



Lake Eyre Tours

Air Central West offers one and two day tours, experiencing the natural wonder that is Lake Eyre. Our tours take in the Diamantina and Cooper catchments, as well as the bird life on Lake Yamma Yamma and the surrounding lakes, waterholes and wetlands, before heading onto Lake Eyre. With stopovers in both Birdsville and Innamincka townships, you will experience the hospitality and tastes of the outback.

Those who view Lake Eyre are amazed at the expanse of water and the spectacular network of rivers and channels seldom seen in full flood. Since 1950 there have been less than twenty recorded flows into the Lake.

The two day tour



Note: Trip routes may vary due to seasonal changes or weather conditions and according to specific customer requests.



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One day tours

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Descend over the desert to gain a closer view of the birdlife on the lakes, waterholes and wetlands encompassing the Diamantina River. Cross the expanse of cattle fattening channels and grassland as you weave your way west where the sand dunes become river banks and islands.

Enjoy smoko at the iconic outback town of Birdsville before departing for Lake Eyre over the Goyder Lagoon. Be amazed as you notice the land transform from arid, sand swept desert to countless channels and flood plains of water weaving through lush, green grasslands. Track down Eyre Creek and cross the Warburton to the inlet of Lake Eyre where this river overflows to stretch almost 10 miles wide.

Reaching the lake you will be awed by the sight of the desert transformed to an inland sea. Climb to take in the full panorama of the rivers as they feed into the expanse of Lake Eyre as the desert is renewed for another year. Departing Lake Eyre fly past the Coongie Lakes and head over to the Innamincka township. After lunch visit the historic site of the Burke and Wills dig tree before following the Cooper Creek channels to view the birdlife of Lake Yamma Yamma. Continue north to view where the Thomson and Barcoo Rivers flow into Cooper Creek alongwith a brief stopover in Windorah. Return along the Thomson River channels arriving back late in the afternoon as the sun sets over Longreach.

Two day tours

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On reaching the lake we follow its western shore line to Halligan Bay where we continue inland westward to the outback town of William Creek on the historic Oodnadatta track. After enjoying a hearty lunch at the charismatic William Creek pub we depart and fly across Lake Eyre heading to Innamincka for the night. The Innamincka Hotel serves up tastes of the outback comprising kangaroo and crocodile, along with contemporary meals in the newly renovated "Outamincka Bar".

Day two

Up early for breakfast before leaving the ground once again to visit the historic site of Burke and Wills "Dig Tree".

From the Dig Tree we follow Cooper Creek through what is commonly known as the channel country. Hundreds of small channels and creeks many miles wide and full of life pose a stark contrast to the desert. Making our way up Cooper Creek the patterns of the channels become increasingly more intricate and tangled. Further upstream the River forks out to its roots of the Barcoo River and the Thompson River, and it's from here we make our way back to Longreach.

Customised tours

Please contact us to arrange a customised tour, tailored to suit your needs.

