

Tailored Experience

WINGS OVER THE OUTBACK

9 DAYS



TEMORA | ALBION PARK | SCONE | ROMA | ROLLESTON | LONGREACH
BIRDSVILLE | WILLIAM CREEK | FLINDERS RANGES

In your private aircraft fly away to outback Australia, you will experience first hand how vital aviation is to remote Australia. Visit the birthplace of QANTAS, airshows and meet bush pilots, aircraft restorers and in some instances, walk through their private hangars.

An experience above all others.

An Australian holiday that will be remembered for a lifetime.



Spend less time on the road and more time exploring remote Australia and Africa



JUST A FEW OF THE HIGHLIGHTS

Visit the spectacular Western Flinders Ranges and stay at the stylish **Prairie Hotel**, hosted by owner and 4th generation pastoralist, Ross Fargher.

Call in at **Longreach, the birthplace of Qantas** and the home to the Qantas Founders Museum that is filled with aviation history. Access all areas on a Platinum Pass.

Exclusive access to some unique **private collections**, talk one-on-one with the owners and lovers of these unique aircraft. One of which is a Lockheed Electra Jnr.

Experience the magnificent iconic Australian outback landscapes in the **Flinders Ranges** and the Simpson Desert at **Birdsville**.

Visit **HARS at Albion Park** during Wings Over Illawarra on a Gold Pass, **Pays Warbird Restorations** in Scone and the **Temora Aviation Museum**.



DAILY ITINERARY

DAY ONE: MELBOURNE (YMEN) - TEMORA (YTEM)

Board Air Adventure's Outback Jet this morning bound for the outback and beyond. Spend a morning at the impressive and extensive Temora Aviation Museum. Your accommodation is conveniently located right beside the runway here.

Accommodation is at **Sky Lodge**, Temora (1 night)

Flight time 1hr 05mins.

DAY TWO: TEMORA (YTEM) - WOLLONGONG (YWOL) - SCONE (YSCO)

Today it is a quick flight across to Wollongong for the Wings Over Illawarra Airshow. Land on the runway and you are at the event, on a Gold Pass with privileged access. A combination of historic and modern aircraft on static and flying display. Once the day is done, continue to Scone.

Accommodation is at **Scone Motor Inn**, Scone (1 night)

Flight time approx. 1hr 25mins total.

DAY THREE: SCONE (YSCO) - ROMA (YROM)

This morning you will be able to explore Pays Warbird Restorations at the airfield: here they have a Hawker Hurricane, Kittyhawk and 2 Supermarine Spitfires amongst others. There are always plenty of intriguing restoration projects on the go. Late morning, fly north to the agri-centre of Roma, home to the largest cattle sale in Australia. Visit a working cattle station for a true paddock to plate experience. This afternoon return to town and your accommodation.

Accommodation is at **Overlander Motel**, Roma (1 night)

Flight time 1hr 35mins.

DAY FOUR: ROMA (YROM) - ROLLESTON (YRLL)

A unique opportunity to visit the largest cattle saleyards in Australia, on sale day and guided by some local retired farmers. Then, remove the dust from your boots and board the flight further into the outback to the tiny town of Rolleston to meet a passionate aviator and private collector, Ross Smith. Ross has numerous aircraft in his hangar, amongst them is a 1937 Lockheed Electra Jnr - it is a rare and beautiful machine that Ross has restored to flying condition. Spend one on one time with Ross and his toys. Tonight enjoy a meal with him at the local hotel (basic).

Accommodation is at basic **Rolleston Hotel** - basic (1 night)

Flight time 35mins total

DAY FIVE: ROLLESTON (YRLL) - LONGREACH (YLRE)

Farewell Ross (his backyard backs onto the airfield), and fly north-west to Longreach. one of the birthplaces of QANTAS. Here you have 'access all areas' on the Platinum Pass at QANTAS Founders Museum so you can experience all this extensive museum has to offer, including private tours of the 707 and 747 and walking out on the wing.

Accommodation is at the **Albert Park Motor Inn**, Longreach (1 night)

Flight time approx. 1hr 10mins

DAY SIX: LONGREACH (YLRE) - BIRDSVILLE (YBDV)

This morning visit the Stockman's Hall of Fame that pays tribute to the pioneers of the Australian outback. After lunch depart to Birdsville for a 4WD trip out through the desert to 'Big Red', the largest sand dune in the Simpson Desert. Return to the iconic Birdsville Pub for dinner.

Accommodation is at the **Birdsville Hotel** (1 night)

Flight time 1hr 25mins.

