

## 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 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 Flinders Ranges**

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 Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.

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.

**Refreshments:**  
Light refreshments are included.

**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 Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.

Estimated Flight Time:

1 hour 30 minutes.

**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.  
Two course evening meal.  
One night's accommodation in a Mawsons Lodge room with private en-suite.  
Buffet breakfast.  
Places on a shared 4WD tour – the Ridgetop Tour.  
Lunch on departure.

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 Three: Flinders Ranges to Adelaide.**

Includes: Breakfast at Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.  
Includes: Places on a shared small group 4WD tour with guide – the Ridgetop Tour.  
Includes: Lunch at Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.  
Includes: Airstrip transfers on departure from Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.  
Includes: Private charter flight from Arkaroola to Wilpena Pound to Port Augusta to Adelaide.  
Includes: Airport transfers from Adelaide Airport to any hotel in Adelaide's CBD.

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

**Morning activity:**

Included.  
Ridgetop 4WD Tour.

8.00am 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.

Tour duration: Four hours.

Tour returns to: Arkaroola reception.

Included: Morning tea, English-speaking guide.

**Lunch**

Included.

Order from menu in the Native Pine Restaurant.

Native Pine Restaurant open for lunch between 12 noon and 2pm.

2.00pm Be ready with luggage for transfers to Arkaroola Airstrip.

On arrival prepare for immediate departure to Adelaide.

Estimated Flight Time – 3 hours, with re-fuelling stop in Port Augusta.

In-flight viewing:

Wilpena Pound  
Southern Flinders Ranges.

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On arrival at Adelaide Airport, private transfers will be waiting to go directly to any hotel in Adelaide's CBD.

1730pm Estimated time of arrival at any hotel in Adelaide's CBD.

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)	5585	4155	3395

Twin engine aircraft	2 pax	3 pax	4 pax	5 pax	6 pax	7 pax	8 pax
RRP	8920	6240	4855	4145	3510	3215	2860

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

Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary to Adelaide.

Refreshments at William Creek Hotel and Innamincka Hotel.

Lunch at the Birdsville Hotel (alcohol available but not included).

Shared transfers from Arkaroola airstrip to accommodation.

Two course evening meal from set menu in 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.

Breakfast at Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.

Places on a shared small-group 4WD tour with English-speaking guide, the Ridgetop Tour.

Light lunch at Arkaroola Wilderness Santuary.

Airport transfers from Adelaide Airport to any hotel in Adelaide's CBD.

GST, landing fees, head taxes.

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.