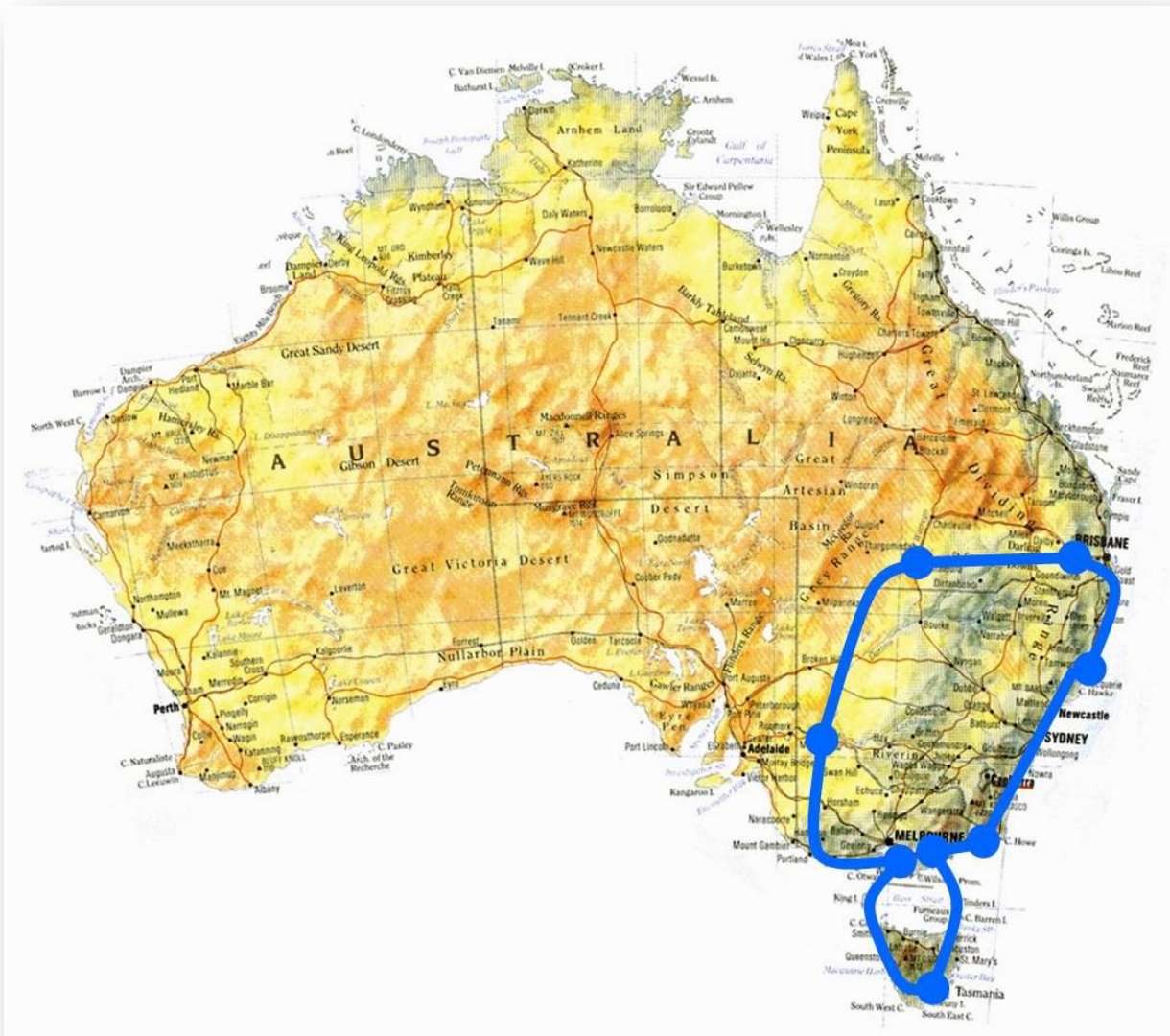


South East Adventurer – Itinerary




Highlights - 16 days, 40 hours, 3600 nm


Tasmania and south-eastern Australia are the focus of this tour. It is an area rich in forests, farms, high country and spectacular coastlines. The highlights include: 4 nights in Tasmania, a Sydney harbour scenic flight at 500', the highest mountains in Australia, the Great Ocean Road, the night march of the Fairy Penguins and the eastern Outback. On this trip you will see the wide range of environments that Australia has to offer.

