

LAKE EYRE, DIG TREE & THE PRAIRIE

Birdsville • Dig Tree • Lake Eyre • Flinders Ranges

3 days



2025

All inclusive small group adventures by private aircraft

AirAdventure

YOUR OUTBACK EXPERIENCE ...

Explore the best of Australia with ease



See and Do More

Seamlessly Link the Best Locations Across Outback Australia

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'll sidestep long check-in queues and waiting at gate lounges as you walk straight onto your waiting aircraft.



Experienced Commercial Pilots

You're in Safe and Experienced Hands

Rest easy knowing you're in safe hands as you fly with a highly experienced Commercial Captain throughout your adventure. We've been flying the outback skies since 1977. Each of our pilots have thousands of hours in the air and their sole focus is piloting the aircraft, not running the tour as well.



Professional Tour Leaders and Local Experts

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You'll be guided by professional tour leaders and local experts the whole way around. People make a difference and our team are not only the very best in the business they are dedicated to enriching the way you experience remote Australia. Over the past 48 years' we've built great relationships and friendships at every destination ensuring you have knowledgeable guides and local experts all the way around.



Small Group Travel

Travel as Part of a Genuinely Small Group

Travelling with just eight passengers, accompanied by an experienced tour leader and pilot, gives you access to remote places of unimaginable beauty and diverse unique experiences away from the well trodden tourist path where large groups can't go and big planes simply can't land. Making your experience in the outback truly unforgettable.

TIME TO GET EXCITED...

Welcome to your adventure

Experience the Vastness of Lake Eyre

Our flight over the largest salt lake in Australia is a truly phenomenal sight from the air. Stretching a mind-boggling 144 kilometres by 77 kilometres, Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre is a natural wonder. Its seemingly-endless expanse of shimmering salt crystals lure travellers year-round. A trip of a lifetime!

Visit the 'Dig Tree' Made Famous by Burke and Wills

Land alongside the tree (*water level permitting*) made famous by the tragedy of the Burke and Wills expedition - an enduring reminder of the extreme harshness of the Outback.

The Iconic Birdsville Hotel

Australia's most iconic outback pub. Everyone wants to say they've had a beer at The Birdsville Hotel but not everyone gets to land in their private plane and walk across the airstrip to the pub. Once you enter, you'll find yourself in a place like no other - a place where you can immerse yourself in the ambience and stories told by colourful characters.

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. You'll also visit Nilpena Station - where you'll see fossils from the first lifeforms on this planet.

