

# Sydney Social Flying February 2025 Air Safari Great Australian Bight

7-Night Flying Adventure following South Australia's Coast



**SPEND TWO NIGHTS EACH ON KANGAROO ISLAND AND CLARE VALLEY, DROP INTO A REMOTE ISLAND FOR LUNCH .**

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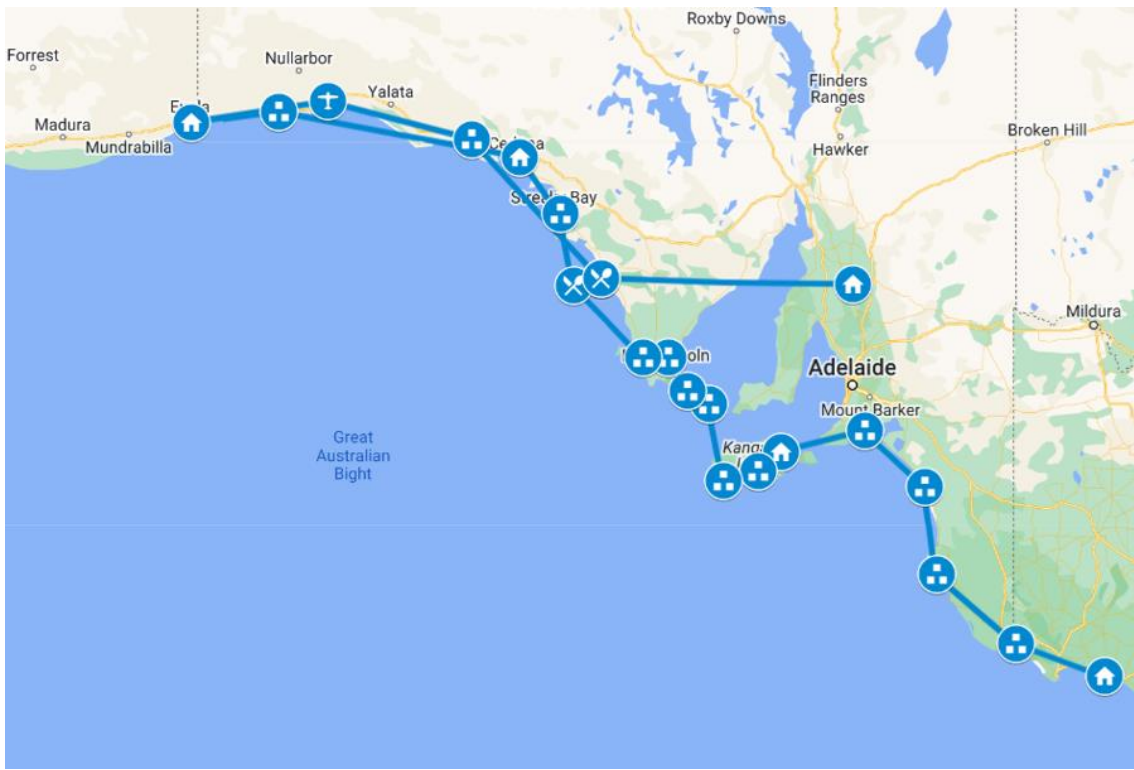
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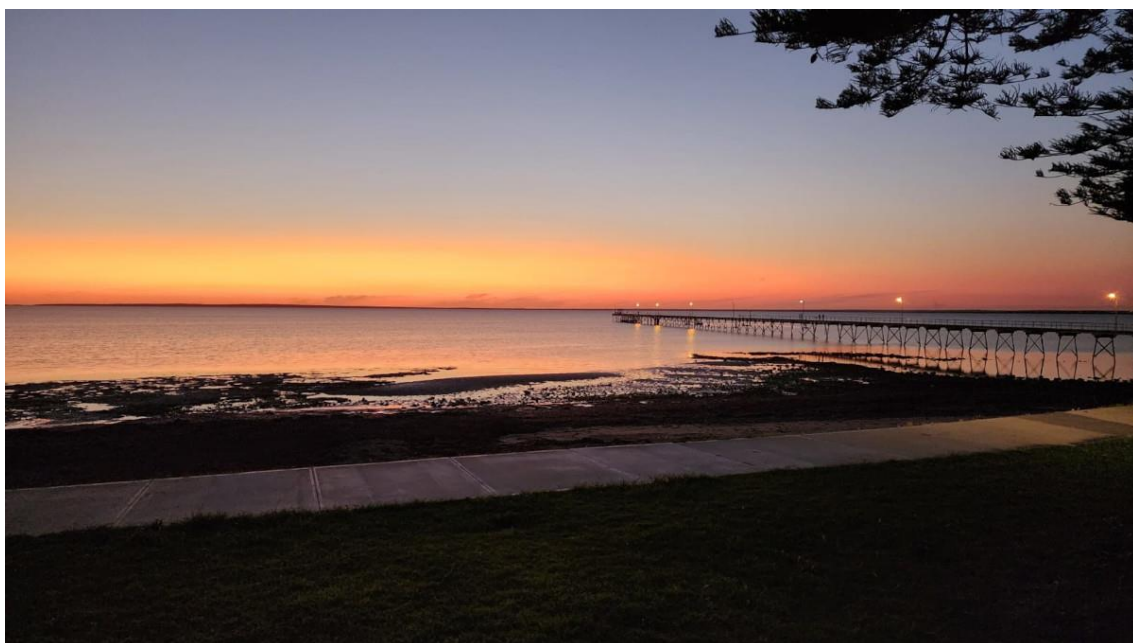




