THE MIRACLE OF LAKE EYRE
WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

Sojourn Flightseeing Lake Eyre

Join us for a memorable 4 day journey to discover the miracle of Lake Eyre. With the enormous rains and flooding of the channel country, central and southern Queensland, Lake Eyre (Kati Thanda) is set to undergo a remarkable transformation that is testament to the restorative powers of mother nature. When water flows in to part-fill the lake via great inland rivers including the Diamantina, Cooper Creek and the Warburton, the spectacle is breathtaking and is best viewed in Bill Peach Journeys style while ‘Flightseeing’. Rapid growth and fertility follow the floods; long dormant marine creatures multiply and large flocks of waterfowl arrive to feed and raise their young before the waters evaporate once more. Spend 2 nights at Wilpena Pound Resort in the Flinders Ranges and 1 night at the iconic Birdsville Hotel where the Diamantina has changed this harsh environment into a natural paradise. We will also tour Broken Hill including the new Royal Flying Doctor headquarters. We will enjoy a cruise from yesteryear aboard the Paddle Vessel Jandra in Bourke and explore the fascinating ancient Flinders Ranges.

EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy incredible ‘flightseeing’ of the rugged ancient landscapes across western New South Wales, Flinders Ranges, Wilpena Pound and flooding Lake Eyre
- Touring of Broken Hill, the Flinders Ranges, Birdsville and Munga-Thirri National Park
- Cruise the mighty Darling River learning its fascinating history on the Paddle Vessel Jandra
- Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service which recently celebrated its 90th year of invaluable outback service
- Stay 3 nights in iconic Australian outback locations
- All meals - breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Enjoy this Lake Eyre discovery with new friends while enjoying your own room with no single supplement charge
- Escorted throughout by a dedicated Journey Director

ABOUT SOJOURNS

Our Sojourn programmes are short break journeys put together in conjunction with themes, events or experiences. These programmes range from cruising New Zealand’s North Islands to world class events and unique experiences throughout Australia and New Zealand.

FULLY INCLUSIVE

When you travel on a Sojourn with Bill Peach Journeys everything is included and arranged before you even leave home. That includes all sundries like tips, taxes and transfers. In fact you won’t even need to carry your bags.

Enjoy the finest level of accommodation, dining and service all in the one fare. From the very moment your journey begins, your seamless travel experience with Bill Peach Journeys begins.

“The entire journey was a totally wonderful experience. Seeing our country from the air was a new experience with spectacular highlights.”

Mr B Bousfield, Ballarat, VIC

4 Days | 5 - 8 Jul 2019 | AUD$5,300pp twin share | Single Supplement FREE*
4 Days | 28 - 31 Jul 2019 | AUD$5,300pp twin share | Single Supplement FREE*
**Day 1 | Sydney - Broken Hill - Ikara Flinders Ranges**

Boarding our aircraft in Sydney, we fly across central New South Wales landing in Broken Hill. We visit the new Royal Flying Doctor Service headquarters and embark on a tour of this historic mining town noted for its colonial architecture and the mine itself which looms in the background.

We re-board our aircraft on our flight to the Ikara Flinders Ranges. On arrival we transfer to Wilpena Pound Resort. In this natural bush setting, native flora and fauna abound in some of the most spectacular scenery in South Australia. The park is world renowned for its geological history, including impressive fossil remains. A welcome dinner tonight at the Resort.

**Overnight: Wilpena Pound Resort**

**Day 2 | Ikara Flinders Ranges**

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

After lunch join an Aboriginal guide to explore Old Wilpena Station, one of South Australia’s oldest and best preserved pastoral settlements. Learn about the landscape and bio-diversity from the perspective of the Adnyamathanha people.

Later today we set off to Stokes Hill which offers spectacular panoramas of Wilpena Pound, Mt Patawarta, and the Druid, Chace, Elder, Heyson and Bunker Ranges.

**Overnight: Wilpena Pound Resort**

**Day 3 | Wilpena - Kati Thanda - Lake Eyre - Birdsville**

Our flight today will include extensive flightseeing over Kati Thanda - Lake Eyre to include South Lake Eyre National Park and North Lake Eyre National Park following Warburton Creek to Birdsville. Your private aircraft will provide breathtaking views of the remote landscape of the Kati Thanda - Lake Eyre system which covers an area of 9,690 square kilometres, or roughly the size of Holland.

We land at Birdsville and enjoy lunch at Australia’s most remote outback bakery. Proclaimed a town in 1887, it was located at the border of South Australia and Queensland to collect tolls from the droves of cattle being moved interstate.

Birdsville was considered the gateway to the Simpson Desert. Now known as Munga-Thirri National Park, it is Queensland’s largest protected area and covers nearly a million hectares.

Many of Australia’s pioneering European explorers travelled through the Birdsville district. Monuments to acknowledge the feats of Captain Charles Sturt, Burke & Wills, Madigan and others are located throughout the town.

This afternoon there will be a sunset tour of the Munga-Thirri National Park home to rare mammals, reptiles, and more than 180 species of bird. A farewell dinner this evening at the hotel.

**Overnight: Birdsville Hotel**

**Day 4 | Birdsville - Bourke - Sydney**

After breakfast we enjoy flightseeing of Birdsville surrounds and the Cooper Creek river system one of the most famous and least visited rivers in Australia. It is one of three major Queensland river systems that flow into the Lake Eyre Basin.

The flow of the creek depends on monsoonal rains falling earlier and many hundreds of kilometres away in eastern Queensland. At 1300 km in length it is the second longest inland river system in Australia after the Murray-Darling system.

We land in Bourke and transfer to the PV Jandra paddle boat for a cruise along the Darling River. The whole Murray-Darling river system, one of the largest in the world, drains all of New South Wales west of the Great Dividing Range, much of northern Victoria and southern Queensland and parts of South Australia. Its meandering course is three times longer than the direct distance it traverses.

We reboard our aircraft mid afternoon for our return flight to Sydney.

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*Conditions Apply: Single Supplement Free offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.*