different perspective with our birds-eye view as we fly over the superstar rock and Kata Tjuta-The Olgas as we come into land at Uluru. This fly-over experience gives us an appreciation of the majesty of the world's largest single rock monolith.

This evening, we enjoy dining under the sparkling Outback sky with the breathtaking Sounds of Silence experience.

Admire the ever-changing colour of the rock as the sun sets upon it. Indulging in canapés and sparkling wine overlooking the spectacular Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, this evening will be one to remember.

As the night sky twinkles to life, we are welcomed to an interactive chef's station where we are served a freshly prepared bush tucker inspired menu incorporating native ingredients.



DAY 5 ITINERARY

8:30am: Breakfast at the hotel

9:30am: Meet at the hotel lobby

10:00am: Guided tour of the Royal Flying Doctor Service Tourist Centre

11:00am: Transfer to airport

11:30am: Alice Springs to Uluru - *Flight time: 1hr 50 min* (including local Uluru flight)

1:45pm: Lunch at local cafe

5:00pm: Bus transfer for Uluru sunset tour

6:00pm: Sunset drinks and canapes followed by Sounds of Silence Dinner at Uluru

****Dress Code - smart casual.** We recommend flat shoes as some walking is involved and a warm jacket as the desert evenings can be cold

9:00pm (approx.): Return to hotel

Destination: Uluru

Accommodation: Sails in The Desert - 5 Star Luxury in the Desert

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours





DAY 6

ULURU - BIRDSVILLE

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 its base.

As we travel towards Uluru its vast shape rises from the sand dunes as the early dawn light highlights its presence in our country. Our guide will take us to a special location with uninterrupted views to watch the sun rise over this amazing monolith.

Enjoy a picnic breakfast before experiencing the highlights of Uluru. Our guide will escort us to Mutitjula Waterhole where we learn the creation stories of Liru (venomous snake) and Kuniya (Python). Explore the most profound and culturally significant monolith in Australia. Embrace the culture, geology and environment that is Uluru.

After lunch in the remote Outback pub of Mt Dare we track into Queensland sweeping over the sand dunes of the expansive Simpson Desert. We touchdown at the iconic Birdsville Hotel. Foxtrot Tango Tango can taxi us right up to the door of the pub. Where else in the world can you do this?

A four-wheel drive collects us for drinks and canapés atop Big Red, the tallest sand dune in The Simpson Desert. Immerse yourself into the serenity before enjoying the warm traditional hospitality back at the iconic pub for dinner.





DAY 6 ITINERARY

6:00am: Meet in lobby

6:15am: Bus transfer to Uluru sunrise experience including a picnic breakfast

** Please dress warmly for this tour - the early mornings are cold in the desert

10:20am: Uluru to Mt Dare - *Flight Time: 1hr 40min*

12:00pm: Pub lunch at Mt Dare Hotel

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

4:00pm: Big Red Tour, including sunset, canapes & drinks

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

Destination: Birdsville

Accommodation: The Birdsville Hotel

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours





DAY 7

BIRDSVILLE - WILLIAM CREEK

Enjoy dress circle views overhead as we fly across Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre - Australia's largest salt lake.

The only way to get the full impact of this magnificent natural wonder is from the air. See prehistoric river systems' graphic patterns where they enter the lake and form a magnificent art form.

Enjoy true Outback hospitality with drinks and dinner at the William Creek Hotel, on the famous Oodnadatta Track.

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

10.15am: Birdsville to William Creek - *Flight Time: 1hr 45min*

12:30pm: Lunch at the William Creek Hotel

2:00pm: Optional scenic flight to Anna Creek Station to visit the majestic Painted Hills.

**** Please note that this optional tour is not included in our itinerary and will incur an additional cost***

7:00pm: Dinner at the William Creek Hotel

Destination: William Creek

Accommodation: The William Creek Hotel

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tours

DAY 8

WILLIAM CREEK - BROKEN HILL

Witness more mesmerising views of Kati Thanda 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 modern 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: Breakfast at the hotel

8.30am: William Creek to Broken Hill - *Flight Time: 2hr 30min*

12pm: Lunch at Al Fresco's Cafe, Broken Hill

1.00pm: Guided Tour of Broken Hill

4.30pm: Check-in to hotel

6.00pm: Pre-dinner drinks at The Palace Hotel

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 9

BROKEN HILL - SYDNEY

Few places will give you a sense of the true character of Broken Hill than the Pro Hart Gallery and that is where we begin our morning. Known for his depiction of the working class and Outback life, Pro Hart was an internationally renowned artist.

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.

8.00am: Breakfast at the hotel

9:00am: Visit Pro Hart Gallery (*one hour visit*)

10.00am: Bus to airport

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

12.00pm: Lunch at Tilpa Hotel

1:30pm: Depart Tilpa for Sydney - *Flight time: 3hr (with fuel stop)*

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
- 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

OUTBACK CLASSIC - 21 JULY

CLASSIC OUTBACK PUB CRAWL - 1 AUGUST

BIRDSVILLE RACES - 6 SEPTEMBER

CLASSIC OUTBACK PUB CRAWL - 19 SEPTEMBER

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ESCAPE - 10 NOVEMBER 2024

TASMANIAN EXPERIENCE - FEBRUARY 2025



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