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Date	Route	Overnight	Distance (nm)
By 22-Feb	Home Base to YPFA	Port Fairy	
23-Feb	YPFA-Caves Airstrip-YRBE-YSCK-YGWA-YKSC	Kangaroo Island	323
24-Feb	Rest Day	Kangaroo Island	
25-Feb	YKSC-YVOB-Flinders Chase-YWGI-YTHI-YPLC-YCOF-YFLS-YKBY-YCDU	Ceduna	346
26-Feb	YCDU-YCHD-YECL	Eucla	250
27-Feb	YECL-YNUB-YPEN-YELN-YCVA	Clare	541
28-Feb	Rest Day	Clare	
01-Mar	YCVA to Home Base		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7 Stops</b>	<b>7 Nights</b>	<b>1,460</b>

Note: Distances exclude travel to start location and return to home airport



## Cost Summary

Price Type	Single Occupancy	Double / Twin Share
Base Price	\$3,350	\$2,750

- Prices are quoted per person.
- **Pricing includes** accommodation for 7 night at Port Fairy, Kangaroo Island, Ceduna, Eucla and Clare
- **Pricing includes** three breakfasts, two lunches, and five dinners.
- **Pricing includes** airport transfers at Kangaroo Island, Ceduna, Eucla and Clare. Also, includes accommodation to airport transfer at Port Fairy.
- **Pricing includes** Kangaroo Island day tour, and use of a vehicle to explore Clare Valley.

**A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to secure your place.**

**Great Australian Bight Air Safari Participants will be advised of their total cost by late January, with final payment expected in mid-February 2025.**





## Terms and Conditions

Sydney Social Flying is a tour company, that arranges accommodation, catering, transfers, and activities for Safari participants.

It is the responsibility of the pilot in command and passengers to ensure the safe operation of the aircraft that they are travelling in.

All participants accept Sydney Social Flying may change the itinerary.

Sydney Social Flying makes no assurance that the information in this document or any other documents relating to Safaris is correct.

Payments you make to Sydney Social Flying may be used to pay for; accommodation, landside activities, tours, restaurants, and other planned activities.

On making your payment, you are authorizing Sydney Social Flying to make bookings on your behalf. Sydney Social Flying payments to suppliers are subject to their Terms and Conditions. Should you need to cancel your booking, this could result in cancellation charges being levied by suppliers.

