

# EDIACARAN EXPEDITION

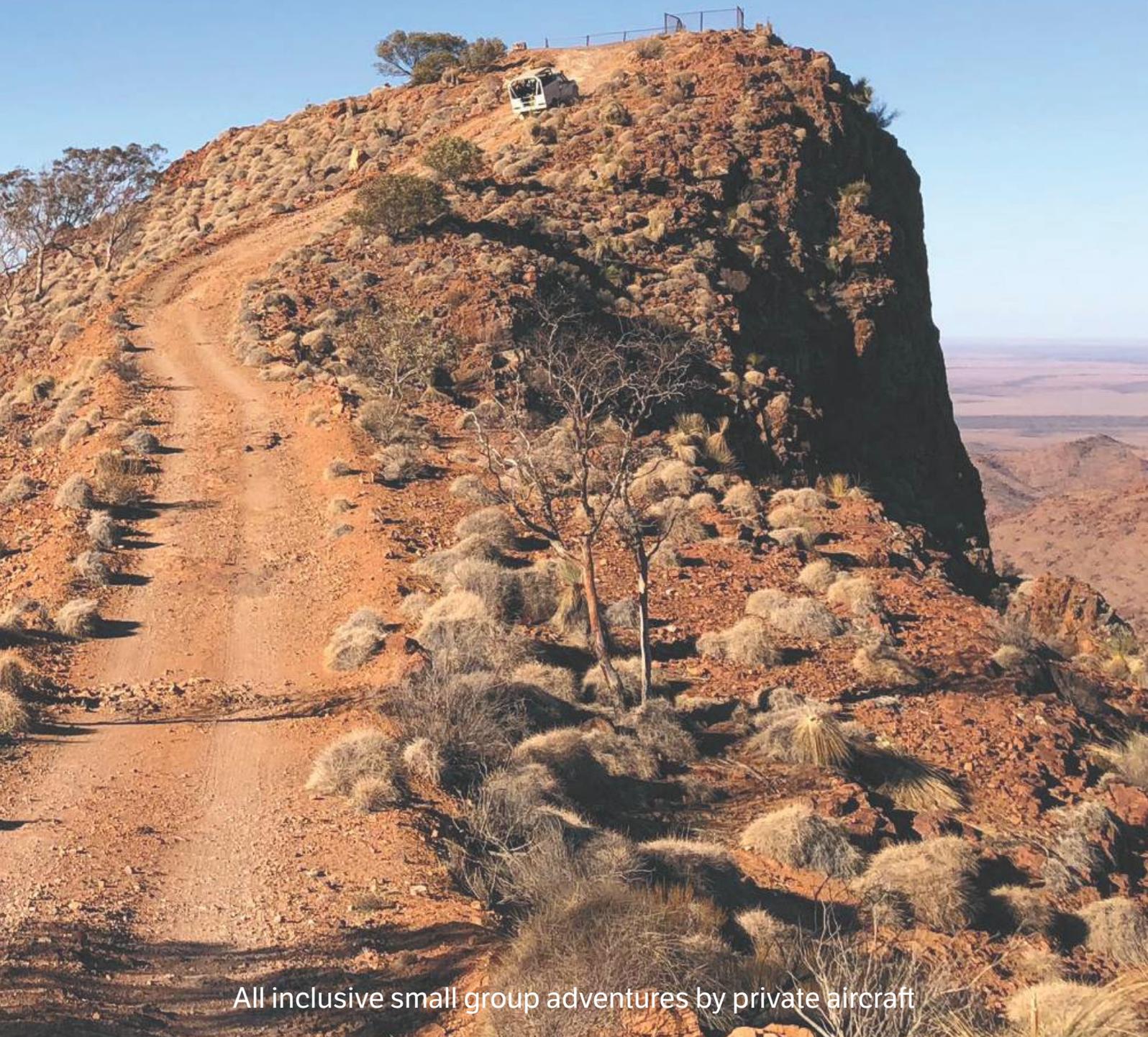
Arkaroola • Ridge Top Tour • Brachina Gorge •

Ediacara Hills • Prairie Hotel

4 days



2026



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 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'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

## Professional Tour Leaders and Local Experts

You'll gain privileged access to Professor Mary Droser the world's leading expert in ediacaran research (and her team) as well as Ross Fargher (who found the current site). Mary loves spending time with Air Adventure groups every year and will answer all your questions.



