

Cape York & The Gulf

AirAdventure



14 days

2023

SEAMLESSLY LINK THE BEST LOCATIONS ACROSS THE OUTBACK...

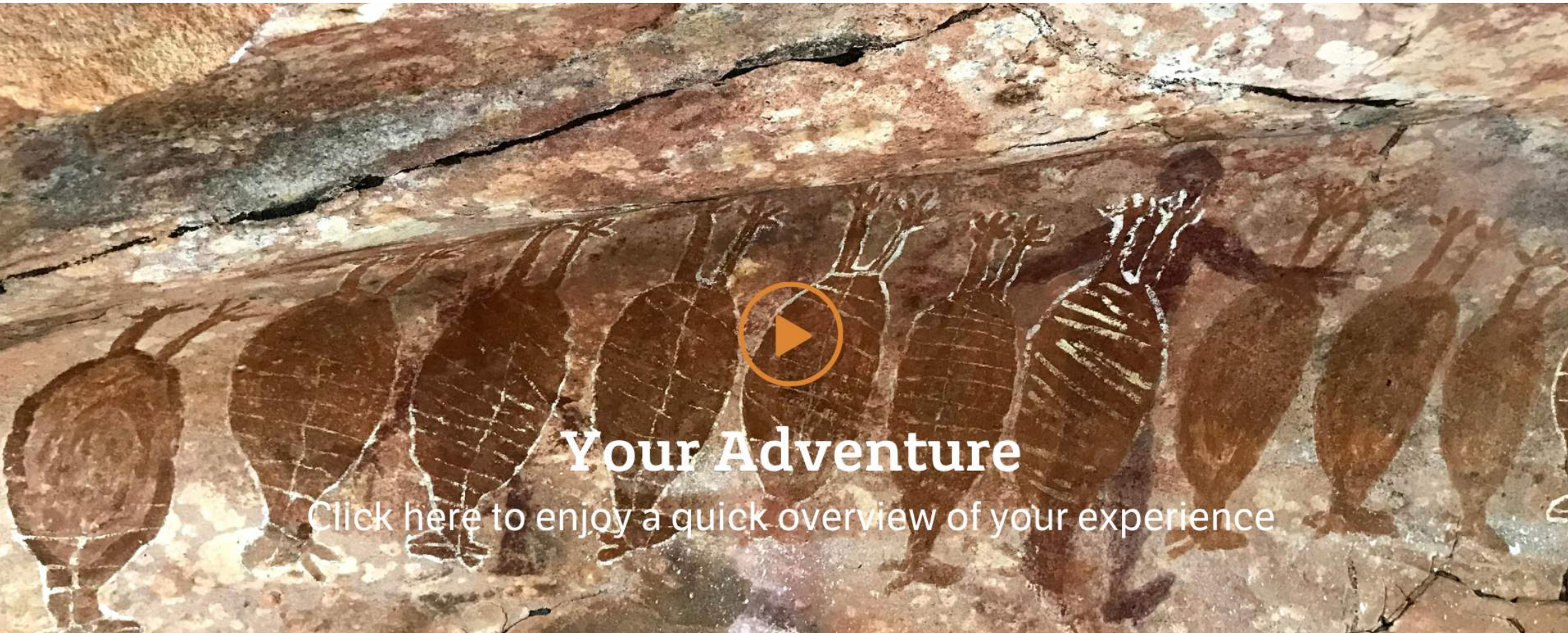
Spend less time on the road and more time exploring on an adventure curated by experts. By flying private, you don't need to worry about airport chaos or cancelled flights.

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

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



Time to get excited...

CONQUER THE CAPE

Be one of the rare few to stand on the very 'tip' of Mainland Australia. After an aerial orbit of the 'tip' of Cape York, our local guide will help put a tick on your travel wish list.

REMOTE RAINFOREST STAY IN UNIQUE TREETOP CANOPY

Imagine waking to the sounds of the rainforest. Stay at beautiful Daintree Eco Lodge in your very own "treehouse" in the canopy where the Daintree Rainforest meets the Great Barrier Reef. River.

AUTHENTIC CATTLE STATION EXPERIENCE

Fly into Mt Mulligan Cattle Station and explore an authentic cattle station steeped in history. The early settler style of the station offers a feeling of heritage, however, your stay here at this stylish country retreat is also supremely comfortable.

EXPLORE PRISTINE WILDERNESS

Carnarvon Gorge is a National Park set in remote wilderness. Discover unique wildlife and stunning scenery. This region is one of the best kept secrets in the outback.

VISIT ANCIENT ROCK ART SITES

The lost art of Quinkan Country is voted as one of the Top 10 Rock Art sites in the world. Be one of the few to have the privilege to visit here.

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.



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KILOMETRES FLOWN



1hr 30mins
AVG FLIGHT TIME



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GROUP SIZE

Your Adventure Starts Here...



Day 1: Melbourne, Essendon – Birdsville

Depart Melbourne flying north to Broken Hill for morning tea, then continue to Birdsville. Explore the town, hallowed ground of the Birdsville racetrack before venturing off road to the largest sand dune in the Simpson Desert 'Big Red'. Enjoy a cold beer from your 'perch' in the iconic Birdsville Pub and absorb the outback culture. Dinner tonight is in the pub's dining room where you will meet travellers that have tackled the 'Birdsville Track'. You're sure to hear some interesting stories from them.



Birdsville Hotel (1 night)



Flight time 3hrs 40mins total (2 flights)

Don't just
dream, be
INSPIRED
to do...



VENTURE
beyond
ordinary...

Birdsville Hotel, QLD

INDIGENOUS storytelling and stargazing...



Salt Pans, Burketown QLD

Day 2: Birdsville – Burketown

One of the great things about Birdsville is that the Hotel is just across the road from the airport, literally! Farewell civilisation as your pilot flies you over cattle station country before touching down in Burketown. Following lunch, you'll explore one of Australia's most vibrant cultural landscapes on a 4WD Cultural Tour. Following your guide, you will experience the historical, cultural and natural wonders of Moungebii (Burketown), with exclusive access to Australia's largest salt pans culminating in Indigenous Storytelling under the Stars including some Stargazing.



Savannah Lodge, Burketown (1 night)



Flight time 2hrs 15mins direct

Day 3: Burketown - *Mornington Island – Karumba

Direct flight from Burketown to *Mornington Island, out in the Gulf of Carpentaria. A restricted indigenous area, the community has a well known art centre. It was here that Mirdidingkingathi Juwarnda Sally Gabori set the art world alight with her unique and distinctive style. Enjoy a private tour hosted by some local artists. Prior to lunch, take off and hop across to nearby Karumba. Board a cruise boat for a trip up the Norman River, spotting wildlife and continue out into the Gulf to pull up on a sand cay to dine on the freshest mud crab and banana prawns imaginable. * Mornington Island visit subject to cultural events.



The End of the Road, Karumba (1 night)



Flight time 55 mins (2 flights)

Day 4: Karumba – Horn Island

Mornings are gentle and warm here, enjoy breakfast overlooking the river-mouth. Your flight this morning will see you tracing the west coast of Cape York. Continue north leaving the mainland of Australia behind you'll see the changing colours of the Torres Strait. This afternoon venture into the 'Forgotten Island'- Horn Island offers an opportunity to sneak back in time to see remnants of bunkers and hidden revetments during a specialised guided tour, led by local historian and author Vanessa SeeKee. Learn the fascinating history of the local, seafaring Kaurareg people.



Wongai Beach Resort (2 nights)



Flight time 2hrs

Day 5: Thursday Island

Discover the beauty, history and friendly smiles of the locals on Thursday Island as you enjoy a private tour. Your guide will teach you about the history and paint the picture of life on this far northern island. Pearling has, and still to this day plays an important role in the Torres Strait economy. Deep dive into the culture of the Torres Strait Islands with a special cultural demonstration which includes dancers and traditional food.

No flight today.



EMBRACE
culture...

REACH

the 'Tip' of Cape York...



'Tip' of Cape York , QLD

Day 6: Horn Island – Tip of Cape York – Cooktown

Depart the Torres Strait Islands this morning as your aerial armchair takes you over the northern-most point of mainland Australia. Land at Jacky-Jacky airfield for a 4WD over-land adventure that will have you standing on this significant geographical point – congratulations, you have conquered the cape! Continue the scenic flying southwards over the Far North Great Barrier Reef and into the picturesque town of Cooktown.



