

Sydney Social Flying June 2024 Air Safari Destination William Creek

6 Day Flying Adventure to Central Australia



ICONIC LOCATIONS – OUTBACK PUBS FOR LUNCH, DIG TREE, KATI THANDA (LAKE EYRE), WILLIAM CREEK, INNAMINKA, ARKARoola

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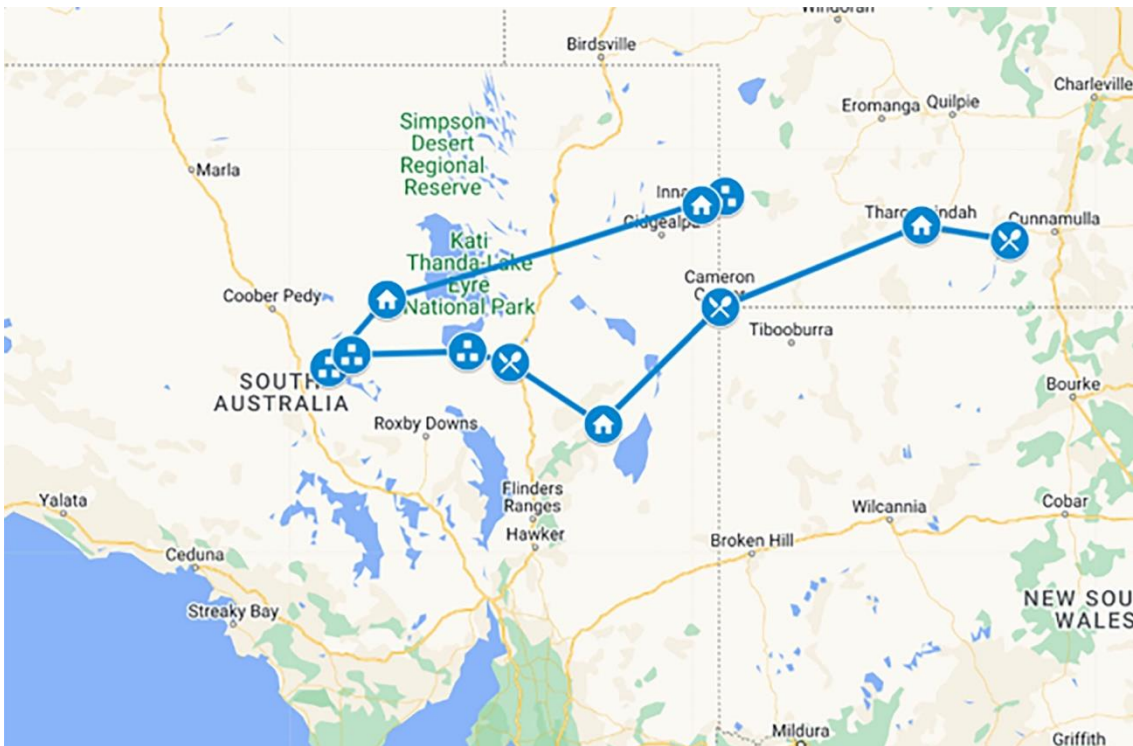
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Date	Route	Overnight	Distance (nm)
By 16-Jun	Home Base to YEUEO		
16-Jan	YEUEO-YTGM	Thargomindah	66
17-Jun	YTGM-Cameron Corner-Nappa Merrie Dig Tree-YARK	Arkaroola	282
18-Jun	Rest Day	Arkaroola	
19-Jun	YARK-YMRE-Marree Man-Painted Hills-Prominent Hill-YWMC	William Creek	281
20-Jun	YWMC-Nappa Merrie Dig Tree-YIMT	Innaminka	281
21-Jun	YIMT to Home Base		
Totals	7 Stops	5 Nights	910

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



Cost Summary

Price Type	Single Occupancy	Double / Twin Share
Base Inclusive Price	\$2,400	\$2,000

- Prices are quoted per person.
- Accommodation prices, which exclude getting to Eulo and returning from Innaminka, are for 7 nights.
- **Pricing includes** all meals - five breakfasts, five lunches and five dinners.
- **Pricing includes** airport transfers at Thargomindah, Arkaroola, Marree, and Innaminka
- **Pricing excludes** Activities. A list of optional activities can be found on the Activities page towards the end of this document. The total price of all Activities would be an additional \$325 per person. Please note, morning tea is inclusive with the Arkaroola Ridgeway Tour.

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

William Creek Air Safari Participants will be advised their total cost by late March, with final payment expected April 2024.

Please refer our web page for Terms and Conditions.



