



**3-DAY ULURU/AYERS ROCK BY PRIVATE PLANE  
WITH VETERAN OUTBACK TOUR GUIDE,  
GRAHAM REID  
DEPARTS BRISBANE DOMESTIC AIRPORT  
FRIDAY 3 MAY 2024**

Veteran guide Graham Reid will be on board sharing his knowledge of all things outback including the river systems, road networks, deserts, and corners. Graham has flown over most of this country more than 100 times, taking guests to see Lake Eyre.

Flying in an ATR72 twin engine, high wing plane, toilet equipped with two seats either side of a central aisle and catering for maximum 50 guests.

Even if there's not much water in Lake Eyre, you'll hear about how the water does get there!

**DAY 1 – FRIDAY 3 MAY (L,D)**

**7am** Check-in at Brisbane Domestic Terminal, Brisbane Airport to board your flight for an unforgettable three days.

**8am** Depart Brisbane and fly over the Darling Downs agricultural farmlands and into mulga country. Travel west over the Warrego, Paroo & Bulloo Rivers, Cooper Creek and the Diamantina River before landing in Birdsville, where you will have approximately 1.5 hrs to look around – check out the iconic **Birdsville Hotel**, the visitor information centre and perhaps even drop over to the Birdsville Bakery and try a curried camel pie. Lunch will be served on the aircraft as you leave Birdsville.

Along the way, Graham will provide comprehensive commentary about the western river systems that make up the Lake Eyre Basin and some other interesting history.

Departing Birdsville, we fly due west over the **Simpson Desert** and Graham will be telling you some interesting facts as we look at this truly amazing expansive area. Marvel at the amazing scenery of Uluru & Kata Tjuta as we do some 'flightseeing' before landing in the heart of Australia at Yulara Airport.

Arriving late this afternoon, we'll transfer direct to accommodation.

**Accommodation: Desert Gardens Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort (Garden View Rooms) x 2 Nights**

**6.30pm** – 2-course dinner in Arnguli Grill Restaurant (main & dessert)

**Optional Extra – after dinner:**

Wintjiri Wiru – Witness the Mala story brought to life like never before with ground-breaking technology. Choreographed drones, lasers, and projections will light up the desert sky with modern, artistic expression of an ancient Anangu story.

## **DAY 2 – SATURDAY 4 MAY (B,L,D)**

**6am** – Early start this morning but so well worth it! A ‘boxed’ takeaway breakfast will be provided and you will be served a hot cuppa whilst watching the sunrise over Uluru. Be at Reception to depart at 6.10am and commence today’s touring. You will then join your guide for a cultural tour, learning about the natural features of the landscape, Aboriginal rock paintings and hearing stories relating to this special place. Reboard your coach and continue touring around the circumference of this massive rock. Another stop will be made to walk with your guide on the Mala Walk which takes you through one of the most important habitations areas of the Aboriginal people over thousands of years. We’ll visit the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre and have lunch here before heading out to the massive series of 36 domes known as Kata Tjuta (the Olgas). We’ll join our guide along the walking trail through Walpa Gorge, which follows the natural creek between two of the domes. The walk through the sheer walls of Walpa Gorge won’t disappoint as you’re led into a world of rare plant species and lush evergreen scrubs. Back to the hotel at approximately 3.30pm.

**5pm** – make your way to the hotel reception where we will meet for **“Sounds of Silence”**, a ‘must do’ unforgettable dining experience under the stars. Watching the sunset set over Uluru, enjoy some canapes and chilled sparkling wine and beer before heading to our tables for a 3-course dinner with premium Australian wines and beer, you will be served your choice from our freshly prepared, bush tucker inspired menu incorporating native bush ingredients. To finish the night, experience the **‘Field of Light’** art installation. Stroll under a starry sky through a vast carpet of 50,000 spindles of light shimmering in lots of amazing colours.

## **DAY 3 - SUNDAY 5 MAY (B, L)**

Following breakfast in the hotel restaurant before we transfer to Yulara Airport and commence our journey back to Brisbane via **Lake Eyre/Kati Thanda** and **St. George**.

Graham will be sharing more information about the deserts, river systems, tracks, towns and lots of detail about Lake Eyre, one of the world's largest salt lakes and Australia's largest inland lake, comprised of 400 million tonnes of salt. It is the lowest point of Australia (15m below sea level). Lake Eyre has only filled with water four times over the last hundred years!

The western Queensland town of St. George is perched on the banks of the mighty Balonne River and towered by beautiful river gums. St George is an oasis in the bush! Transfer to **Riversands Winery**, the most western winery in Queensland set on the banks of the Balonne River. David Blacket and his team will serve up a delicious 3-course lunch in the garden including a vineyard tour and wine tasting. Wine, beer, tea and coffee included.

Then it is back to the airport for the final leg of this journey. Fly over the Darling Downs, see and hear from Graham about the coal seam gas installations and ‘Cubbie Station’.

Arrive back to Brisbane at approximately 5pm.

**Cost \$5500.00 per person twin share (Single Room Supplement \$500.00)**

### **Includes:**

Professional guiding and full commentary by Graham & Deb  
Privately chartered ATR72 high-winged plane  
2 Nights at Desert Gardens Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort (Garden View Rooms) including portorage.  
All meals, entrances, excursions, transfers, and airport taxes

### **Not Included:**

Travel arrangements to/from Brisbane Domestic Airport  
Items of a personal nature including souvenirs  
Drinks not mentioned in the itinerary as being included.

~~ Booking Conditions Apply ~~ This tour caters for Non-Smokers Only ~~