Cooktown Sovereign Resort (2 nights)



Flight time 1hr 40mins total (2 flights)

Day 7: Cooktown

After a pleasant tropical breakfast it's time to experience the foreshore and visit memorial sites of where Capt. James Cook careened the Endeavour for repairs. This afternoon you are taken on a tour of Cooktown with Justin Coventry as he unravels the stories of the past. Lunch is at the gallery in the fascinating botanical gardens. Visit the Captain James Cook Museum which houses an anchor from the Endeavour, amongst other pieces of historical significance.

No flight today.

Day 8: Cooktown - Laura - Mt Mulligan

From Cooktown it is a brief flight to the tiny settlement of Laura. This is where we will access the forgotten rock art galleries of the Quinkan spirits. A drive through some lovely Cape York savannah country to the galleries, a very rewarding experience, with a picnic lunch out in the woodlands.

Another brief flight to Mt Mulligan Stations private runway where you will be warmly welcomed and taken to this remote, picturesque and extremely comfortable outback retreat.



Mt Mulligan Luxury Lodge in an Outback Room (2 nights)



Flight time 45mins total (2 flights)

Day 9: Mt Mulligan

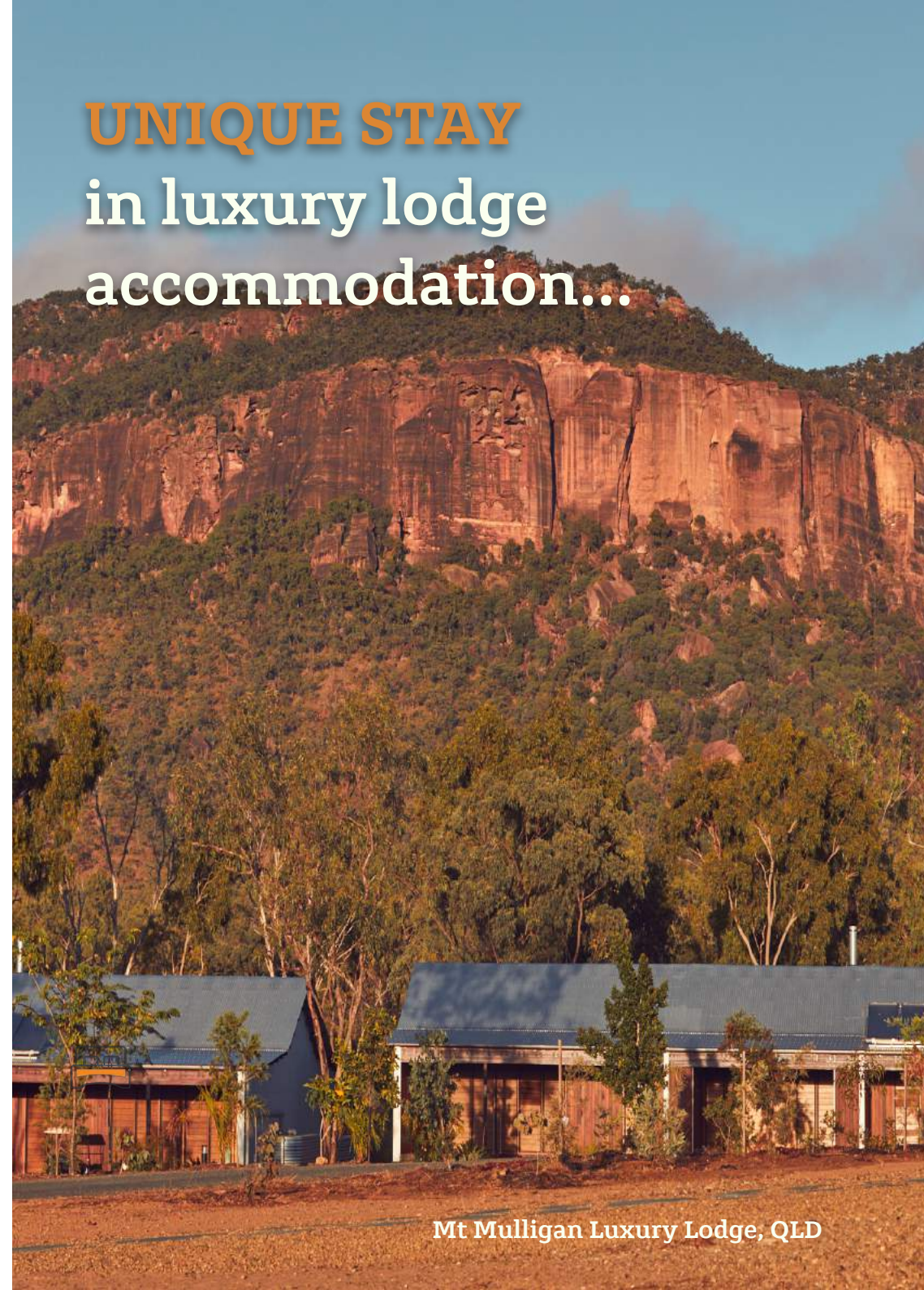
Located on an entirely private 28,000-hectare heritage site, Mt Mulligan Lodge offers boutique accommodation in the shadow of majestic Mount Mulligan. Guests staying at Mt Mulligan Lodge will be able to experience the spirit of the North Queensland back-country through a captivating landscape with indigenous significance dating back 37,000 years. The expansive property bears the marks of the historic gold and coal rush and in its current operation, as a working cattle station, the pastoral history of Australia.

No flight today.

Day 10: Mt Mulligan - Daintree Eco Lodge, Daintree Rainforest

We are going to spend the morning out and about at Mt Mulligan and then depart at 1200 noon with a quick flight across to Cairns, from there, a private transfer by road up into the heart of the Daintree Rainforest.

UNIQUE STAY in luxury lodge accommodation...



Mt Mulligan Luxury Lodge, QLD



Go on **TREAT**
yourself
YOU deserve

Daintree Eco Lodge, Daintree Rainforest, QLD

Check into your very own tree house amidst the canopy of the rainforest. give yourself a pinch to make sure you aren't dreaming!



Daintree Eco Lodge in a Canopy Bayan includes massage (2 nights)



Flight time 20mins

Day 11: Daintree Eco Lodge, Daintree Rainforest

Enjoy the privacy of this tree house oasis as you explore the region with a gentle boat cruise along the Daintree River. In the afternoon walk amongst the towering tree trunks through a particularly pretty stretch of rainforest with your local guide. During your stay at Daintree Eco Lodge, we welcome you to take part in your complimentary Air Adventure massage treatment to assist in winding down to the rhythm of the rainforest.

No flight today.

Day 12: Daintree Rainforest – Carnarvon Gorge

A relaxed start to the day before rejoining your aircraft for the flight down to Rolleston where you will be welcomed at the airstrip and then transferred to Carnarvon Gorge Wilderness Lodge. You can choose to enjoy a wilderness walk in the afternoon.



Carnarvon Gorge Wilderness Lodge (2 nights)



Flight time 2hrs 20mins

Day 13: Carnarvon Gorge

Enjoy informative commentary on the trek through Carnarvon Gorge with specialised guides. Massive sandstone walls towering over from above protect a mysterious and timeless land. Photographers have entered their own special paradise within Carnarvon Gorge. The tour continues to the Moss Gardens and into an amazing natural amphitheatre; combined, these experiences are splendid features of the country's wilderness and beauty.

No flight today.

Day 14: Carnarvon Gorge – Essendon, Melbourne

Today, we will do a walk closer by the lodge and then head up to Rolleston for lunch, before setting course homeward, refuelling in Roma and Griffith touching down in Essendon Airport, Melbourne in the early evening.



Flight time 4hrs 20mins total (3 flights)

A once in a
LIFETIME
experience.



Daintree Rainforest, QLD

We can't wait to
WELCOME YOU
onboard...



Alyson and John Dyer

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 less-travelled.

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:

"Our tour leader Diana was outstanding - she was great company, and an unobtrusive carer of us. The whole trip was truly wonderful."-

Elizabeth, Heathmont, VIC

"A wonderful adventure! Living up to expectations and beyond."

- Pam, South Yarra, VIC

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 15 May and 10 July, 2023

Cost:

AUD 22,431 per person, twin share, truly all inclusive
If single accommodation is required please add AUD 3,229 (single accommodation is limited).