Our cancellation policy is as follows. Sydney Social Flying will refund the monies paid, less any supplier cancellation fees. Additionally, we reserve the right to charge up to a \$250 per person cancellation administration fee.

## Itinerary Saturday, February 22 to Saturday, March 1

### DAY ONE Saturday, February 22

The Great Australian Bight Air Safari starts at Port Fairy, a historic fishing town in the southwest of Victoria between Warrnambool and Portland.

Many of Port Fairy's early buildings remain from its days as a port for sealers and whalers back in the 1800s. Port Fairy is home to Victoria's oldest continuously licensed hotel, The Caledonian Inn, "aka The Stump" dates back to 1844.

For early arrivals, there are several walking trails to explore Port Fairy, with the museum on the Moyne River worth visiting. There are also plenty of choices of cafés and bars, along with several art galleries and studios.

Dinner that evening will be at one of the excellent restaurants.



**Quayside in Port Fairy**

### DAY TWO Sunday, February 23

A late morning start provides plenty of time to arrive at Kingscote, Kangaroo Island, by early afternoon. Note, there is no AVGAS at Kingscote, with Goolwa being an en-route option.

If not done on arrival at Port Fairy, there could be an opportunity to backtrack about 30 miles for a view of the Twelve apostles from the air.

Following the rugged southwest coast of Victoria, the sweep of Long Bay between Kingston SE and Victor Harbour, and the crystal-clear waters surrounding the Fleurieu Peninsular should provide for many photos.

Depart	Arrive	Track (Mag)	Dist (nm)
Port Fairy (YPFA)	Caves Airstrip	280	65
Caves Airstrip	Robe (YRBE)	301	74
Robe (YRBE)	Salt Creek (YSCK)	344	63
Salt Creek (YSCK)	Goolwa (YGWA)	304	59
Goolwa (YGWA)	Kingscote (YKSC)	249	62



**Rosetta Head  
Victor Harbour**

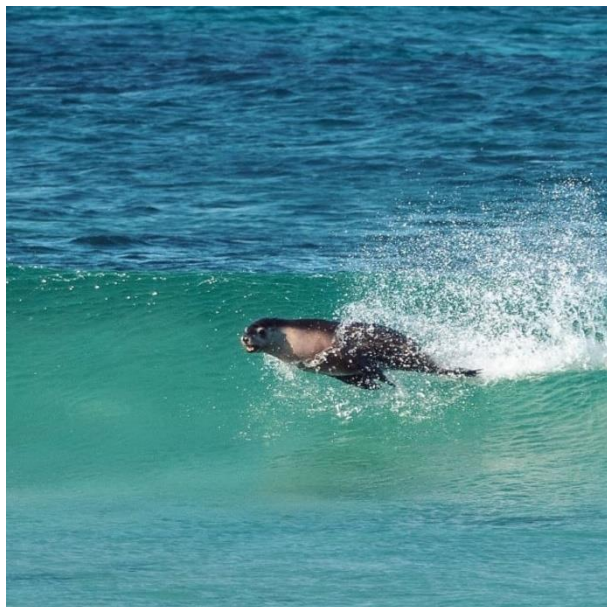
## DAY THREE Monday, February 24

Today is an opportunity to tour the southern coast of Kangaroo Island. Highlights include visiting Seal Bay, to observe a colony from an 800-meter boardwalk of Sea Lions. Seal Bay has been their home for thousands of years.

The nearby Vivonne Bay is where we stop for lunch. It is a six-kilometer-long U-shaped beach with crystal-clear shallow water and was once voted Australia's best beach.

The tour reaches the southwest corner of the island – the renowned Flinders Chase National Park.

There are many photo opportunities here Cape du Couedic Lighthouse, the surreal shapes of the Remarkable Rocks, and the Admirals Arch an impressive rock arch weathered over thousands of years, but also home to a colony of long-nosed fur seals.