DAY SEVEN: BIRDSVILLE (YBDV) - WILLIAM CREEK (YWMC) - FLINDERS RANGES (YLEC)

Fly across the Tirari Desert and Lake Eyre to the remote outpost of William Creek (pop. 6), meet Trevor Wright for a guided tour of his outback aviation operation. Board his smaller aircraft for a trip out to the Painted Hills, an area that only Trevor has access to. Another quick hop and you will land amongst the rugged hills of the Flinders Ranges. Here you will be met by Ross Fargher, your host while in the region. Drive south between the Flinders Ranges and the desert to Parachilna and the Prairie Hotel (pop. 2), your home for the next two nights.

Accommodation is at the deluxe, **Prairie Hotel**, Parachilna (2 nights)

Flight time approx. 1hr 50mins + 1hr in Wrightsair single engine (either C206 or C208).

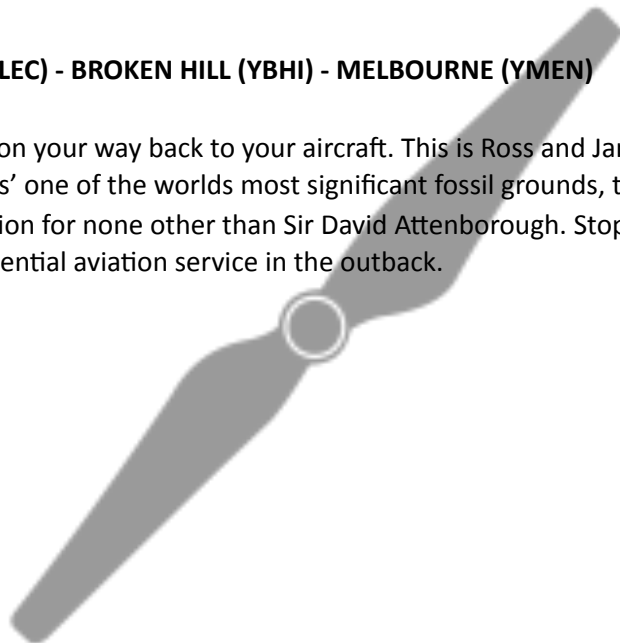
DAY EIGHT: FLINDERS RANGES

Today Ross will take you on a private tour to explore the western Flinders Ranges' truly spectacular gorges. Spot yellow-footed rock wallabies and the watchful wedge tailed eagles circling above. Up in the hills you will also meet Ross's brother and bush aviator, Ian. Ian operates out of a number of bush strips on his station, one is an RFDS strip, his personal one can best be described as a 'goat track'! Return to the Prairie for another night at this iconic outback pub.

DAY NINE: FLINDERS RANGES (YLEC) - BROKEN HILL (YBHI) - MELBOURNE (YMEN)

Call in at 'Nilpena' cattle station on your way back to your aircraft. This is Ross and Jane's 200,000 acre home which is also home to the 'Ediacara Hills' one of the worlds most significant fossil grounds, to which you will have exclusive access - a favourite region for none other than Sir David Attenborough. Stop in at Broken Hill to visit the Royal Flying Doctor Base - an essential aviation service in the outback.

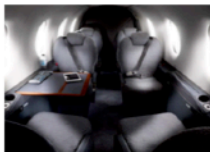
Flight time approx. 1hr.



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.



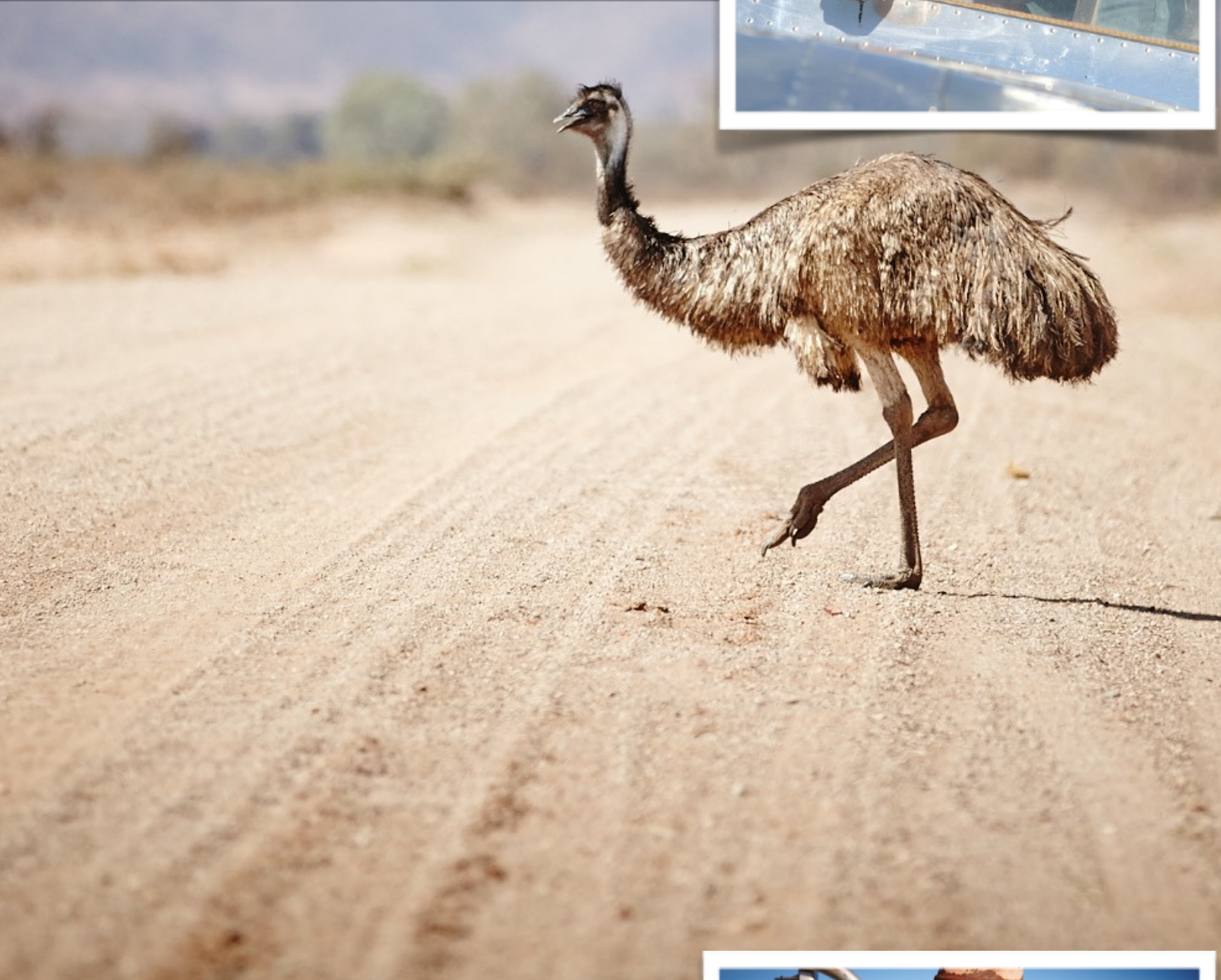
Clockwise from left: 'Feral' antipasto, Prairie Hotel; licensed since 1872 the heritage accommodation at the Prairie Hotel; The 'Silver City' Lockheed Electra Jr



Images from top to bottom: The Flinders Ranges;
Longreach Airport and Founders Museum; The Air
Adventure Outback Jet

Ross Smith, Rolleston

Ross has been flying for most of his life as a bush pilot. Endorsed on a wide variety of aircraft including one of the few in the world on the Lockheed Electra Jnr, as well as helicopters - Ross is a consummate aviator. His private collection has been lovingly restored with his own 'blood, sweat and tears'. Get privileged access to Ross's hangar.



Ross Fargher, Parachilna

Ross grew up in the Flinders Ranges. His forebears came from the Isle of Man to seek their fortune at the newly established Blinman copper mine back in the 1800s. Ross is passionate about his homelands and will personally guide you through the high country as well as his cattle station 'Nilpena'. Ross and his wife Jane, the powerhouse behind the Prairie Hotel will make you feel so welcome you won't want to leave!



TOUR DETAILS

Your aircraft:

Travel is in the privately chartered Air Adventure *Outback Jet* (Pilatus PC-12). This modern 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, toilet, climate control, clear windows (every seat is the window seat) making in flight viewing a joy. The Pilatus PC-12 is the aircraft of choice for the Royal Flying Doctor Service for its exceptional short field performance and reliability.

Tour departs:

Essendon Airport, Melbourne

Departing on: 2 May 2020

Tour cost:

AUD 8,940 per person, twin share, truly all inclusive

Single accommodation please add AUD 600 (single accommodation is limited).

Price all inclusive of:

- All private charter flights
- All accommodation (varied standard from basic to deluxe)
- 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, tastings, transfers and excursions as outlined in itinerary
- Tour escorted by an experienced Tour Leader
- Tour flown by a highly experienced, friendly and helpful Commercially Licensed Pilot
- Qualified local guides and industry experts along the way

Not included:

- Items of a personal nature eg. phone calls, internet, travel insurance

10% deposit is required to confirm your reservation. Balance is due 60 days prior to departure date. Places are limited.

Enquiries:

For all enquiries and bookings, please contact the friendly team at Travel Managers. We can also assist with your travel arrangements pre and post tour.

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On behalf of all pilots, tour leaders and guides - we warmly invite you to join us.

