

LAKE EYRE – FOUR DAY TOUR

Tour code: LE4D
Four days/three nights

Departs: Sunday to Friday.
Departs from: Any hotel in Adelaide's CBD.
Passengers: Minimum of two passengers.
Arrives at: Any hotel in Adelaide's CBD.

Luggage limits apply.

Itinerary:

Day One: Adelaide to Coober Pedy – the Opal Capital of the World.

Includes: Private transfers to Adelaide Airport from any hotel in Adelaide's CBD.
Includes: Seats on a shared RPT flight from Adelaide to Coober Pedy.
Includes: Transfers to accommodation on arrival.
Includes: Lunch (alcohol available but not included).
Includes: Places on a shared coach tour of Coober Pedy
Includes: Three course evening meal (alcohol available but not included)
Includes: One nights double or twin share accommodation at the world's only underground hotel.

Adelaide: Adelaide is the capital city of South Australia, with a population of 1.1 million people, and is located on the shores of the Gulf of Saint Vincent. Adelaide is known for its many festivals and sporting events, its food, wine and culture, and its long beachfronts. Adelaide is noted for its Australian heritage architecture, which retains many of the buildings from when the area was settled by Europeans in the early 1800s.

9.00am Be ready and waiting with luggage in reception of any hotel in Adelaide's CBD for private transfers to Adelaide Airport.

On arrival at the airport, check in for a shared, scheduled, RPT flight to Coober Pedy.

Please note:

Check in closes 30 minutes prior to departure.
Please show photographic identification (such as a passport or a driver's licence) to check in.
Luggage limits of 15kgs for checked luggage and 7kgs for hand luggage apply.
Excess baggage fees of \$3.30/kg are payable by cash or credit card at check-in.

Estimated Flight Time:
2 hours.

10.20am RPT flight scheduled to depart for Coober Pedy.
12.20pm RPT flight scheduled to arrive in Coober Pedy.

Coober Pedy: Coober Pedy is an opal mining town, known as the Opal Capital of the World. The town is approximately half-way between Adelaide and the Red Centre of Australia. Opal was first found in Coober Pedy in 1915, and has since been supplying the world with the majority of gem quality opal.

Coober Pedy has a population of 4500 people, that include over 45 different nationalities. The majority of residents live underground to escape the searing summer heat.

On arrival, shared coach transfer to accommodation – the world's only underground hotel.

Accommodation:

One night's accommodation in a double room, underground.
Desert Cave Hotel
1 Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy.

Room: 1 King and 2 Singles or 1 King and 1 Single; private en-suite.
Reception Hours: 6.30am – 11.30pm.
Check-in: 2.00pm.
Check-out: 10.00am
Please note: Room will be requested for an early arrival.
If room is not ready on arrival, Reception will store luggage until conclusion of Town Tour.

Accommodation package includes:

Double or twin share rooms at the world's only underground hotel, the Desert Cave.
Light lunch at the Crystal Café
Two places on a shared coach tour of Coober Pedy, departing from and arriving at Desert Cave Hotel reception.
A three course evening meal from a set menu in Umberto's Restaurant. Alcohol available but not included.
American breakfast in the Crystal Café.
Airport transfers on arrival and departure.

Lunch Included.
Crystal Café, in the Desert Cave Hotel complex.
Crystal Café is open for lunch from 12 noon until 3.00pm Monday to Saturday.

Afternoon Activity:

Included.
Desert Cave Tour.

Tour highlights:

A visit to the opal fields to see Opal mining methods.
Venture down a former working opal mine to see the glitter of colour that is opal, embedded in the rock.
The Breakaways, a range of colourful exposed sandstone outcrops.
The Moon Plains, which was once an inland sea.
The famous Dog Fence, the longest fence in the world which stretches for 5300 kilometres across Australia.
The Serbian Underground Church.
An underground home.
Includes complimentary drink.
Includes complimentary opal souvenir stick pin.

Departs from: Desert Cave Hotel reception
Time of Departure: 13.45pm.
Returns to: Desert Cave Hotel reception.
Tour duration: Approximately 4 hours.

Evening meal: Included.

Three course evening meal from set menu in Umberto's Restaurant in the Desert Cave Hotel complex.
Umberto's Restaurant open from 6.00pm until 9.00pm.
Alcohol available but not included.

Day Two: Coober Pedy to Lake Eyre to Maree

Includes: Buffet breakfast in Coober Pedy

Includes: Airport transfers from hotel to Coober Pedy Airport.

Includes: Private charter flight from Coober Pedy to William Creek to Birdsville to Innamincka to Maree

Includes: Transfers from Marree Airstrip to Marree Hotel.

Includes: Two course evening meal from set menu at Marree Hotel.

Includes: One nights accommodation in a double or twin share room with private en-suite at the 3* Marree Hotel.

8.00am Be waiting with luggage in hotel reception for transfers to Coober Pedy Airport.

On arrival, meet your Chinta Air pilot/guide, and prepare for immediate departure to William Creek.

Aircraft: The fleet includes twin engine Piper Chieftans, Aerocommanders, or single engine Cessnas. Aircraft to be selected at the time of booking.

Features: Uninterrupted views of passing scenery.
Average true air speed – up to 160 knots/320 kilometres per hour.
Capacity – up to eight passengers.
Each passenger will be seated in a window seat.
As space is limited, we prefer luggage to be packed in soft-sided bags that are a maximum of 70cms x 40cms x 25cms (25 inches x 15 inches x 10 inches) in size.
Luggage limits apply for all flights

Estimated Flight Time:
45 minutes.

In-flight viewing:
Anna Creek Station, the largest cattle station in the world.

William Creek:

William Creek is South Australia's smallest town, with an average population of 15 people. The town was established in 1885 to provide services to the North/South railway line

When ready, re-board aircraft for a scenic flight to Birdsville.

Estimate flight time:
2 hours.

In flight viewing:
Lake Eyre
Warburton River
Goyders Lagoon.

Birdsville:

Birdsville is a small outback town situated on the banks of the Diamantina River between the sands of the Simpson Desert and the gibbers of Sturts Stony Desert. The area is steeped in history, from aboriginal meeting places to European settlement in the late 1870s and beyond. The Birdsville population currently stands at approximately 120

Lunch: Included (Alcohol available but not included).

When ready, re-board the aircraft for a private charter flight to Innamincka.

Estimated flight time:

1 hour.

In-flight viewing:

Coopers Creek
Strzelecki Desert
Coongie Lakes.

Innamincka:

Innamincka is located some 800 kilometres from Adelaide, in the far North East corner of South Australia, along the remote Strzelecki Track. The township consists of a RFDS post, a couple of houses, and (of course) a pub.

Refreshments included.

When ready, re-board the aircraft for a private charter flight to Maree.

Estimated Flight Time:

1 hour 30 minutes.

Marree:

Marree is located 685 kilometres North of Adelaide, at the junction of the Oodnadatta Track and the Birdsville Track.

Camels teams were used to bring in supplies for the North/South Railway line being built, and Marree is one of a number of inland towns where the streets were originally wide enough to turn a fully laden camel train. The Central Australia Railway reached the town in 1883, and Marree then became a major railhead for the cattle industry, when cattle were walked down the Oodnadatta Track or the Birdsville Track to the rail depot.

Did you know? Marree was home to Australia's first mosque, built of mudbrick, by the Afghan cameleers employed as the town & railway were being built.

Accommodation package includes:

One night's accommodation in a three star motel room with private en-suite at the Marree Hotel.
Evening meal (alcohol available but not included).
Cooked breakfast.
Transfers to and from the Marree Airstrip.

Day Three: Lake Eyre/Flinders Ranges.

Includes: Cooked breakfast at Marree Hotel.
Includes: Places on a shared coach tour to Lake Eyre, with traditional Elder as guide.
Includes: Private charter flight from Marree to the Flinders Ranges.
Includes: Three course evening meal from set menu at the Woolshed Restaurant.
Includes: One nights accommodation in a luxury, award-winning eco-villa at Rawnsley Park Station.