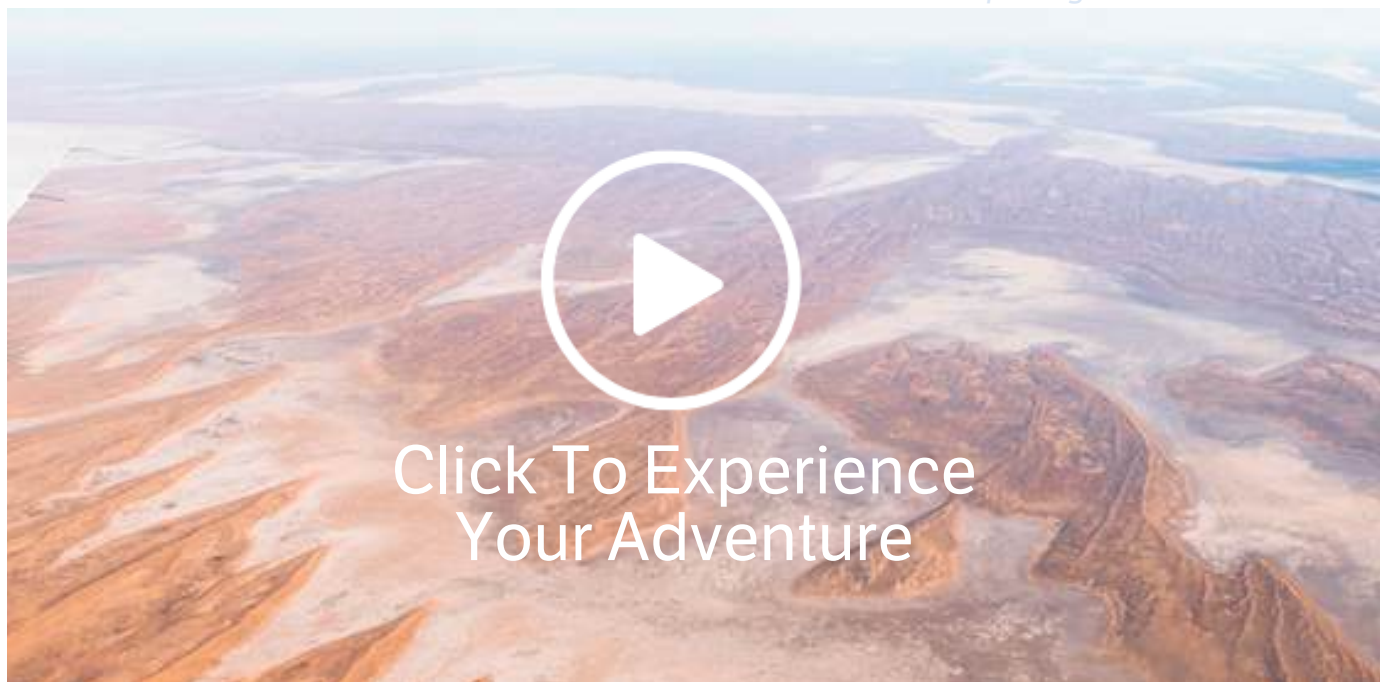
Unique Stay at the Famous Prairie Hotel

Parachilna's internationally-acclaimed Prairie Hotel is where the Flinders Ranges meets the Outback. The Outback is dotted with some of Australia's most loved and iconic Outback hotels and pubs -The Prairie is one of the best.

Venture Off Road to the Largest Sand Dune in The Simpson Desert

'Big Red' marks the symbolic edge of the Simpson Desert. Big Red (original name Nappanericca) stands well over 30 metres tall and is part of a series of around 1,140 parallel sand dunes stretching across the desert.

*Spend less time on the road and
more time exploring outback Australia.*



TOUR DATES ...

DEPARTURE 1

7 - 9 June
(Sold Out)

DEPARTURE 2

14 - 16 July
(Sold Out)

DEPARTURE 3

4 - 6 August
(Sold Out)

DEPARTURE 4

7 - 9 August
(Sold Out)

DEPARTURE 5

11 - 13 August
(Sold Out)

DEPARTURE 6

15 - 17 August
(Sold Out)

DEPARTURE 7

17 - 19 September
(Sold Out)

DEPARTURE 8

20 - 22 September
(Sold Out)

DEPARTURE 9

27 - 29 September
(Sold Out)

DEPARTURE 10

27 - 29 October
(Sold Out)

DEPARTURE 11

4 - 6 November
(Sold Out)

DEPARTURE 12

6 - 8 October
(Sold Out)

YOUR ADVENTURE FLYS YOU HERE ...

A true escape to faraway places



GENUINE SMALL GROUP

8 PEOPLE



FULLY ESCORTED BY A
TEAM OF 2

**EXPERIENCED PILOT
+
TOUR LEADER**



ALL-INCLUSIVE

VIP EXPERIENCE



DESTINATIONS

5 PLACES



KM's FLOWN

2003 KM's



AVG FLIGHT

85 MINS

LAKE EYRE, DIG TREE & THE PRAIRIE...

Your adventure day by day

Day 1: Melbourne – Birdsville via The Dig Tree

Depart Melbourne early morning for a scenic flight that will take you north-west over the Murray River, arriving in Broken Hill for fuel and refreshments.

Next your pilot will fly you over the desert past Cameron Corner then to Nappa Merrie Station for lunch at the historic Dig Tree, a site of both achievement and tragedy (*water level permitting*).

The Burke and Wills Dig Tree is one of Australia's National icons and an enduring reminder of the pioneering spirit and extreme harshness of the Outback. Located on the northern bank of Cooper Creek, the Dig Tree is a Coolibah (*Eucalyptus microtha*).

In 1898, John Dick carved Burke's face into another tree (the Face Tree) about 15 metres downstream of the Dig Tree. The site is as Burke and Wills and companions would have viewed it nearly 140 years ago. These trees are a direct link to the explorers of Australia's Historic Past.

Departing the Dig Tree you'll overfly the Coongie Lakes which is a RAMSAR migratory bird breeding ground.

Following this you'll continue to Birdsville. Here, you'll be met by your local expert guide for a private tour of this remote settlement, including the 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 50mins (3 flights total)

Day 2: Birdsville – Lake Eyre (scenic) – Parachilna

This morning, fly low over Goyder Lagoon as the waters spill into Lake Eyre, then enjoy a full scenic flight over its vast features. With every seat a window seat, you'll have the perfect view of this inland sea.



