# **Ediacaran Expedition**

ARKAROOLA | RIDGE TOP TOUR | BRACHINA GORGE | EDIACARA HILLS | PRAIRIE HOTEL

4 days

2023

## SEAMLESSLY LINK THE BEST LOCATIONS ACROSS THE OUTBACK...

Spend less time on the road and more time exploring on an adventure curated by experts. By flying private, you don't need to worry about airport chaos or cancelled flights.

# YOU'RE IN SAFE AND EXPERIENCED HANDS...

We've been flying the outback skies since 1977. All our pilots are highly experienced, each with thousands of hours in the air. You'll fly in safety and comfort on board a multimillion dollar, Swiss-built Pilatus PC-12 (the same aircraft that the RFDS use).

# TRAVEL AS PART OF A GENUINELY SMALL GROUP...

We carry a maximum of 8 guests who are accompanied by our full time pilot as well as a tour leader, this team is dedicated to making your experience in the outback unforgettable.

# Your Adventure Click here to enjoy a quick overview of your experience

For over 45 years Air Adventure has been delivering truly authentic outback encounters.





We focus on flying you to the little known and seldom visited locations.

There is no better way to visit remote Australia than by private aircraft.



# Time to get excited...

### **PROFESSOR MARY DROSER**

Join the worlds leading expert in ediacaran research and tap into Mary's vast knowledge.

### **RIDGE TOP TOUR**

Venture along spectacular picturesque mining exploration tracks crossing the rugged northern Flinders Ranges mountain tops.

### THE CORRIDOR THROUGH TIME

Be guided by an expert through ancient and picturesque Brachina Gorge which is a fascinating, virtual text book for geologists

### THE PRAIRIE HOTEL

Spend two nights at the stylish Prairie Hotel, famed for its very famous outback cuisine.

### LOCAL GUIDE, LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Enjoy a tour through the ancient Flinders Ranges with 4th generation local pastoralist Ross Fargher who will share with you his extensive knowledge of the area.



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1hr 25mins

AVG FLIGHT TIME



**8** GROUP SIZE

# Your Adventure Starts Here...



Day 1: Melbourne, Essendon – Arkaroola, Flinders Ranges

Depart Melbourne on board the Outback Jet bound for Balcanoona airfield in the Flinders Ranges. This afternoon join the knowledgeable guides at Arkaroola for the Ridge Top Tour through some of the most spectacular scenery in the Flinders Ranges to Siller's Lookout. This evening, if skies are clear, you will join a guided tour of the galaxy in the observatory.



Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary (1 night)

Flight time 2hrs 20mins

### Day 2: Arkaroola, Brachina Gorge, Flinders Ranges

Following breakfast, return to your aircraft for the brief flight across the ranges, landing at Leigh Creek.

# Don't just dream be

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# VENTURE beyond ordinary...

Dicksons's Fossils, NT

# **EXPERIENCE** extraordinary...

You will be transferred from Leigh Creek to The Prairie Hotel. This afternoon you will visit Beltana Historic Settlement with Ross Fargher. Dinner tonight is with Professor Mary Droser at the newly renovated iconic Prairie Hotel where you will soak up outback hospitality and enjoy a unique stay for the next two nights.



### The Prairie Hotel (2 nights)

### Day 3: Ediacara Hills, Flinders Ranges

Spend the morning up in the Ediacara Hills with Ross Fargher and meet Mary's team working the fossil grounds. This area is so significant it is now a National Park with a brand new, interactive visitors centre where you can learn all about the fossils and Mary's life work. What's more is you'll visit the centre with Ross, who is the person who found them in the first place (he even has a fossil named in his honour), and he will personally guide you.

No Flight today.