Breakfast Cooked Breakfast available in the Hotel dining room.

Full Day Activity:

Shared 4WD tour to Lake Eyre, with traditional Indigenous Elder as guide.

Arabunna Tour:

Red Dodd is an Aboriginal elder from the Arabunna people, indigenous to the Lake Eyre region. Reg was born on Finniss Springs Mission, at the Southern end of Lake Eyre. Reg was schooled on Finniss Springs until the age of 13, when he went to work as a Stockman on Anna Creek Station. Reg started working with the Commonwealth railways in 1960, and stayed until the Railways closed down in 1986. Reg later worked with the Department of Community Welfare, and the Department of Environment and Planning and Aboriginal Heritage.

Since 1996 Reg has been running tours, firstly as a joint venture with the Marree Arabunna Peoples Committee and Community Aid Abroad. Reg's tour is now operated as an independent Aboriginal enterprise.

This tour includes Lake Eyre, and the opportunity to learn about local Aboriginal culture, tradition, sacred sites and rock arts.

Tour departs: 8.00am

Tour departs from:

Marree Hotel reception.

Tour duration: Approximately 8 hours.

Tour includes: BBQ lunch, stories of local history.

On arrival back at Marree, transfer to the airstrip for private charter flight to the Flinders Ranges.

Estimated flight time:

1 hour 15 minutes.

In flight viewing:

Marree Man.

Flinders Ranges, including Wilpena Pound.

Flinders Ranges:

The Flinders Ranges is the largest mountain range in South Australia, and starts approximately 200 kilometres North West of Adelaide. The ranges stretch for over 430 kilometres across South Australia, running North/South. The most characteristic landmark is Wilpena Pound, a large, half-moon shaped natural amphitheatre covering nearly 80 square kilometres. Wilpena Pound includes St Mary's Peak, which at 1170 metres is the Ranges highest peak.

Rawnsley Park Station is a working sheep station which offers a taste of Outback life, as experienced by the locals. The station is set on the borders of the Flinders Range National Park.

On arrival: Private transfer to accommodation.

Accommodation:

Rawnsley Park Station
Wilpena Road, via Hawker, South Australia.

Reception: 8am to 6pm
Room: One nights accommodation in a one bedroom eco-villa.
King size bed
Retractable ceiling in bedroom for star-gazing in bed.
Fully equipped kitchen
Wide verandah with outdoor setting & BBQ
Private en-suite bathrooms with guest robes.
TV/DVD
Check-in: 3.00pm
Check-out: 11.00am

Accommodation package:
One nights accommodation in a eco-villa at Rawnsley Park Station with breakfast supplies in eco-villa.
Lunch on one day.
One evening meals at The Woolshed Restaurant.
One half-day private tour with local guide of the Flinders Ranges National Park.
Airport transfers on arrival and departure.

Evening meal: Included
From menu in The Woolshed Restaurant.
The Woolshed Restaurant is open for the evening meal from 6.30pm.
Alcohol available but not included.

Day Four: Flinders Ranges to Adelaide

- Includes: Breakfast supplies in eco-villa
- Includes: Private 4WD tour with guide and morning tea of the Flinders Ranges National Park.
- Includes: Light lunch from the Woolshed Restaurant (alcohol available but not included).
- Includes: Private charter flight from Rawnsley Park Station to Adelaide.
- Includes: Private transfers from Adelaide Airport to any hotel in Adelaide's CBD.

Breakfast: Included.
Breakfast supplies in eco-villa.

Morning activity: Included.
Private 4WD tour, with guide..

Spend the morning on a private 4WD tour of the Flinders Ranges National Park and Wilpena Pound with local, knowledgeable guide

Tour departs: 8.30am from eco-villa.
Tour ends: 12.30pm at Reception.

Please note: Time that the tour is scheduled to end is approximate.

The tour includes:
Scenic highlights of the Flinders Ranges National Park.

Lunch: Included.
From menu in The Woolshed Restaurant
The Woolshed Restaurant is open for lunch from 12 noon until 2pm.
Alcohol available but not included

After lunch, transfer to station airstrip with luggage for a private air charter flight to Adelaide.