**Seal Bay, Kangaroo Island**

## DAY FOUR Tuesday, February 25

For the flight to Ceduna, a suggested route is to first track to Flinders Reach, then via south Spencer Gulf Islands to Port Lincoln, before following the west coast of the Eyre Peninsular to Flinders Island, where we have lunch.

Privately owned by the Woolford family, Flinders Island has become an eco-tourism destination, transitioning from a sheep station since the mid-2000s.

Depart	Arrive	Track (Mag)	Dist (nm)
Kingscote (YKSC)	Vivonne Bay (YVOB)	220	22
Vivonne Bay (YVOB)	Flinders Chase	249	25
Flinders Chase	Wedge Island (YWGI)	341	56
Wedge Island (YWGI)	Thistle Island (YTHI)	295	17
Thistle Island (YTHI)	Port Lincoln (YPLC)	322	28
Port Lincoln (YPLC)	Coffin Bay (YCOF)	266	19
Coffin Bay (YCOF)	Flinders Island (YFLS)	310	72
Flinders Island (YFLS)	Streaky Bay (YKBY)	343	55
Streaky Bay (YKBY)	Ceduna (YCDU)	319	52



**Flinders Island for Lunch**



## DAY FIVE Wednesday, February 26

Today's flying highlight is the Bunda Cliffs, starting at the Head of the Bight and stretching west to Eucla, just inside the Western Australia border. These limestone cliffs, some 60–120 meters (200–390 ft) in height, are over 100 kilometers long, making them the longest uninterrupted sea cliffs in the world.

Eucla's claim to fame is its telegraph station. The East-West Telegraph line, built in 1875–77, was the final link in Australia's telegraph infrastructure and connected all five colonies.

The stone telegraph station was built in 1898, replacing the weatherboard station began operations on 9 December 1877.

The Eucla Telegraph Station ceased operation in 1927, and its ruins are slowly disappearing under the encroaching dunes. At its peak, it was handling 600 telegraphs per day and was home to 26 telegraphists and their families.

Depart	Arrive	Track (Mag)	Dist (nm)
Ceduna (YCDU)	Chadwick (YCHD)	276	184
Chadwick (YCHD)	Eucla (YECL)	259	66

## DAY SIX Thursday, February 27

The flight today, can provide another opportunity to view the Bunda Cliffs. Aircraft requiring fuel can go via the Nullabor Roadhouse. Elliston, on the west coast of the the Eyre Peninsula, is our lunch stop.

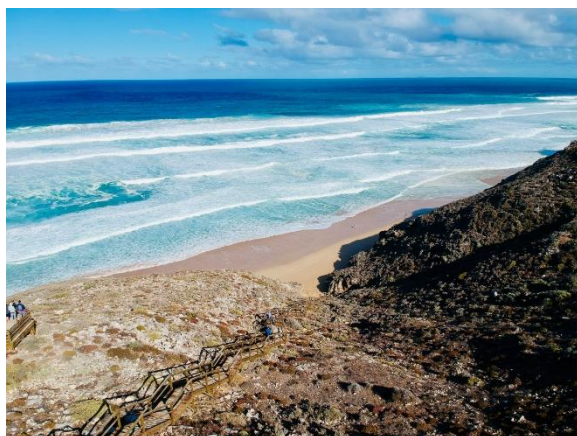
Elliston, with its rugged, scenic coastline considered some of the most spectacular on the Eyre Peninsula, has a reputation for its fishing, swimming, surfing and bushwalking.

With a hinterland of rolling hills, it is also a significant center for cereal-growing, mixed-farming as well as fishing. All aircraft should arrive at Clare Valley airfield no later than 4 pm, providing ample time to settle in, perhaps accompanied by a glass of one of Clare Valley's renowned Reislings..