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<i>Day</i>		<i>Hotel</i>
1	<p>BRISBANE / TOOWOOMBA</p> <p>After check-out from the hotel, we transfer to Toowoomba, a country town west of Brisbane.</p> <p>After checking in to the hotel you will have a bit of spare time before we meet in the hotel lobby for welcome drinks and dinner with our Lead Pilot.</p>	Burke & Wills
2	<p>TOOWOOMBA</p> <p>In the morning we will ride to DDAC at Toowoomba aerodrome for a full day's briefing by the Lead Pilot and for check rides. Passengers are encouraged to join but there are other touring options in town. Your Tour Director will be able to provide suggestions.</p> <p>While at DDAC, you will be able to visit the private vintage aircraft collection owned by Aerotec and, subject to time and aircraft availability, optional joy rides can be taken on some of these aircraft. Please let us know ahead of time if this might be of interest to you.</p>	
3	<p>TOOWOOMBA TO PORT MACQUARIE</p> <p>Immediately we head to the Gold Coast and fly past Surfer's Paradise at 500'. It's hard to imagine that this was a collection of beach homes just a few decades ago. We continue south along the coast enjoying the spectacular views before arriving at scenic Port Macquarie, a popular coastal town.</p> <p>You can enjoy the views or take a beach walk just by stepping out from our hotel, which is right on the beach.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Dinner will be at a local waterfront restaurant.</p>	Ryldges



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4	<p>PORT MACQUARIE TO MALLACOOTA</p> <p>Today we will continue our route down the coast with a special highlight – a scenic tour of Sydney harbour at 500'. Sydney's harbour is one of the most beautiful in the world, with dramatic cliffs on both sides of the entrance, its many inlets and with the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge dominating the view. Be sure to have your camera at the ready!</p>  <p>After a dramatic day of flying we arrive at the small coastal town of Mallacoota, in the south-east corner of the continent. Dinner will be at our hotel.</p>	Mallacoota Hotel
5	<p>MALLACOOTA</p> <p>This town is a favourite hideaway for the locals. While here we will take a cruise on the chain of lakes that empties into the ocean at Mallacoota. We will also visit the WWII bunker. Later, you will still have enough time to wander about; we recommend a walk to the river mouth which opens to the Pacific Ocean. Dinner will be at the hotel or at a local restaurant.</p>	


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6	<p>MALLACOOTA TO WEST SALE</p> <p>Heading west, depending on weather and inclination, we will either fly inland over the highest mountains in Australia, including Mt. Kosciusko, or we will continue along the coast. Our lunch stop is Lakes Entrance, where we will eat at a seaside restaurant. A short hop takes us to West Sale, where we will be greeted and hosted by Bob and Lorraine MacGillivray. They live on the West Sale airfield and will join us on the Tasmania leg of our trip. Our accommodation will be in a converted mansion.</p>  <p>Dinner will be at the airfield with the MacGillivrays.</p>	Kilmany Park
7	<p>WEST SALE TO TASMANIA</p> <p>Today we do our first crossing of the Bass Strait. We will head south over Wilson’s Promontory, the most southerly part of the mainland, and over Flinders Island before reaching Tasmania, and will eventually arrive in the Hobart, the state capital.</p> 	Rydgges Hobart


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8 to 10	<p>TASMANIA</p> <p>Tasmania is rich in history and beauty. We will already have seen some of that beauty on our flight down the coast. While in Hobart we will have a variety of excursions, including a town tour, a trip to convict prison site and we will dine at several fine restaurants. You will also be given leisure time to explore areas of special interest to yourself.</p> 	Rydges Hobart
11	<p>HOBART TO PHILLIP ISLAND</p> <p>The flight today takes us over some of the most spectacular scenery in the country – the south-west coast of Tasmania. There will be many photo opportunities! This is followed by a second crossing of the Bass Strait. After arriving at Phillip Island we will have a special evening event as we watch the night march of the Fairy Penguins.</p>  <p>Dinner will be at the resort.</p>	<u>Silverwater Resort</u>

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12 & 13	<p>PHILLIP ISLAND TO MILDURA</p> <p>From Phillip Island we travel west, past Melbourne and on to the Great Ocean Road. The shoreline here is a mix of high cliffs and rock pillars constantly pounded by the wind and the waves, with the spectacular 12 Apostles as a not-to-be-missed scenic flight. Again, be sure to have your camera at the ready.</p>  <p>During our full day in Mildura we will have a river cruise and dinner on the Murray River.</p>	<u>Mercure Hotel</u>
14	<p>MILDURA TO NARDOO STATION</p> <p>Time to head north, over miles of eastern Outback desert and cattle and sheep stations, until we arrive at Nardoo Station, a working 110,000 acre station in the Cunnumulla area.</p> <p>Dinner will be at the station.</p>	<u>Nardoo Station</u>
15	<p>NARDOO STATION</p> <p>Today we will have a chance to experience station life. You can help with the mustering, take a self-drive tour, soak up the artesian spas or just wander about enjoying the atmosphere.</p> <p>Dinner will be at the station.</p>	

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16	<p>NARDOO STATION TO TOOWOOMBA</p> <p>Our final day of flying, we turn eastward and track towards Toowoomba. En route we will travel over the lush Darling Downs region where you will see many cattle yards and some of the finest agricultural land in Australia.</p>  <p>After landing back at Toowoomba, we unload and return to Brisbane where we will have time to check in and refresh ourselves before having dinner at our restaurant overlooking the Brisbane River. As we share trip highlights, this is a good time to get phone numbers and emails from the other members of the group so you can stay in touch with your new friends.</p>	<p><u>Rydges</u> <u>Southbank</u> <u>Hotel</u></p>
17	<p>DEPART BRISBANE</p> <p>After breakfast the tour is officially over. You can now check-out of the hotel and depart for your next destination.</p>	