'Big Red'

Then be met at Parachilna airstrip for a private tour of Nilpena Station and the Ediacaran Fossils with a picnic lunch.

The Nilpena fossil beds are the single most important site on the planet for the discovery of Ediacaran fossils, representing the rise of first animal life on the planet, and cornerstone to the Flinders Ranges World Heritage bid. So significant are these fossil beds, that Sir David Attenborough travelled to the region to include the Ediacara biota in his documentary 'First Life'.

After your tour, it's time to settle in to your accommodation and sunset drinks before sitting down to a specially prepared dinner showcasing bush tucker, gourmet style.

Prairie Hotel (1 night)

Flight time 1hr 55mins (2 flights)

Day 3: Parachilna - Melbourne

This morning you will be escorted by one of the expert guides at The Prairie Hotel. On tour you'll explore the western Flinders Ranges' beautiful gorges and desert when you drive through Brachina Gorge. Also spot the elusive yellow-footed rock wallabies and the watchful wedge tailed eagles circling above.

The Prairie Hotel is 500km north of Adelaide on the desert side of Flinders Ranges and is an unexpected oasis with a dramatic ancient landscape backdrop. It is an intimate retreat elegantly styled 'country chic' rooms with private lounge and courtyard areas for your exclusive use.

The in-house brewery, gallery of collectible indigenous and eclectic contemporary art, remoteness with views to rugged ranges and surreal sienna sunsets over endless red plains add to the unforgettable ambience to your stay. Ross, Jane and Family know this place like the back of their hands and love welcoming Air Adventure guests to this unique and truly special location.

Return to the Prairie Hotel in time for lunch before rejoining your private aircraft for the easy flight homeward, arriving back into Melbourne approximately 1730.

Flight time 2hrs 20mins (1 flight)



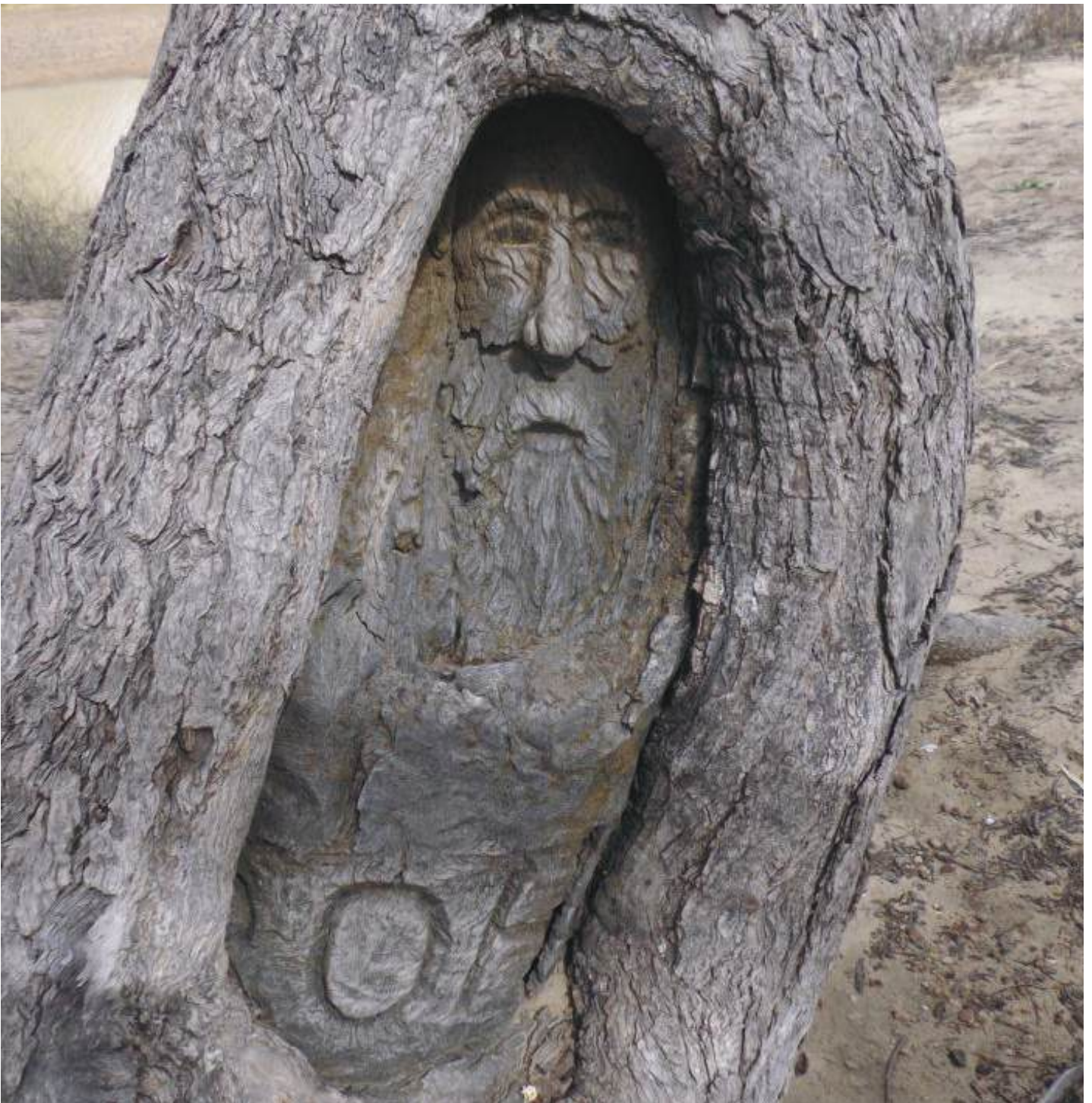
The Prairie Hotel



Yellow-Footed Rock Wallaby



Travel in comfort in the Outback Jet



The 'Face' Tree

YOUR UNIQUE STAYS...

Accommodation highlights

Iconic Birdsville Hotel

At the end of the Birdsville Track is the frontier town of Birdsville, one of Outback Australia's most recognised towns.

Deep in the heart of wild and isolated country, Birdsville is situated between the eastern edge of the Simpson Desert, the vast gibber plains of Sturt's Stony Desert to the south and rich Channel Country to the north.

Once a notorious place through which cattle drovers moved their stock, today a sign at the entrance to Birdsville

informs visitors the town's population is 115 – plus or minus 7,000 people - thanks to the hordes of visitors who flock here for its iconic annual events.

Birdsville is also home to the iconic Birdsville Pub and is a must for anyone travelling this region to aid getting the dust out of your throat with a cool drink in the colourful front bar.

You'll enjoy lunch on arrival and then have some time to check into your rooms. Birdsville is definitely a must-visit 'bucket list' destination for many.



Birdsville Hotel



Birdsville Bakery

The Prairie Hotel

Situated in on the western edge of the Flinders Ranges, between the Heysen Range and the desert lies the outback township of Parachilna.

Located in Parachilna (population 2) is the Prairie Hotel. Owned by Ross and Jane Fargher, this iconic outback pub has been licensed since the 1800s.

Facing out to the west, where the main road used to go - a sunset and a 'Fargher Larger' is an experience you'll never forget.

Within the hotel, you will be pleasantly surprised with tasteful modern design, while highlighting the heritage of this historic stone pub.

Another surprise is the cuisine, inspired by native ingredients the Prairie has gained a solid reputation for their outback menu. The 'feral mixed grill - FMG' and quandong crumble will not only excite your palate but give you a story to tell.

The Prairie Hotel has long been a favourite destination on Air Adventure itineraries - with many repeat guests returning time and time again.



Your Hosts Jane & Ross Fargher



You'll Enjoy Cuisine Inspired by Native Ingredients

YOUR ADVENTURE TEAM ...

A dynamic duo right by your side the whole way around



Dedicated team so you don't have to worry about a thing

Professional Tour Leaders

Each tour leader has been carefully selected and trained by the Dyer family, they know the destinations and their friendly yet professional approach means that you will be looked after with personal attention and care on your holiday is at heart of all that we do.



You're in safe hands with highly experienced pilots

Commercial Pilots

You're in Safe Hands: Rest easy knowing you're in safe hands as you fly with a highly experienced Commercial Captain throughout your adventure. All pilots carry a Commercial Pilots License.



Meaningful experiences with expert local guides

Expert Guides & Local Knowledge

Having flown the outback for over 48 years, we have built great relationships and friendships at each destination which is why we are able to offer you the very best on ground tour operators at each location.

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.



Clockwise from left: John & Alyson Dyer, a young John & Catherine Dyer with dad Rod plus pilot, evening gatherings on tour.

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

- Elizabeth, 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.

