



# OUTBACK AIR TOURS

APRIL - SEPTEMBER



FAST Aviation's 4-day or 7-Day Outback tours are all-inclusive.

Our comfortable, fast and exceptionally maintained aircraft allow for maximum time spent at your destination exploring the land and enjoying activities.



*This year we are pleased to offer a choice of two tours*

## A taste of the Outback - 4 Day tour

This is the perfect tour for a taste of what the outback has to offer. With a broad range of landscapes and activities to enjoy on this all-inclusive tour, you will fall in love with our beautiful home and outback hospitality.

### *Tour Highlights*

- Champagne and a guided tour of the living Desert in Broken Hill.
  - 4 wheel drive adventure in the Arkaroola eco park.
  - Lunch at the iconic William Creek Hotel.
  - Scenic flight around Kati-Thanda (Lake Eyre) & Goyder lagon.
  - Sunset drinks atop "Big Red" the largest sand dune in the Simpson Desert.
  - Morning tea at the Historical Burke & Wills 'Dig Tree'
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## Uluru and Alice Springs - 7 Day tour

If you want to spend more time in the outback why not take the journey all the way to the red center. Experience the jaw-dropping landscape, ancient culture, and unique tucker that central Australia has to offer. This 7-day tour is designed to delight the senses and offers a truly unique journey, while still allowing for some time to relax in between each destination.

### *Tour Highlights*

- Dinner experience at Uluru
- Tour of the Broken Hill RFDS base
- Sunset tour of the Breakaways in Coober Pedy
- Lunch at iconic Outback pubs including; William Creek Hotel, Tilpa Pub & Mt Dare station
- Scenic flight around Kings Canyon, the Olgas and Uluru
- Day Trip to the McDonnell Ranges
- Meet Australia's largest Dinosaur at the Eromanga museum



# A taste of the Outback - 4 Day tour

## Day 1

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Departure from your desired airport early in the morning, we cross the Great Dividing Range and head west towards Bourke NSW. After morning tea at Walgett we continue at low altitude down the Darling River to Louth NSW. After landing at Louth we will take a short walk to have lunch at Shindys Inn on the banks of the Darling River.

After lunch we will be heading for Broken Hill, where we will check into the luxurious Outback resort. The afternoon will be spent enjoying the living desert sculptures with a sunset backdrop accompanied by champagne and nibbles.

Dinner will be at one of Broken Hills best pubs.

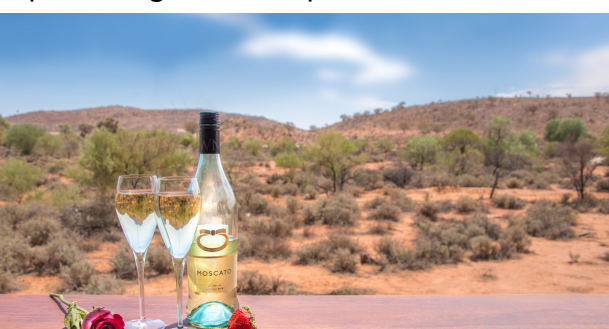


### *Broken Hill - Art Capital of the Outback*

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Broken Hill has long been known as a centre of excellence for the art of painting. Lawrence Beck, a Gosford based sculptor, proposed holding a Symposium to add sculpture to Broken Hill's art culture. 53 tonnes of sandstone were transported from the Wilcannia area to the Living Desert Reserve.

Our accommodation at Broken Hill is ideal for absorbing the breath-taking beauty of the region. Situated 14Km out of the city, each of your rooms is dominated by a large picture window providing uninterrupted views of the Outback.



*The picturesque setting of the Broken Hill Outback Resort overlooks the Barrier Ranges, and is located just outside of the bustle of the modern city of Broken Hill*



## Day 2

After a cooked breakfast at the resort we will depart west across the NSW-SA border to the Flinders Ranges, overflying the magnificent Wilpena Pound before flying north along these stunning ranges to Arkaroola.

After landing at Arkaroola, we will have lunch before heading out on their famous Ridge Top Tour for the afternoon.

On return we will have dinner, and then those with an interest in astronomy can head up to the observatory for an evening of fascinating stargazing.



### Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary

Arkaroola is an inspiring destination for artists, aviators, astronomers, adventure bikers, birdwatchers, bushwalkers, four wheel drive adventurers, geologists and just about anybody with a sense of adventure and a quest for knowledge.

Journey through a landscape as old as the continent itself, across razor-back ridges and peaks of the Flinders Ranges most rugged mountains to the magnificent climax at Sillers Lookout.

*The night skies over Arkaroola reveal a wonderland of stars, planets and galaxies that you can explore with an astronomy tour or you may take to the wilderness on foot with one of the many bushwalking tracks.*





## Day 3

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After breakfast at Arkaroola we will head west to Leigh Creek for fuel, before heading northwest towards the remote settlement of Maree. We'll find the iconic Maree Man, before heading west to overfly the incredible Painted Hills. We will then head for William Creek for lunch at the famous William Creek Hotel.