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*

## Professor Mary Droser

Join the worlds leading expert in ediacaran research and tap into Mary's vast knowledge on her annual pilgrimage to Nilpena Station.

## Ridge Top Tour

Venture along spectacular former mining exploration tracks crossing the rugged northern Flinders Ranges mountain tops for some of the most picturesque views of the ranges

## 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 unique outback cuisine.

## Local Guide, Local Knowledge

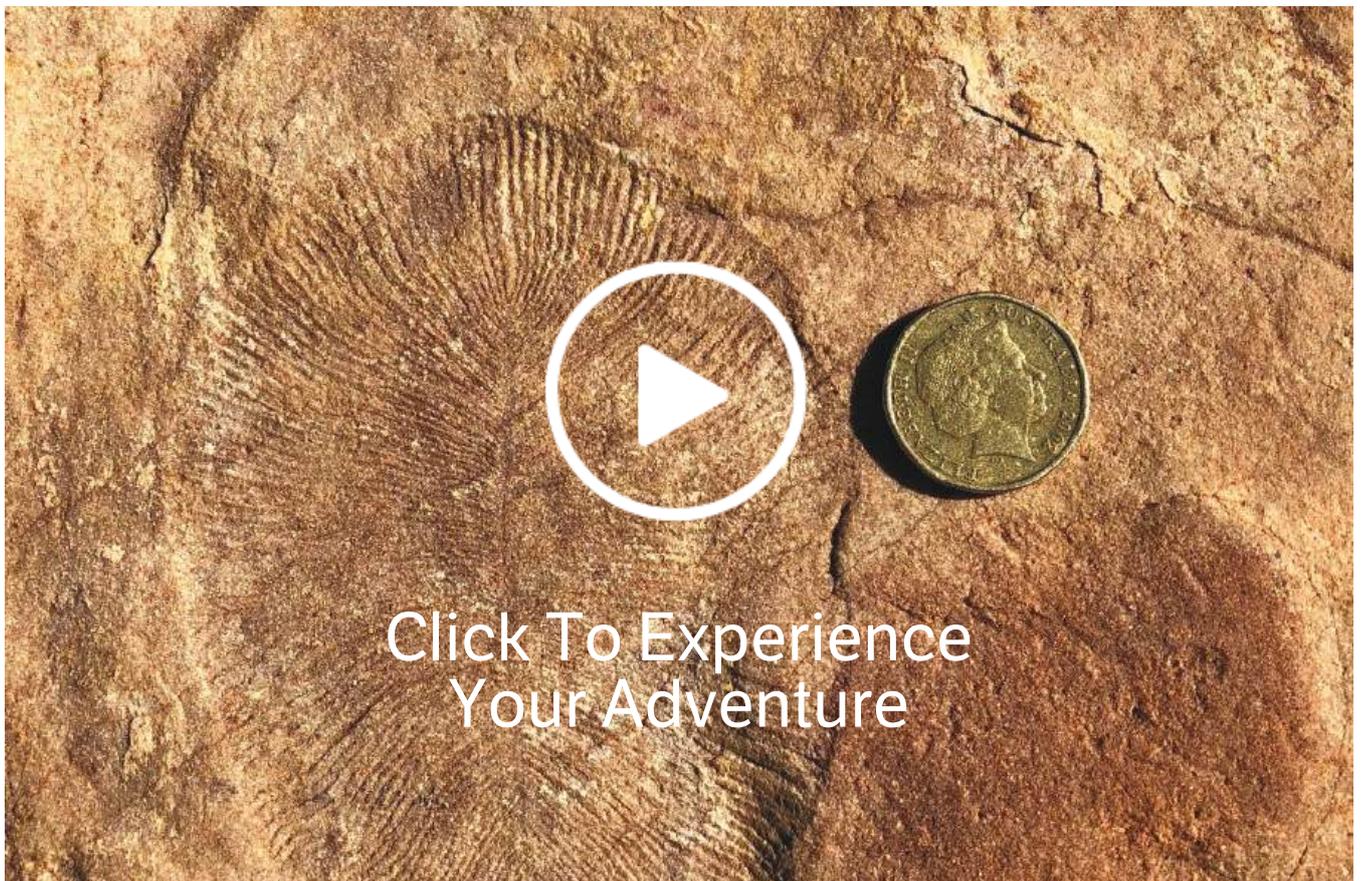
Enjoy a tour through the ancient Flinders Ranges with 4th generation local pastoralist Ross Fargher who will share with you his extensive knowledge of the area.

## Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary

This spectacular wilderness retreat features rugged mountains, towering granite peaks, magnificent gorges and home to the endangered yellow-footed rock-wallaby.

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



## TOUR DATES ...

**Departs**  
14 - 17 July, 2026

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# 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

**4 PLACES**



KM's FLOWN

**1080 KM's**



AVG FLIGHT

**70 MINS**

# EDIACARAN EXPEDITION ...

*Your adventure day by day*

## Day 1: Adelaide – Balcanoona - Arkaroola, Flinders Ranges

Depart Adelaide 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 you will join a guided explore the Cosmos astronomy tour (weather permitting).

*Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary (1 night)*  
*Flight time 1hr 10 mins*

## Day 2: Arkaroola - Parachilna, Flinders Ranges

Fly from Balcanoona to Leigh Creek. Visit Beltana Historic Settlement with Ross Fargher and enjoy a special dinner with Professor Droser and hear all about her life's work.

You'll have an opportunity to tap into her vast knowledge, ask Mary questions and gain a real insight these incredible fossils which are the best preserved in the world.

*The Prairie Hotel (2 nights)*  
*Flight time 15 mins*

## Day 3: Ediacara Hills, Flinders Ranges

Spend the morning up in the Hills with Ross Fargher and meet Mary's team working the fossil grounds.

Due to its international significance, the Ediacara Hills is now a National Park offering an unparalleled glimpse into the origins of life itself.

Immerse yourself in an Ediacaran fossil interactive experience at the on-site facility, the former blacksmith shop.

With curated lighting and cutting-edge audio-visual technology, you will have the opportunity to closely examine these fossils, including the star of the show, Alice's Restaurant Bed.

*No flight today.*



Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby

## Day 4: Brachina Gorge & The Golden Spike - Adelaide

This morning take a guided tour through the Flinders Ranges 'corridor through time.' Accompanied by local Ross Fargher and one of Mary Droser's students who will interpret this region for you as you pass through eons of sedimentary stone and fascinating history.

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 Adelaide via a spectacular scenic pattern of Wilpena Pound.

*Flight time 1hr 10 mins*



Golden Spike



Brachina Gorge



The Prairie Hotel



Wilpena Pound

# YOUR UNIQUE STAYS...

## Accommodation highlights

### Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary

Located 600km north of Adelaide in the ruggedly spectacular northern Flinders Ranges, this 610sq km multi award-winning Wilderness Sanctuary was founded by the Sprigg family in 1968 and continues to operate to this day with a strong emphasis on science, education and conservation to enable us, as custodians, to preserve this priceless and unique wilderness and its inhabitants into the future.



Arkaroola Village

With a Geological History reaching back almost 2 billion years, this ancient landscape also has an extraordinary human history.

Frequented and featuring in creation stories by Indigenous Peoples for tens of thousands of years the area was later brought to the attention of the modern world by the late Professor Sir Douglas Mawson.



Arkaroola Lodge

### The Prairie Hotel

Situated 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.



Your hosts Jane & Ross Fargher

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.



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

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Meaningful experiences with expert local guides

## Expert Guides & Local Knowledge

Having flown the outback for almost 50 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.

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*"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 Beechcraft Super King Air. 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 Beechcraft Super King Air is operated by Platinum 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 5,977 per person, twin share, truly all inclusive. Single accommodation please add AUD 440 (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

Adelaide Airport on: 14 July, 2026



# 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](mailto: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 | Ediacaran Expedition](#)

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