Depart	Arrive	Track (Mag)	Dist (nm)
Eucla (YECL)	Nullabor Roadhouse (YNUB)	077	105
Nullabor Roadhouse (YNUB)	Penong (YPEN)	100	111
Penong (YPEN)	Elliston (YELN)	131	141
Elliston (YELN)	Clare Valley (YCVA)	084	184



**Bunda Cliffs**



**Elliston Coastline**

## DAY SEVEN Friday, February 28

With several hire cars, there is lots of flexibility in how you would like to spend a day in Clare Valley, with its cluster of wineries, villages, and pristine farmlands.

For example, there are many cellar doors available for wine tastings. A good start to locate these is the 35-kilometer Riesling Trail, which could be done on a hire bike.

A significant heritage building worth visiting is Martindale Hall at Mintaro, an outstanding example of the grand country mansions constructed by wealthy pastoralists.

Edmund Bowman Snr purchased 9,159 acres around Mintaro, in the mid-nineteenth century and named the property Martindale Station. Edmund Jr commissioned Martindale Hall to be built in 1879 – 1880 for £30,000. The building has 32 rooms of which 7 of these are for a cellar. No expense was spared on outdoor facilities, such as a polo ground, racecourse, a boating lake, and a cricket pitch where the English 11 played at least once.

The final dinner of the Safari will be at one of the fine restaurants found in Clare, perhaps preceded by Friday night drinks at the Clare Valley Wine, Food and Tourism Centre.

## DAY EIGHT Saturday, March 1

After a hearty breakfast, it is time to say good-bye to your fellow travelers and set off for home.



**Jim Barry Winery, Clare Valley**



**Clare Dining**



**Martindale Hall**



**Cellar Door, Greg Cooley Winery**

## Accommodation

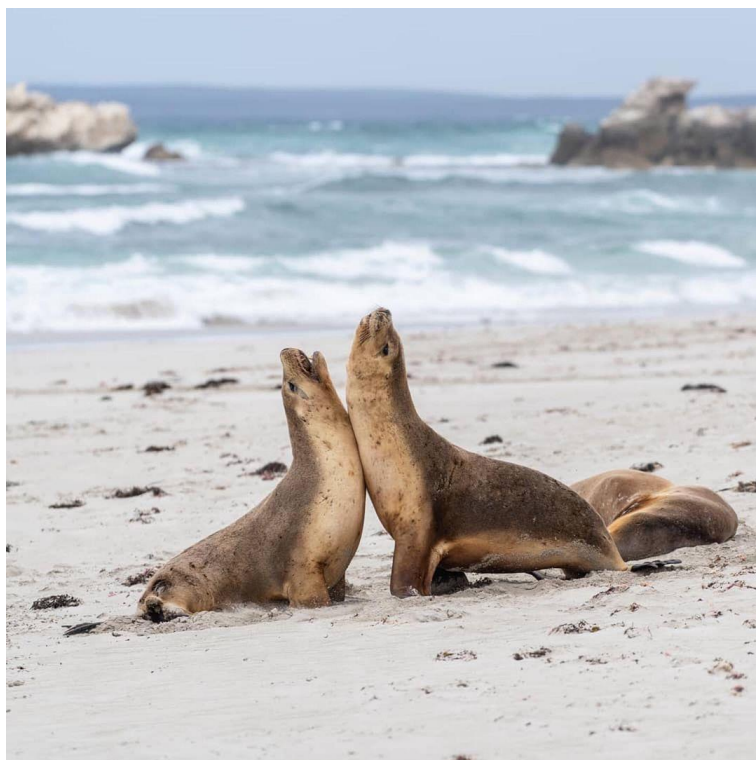
Date	Destination	Accommodation	Web Site	Phone
Sat Feb 22	Port Fairy	Seacombe House	<a href="https://www.seacombehouse.com.au">https://www.seacombehouse.com.au</a>	(03) 5568 1082
Sun Feb 23 Mon Feb 24	Penneshaw, Kangaroo Island	Kangaroo Island Seafront Hotel	<a href="https://seafront.com.au">https://seafront.com.au</a>	1800 624 624
Tue Feb 25	Ceduna	Ceduna Foreshore Hotel Motel	<a href="https://www.cedunahotel.com.au">https://www.cedunahotel.com.au</a>	(08) 8625 2008
Wed Feb 26	Eucla	The Eucla Motel	<a href="https://www.euclastay.com.au">https://www.euclastay.com.au</a>	(08) 9039 3468
Thu Feb 27 Fri Feb 28	Clare	Clare Valley Motel	<a href="http://www.clarevalleymotel.com.au">http://www.clarevalleymotel.com.au</a>	(08) 8842 2799