Following lunch we'll head north-east to Lake Eyre North - Kati Thanda, overflying this magnificent inland sea (fingers crossed for water this year!) before following the Warburton River at low altitude, over the Goyder Lagoon, to Birdsville, QLD.

After settling into our accommodation at the iconic Birdsville Hotel, we will enjoy a breathtaking sunset Big Red tour with drinks and nibbles, followed by dinner back at the hotel.



### *The Birdsville Hotel*

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First built in 1884, the Birdsville Hotel and its weathered sandstone walls have been a welcome refuge to travelers from across the globe for more than 130 years.

A destination in its own right, the pub has endured floods, fires and even cyclones to stand as a symbol of the spirit and character of the outback.





## Day 4

After breakfast at Birdsville, we will head south west to the Burke & Wills Dig Tree. We will have morning tea here on the banks of the Cooper Creek. We will then head east over the beautiful Channel Country to the remote Noccundra Hotel for a pub lunch.

On leaving Noccundra we will then stop at Cunnamulla for fuel before heading back to the east coast for an evening arrival.

### Bourke & Wills Dig Tree

In December 1860 the Burke and Wills expedition pitched camp on the bank of Cooper Creek at what is now called the Dig Tree Reserve. They called it Camp 65. Eight men had made the trip from the previous camp at Menindee in New South Wales, where other members of the expedition remained.

At Dig Tree Reserve, the group then split with four men remaining at Camp 65 while the other four trekked to the Gulf of Carpentaria and back. After waiting months for the Gulf party to return, the Dig Tree party departed on 21 April 1861.



*"I highly recommend the Lake Eyre-Kati Thanda trip. It was very memorable due to the fascinating flight with plenty of commentary from the pilots on what we were seeing from the air.... The landings at outback stations and towns was well received by our group and the overall experience was one to remember – a lifetime experience"*

*Andrew- Outback tour 2019*





# A taste of the Outback 4 - Day Tour Details

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## Your aircraft:

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## Tour departs:

Your choice of departure location: Gold Coast, Brisbane Archerfield, Ballina/Byron, Lismore.

## Cost:

AUD \$5,995 per person, twin-share, all-inclusive. *(Single supplement of \$375)*

## Price all inclusive of:

- All private charter flights crewed by highly experienced Commercial Pilots from FAST Aviation
- All accommodation
- All meals
- Snacks and Non-Alcoholic drinks onboard your aircraft
- All entries, permits & admissions
- All trips, tours, transfers, and excursions as outlined in the itinerary

## Not included:

- Alcoholic drinks, travel insurance, optional room upgrades.

## Additional details:

- Maximum flight time per leg is 2.5hours with most flights much shorter, allowing for ample opportunities to stretch your legs and use the facilities.
- Flexible booking policy applies in case of state border issues due to covid-19 restrictions.
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# Uluru & Alice Springs - 7 Day tour

## Day 1

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Departure from your desired airport early in the morning, we cross the Great Dividing Range and head west towards Bourke NSW. After morning tea at Bourke, we continue at low altitude down the Darling River to Tilba NSW. After landing at Tilba we will take a short walk to have lunch at the Tilba Pub on the banks of the Darling River.

After lunch, we will be heading for Broken Hill, where we will check into the luxurious Outback resort. We will enjoy our first night's dinner at the Mt Gipps hotel before relaxing by the campfire at the resort.

After breakfast the next morning we will have the opportunity to tour the Broken Hill RFDS (Royal Flying Doctors Service) base and experience firsthand the resourcefulness and ingenuity of this amazing organisation.



### *The royal flying doctors*

Explore the history of the RFDS and the Broken Hill base. Immerse yourself in amazing stories from Revered John Flynn who founded the Australian Aerial Medical Services, the world's first aero-medical service in 1928.

Touch down into the world of heroic doctors, nurses, pilots and the outback communities we service. The 'Mantle of Safety Museum' lets you experience our most exciting stories from over 92 years of history.





## Day 2

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After a cooked breakfast at the resort, we will depart west across the NSW-SA border to the Flinders Ranges, overflying the magnificent Wilpena Pound before for a quick fuel stop in the historical coal-mining town of Leigh creek.

On departing Leigh creek, we will follow the outback highway overflying the Marree man, a giant geoglyph covering over 620 acres. We then continue with a flight across Kati-Thanda (Lake Eyre) before landing at the iconic William creek hotel for a pub lunch.

After lunch we will fly over the largest cattle station in Australia, Anna Creek, on our way to the spectacular painted hills. flying low level we can take in this colourful and dynamic landscape.

After checking into the quirky underground hotel in Coober Pedy, you will be taken on a sunset tour of the breakaways with drinks and canapes provided.



### A night in the underground hotel

*Imagine a place with absolutely no sound or light. There's no heat and no humidity. It feels perfectly calm, as if time doesn't exist... You're tucked up in a comfortable bed and you drift off to sleep, with nothing at all to disturb you until your mind and body decide they're ready to reawaken.*





## Day 3

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After breakfast at the hotel, we will have some time to explore Coober Pedy before boarding the aircraft again late morning. On departure, we will follow the Stuart Highway tracking North over the Great Victoria Desert. Where the Oodnadatta track meets the highway is where we will turn west and track along the Musgrave ranges inbound to Uluru.

