



Early Bird Offer ~ \$500pp discount if booked and paid in full by 12 January, 2024*

Special offer price is May - \$18,495pp* & Jul - \$19,495pp* (Single Supplement remains unchanged)

REMOTE OUTBACK SPLENDOUR WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

Aircruising Gulf to Gulf

10 Days | 10 - 19 May 2024 | AUD\$18,995pp twin share | Single Supplement \$1,695

10 Days | 26 Jul - 4 Aug 2024 | AUD\$19,995pp twin share | Single Supplement \$1,795

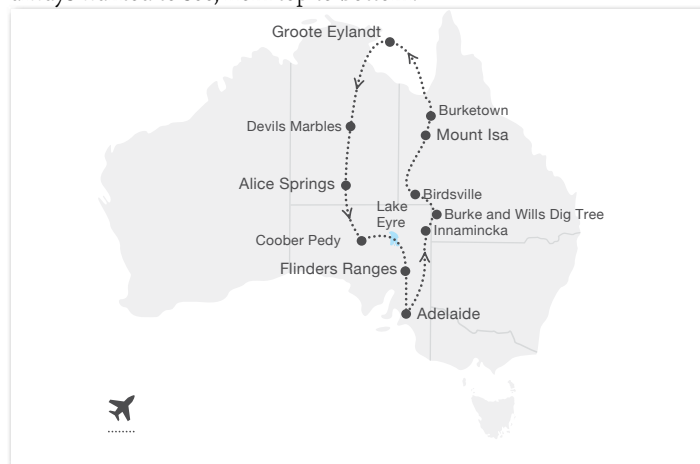
EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ 'Flightsee' Australia's centre by private aircraft and marvel at awe-inspiring aerial views of Coober Pedy, Lake Eyre, the Flinders Ranges, Wilpena Pound, Gulf Country, Marree Man and the Channel Country
- ✦ Stay 2 nights at Rawnsley Park Station in the magnificent Flinders Ranges and 2 nights at Groote Eylandt Lodge in the azure Gulf of Carpentaria
- ✦ Stay a night at the famous Birdsville Hotel and a night at Adelaide's luxury Mayfair Hotel
- ✦ Discover the wonder of the Devils Marbles and learn about these ancient desert rock formations
- ✦ Explore the magnificent Bunyeroo and Brachina Gorges, Stokes Hill, Cazneau Tree and Old Wilpena Station in the ancient Flinders Ranges
- ✦ Learn about Australia's Outback pioneering spirit in Coober Pedy, at the iconic Burke and Wills Dig Tree and in fascinating Burketown, Gulf Country
- ✦ 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 this great land that most people never have the opportunity to see, such as Innamincka, Birdsville, Mount Isa, Burketown and Groote Eylandt. Be awed by a truly remarkable Air Tour that will take you into the heart and soul of South Australia, Outback Queensland and the Northern Territory. Visit iconic Burke and Wills Dig Tree, an enduring reminder of Australia's pioneering spirit. Have a beer in the famous Birdsville Pub – one of the most remote hotels in Australia. Travelling by private aircraft, experience exceptional aerial sightseeing of Central Australia, Gulf Country, Lake Eyre, Marree Man, Wilpena Pound and Channel Country. Incredible aerial views are complimented by amazing ground touring of ancient land formations in Coober Pedy, the Flinders Ranges and the fascinating geological marvel, Devils Marbles where you'll find precariously balanced granite boulders defying gravity scattered across a shallow valley. Land on the remote Groote Eylandt and learn about this historic and picturesque Isle. This is the quintessential iconic Australian Outback that you have always wanted to see, from top to bottom!





SPECTACULAR GULF COUNTRY BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT

DAY 1 | ARRIVE ADELAIDE

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

Overnight: Oval Hotel or similar

DAY 2 | ADELAIDE - INNAMINCKA - BIRDSVILLE

Fly across the Flinders Ranges to land first at Leigh Creek to refuel then at Burke and Wills Dig Tree[^]. A heritage-listed, blazed, eucalyptus tree, we learn of its significance as the Burke and Wills expedition contributed to the opening up of the Australian inland to pastoralism. Re-board the aircraft for the short flight to Innamincka for lunch and a chance to view this remote outback town. Flying on in our private aircraft, view the dramatic landscapes below taking in a bird's-eye perspective of these barren lands which in recent times experienced a remarkable and rare explosion of flora and bird life due to flooding rains highlighting the fascinating extremes of life in the desert.

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. This afternoon, we drive out to 'Big Red', a large sand dune that marks the symbolic edge of the Simpson Desert. Standing well over 30 metres tall, it is part of an area known for the longest parallel sand dunes in the world. Tonight, enjoy Outback hospitality and the unique opportunity of staying at the famous Birdsville Hotel.

Overnight: Birdsville Hotel

DAY 3 | BIRDSVILLE - MOUNT ISA

Continuing on today, fly across Western Queensland before landing at Mount 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 fascinating tour of the Beth Anderson Museum and Underground Hospital, then explore the history of mining as we are enthralled by miner guides with their stories of work underground during our mine tour. We also visit the Riversleigh Fossil Discovery Centre to learn about one of the most significant fossil deposits worldwide before heading out to Lake Moondarra for a spectacular Outback sunset.

Overnight: Redearth Boutique Hotel or similar

DAY 4 | MOUNT ISA - BURKETOWN - GROOTE EYLANDT

This morning depart for the Gulf country, landing first at Burketown, which sits on the Albert River and on the east-

west dividing line between the wetlands to the north and the savannah grass plains to the south, 25 kilometres from the coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria. Burketown is named after Robert O'Hara Burke who, along with a party of explorers including William John Wills, crossed the Australian continent and reached a point near Normanton in 1861. 20 years earlier in 1841 John Lort Stokes explored the coastline in the Beagle when he described the area as 'the plains of promise'.

We begin our exploration with a visit to the famed Burketown Artesian Bore. Drilled in 1897 to a depth of 723m, the bore still issues boiling water and has created a billabong effect where varied bird life gathers including galahs, cockatoos, frogmouths, kookaburras and kingfishers. Touring with a local, we will discover the historical and natural wonders of Gulf Country as we traverse Australia's largest area of salt pans[^] viewing sites once surveyed by explorers such as Wills, Landsborough, Walker and Stokes. The lower Gulf area, in which Burketown lies, has the largest aggregate area of salt pans in Australia that during the monsoon season generate into a wetland in excess of 2 million hectares, the largest in Australia.

Visit Woods Lake[^], named in 1861 by William Landsborough before re-boarding our private aircraft which flies us across the breathtaking sights below. We fly over the Gulf of Carpentaria to Groote Eylandt, one of Australia's last untouched wilderness areas. Located in East Arnhem Land, 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 of glistening turquoise waters.

Overnight: Groote Eylandt Lodge or similar

DAY 5 | GROOTE EYLANDT

Today we take in the past and present of Groote Eylandt. Discover the unique ancient cave paintings and enjoy the beautiful Groote Eylandt bushland. Home to the Anindilyakwa people who have lived there for thousands of years, the island was also used by the RAAF as part of Australia's Northern defence in WWII. Explore the historic mission church, the market garden and top river crossing. We will see the Naked Pools and Milner Bay Port, which ships over two million tonnes of manganese each year to the world.

Overnight: Groote Eylandt Lodge or similar



DAY 6 | GROOTE EYLANDT - DEVILS MARBLES - ALICE SPRINGS

Flying south today we transfer from Tennant Creek Airport to learn about the fascinating Devils Marbles. Formed over millions of years, these ancient precariously balanced granite boulders continue to crack and erode yet have withstood the eroding forces of wind and rain, unlike the surrounding sandstone. Following lunch at the Devils Marbles Hotel, fly south to iconic Alice Springs and transfer to the Telegraph Station where we learn about the resilience of the people of Alice in this most remote region of Outback Australia.

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters or similar

DAY 7 | ALICE SPRINGS - COOPER PEDY - FLINDERS RANGES

Fly this morning to Coober Pedy viewing from above the Overland Telegraph, the Old Ghan railway line and finally the Oodnadatta Track. Take a town tour of Coober Pedy, renowned for its Opals, underground dwellings and the remarkable resilience and ingenuity of its inhabitants.

This afternoon enjoy aerial sightseeing of the southern parts of Lake Eyre and the mysterious Marree Man before landing in the Flinders Ranges and transferring to Rawnsley Park Station.

Overnight: Rawnsley Park Station or similar

DAY 8 | FLINDERS RANGES

Today explore more than 800 million years of geological history in the 'Corridor Through Time'. Marvel at the rugged beauty of Brachina and Bunyeroo Gorges and search for Yellow-footed Rock-wallabies enjoying sweeping views of Bunyeroo Valley. After lunch, visit an old copper mining town before arriving at Stokes Hill which offers spectacular 360 degree panoramas of Wilpena Pound and the surrounding awe-inspiring ranges.

Overnight: Rawnsley Park Station or similar

DAY 9 | FLINDERS RANGES - ADELAIDE

This morning visit the Cazneau Tree, noted by the National Trust for its outstanding aesthetic beauty before taking an informative tour of Old Wilpena Station, one of South Australia's oldest and best preserved pastoral settlements. We will appreciate the magnificent river red gums with stunning views of Wilpena Pound in the distance. Return to Adelaide this afternoon and tonight enjoy our farewell dinner.

Overnight: Mayfair Hotel or similar

DAY 10 | DEPART ADELAIDE

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





ABOUT AIRCRUISING

An Air Tour 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 Air Tour 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 to trust with 40 years of experience in the luxury travel industry, we are Australian owned and operated
- ✦ 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
- ✦ No credit card fees on direct bookings

*Conditions Apply: The \$500 per person Early Bird Offer applies if booked and paid in full by 12 January, 2024 and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.
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