Price

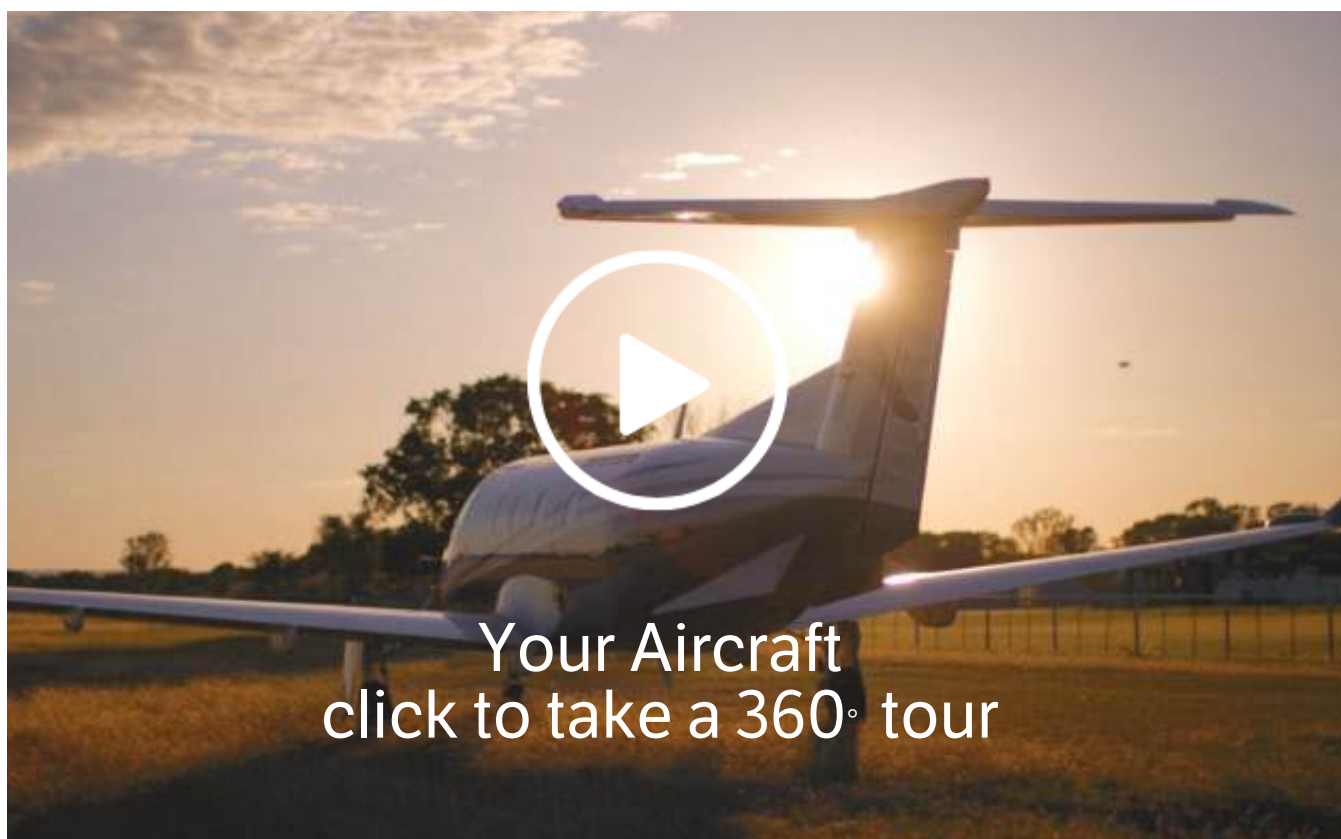
AUD 5,950 per person, twin share, truly all inclusive
Single accommodation please add AUD 375 (single accommodation is limited).

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

Tour Departs

Essendon Airport on:

7 - 9 JUNE (Sold Out) | 14 - 16 JULY (Sold Out)
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27 - 29 SEPTEMBER (Sold Out)
6 - 8 OCTOBER (Sold Out)
27 - 29 OCTOBER (Sold Out)
4 - 6 NOVEMBER (Sold Out)



Your Aircraft
click to take a 360° tour

OUTBACK
JET
FACTS...

Fly Fast
Do More

Short
Landings

Commercial
Captain

Luxury
Leather Seats

Guaranteed
Window Seat

Toilet
Onboard

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.



ALL ABOARD!

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: [Reserve Seat | Lake Eyre, Dig Tree & The Prairie](#)

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