After lunch at the Ayres Rock resort, you will have a few hours to relax and take in the landscape before departing for either (dependant on season) the "field of light" or 'sounds of silence dinner experience.



### *An evening in the field of light*

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Enjoy magnificent views of Uluru at sunset, a three-course bush tucker menu, premium selection of Australian wines and beers, fascinating star talk and a self-guided walk through the Field of Light art installation.

Your evening begins with a convenient hotel pick-up and transfer to the remote desert location with majestic views

of Uluru. As the sun sets on the horizon to the music of a didgeridoo, enjoy gourmet canapes and chilled sparkling wine.

As darkness falls and the coloured lights of the 50,000 glass spheres gently come to life, join your table of fellow travellers for an exceptional three-course menu infused with bush tucker flavours. As the night ignites with countless stars, settle back and listen to our resident star talker decode the southern night sky.





## Day 4

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With a late afternoon departure, you can choose to spend most of the day exploring Uluru and taking in some cultural activities or simply relaxing at the resort. A hop-on, hop-off shuttle will take you where you need to go around the site.

Once departed we will take the scenic route around Uluru then on to Kata Tjuta/ Mt Olga before heading north to Kings Canyon. Continuing north over the Great Sandy Desert we will turn to track along the Macdonnell ranges at low level. We will fly over the Serpentine gorge and the historic Hermannsburg before our arrival into Alice Springs.

With a two-night stay in Alice, you can take your own time to relax in your luxury accommodation, take a short walk downtown to one of the many indigenous art galleries or enjoy the sunset at Standley Chasm.





## Day 5

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After breakfast at the hotel, you will be picked up for your Macdonnell Ranges day tour. You'll see spectacular outback scenery and have ample photo opportunities as you travel along the magnificent West MacDonnell Ranges, stopping at historic sites.

Enjoy beautiful walks at Simpsons Gap, Standley Chasm (for morning tea), the Ochre Pits, and Ormiston Gorge. Enjoy a sit-down buffet lunch at spectacular Glen Helen. On your way back to Alice Springs, you will stop to spend time at Ellery Creek Big Hole, this waterhole is one of Central Australia's most pristine and you may enjoy a quick swim there in the warmer months.

On your journey back to your accommodation, you will take in the panorama of the ranges lit up burnt orange, red and yellow at sunset.

Dinner will be provided at the hotel and then you may choose to explore some of the local pubs.





## Day 6

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After a relaxed morning in Alice Springs, we will depart south heading briefly back into South Australia. Our first stop will be at the Mt Dare Station Hotel for lunch. What was once a busy cattle station is now part of the Witjira National Park, the Hotel remains on the site of the old machinery shed serving up cold beers & juicy steaks.

After lunch, we will fly east towards Queensland over the spectacular Simpson desert. flying low level you will get a sense of its enormity and marvel at the 1,136 parallel dunes. On our way to Birdsville, we will fly along 'Big Red' the largest sand dune in the desert.

After settling into our accommodation at the iconic Birdsville Hotel, we will get to enjoy Big Red once again, this time standing on top of it. The tour includes beer, wine and nibbles whilst enjoying the breathtaking sight of the sun setting over the desert. Our last dinner on the tour will be back at the Birdsville hotel.





## Day 7

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After breakfast at the Birdsville bakery, we will head southwest to fly low level over channel country (fingers crossed the rain keeps up this year!) With water, comes life to the outback... after the rain, thousands of channels turn green in a spectacular sight best seen from the air.

We will then stop in Eromanga, home of Australia's largest dinosaur "Cooper" the sauropod. After a guided tour of the museum, we can tuck into a typical pub lunch at the Eromanga Hotel.

On leaving Eromanga we will then stop at Cunnamulla for fuel before heading back to the east coast for an evening arrival.



*"A magnificent air tour. The company's and pilot's organisation and professionalism are of the highest order. A most enjoyable four days of travel."*

Geoff - Outback tour 2021

*"My thanks for an amazing trip, unforgettable experience... a wonderful job in every aspect of the tour!"*

Morell - Outback tour 2021



# Uluru & Alice Springs 7 - Day Tour Details

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AUD \$9,495 per person, twin-share, all-inclusive. *(Single supplement of \$975)*

## Price all inclusive of:

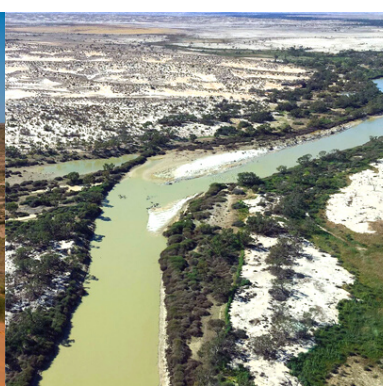
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# Route Map