**Included Transfers** are accommodation to airfield transfers at Port Fairy, and return accommodation airfield transfers at Kangaroo Island, Ceduna, Eucla and Clare.

**Included Meals** are breakfasts both mornings on Kangaroo Island and Eucla; lunches at Flinders Island and Elliston; dinners at Port Fairy, both nights on Kangaroo Island (both nights), Eucla, and the last night at Clare.

## Tours

Date	Location	Activity	Start	Duration	Cost (Per Person)
Mon Feb 24	Kangaroo Island	South Coast Tour	09:00	7.0 hours	included
Fri Feb 28	Clare Valley	Use of hire vehicle	08:00	9.0 hours	included



## Airfields

Airfield	ICAO Code	Fuel Provider	Phone	Payment Method	Self Service
Port Fairy	YPFA	N/A	0408 528 882		
Warnambool	YWBL	Warnambool City Council	(03) 5559 4800	Air BP Carnet	Yes
Robe	YRBE	N/A	0419 009 442		
Goolwa	YGWA	Goolwa Airport	0415 470 240	Master / Viva CC	Yes
Aldinga	YADG	Aldinga Aviation Pty Ltd	0493 542 499	Master / Viva CC	Yes
Kingscote	YKSC	N/A	0407 715 363		
Port Lincoln	YPLC	World Fuel Services	0448 874 251	World Fuel Carnet Master / Visa CC	Yes
Ceduna	YCDU	Air BP	0419 862 195	Air BP Carnet	Yes
Eucla	YECL	N/A	(08) 90393468		
Nullabor Roadhouse	YNUB	Nullabor Roadhouse	(08) 8625 6271	Master / Viva CC	No
Elliston	YELN	N/A	(08) 8687 9177		
Port Augusta	YPAG	Flying Fuels	0429 695 728	Flying Fuels Carnet Master / Viva CC	Yes
Clare Valley	YCVA	Compac	0412 602 447	Compac Pay Mobile App	Yes
Mildura	YMIA	World Fuel Services	0409 736 530	World Fuel Carnet Master / Visa CC	Yes
Hay	YHAY	Aero Refuellers		Aero Refuelers Carnet Master / Visa CC	Yes

Organisation	Location	Web Site	Contact
Field Air	Ballarat Airport	<a href="https://www.fieldair.com.au">https://www.fieldair.com.au</a>	(03) 5330 9330
Horsham Aviation Services	Horsham Airport	<a href="https://horshamaviation.com.au">https://horshamaviation.com.au</a>	(03) 5381 1727
Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Solutions	Portland Airport	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/p/Aircraft-Maintenance-Engineering-Solutions-100070883282823">https://www.facebook.com/p/Aircraft-Maintenance-Engineering-Solutions-100070883282823</a>	aircraftmaintenanceman@gmail.com
Aldinga Aero Aircraft Maintenance	Aldinga Airport	<a href="https://www.aldingaaero.com.au">https://www.aldingaaero.com.au</a>	(08) 8557 6117
Tuna City Aviation Pty Ltd	Port Lincoln Airport		(08) 8684 3616
Aero Service Pty Ltd	Parafield and Murray Bridge Airports	<a href="https://www.aeroserviceparafield.com.au">https://www.aeroserviceparafield.com.au</a>	(08) 8250 2000
Ram Air Flying Services	Mildura Airport	<a href="https://www.ramairflying.com.au">https://www.ramairflying.com.au</a>	0448 832 260



## Links

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