### Day 4: Ediacara Hills - Melbourne

This morning take a guided tour back through the 'Corridor through time' accompanied by one of Mary Droser's students and Ross Fargher who will interpret the so called 'corridor through time' as you pass through eons of sedimentary stone. Driving through Brachina Gorge is often likened to driving through a text book. You will also have the opportunity to see the ediacaran golden spike, which marks this period in a geological time scale. Return to the Prairie for a late lunch, then fly back to

Melbourne via a spectacular scenic pattern of Wilpena Pound.



Flight time 2hr 30mins

# Our Story...



In the early 1960s the north of Western Australia was still considered by many to be the end of the world. Then along came Rod Dyer (1925-2008)- Pioneering Pastoralist and Bush Pilot - with a vision. Air Adventure Australia was founded by Rod having clocked up over 10,000 hours as a bush pilot he pioneered 'Ellenbrae' cattle station in the Kimberley back in the 60s.

It was the combination of Rod's knowledge, love of the outback and flying that led him to launch Air Adventure. Since 1977, thousands of travellers have chosen to fly with Air Adventure to the Australia lesstravelled.

Today, the company is guided by Rod's son, John Dyer who is also a pilot and very passionate about creating high quality travel experiences spanning the entirety of the Australian continent. His team at Air Adventure, including his wife Alyson, share his enthusiasm and dedication to create unforgettable travel for their guests.

Don't just take it from us... here's what our previous travellers say:

"I have yearned to visit these ancient fossil beds for many years and this tour provided me with not only an opportunity to fulfil my dream of visiting the sites, but also provided an outstanding Flinders Ranges adventure. All aspects of the tour were outstanding from my perspective and it was a privilege to have the care and professionalism of Air Adventure Australia in catering for all aspects of the trip." - Peter, Maldon, VIC



# FLY PRIVATE save time avoid crowds...

# No devil in this detail...

### **Your Aircraft:**

Travel is in the privately chartered Air Adventure Outback Jet, Pilatus PC-12. This prop-jet aircraft is a fast, reliable outback machine capable of landing on gravel and remote airfields where others in larger aircraft can't. The Outback Jet is operated by Armada Aviation, which holds an Air Operators Certificate issued by CASA. All pilots are highly experienced and carry a Commercial Pilots License. It's equipped with state-of-the-art avionics and is all weather rated with impressive safety features. The interior is spacious with custom leather seating, climate control and clear windows (every seat is the window seat) making in flight viewing a joy.

### **Tour Departs:**

Essendon Airport, Melbourne on 21 June, 2023

### **Cost:**

AUD 4,997 per person, twin share, truly all inclusive Single accommodation please add AUD 420 (single accommodation is limited).

20% deposit is required to confirm your reservation. Balance is due 60 days prior to departure date. Places are limited.

# ...we promise.

### **Price Inclusive of:**

- All private charter flights crewed by our highly experienced Commercial Captain.
- Hosted by an experienced Air Adventure Tour Leader.
- All accommodation, double or twin share
- All meals (except breakfast on day one & dinner on final day).Morning tea on most occasions.
- All drinks (bottled water through to alcohol with dinner).
- All entries, permits, admissions, gratuities/tipping.
- All trips, tours, transfers and excursions as outlined in itinerary.
- Qualified local and indigenous guides along the way.
- Australian GST.

### Not included:

• Items of a personal nature eg. phone calls, internet, travel insurance

Note: There are no fixed departure times for flights conducted on any day of this tour. Departure times will be determined on a day by day basis by discussion between the pilot, tour guide and participants.



Private Flights I Safe Hands I Toilet onboard I Window Seat

# Sit back RELAX you're in safe hands...

# **CLICK HERE TO TAKE A 360° TOUR OF THE PC-12**



# All Aboard...

### **Need More Info:**

### Get In Touch:

We're a friendly bunch here at Air Adventure and we know how important it is to be able to have your questions answered by a 'real' person.

You can contact John Dyer direct by email <u>john@airadventure.com.au</u> and he will be happy to give you a call.

**Ready To Pack Your Bags?** If you're ready to GO booking is simple follow this link: <u>Reserve Seat I Ediacaran Expedition</u>

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