



REMOTE OUTBACK SPLENDOUR WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

Aircruising Gulf to Gulf

11 Days | 18 Aug – 28 Aug 2019 | AUD\$15,500pp twin share | Single Supplement \$1,100

EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Spend 2 nights in the magnificent Flinders Ranges staying at Ikara Camp - Wilpena Pound
- ✦ Spend 2 nights at the Groote Eylandt Lodge spectacularly located in the Gulf of Carpentaria
- ✦ Stay a night at the famous Birdsville Hotel
- ✦ Traverse the centre of Australia by private aircraft landing in places few get to see
- ✦ Visit the Riversleigh Fossil and Mammal Field
- ✦ Discover a unique underground lifestyle in Coober Pedy
- ✦ Enjoy awe inspiring 'flightseeing' over South Australia's breathtaking Lake Eyre
- ✦ Explore ancient landscapes in the Flinders Ranges including the magnificent Wilpena Pound
- ✦ All touring, transfers and meals included
- ✦ Escorted throughout by a dedicated Journey Director

"Highlights were the luxury of accomplishing such a wide area in so brief a time span. The knowledge and friendliness of the staff at each location who guided us locally. A superb way to see Australia."

Ms Rosemary Baiocchi, New York, USA

Visit parts of Australia that most people will never have the opportunity to see, such as Innamincka, Birdsville, Mt Isa, Lawn Hill National Park and Groote Eylandt. With only 8 passengers on-board this is set to be a truly remarkable Aircruise into the heart and soul of South Australia, Outback Queensland and the Northern Territory. Visit the famous Dig Tree one of Australia's national icons and an enduring reminder of our pioneering spirit. Have a beer in the famous Birdsville Pub – one of the most remote hotels in Australia. See first-hand Riversleigh Fossil site – one of the world's most important and abundant fossil deposits. Explore the emerald waters and lush vegetation of Lawn Hill Gorge, a beautiful oasis in the outback. Land on the remote Groote Eylandt and learn about the rich Indigenous culture of this island. Experience exceptional aerial sightseeing of central Australia and Lake Eyre before landing at Wilpena Pound and exploring the Flinders Ranges.





SPECTACULAR GULF COUNTRY BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT

DAY 1 | ARRIVE ADELAIDE

Private transfer to Mayfair Hotel Adelaide. This evening, join our Journey Director and fellow travellers at a welcome dinner.

Overnight: Mayfair Hotel or similar

DAY 2 | ADELAIDE - INNAMINCKA - BIRDSVILLE

Depart Adelaide this morning and travel across the Flinders Ranges to land at Innamincka for lunch and a chance to view this remote outback town. Re-board our private aircraft for a brief stop at the Dig Tree and then experience from the air the dramatic landscapes below providing a birds eye perspective of these barren lands.

Proclaimed a town in 1887, Birdsville was located at the border of South Australia and Queensland to collect tolls from the droves of cattle being moved interstate. Many of Australia's pioneering European explorers travelled through the Birdsville district. Tonight enjoy the unique opportunity of staying at the famous Birdsville Hotel.

Overnight: Birdsville Hotel

DAY 3 | BIRDSVILLE - MOUNT ISA

Continuing on today flying through western Queensland to land at Mt Isa. Described as the Oasis of the Outback, a gleaming mirage on the horizon for travellers from all directions - Mount Isa nestles among the ochre-red Selwyn Ranges on the banks of the Leichhardt River.

On arrival take a tour of the massive above ground mine followed by a fascinating visit to the Underground Hospital and Beth Anderson Museum. The hospital was built during World War II to protect Mt Isa from air raids.

Overnight: RedEarth Hotel or similar

DAY 4 | MOUNT ISA - ADELS GROVE - RIVERSLEIGH FOSSIL & MAMMAL FIELD

This morning depart for the Gulf country. On arrival into Adels Grove transfer to the Riversleigh Fossil and Mammal Field for an exclusive tour of this pre-historic wonderland. The extensive fossil deposits at Riversleigh are encased in hard, rough limestone, which was formed in lime-rich freshwater pools. Lawn Hill Gorge, the primary attraction in the park, cuts through the sandstone plateau of the Constance Range. Enjoy sunset drinks in this extraordinary remote part of Australia.

Overnight: Adels Grove or similar

DAY 5 | ADELS GROVE - GROOTE EYLANDT

This morning enjoy a spectacular cruise along tranquil Lawn Hill Creek winding through the breathtaking Lawn Hill Gorge, Boodjamulla National Park. This tour allows guests to experience some of the most breathtaking scenery in the Park.

This afternoon our private aircraft takes us across the Gulf of Carpentaria to Groote Eylandt. Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria in remote Arnhem Land, 650 kilometres east of Darwin, is one of Australia's last untouched wilderness areas.

The third largest island in Australia, Groote Eylandt is known for its pristine natural and marine environment, spectacular scenery, Aboriginal art and culture, and some of the best fishing in the world. Enjoy two nights at Groote Eylandt Lodge which is located on a stunning bay with turquoise waters.

Overnight: Groote Eylandt Lodge or similar

DAY 6 | GROOTE EYLANDT

Today we explore Groote Eylandt. The island is home to the Anindilyakwa people who have lived there for thousands of years and is rich in Aboriginal culture. The island was also used by the RAAF as part of Australia's Northern defence in WWII.

As we drive around the island view huge trucks filled with manganese bustle down the streets - mining is definitely the lifeblood of this island and produces over 2 million tonnes of manganese each year, about 10 percent of the world's total production.

Overnight: Groote Eylandt Lodge or similar

DAY 7 | GROOTE EYLANDT - TENNANT CREEK - ALICE SPRINGS

Depart this morning for Tennant Creek. Upon arrival discover a rich history shaped by gold mining, Aboriginal culture and the NT's original cattle kings. Continuing on we arrive in Alice Springs for a late lunch and visit to the famous Desert Park followed by an afternoon at leisure.

Overnight: Hilton Double Tree or similar





DAY 8 | ALICE SPRINGS - COOBER PEDY - WILPENA POUND

This morning we re-board our private aircraft for a flight across the desert to Coober Pedy. Witness from above the Overland Telegraph, the Old Ghan railwayline and finally the Oodnadatta Track. Stop for a town tour and lunch at Coober Pedy, renowned for its Opals and underground dwellings.

Mid afternoon enjoy aerial sightseeing of the southern parts of Lake Eyre before landing in the Flinders Ranges and transferring to Ikara Camp. Located in the Ikara Flinders Ranges National Park this is glamping at its best.

Overnight: Ikara Camp - Wilpena Pound or similar

DAY 9 | WILPENA POUND

Today explore more than 800 million years of geological history in the "Corridor Through Time". Marvel at the rugged beauty of Brachina and Bunyerroo Gorges. Search for Yellow Footed Rock Wallabies and enjoy sweeping views of Bunyerroo Valley and the eastern wall of Wilpena Pound.

Overnight: Ikara Camp - Wilpena Pound or similar

DAY 10 | WILPENA POUND - ADELAIDE

This morning join an Aboriginal guide for an informative stroll to Old Wilpena Station, one of South Australia's oldest and best preserved pastoral settlements. Walk along Wilpena Creek past magnificent river red gums with stunning views of Wilpena Pound in the distance. Learn about the landscape and biodiversity from the perspective of the Adnyamathanha people. After lunch return to Adelaide and tonight enjoy a farewell dinner.

Overnight: Mayfair Hotel or similar

DAY 11 | DEPART ADELAIDE

Your tour concludes after breakfast this morning. Say farewell to a magical adventure through the Gulf Country and beyond.



"I think Aircruising's best asset is that your clients can trust you all to do the job properly and professionally. For me, there is never an element of doubt about the journey.

I can just settle back, learn and enjoy whilst I'm on a Bill Peach Journey... I can't say that for most other operators."

Ms Thomas, Canberra, ACT



ABOUT AIRCRUISING

An Aircruise with Bill Peach Journeys is the perfect way to explore these hard to reach destinations in the style, speed and comfort of your own private aircraft. Travelling by private aircraft means that we can land directly in each location ensuring time on the ground is spent discovering each region. The style of aircraft is chosen to provide the best possible access into remote locations.

When you travel on an Aircruise everything is included. This means not only does your holiday include accommodation, dining and all excursions but every one of these elements is the finest in its class. Throughout the journey you will have a Journey Director on hand to look after each detail.

FITNESS LEVEL - MODERATE

"Highlights included the low aerial flightseeing which gave us the ability to see the country clearly and the great care shown to us. The entire Aircruise will definitely not be forgotten."

Mr & Mrs Robertson, Sydney, NSW

WHY BILL PEACH JOURNEYS?

- ✦ A name you can trust with over 35 years of experience in the luxury travel industry
- ✦ Fully inclusive journeys, all meals, accommodation, touring, entrance fees, portage taxes and luggage
- ✦ Travel throughout the outback requires expert planning and organisation. Our Journey Planners ensure you enjoy an intimate exploration of the places visited in comfort and style
- ✦ A dedicated Journey Director that ensures you are looked after every step of the way
- ✦ Local professional guides at every location
- ✦ 70% of our travellers return to travel with us again within the first year of their initial journey



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