

LAKE EYRE – THREE DAY TOUR

Tour code: LE3D

Three days/two 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 Arkaroola

Includes: Private charter flight from Adelaide to Port Augusta/Port Augusta to Wilpena Pound to Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.

Includes: Airstrip transfers on arrival and departure from Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.

Includes: Light lunch in the Native Pine Restaurant, Arkaroola.

Includes: Places on a shared 4WD tour – the Ridgetop Tour.

Includes: Two course evening meal in the Native Pine Restaurant.

Includes: One nights accommodation in Mawson's Lodge, Arkaroola.

8.00am Be at the General Aviation Terminal, Sir Richard Williams Drive, Adelaide Airport.

On arrival, meet your pilot/guide, and prepare for immediate departure to Port Augusta.

Features: Uninterrupted views of passing scenery.
Average true air speed – up to 140 knots/270 kilometres per hour.
Each passenger will be seated in a window seat.
As space is limited, we prefer luggage to be packed in soft-sided bags.
Strict luggage limits of 10kgs apply for all flights.

Please note:

Single engine Cessnas have high wings (ie wings above the fuselage). This means every passenger has a window seat, with an uninterrupted view of the scenery.
Each passenger will have a headset, to hear the pilot's commentary during flight.

Estimated Flight Time – Adelaide to Port Augusta, 1 hour 30 minutes.

Port Augusta – re-fuelling/comfort stop.

Port Augusta to Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary – 1 hour.

In-flight viewing – Flinders Ranges, including Wilpena Pound.

Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary

Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary is located 600 kilometres north of Adelaide and 130 kilometres east of Leigh Creek, in the rugged and spectacular northern Flinders Ranges. This 610 square kilometre multi award-winning Wilderness Sanctuary, operated by the Sprigg family, contains some of Australia's most spectacular mountain views and offers numerous Advanced Ecotourism accredited guided tours.

Arkaroola features rugged mountains, towering granite peaks, magnificent gorges and mysterious waterholes, the home to over 160 species of birds and the shy and endangered Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby.

Accommodation package:

Airstrip transfers on arrival and departure.
Light lunch on arrival.
Places on a shared 4WD tour – the Ridgetop Tour.
Two course evening meal (alcohol available but not included).
One night's accommodation in a Mawsons Lodge room with private en-suite.
Continental breakfast.

On arrival at Arkaroola Airstrip, shared coach transfers will be waiting to go to Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.

Lunch Included.
A light lunch of sandwiches and fruit will be served in the Native Pine Restaurant.

Afternoon activity:

1.00pm/1300hrs.
Be waiting in reception for Arkaroola's signature Ridgetop Tour – a four hour drive around the ridges of the Northern Flinders Ranges, with an experienced local guide at the wheel. This tour is not available to those who choose to drive themselves.

Please bring hat, sunscreen, camera, water.

Tour departs from:

Arkaroola reception.

Tour departs at: 1.00pm/1300hrs.

Tour duration: Four hours (approximately).

Tour returns to: Arkaroola reception.

Included: Afternoon tea, English-speaking guide.

Evening meal: Included.

Two course evening meal from set menu in the Native Pine Restaurant.
Native Pine Restaurant, open for evening meal from 6pm – 8pm.
Alcohol available but not included.

Day Two: Lake Eyre, Coongie Lakes, William Creek, Coober Pedy

- Includes: Breakfast at Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.
Includes: Air charter flight from Arkaroola to Innamincka to the Coongie Lakes to Birdsville Lake Eyre to William Creek to Coober Pedy.
Includes: Lunch at Birdsville Hotel.
Includes: Refreshments at the William Creek Hotel.
Includes: Three course evening meal (alcohol available but not included) from menu in Umberto's Restaurant.
Includes: One nights double or twin share accommodation at the world's only underground hotel.
Includes: Shared coach transfers from airport to hotel in Coober Pedy.

Breakfast: Included.
Continental breakfast in the breakfast area (adjacent to the Native Pine Restaurant).
Breakfast available from 7.00am – 9.00am.

7.30am Be ready with luggage at Reception for transfers to Arkaroola Airstrip.

On arrival, prepare for immediate departure to Innamincka.

EFT: 1.5 hours.

In flight viewing:
Lake Blanche.
Coopers Creek.

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, return to the airstrip for departure to Birdsville.

EFT: 1 hour.

In-flight viewing:
Coongie Lakes

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 William Creek.

EFT: 2.5 hours

In-flight viewing:
Diamantina River
Goyders Lagoon
Warburton Groove
Lake Eyre.

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 private charter flight to Coober Pedy.

EFT: 45 minutes

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

Accommodation package includes:

Double or twin share rooms at the world's only underground hotel, the Desert Cave.
Light lunch at the Crystal Café
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.
Buffet breakfast in the Crystal Café.
Airport transfers on arrival and departure.

Day Three: Coober Pedy to Adelaide.

- Includes: Buffet breakfast.
- Includes: Places on a shared coach tour of Coober Pedy.
- Includes: Lunch from menu in the Crystal Café.
- Includes: Shared coach transfers from hotel to Coober Pedy Airport.
- Includes: Seats on a shared RPT flight from Coober Pedy to Adelaide.

Breakfast: Included.
Buffet breakfast is available in the Crystal Café from 7.00am to 10.00am.

Morning activity:
Places on a shared, small-group, coach tour of Coober Pedy.

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.

Departs from: Desert Cave Hotel reception
Time of Departure: 8.00am.
Returns to: Desert Cave Hotel reception.
Tour duration: Approximately 4 hours.

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.

1.30pm Be ready and waiting with luggage for shared coach transfers to Coober Pedy Airport.

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

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 \$5.50/kg are payable by cash or credit card at check-in.

Estimated Flight Time:
2 hours.

14.35pm RPT flight scheduled to depart for Adelaide.

16.35pm RPT flight scheduled to arrive in Adelaide.

Tour includes:

A private charter flight from Adelaide to Port Augusta to Wilpena Pound to Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary (Flinders Ranges) to Innamincka to Coongie Lakes to Birdsville to Lake Eyre to William Creek to Coober Pedy.
Shared coach transfers from Arkaroola Airstrip to accommodation.
Light lunch at Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary
Places on a shared small-group 4WD tour with English-speaking guide, the Ridgetop Tour
Two course evening meal from menu in Native Pine Restaurant (alcohol available but not included)
One nights accommodation in an airconditioned double or twin share room with private ensuite in Mawson's Lodge at Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.
Continental breakfast at Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.
Refreshments at Innamincka Hotel.
Lunch at Birdsville Hotel (alcohol available but not included).
Refreshments at William Creek Hotel.
Coach transfers from Coober Pedy to 3.5 star hotel accommodation.
Three course evening meal from menu in Umberto's Restaurant (alcohol available but not included).
One night's accommodation in an double or twin share room at the Desert Cave Hotel.
Underground rooms available at no additional charge.
Buffet breakfast in the Crystal Café.
Places on a shared, small-group, guided tour of Coober Pedy and opal fields
Places on a shared, scheduled RPT flight from Coober Pedy to Adelaide.
GST, landing fees, Council-imposed head taxes.

Aircraft type used from Coober Pedy to Lake Eyre to Flinders Ranges to Adelaide.

Single Engine Cessna:



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