20% deposit is required to confirm your reservation.

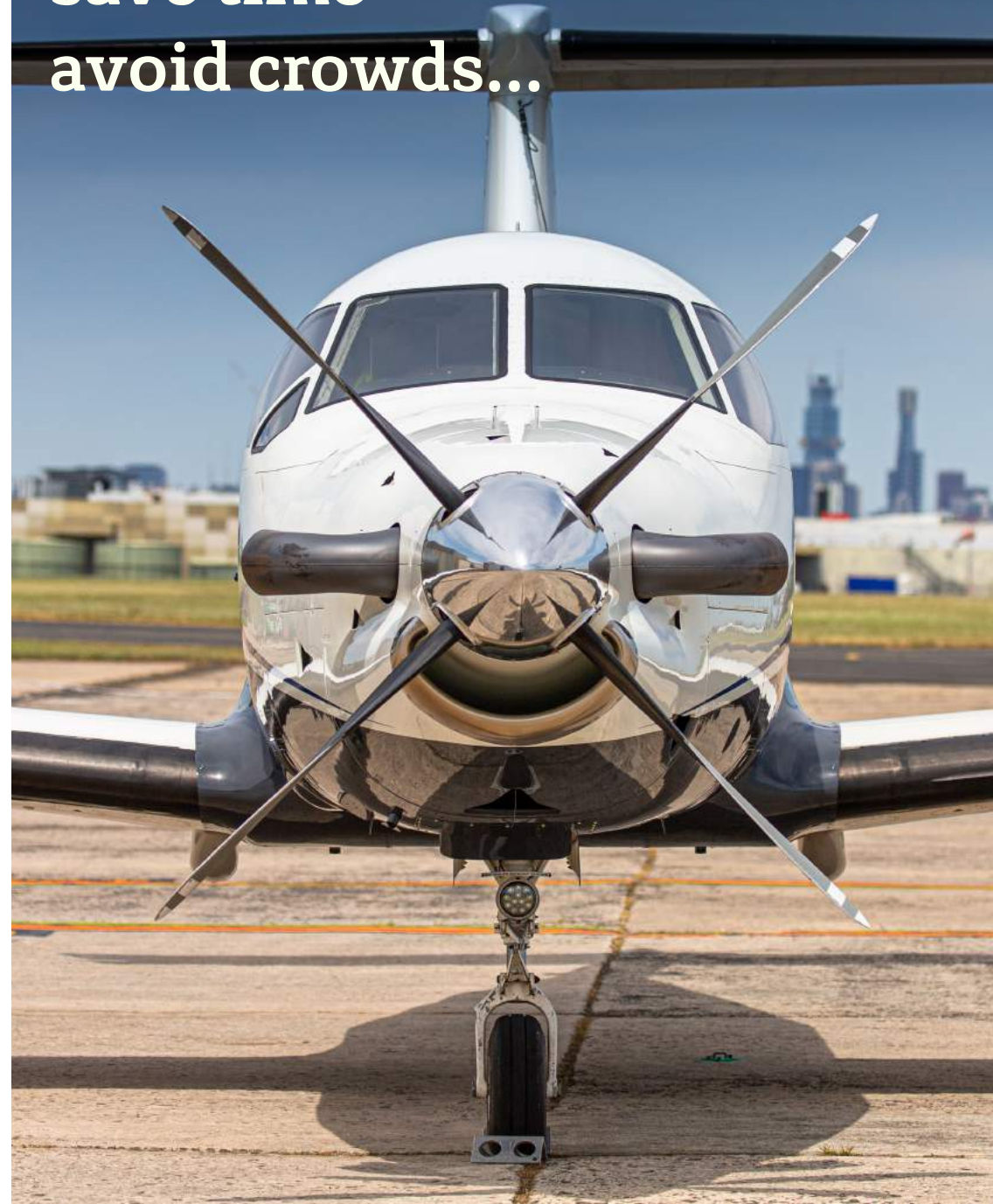
Balance is due 60 days prior to departure date.

Places are limited.

FLY PRIVATE

save time

avoid crowds...





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

...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



Safe Hands



Toilet onboard



Window Seat



[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 john@airadventure.com.au 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:

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