

**7 & 11
June
2010
5 Days**

Lake Eyre

Do not miss out on seeing Lake Eyre full for only the third time in recorded history!

**\$2299ppts
\$414s/s
Includes Flights**

Day 1: Home – Port Augusta (D)

This morning be collected from Thornton, Newcastle, Tuggerah and Hornsby before meeting fellow passengers at Sydney airport for our direct flight to Adelaide. Arriving in the city of churches your Coach will be awaiting to commence the journey of a lifetime. Following the Gulf of St. Vincent and later the Spencer Gulf, we will be travelling through some of South Australia's premier agriculture country. See the huge smelters of Port Pirie before arriving at the Crossroad town of Port Augusta, so named because of the junction of the East to West traffic and those like us heading on the Northern road to the top of the country. Enjoy dinner tonight in a typical South Australian 1900 homestead with the 3 foot thick walls and 12 foot ceilings.

**Standpipe Motor Inn
08 8642 4033**



Day 2: Port Augusta – Coober Pedy (BLD)

This morning we head north to Woomera cutting between Lake Gardner and Lake Torrens, for morning tea and a tour of the town. This town was created in the 1950's for rocket testing and was moth balled for a number of years, however recently activity has increased with the facility being used by research centres from all over the world developing new propulsion technology. Lunch will be at the little town of Glendambo, before arriving in Coober Pedy late afternoon.

The Opal Inn 08 8672 5054 (2 nights)



Day 3: Lake Eyre (BLD)

This morning board one of our chartered air crafts for your flight of a lifetime. The flight takes off from Coober Pedy and heads east to William

Creek, the half way point of the Oodnadatta Track. Our aircraft then begins its scenic flight over the Lakes. This country has now come alive with the channels filling from Birdsville and heading south. From the air, now there is water in the basin, an overview can be taken of the extent of the small creeks and lagoons that have now made this country impassable by road. Our pilot will also point out the remains and route of the first overland telegraph track.

We will drop into William Creek Hotel for lunch. The hotel accounts for a large proportion of the towns population,

which at 10 would probably make it one of the smallest towns in Australia. The Hotel has had very few changes since construction in 1887 and there is a lot of memorabilia that fellow travellers have adorned

the walls with since then. Following lunch there is time to visit the William Creek Store and museum. For the more adventurous a moderate walk along the railway line will bring you to Breakfast Creek. After lunch we continue our flight over this country which is being rebirthed as the flood waters invigorate life. Some of this country belongs to the Anna Creek Station which is part of the Sir Sid Kidman empire and is approximately 24,000 square kms. The wildlife and birds such as Australian Pelicans, Gull Billed Terns, Silver Gulls and Red Necked Avocets have been making their way back to this area since early April. This afternoon back in Coober Pedy we will rejoin the coach for a town tour and visit to some of the underground homes, church and of course the opportunity to purchase the famous Coober Pedy Opal.



Day 4: Coober Pedy- Port Pirie (BLD)

This morning we say goodbye to this unique way of life and head south along the Stuart Highway. Enjoy numerous stops for photos and meals as we make our way to the Gulf town of Port Pirie for our overnight stay. This town is also home to the skeletons of some of Australia's greatest White sharks.

John Pirie Motor Inn 08 8632 4200

Day 5: Port Pirie- Home (BL)

Today we head via the inland route to Crystal Brook, Clare and Kapunda. As well as broad acre grain farming we are also touching on the wine region of the Clare Valley. In Adelaide we re board our flight home where our coach will meet us in Sydney for our final transfers.

*Please note deposit for this tour is \$500pp

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