Itinerary Sunday 16 to Friday June 21

DAY ONE Sunday June 16

This year the William Creek Air Safari starts at Eulo, with lunch at the Eulo Queen Hotel a short stroll from the airport. Depending on the joining journeys of safari participants, it is possible arrangements will be made to stay overnight at location that allows for a leisurely flight to Eulo.

Thargomindah is where we stay on Sunday night. It has an interesting history, having in 1893, the first electric street lighting in Australia. In the world, it was the third after London and Paris to have hydro electric street lightings. The historic hospital, Hydro Power Plant and Leahy House built in the 1880s are good places to visit if you have time.

Dinner that night is at the motel with the Bullo River Hotel Motel across the road being an excellent venue for a debrief of the day's flying!

Depart	Arrive	Track (Mag)	Dist (nm)
Eulo (YEEO)	Thargomindah (YTGM)	271	66



**Old Thargomindah Hospital (1888)
made from mud bricks**

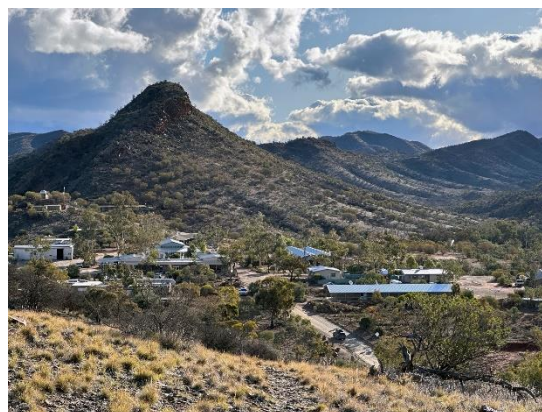
DAY TWO Monday June 17

Today's journey takes you via Cameron Corner for a lunch stop. The onward flight to Arkaroola will probably take around an hour and overflies the Strezlecki Desert and Lake Callabonna.

With 610 square kilometers of freehold and pastoral lease, the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary was established by geologist / biologist Reg Sprigg in 1968 through his purchase of the pastoral lease, followed by its subsequent conversion to a wilderness sanctuary.

The area around Arkaroola is sprinkled with many abandoned small mine, and The Arkaroola Protection Act 2012, enabled Arkaroola to be listed on the South Australian Heritage Register as a prerequisite for eventual national and world heritage listings.

Depart	Arrive	Track (Mag)	Dist (nm)
Thargomindah (YTGM)	Cameron Corner	240	161
Cameron Corner	Arkaroola (YARK)	218	121



Arkaroola Village

DAY THREE Tuesday June 18



Ridgetop Tour

There will be an opportunity on the Arkaroola rest day to take the half day Ridgetop tour.

The Ridgetop country is the oldest part of the Flinders Ranges, much of it is granite, but also includes some even more ancient sedimentary rock that was laid down in an ancient sea nearly 1,600 million years ago.

The geological history of this region is fascinating – with the granites fracturing and impregnated with uranium 440 million years ago. These have since been dissolved from the rocks and dumped on the eastern plains where it is recovered at the Beverley uranium mine a few kilometres out on the plains below Sillers Lookout.

Other photo opportunities on this tour include Freeling Heights, a ring of saw toothed blue mountains that fringe the Mawson Plateau and the 1,000 meter deep Yudnamutana Gorge.

DAY FOUR WEDNESDAY June 19

Leaving late morning, first stop is Marree Hotel for lunch. Following this, the Maree to William Creek route can take you 30 nautical miles to the west via Marree Man, Anna Creek Painted Hills and the Prominent Hill mine with perhaps a detour via Kati Thanda (Lake Eyre) .

The Painted Hills, which are not widely known, are a 30 by 10 km area of sandstone outcroppings of vivid colours that emerge suddenly out of the desert and are a result of 50 million years of climate change that have laid bare the desert's oxidised rock strata.

Depart	Arrive	Track (Mag)	Dist (nm)
Arkaroola (YARK)	Marree (YMRE)	297	80
Maree (YMRE)	Marree Man	278	32
Marree Man	Anna Creek Painted Hills	262	86
Anna Creek Painted Hills	Prominent Hill (YPMH)	236	18
Prominent Hill (YPMH)	William Creek (YWMC)	035	65



Marree Man

DAY FIVE Thursday June 20

Today's flight to Innaminka will take you over Kati Thanda (Lake Eyre), offering many photo opportunities. Twenty miles from Innaminka is Nappa Merrie Dig Tree of Burke and Wills fame.

There are actually two trees here - the famous Dig Tree with instructions on how to locate the food cache blazed into it, and about 30 meters downstream the Face Tree which has Burke's face carved into it. This was done in 1898 by John Dick.

This monument serves as a poignant reminder of the extreme harshness of the outback. The events at Cooper Creek in 1861 serve as case study in how a little bit more communication and initiative may have prevented the deaths of Burke and Wills.

Later that afternoon in Innaminka, there will be an opportunity for a leisurely boat cruise on Cooper Creek.

Depart	Arrive	Track (Mag)	Dist (nm)
William Creek (YWMC)	Nappa Merrie Dig Tree	066	262
Nappe Merrie Dig Tree	Innaminka (YIMT)	240	19



Face Tree carved by John Dick 1898

DAY SIX Friday June 21

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



Accommodation

Date	Destination	Accommodation	Web Site	Phone
Sun Jun 16	Thargomindah	Oasis Motel	http://www.thargomindah-oasis.com.au	(07) 4655 3155
Mon Jun 17 Tue Jun 18	Arkaroola	Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary	https://www.arkaroola.com.au	(08) 8648 4848
Wed Jun 19	William Creek	William Creek Hotel	https://www.williamcreekhotel.com	(08) 8670 7880
Thu Jun 20	Innaminka	Innaminka Hotel	https://innaminckahotel.com.au	(08) 8675 9901

Included Transfers are Dubbo, Thargomindah, Innaminka, Arkaroola and Wentworth airfield to accommodation return. Accommodation at William Creek is within walking distance from aircraft parking.

Included Meals are breakfasts on all mornings, lunches at Eulo, Cameron Corner, Arkaroola and Maree, and dinners all evenings

Tours

Date	Location	Activity	Start	Duration	Cost (Per Person)
Mon Jun 17 or Tue Jun 18	Arkaroola	# Astronomy Tour	19:00	2.0 hours	\$60
Tue Jun 18	Arkaroola	# Ridgetop Tour	08:00	4.0 hours	\$195
Thu Jun 20	Innaminka	# Cooper Creek Cruise	16:00	1.0 hour	\$70





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Airfields

Airfield	ICAO Code	Fuel Provider	Phone	Payment Method	Self Service
Dubbo	YSDU	Viva	0407 708 866	Fuel2Scy Card, Visa or Master CC	Yes
		Air BP	0419 767 200	Air BP Carnet	No
Bourke	YBKE	Viva	0448 821 146	Fuel2Sky Card, Visa or Master CC	Yes
Eulo	YEEO	N/A			
Thargomindah	YTGM	Bullo Shire Council	07 4621 8000	Visa or Master CC	Yes
Cameron Corner		N/A			
Nappa Merrie Dig Tree		N/A			
Innaminka	YIMT	Innaminka Trading Post	08 8675 9900	Visa or Master CC	No
Arkaroola	YARK	Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary	(08) 8648 4848	Visa or Master CC Prior Notice Required	No
William Creek	YWMC	Wrights Air	0434 777 930	Visa or Master CC	Yes
Leigh Creek	YLEC	Flying Fuels	0412 602 447	Visa or Master CC	Yes
Broken Hill	YBHI	Air BP	0408 728 605	Air BP Carnet	Yes
Cobar	YCBA	Skyfuel	0418 862 100	Skyfuel Carnet Visa or Master CC	Yes

Maintenance Organisations

Organisation	Location	Web Site	Contact
Sigma Aerospace	Tamworth Airport	https://www.sigmaaerospace.com.au	(02) 6760 7644
Beal Aircraft Maintenance	Dubbo Airport	https://www.facebook.com/Beal-Aircraft-Maintenance-916081998443530	(02) 6884 1000
Aircraft Services Wee Waa	“Nurruwyn” Wee Waa		(02) 6795 4496
Western Queensland Air Maintenance	Charleville Airport		(07) 4654 3030 0428 441 448 (after hours)
Consolidated Aviation	Broken Hill Airport		(08) 8088 4307
TAE Aviation Pty Ltd	Parafield Airport		(08) 8258 9040



Links

<https://www.aussietowns.com.au/town/eulo-qld>

<https://www.aussietowns.com.au/town/thargomindah-qld>

<http://www.thargotourism.com.au/dig-tree>

<http://www.thargotourism.com.au/the-burke-and-wills-dig-tree>

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<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-01-29/national-heritage-status-burke-and-wills-dig-tree-tourism-boost/7125968>

<http://www.innaminckatp.com.au>

http://www.outbacknow.com.au/index.php/towns/detail/south_australia/outback_sa/innamincka

<https://www.arkaroola.com.au>

<http://www.ausemade.com.au/sa/destination/w/william-creek/william-creek-images-03.htm>

<https://www.williamcreekhotel.com>

<https://www.aussietowns.com.au/town/wentworth-nsw>

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