EFT: 1.5 hours.

In-flight viewing:
Southern Flinders Ranges
Adelaide Plains
City of Adelaide.

Adelaide: Adelaide is the capital city of South Australia, with a population of 1.1 million people, and is located on the shores of the Gulf of Saint Vincent. Adelaide is noted for its many festivals and sporting events, its food, wine and culture, and its long beachfronts. Adelaide is noted for its Australian heritage architecture, which retains many of the buildings from when the area was settled by Europeans in the early 1800s.

On arrival at Adelaide airport, airport transfers will be waiting to go to main airport terminal or to any hotel in Adelaide's CBD.

ETA in Adelaide:
Approximately 4.00pm.

Retail Rate Sheet:

Valid from 1 May 2010 until 31 March 2011.

Rates are in Australian dollars, per person.

Single engine aircraft	2 pax	3 pax	4 pax
RRP (pp)	6935	5275	4395

Twin engine aircraft	2 pax	3 pax	4 pax	5 pax	6 pax	7 pax	8 pax
RRP	10655	7615	6055	5205	4530	4180	3785

Package Tour includes:

Private transfers from any hotel in Adelaide's CBD to Adelaide Airport.
 Places on a shared, scheduled RPT flight from Adelaide to Coober Pedy.
 Coach transfers from Coober Pedy to accommodation.
 Light lunch in the Crystal Café.
 Places on a shared, small-group, guided tour of Coober Pedy and opal fields.
 Three course evening meal from set menu in Umberto's Restaurant (alcohol available but not included).
 One night's accommodation in a double or twin share room at the Desert Cave Hotel..
 Buffet breakfast in the Crystal Café.
 Closed charter flight from Coober Pedy to William Creek to Birdsville to Innamincka to Marree to Rawnsley Park Station to Adelaide.
 Refreshments at William Creek Hotel and Innamincka Hotel.
 Lunch at the Birdsville Hotel (alcohol available but not included).
 Shared transfers from Marree airstrip to accommodation.
 Two course evening meal from set menu at Marree Hotel (alcohol available but not included).
 One nights accommodation in an airconditioned double or twin share room with private en-suite at Marree Hotel..
 Cooked breakfast at Marree Hotel.
 Places on a shared 4WD tour with Indigenous guide to Lake Eyre. BBQ lunch included.
 Airport transfers on arrival at Rawnsley Park Station.
 Evening meals from menu in The Woolshed Restaurant. Alcohol available but not included.
 One night double accommodation in an award-winning eco-villa, with breakfast supplies in villa.
 Half-day 4WD tour of the Flinders Ranges, with English speaking guide and morning tea.
 Light lunch at the Woolshed Restaurant. Alcohol available but not included.
 Private transfers from Adelaide airport to any hotel in Adelaide's CBD.
 All national park entry fees, GST, fuel levy, head taxes and landing fees.

Luggage limits apply.

Chinta Air Tours offers:

Aircraft presentation – our aircraft are the best presented of their kind in Australia. We are continually refurbishing our fleet to ensure they are of a high standard.

Scenic flights – all flights are conducted at the lowest safe and comfortable altitude. All passengers are in a window seat, to allow good views of the passing scenery .

Pilot training – Chinta Air has a policy of monitoring our pilots levels of skill, presentation, and customer service at regular intervals, with each pilot being subject to an internal flight test every three months, and a flight test with a external assessor each year.

Outback aviation – can be daunting to those not familiar with the Outback. Chinta Air Tours are not visiting the Outback, we are in our own backyard. We are as familiar with flying into an International airport as we are into a remote Outback community with a population of two.

Licences – we are licenced air charter operators, licenced travel agents, members of the Travel Compensation Fund, and carry Civil Aviation Safety Authority approved insurance

The aircraft used by Chinta Air Tours include:

Single Engine Cessna:



Twin engine Piper Chieftan:



Please note: Images are an indication of the aircraft type used, and may not represent the actual aircraft used on tour.