



International
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Flying Rotarians

“Come Fly with Us”



Fly-A-Way Post RI Convention in Melbourne 2023.

Put your name down early to join in all the fun and fellowship of this unique Fly-A-Way as we embark on **“A Tango Around the Outback”**

A tri-state tour experiencing the sights, sounds, faces and places of outback Australia in a fly-A-way where our journey is as important as our destination. **Safety** is our first and foremost consideration. **Comfort and Style** are our secondary tour guiding principles.

The **Mother Vessel** is a luxury 48 seater coach providing a comfortable way of seeing the outback if not flying. It is proposed our GA aircraft and a chartered Chieftain will lead the way acting as **Satellites** returning to rejoin the mothership for each night’s stay. They

may take the **Long Way Around** each day exploring wider afield, increasing the aviation experience for all by sharing the joy; swapping a seat in the bus for a seat in the air on a **fair-time in the air** rotation basis built into our cost.

- When: 1st June - 9th June 2023
- Where: Departing from and returning to Melbourne AUS.
- Cost Estimate: inc luxury coach, tours, most meals & all accommodation, **AUD\$3,290** (32 pax) to **AUD\$2,995** (40 pax)
- Other: GA Aircraft hire to be available
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Melbourne RI Convention & IFFR Tango Round the Outback FlyAway Provisional Flyaway Programme (as at August 2022)

Melbourne Convention: Sunday 28 May to Wednesday 31 May



The Melbourne Sofitel is our base for the days of the Convention. Possibly Melbourne's finest hotel, the Sofitel has fantastic views over the city. It is in the heart of the city, with fine restaurants and shops nearby.

Melbourne is a city that is modern and vibrant by day and night. Its easy to get around and our hotel is close to both the venues the Convention will be using.

We will be holding the **IFFR Gala Dinner** at a prestigious venue, worthy of the occasion, most likely on Tuesday 30th May.

And we are planning at some stage during our stay in Melbourne to visit to the official museum of the Royal Australian Air Force, at Point Cook. The RAAF is the second oldest air force in the world, located at RAAF Williams Point Cook, Victoria, Australia which is the oldest continuously operating Military Air Base in the world.

Rooms at the Sofitel can be reserved from **Thursday 25 May to Thursday 1 June**.

If you are looking to rent a plane for the flyaway, remember to build enough time into your schedule for check rides.



Tango Round the Outback FlyAway

Thursday 1 June



Departing Melbourne, those who are flying will be dropped off at Moorabin airport to start the tour.

During the day, we will make our way to Warrnambool, Victoria, where we will spend our first night. As we make our along the Great Ocean Road scenic drive, way we will see and visit:

- Otway-Fly Walk Rain Forest & Zipline
- The Twelve Apostles
- Loch Ard Gorge & London Bridge
- The Maritime Discovery Centre

and, of course, we will see the wild Southern Ocean Pilots will be able to see these amazing features from the air

Friday 2 June and Saturday 3 June.

Leaving the Southern coast behind, we will now make our way into the Australian outback to Mildura, Victoria. On the way, the pilots may take a detour to Mt Gambier, South Australia for lunch. Mildura will be our base for two nights. During these two days, we will visit and explore many or all of the following (time permitting):

- Silo Art in rustic townships
- Salt Site
- Trentham Estate Winery
- Old Wentworth Gaol
- Inland botanic garden
- Mungo Nat Park - Walls of China
- Mungo Man & Lady (the most important human remains ever found in Australia)
- Ice-Age Footprint (42,000 years ago)

A highlight of these two days will be lunch or dinner on the Murray River Paddle Steamer.



Sunday 4 June and Monday 5 June



Moving on from Mildura, today we make our way to Broken Hill, New South Wales, where we will have our second two night stop. This will be another taste of real outback flying.

Broken Hill is a mining town, famous for its opal mines. With so much to see in the outback, we will be again looking to visit a good selection of:

- a visit to an opal mine and underground hotel (potentially for lunch)
- The Royal Flying Doctor Service Museum
- Living Desert Sanctuary
- The Mad Max film sets at Silverton
- Sulphide Street Railway and Historical Museum
- Mining and Minerals museum
- Lines of Lode Miners Memorial
- Pro Hart Gallery

We are also planning an evening of sunset cocktails at the Broken Hill sculptures.

Tuesday 6 June and Wednesday 7 June

Leaving Broken Hill, we make our way next to Echuca, Victoria, which is located on the Murray River for our third two night stay. Echuca is a town with a long history of river trade.

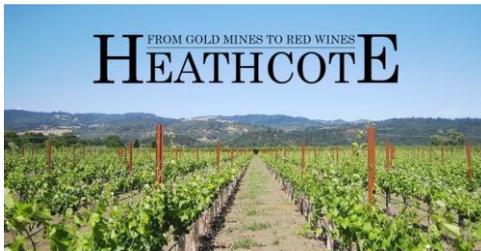
After a good day's travelling, with more great outback flying, we can have sunset drinks overlooking the river.

Then, in Echuca we can visit:

- Lake Boga Flying Boat Museum (home of the Catalina)
- Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement
- Port of Echuca Discovery Centre
- Holden Motor Museum
- The Great Oz Beer Shed, one of the most interesting and unique tourist attractions in Australia



Thursday 8 June



It's time to make our way back to Melbourne, return our planes and say farewell to our friendly Mother Ship driver.

It's a reasonably short run back to Melbourne, so we plan either a trip to Bendigo City, Heathcote Winery or Rochester Silo Art, before

Our Farewell Dinner! The chance to share our memories and our photos and look forward to our next Convention in Singapore 2024!

Friday 9 June

Sadly, all good things must come to an end. But why not think about extending your holiday. There is so much to see in Australia, from Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef in the north to rugged and relatively unexplored Tasmania in the South. Or head west to Perth for an entirely different Australian adventure. And even if you are in a hurry, you may want to consider extending your stay in Melbourne by a day or so in case non-VFR weather delays the return of the rented aircraft to Melbourne!

Please note: there is so much to see here it may not be possible to visit every attraction listed. The programme will be finalized and circulated in the next few weeks. We will also be operating in accordance with IFFR policies for fly arounds, and so some flexibility may be necessary in the programme in the event of non-VFR weather.