



Day 1 (D): Wagga Wagga to Renmark – Friday 19 August 2022

Welcome to our 8-day tour into the remote northern region of South Australia that will provide a stunning opportunity to fly over **Lake Eyre**. To get here we will travel via the South Australian Riverland and the Flinders Ranges to base ourselves at **Leigh Creek** – 600ks north of Adelaide. From Wagga Wagga we travel into the South Australian Riverland for our overnight stop at **Renmark**. (*Lunch own arrangements & cost/Dinner in the motel*)

Renmark Hotel Motel, Renmark

Day 2 (BLD): Renmark to Leigh Creek – Saturday 20 August 2022

We make an early start today and head to the small South Australian town of **Burra** for our morning break. Copper from Burra's "Monster Mine" saved South Australia from bankruptcy in the 1840's. It was the largest metal mine in the country employing 1000 people. Our lunch stop is in Peterborough and we visit the **Steamtown Rail Heritage Centre** which has undergone extensive expansion and refurbishment. After a tour and a light lunch our afternoon drive takes us to Hawker where we look at the **Jeff Morgan Gallery**. Jeff has created a unique work of art in a round format which can be viewed by climbing onto a large platform which gives the illusion, just as if you were on top of St. Mary's Peak in the Flinders Ranges. From here we have around another hour and a half onto **Leigh Creek** for our two-night stay. (*Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Light lunch at Steamtown*)

Leigh Creek Outback Resort

Day 3 (BLD): Flights over Lake Eyre – Sunday 21 August 2022

From Leigh Creek we now head to Marree where we join our 2-hour scenic flights over **Lake Eyre** and the surrounding areas. Starting at the Marree airport we head over the Dog Fence and the remarkable and controversial **Marree Man** and the Oodnadatta Track. Onto the bottom of **Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre South** and across to the Southern tip of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre North and Belt Bay the lowest point on mainland Australia. From Belt Bay we pass Silcrete Island and Dalhenty Island tracking to the north along the Warburton Groove. At the top of the Lake we take in the spectacular views of the Neales River delta and inlet, the Warburton Inlet and the Kalaweerina Creek and inlet. Flying south down the eastern side of the Lake with views of the Cooper Creek Inlet, Islands, natural springs and into the Madigan Gulf. This flight is an excellent way to see all that Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre has to offer including the main river systems which feed into the Lake. Back in Marree we have lunch at the

Marree Hotel and take a look around town before heading back to Leigh Creek with an afternoon stop in **Farina** to look at the historic ruins. (*Breakfast & Dinner at the Leigh Creek Outback Resort, pub lunch at Marree*) (Depending on numbers group may have to be split in 2 to cover all passengers)

Day 4 (BLD): Leigh Creek to Port Pirie – Monday 22 August 2022

Departing Leigh Creek after breakfast we now head to the historic ruins of **Kanyaka Homestead** for our morning break before arriving in **Quorn** late morning. Here we welcome a local guide on board the coach for a tour and hear some interesting tales regarding the town. We have lunch and then head to the **Quorn Railway Station** for a look through the visitor centre before we board the '**Pichi Richi**' Railway for a ride on one of Australia's oldest railways. This section of rail line is the original Port Augusta to Alice Springs line which travels through the famous Pichi Richi Pass. Our journey this afternoon will take us from Quorn to Port Augusta and our coach will meet us on arrival in Port Augusta and then we head to Port Pirie for the night. (*Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Lunch at Teas on the Terrace*)

Comfort Inn Augusta, Port Augusta

Day 5 (BLD): Port Augusta to Broken Hill – Tuesday 23 August 2022

Sit back and relax this morning, as we travel to Broken Hill for the next two nights of our tour. Upon arrival in Broken Hill, we stop for lunch at **The Broken Hill Musicians Club** and this afternoon we visit the **Sulphide Street Railway and Historical Museum** before checking into our hotel. (*Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Lunch at Broken Hill Musicians Club*)

Silver Haven Motor Inn Broken Hill

Day 6 (BLD): Broken Hill & Silverton – Wednesday 24 August 2022

A local guide will join us this morning, describing the history of **Broken Hill** and points out some of the historic buildings. Dominating this town is the "**Line of Lode**" – the seven-kilometre strip of what was the biggest deposit of silver, lead and zinc in the world. We now head up to the best view in town - from the top of the Line of Lode where we find the **Miners Memorial**. Next, we visit the **Silver City Mint and Art Centre**. Known as one of the best galleries in town, the centre houses jewellery made from Broken Hill silver, a Broken Hill mineral display and an extensive range of original paintings by well-known artists. However, it is the dramatic "**Big Picture**" painted by Peter Anderson that will be a highlight of our tour to Broken Hill. Late morning, we drive to **Silverton**, which preceded Broken Hill and was for a time, the largest town in the Barrier Ranges. Today it's a virtual ghost town but a number of the historic buildings remain. We enjoy a light lunch at the **Silverton Pub**, then step back in time at the **Silverton Gaol and Historical Museum**. Virtually every aspect of life in Silverton's heyday is represented, with literally thousands of items on display. On the outskirts of town is the **Mundi Mundi Lookout** and from here we can see the wide-open expanses of the Mundi Mundi Plains as well as the curvature of the earth. (*Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Lunch at Silverton Hotel*)

Day 7 (BLD): Broken Hill to Mildura – Thursday 25 August 2022

As we leave Broken Hill, we make a visit to the **Royal Flying Doctor Base** at Broken Hill Airport. We will enjoy a guided tour of this fascinating facility and experience first-hand a real-life Flying Doctor base in action, view historical photos and other equipment. We now head to **Wentworth** for our lunch stop at the Crown Hotel and arrive in Mildura mid-afternoon. We take a look at the **Old Mildura Station Homestead**; this is where the Chaffey families originally established themselves before beginning construction of **Rio Vista**. Following the success of early irrigation development work William Chaffey began construction of Rio Vista in 1889. The Spanish name Rio Vista (River View) reflects the Californian influences found in the house. In 1889 the family moved into the completed Rio Vista. Although the Mildura scheme was a remarkable achievement, the Chaffey brothers

encountered financial difficulties and never realised the dream of prosperity that Rio Vista symbolised. Now the home of the **Mildura Arts Centre** and **Historical Museum** the home features antique filled rooms of the 1890s, beautifully restored woodwork, exquisite hand painted stained glass windows and door panelling. After checking into our hotel, we can freshen up before we head to the Mildura Wharf and board our relaxing dinner cruise of the **Murray River**. *(Breakfast in the motel/Lunch at Crown Hotel, Dinner cruise tonight)*

Inlander Resort, Mildura

Day 8 (B): Heading Home to Wagga Wagga – Saturday 26 August 2022

Over the past few days, we have seen some really remote areas of inland Australia. Today we head home, arriving late afternoon. *(Breakfast in the motel/Lunch own arrangements & cost)*

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc.