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## Birdsville Races Outback Adventure 2017





## DAY 1. OUTBACK ADVENTURE

First thing: Wake up and gush with excitement knowing you are about to have an amazing sky, ground and water adventure over the next three days!

Next, arrive at our corporate headquarters (AKA the Archerfield Jet Base), meet and greet hosts and pilots, and enjoy a breakfast spread and coffee. While enjoying these delicacies admire the original Qantas hangar and our aircraft for the adventures ahead of you.



Once everyone is introduced and refreshed, you will experience a safety briefing before boarding for Longreach, with a slight diversion to Roma for fuel and snacks. We aim to limit the flight to two hours, allowing ample stretching and refreshment time.

On arrival at Longreach, we park the aircraft outside the Qantas Museum and head straight into a wing walk tour on a Boeing 747!

From wing walking, you have the opportunity to explore the museum further before a sumptuous lunch.

Early afternoon, we make our way to the iconic Stockman's Hall of Fame, a must see monument and museum of the Australian outback.





## LONGREACH AFTERNOON

Mid afternoon, we have the opportunity to explore our unique accommodation for the evening, the Outback Pioneers lodgings. Enjoy a drink on the rustic verandahs or for the adventurous, enjoy the outdoor claw-foot bathtubs to sit and soak away the afternoon.



Late afternoon, you will meet for a truly special experience on-board a paddle boat, enjoying platters of snacks as the sun sets over the mirror finish of the Thomson River. On return, we experience an authentic outback dining experience, barefoot bush poetry and a spectacular Sound and Light picture show.

After the Outback spectacular, we return to our comfortable and rustic accommodation to be race ready for the Birdsville Cup.



## DAY 2 BIRDSVILLE CUP

For those adventurous few, sunrise is at a civilized hour of 6:33 AM, followed by a leisurely breakfast. A variety of options for breakfast, a platter of continental and cooked options is provided for each guest.

Checkout is at 7:45, followed by a shuttle to the airport to board your waiting aircraft. We leave Longreach behind, taking to the skies for Birdsville.

On arrival, you are permitted to provide a royal wave to the Birdsville pub as you depart the aircraft, and have the opportunity to meet and greet some locals. Feel free to enjoy the local culinary masterpiece - the camel pie!



You will board a private bus for a short ride to the Birdsville racetrack and can begin mingling and experiencing this one of kind, bucket list busting event.

This is the showstopper, we will set you loose on the Birdsville cup community to create amazing memories.



## POST RACE ACTIVITIES

After the race program has finished, you will have free reign to explore the town and activities of Birdsville. There is so much culture and a variety of iconic activities available to explore.



In the evening, rather than sleeping in a dusty tent on the ground, you will board the aircraft for a short evening flight to the outback town of Windorah. The Windorah Western Star Hotel will remain open late for us, allowing us to enjoy our last evening festivities before welcome sleep.



## DAY 3. THE RETURN HOME

Our last day of this adventure, while we advise sleeping in, the enthusiastic can enjoy sunrise at 6:40AM over Windorah.

Breakfast is available from 7:00AM. You have the option to take the morning easy, or explore the local information centre and museum. For those technically or environmentally minded, there is a solar farm that is sure to interest. There are water-holes and walking tracks for those seeking more adventure.

We depart Windorah for Archerfield after 10:00, stopping in Charleville to stretch our legs, before returning home.



Everyone can meet in the Archerfield Jet Base to share photos and phone numbers with new friends before returning to the “real world.”

Until the next adventure....



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### ***What to wear?***

Temperature will range from 10°C at night to a high of 30°C in the day.

We recommend comfortable walking boots, long pants and shirts. We recommend bringing a jumper and a water and wind resistant coat.

The dress code ranges from casual, to the outback look, to suits and dresses.

If you like, you can compete in the Fashions on the Field competition as best dressed, or go wild in the novelty category!

You are sure to see many visitors dressed in wild, fun, and colorful costumes!

### ***What to bring?***

Travel essentials like sunscreen, sunglasses, and a camera.

There is a limit of 10Kg per person, and you cannot bring dangerous goods on board the aircraft. Please load with a soft bag.

### ***What if there's rain?***

Last year, the races and events continued even though the area was flooded just a day before the races began. Part of the culture and experimental attitude around the Birdsville Races saw race-goers coordinate improvised boat regattas on the days before the race!

In the unlikely event there is unseasonal rain again this year, we are confident the experiences will continue as planned.

### ***What kind of aircraft are we flying in?***

You will fly in a PA31-350, a Piper Chieftain. Turbocharged and twin engine, she is a reliable outback adventure machine.

The aircraft has 10 seats in total and we fly with two crew, though it can be flown by a single pilot. The aircraft likes to fly around 310 KPH, less than 10,000 ft high.



### ***How do I book?***

You can book this adventure by calling **1300 854 183** or through our website at <http://skydance.com.au/sky-dance-tours/birdsville-races-2017/>