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Lake Eyre in Flood



Travelling with Goodall's Gadabouts
A Coach Tour to the Flinders Ranges
Including
A Spectacular Sightseeing Flight Over Lake
Eyre

20th – 28th June 2011
9 Days / 8 Nights

During January and February 2011 huge amounts of rain fell in the Channel Country of western Queensland. The inland river system has drained a lot of this water into Lake Eyre. The Diamantina, Warburton, Barcoo and Thompson Rivers are just a few of the creeks and rivers that make up a network of natural drainage that delivers vast amounts of water into two Lakes – Lake Eyre North and Lake Eyre South. These lakes lie within the Lake Eyre National Park which has a combined area of nearly 10,000 square kms. For the next two years or so the Lakes will come to life and swarm with pelicans, seagulls and other water birds while fish which have laid dormant in the crust of the dry lake for many years, come to life. Our tour will take us to Wilpena Pound located south east of the Lake Eyre National Park. We will stay three nights here for the chance to take a spectacular flight to see this rare event - when Lake Eyre is in flood.

Day 1 Monday 20th June

(D)

East Gippsland - Horsham

Welcome to our **Flinders Ranges** tour with a difference! We will travel a fair distance today to get to our destination. Allowing time for a morning tea break and lunch stops we arrive in Ballarat where we have an afternoon tea and a brief look around the city centre. Arriving at our first nights accommodation with time to check in and freshen up before dinner in the hotel restaurant. *(lunch own arrangements & cost/Dinner in the motel)*

Overnight: Comfort Inn Capital, Horsham (03) 5382 0125



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Day 2 Tuesday 21st June

(BD)

Horsham - Adelaide



After a hearty breakfast and a good nights sleep we continue our touring, leaving Horsham and crossing over the border into South Australia. We arrive in the Adelaide Hills in a small town named **Hahndorf**. We then have some time to wander through the streets of Hahndorf - Australia's oldest surviving German settlement. There are some interesting shops, eating houses and attractions housed in authentic surroundings that form a superb "flashback" to the nineteenth century. From here we visit "**The Cedars**" – the home built in 1908 by the famous Australian artist, Hans Heysen. This "Bavarian style" chalet was his base as he painted extensively on site in the hills around Hahndorf and in the Flinders Ranges. We enjoy a guided tour of the house and studio. We make a brief stop at **Mt Lofty Summit** for the views over Adelaide and the Gulf St Vincent. Finally we descend into the city of Adelaide where we overnight at the **Rockford Hotel** right in the city centre.

Overnight: Meridien, North Adelaide (08) 8211 8255

Day 3 Wednesday 22nd June

(BD)

Adelaide - Port Pirie

We meet our local guide this morning for a tour of the city. First stop is where it all started - **Montefiore Hill** from where Colonel Light planned a great city of the future in the sweeping valley below. Nearby is one of Adelaide's most prominent landmarks - **St Peters Cathedral**, which overlooks the city from North Adelaide and below us in the parklands is one of the most beautiful Cricket Ovals in the world. We then drive to **Glenelg**. Locally referred to as "the Bay" Glenelg, on the Gulf St Vincent is, historically, where Adelaide really started. This was the place where, on 28 December 1836 Governor Hindmarsh proclaimed South Australia a British province. It was originally named Holdfast Bay (apparently because some ships successfully rode out a gale) but this was changed to Glenelg, after Lord Glenelg, the Secretary of State for Colonies, in 1837. A replica of the HMS Buffalo, the ship in which Governor Hindmarsh arrived, is located north of the centre of Glenelg. We say goodbye to our guide as we return to the city centre with time to purchase lunch while meandering the Rundle Street Mall area. Heading off again we leave the city and head north to **Port Pirie**. *(Breakfast & Dinner in the motel/lunch own arrangements & cost)*



Overnight: Comfort Inn John Pirie (08) 8632 4200

Day 4 Thursday 23rd June

(BD)

Port Pirie - Wilpena Pound National Park

This morning we continue north passing through the **Lower Flinders Ranges**. We arrive at **Wilpena Pound Resort** late morning – our base for the next 2 nights as we explore the National Park and enjoy a stunning flight over Lake Eyre. Because of the small aircraft that are used for the sightseeing flights over Lake Eyre (everyone has a window seat) we will have to divide into groups. The first group will enjoy the flight this afternoon while the rest of us enjoy some time around the Resort or take a walk into the National Park. *(Breakfast & Dinner in the motel/lunch own arrangements & cost)*

**Overnight:
Wilpena Pound Resort
(08) 8648 0004**



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Day 5 Friday 24th June

(BLD)

Lake Eyre & The Flinders Ranges National Park

Over the next two days we will have plenty of time to enjoy the Resort, look at the Interpretative Centre or take a walk towards (or even to) the rim of **Wilpena Pound**. The **Touring Coach** will also be doing two half day sightseeing tours during our stay. These two tours will be offered **twice** so that if you happen to be doing the flight one morning, you will be able to take the tour the following morning. The same will apply for the afternoon tour. Our locally based guide Bill McIntosh, who owns a Station just north of the Flinders Ranges National Park – Gum Creek Station – will be our guide on the coach. So if you are flying today the flight times are 7.00am and 12 noon. If you are not flying then you may like to take the morning tour to **Gumcreek Station**. Our guide will meet us at the Resort to conduct a tour to the property situated on **Wockerawirra Creek**. After **morning tea** we will explore historic township of **Blinman** before returning to the Resort for lunch. This afternoon our guide will again join the coach for the **Brachina Gorge** and **Bunyerroo Gorge** tour (subject to road conditions). Again if you are flying this afternoon, the tour will be repeated tomorrow. *(Breakfast, lunch & dinner in the Wilpena Resort)*

Overnight: Wilpena Pound Resort (08) 8648 0004

Day 6 Saturday 25th June

(BLD)

Lake Eyre & Flinders Ranges National Park - Clare

This morning the same program applies as yesterday. For those who have not done the flight over Lake Eyre the departure times will again be 7.00am and 12 noon. The morning tour to **Gumcreek Station** and the afternoon tour to the gorges will also be operating. If you have already done these tours, you have free time to take a short walk, explore the Interpretative Centre or simply enjoy the facilities around the Resort. Late afternoon we depart Wilpena and head south to **Clare** and the delightful **Clare Country Club**. This award winning property is situated in one of Australia's premium wine regions, with splendid views overlooking lush fairways of the adjacent golf course and the sparkling waters of Inchiquin Lake. *(Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Light lunch supplied)*

Overnight: Clare Country Club (08) 8842 1603

Day 7 Sunday 26th June

(BLD)

Clare - Mildura

Our first visit in Clare will be the delightful **Seven Hills Winery**. Although you may think it is a little early for a wine tasting it is worth a visit, as this is the oldest winery in the Clare Valley. It was originally established in 1851 by a religious order of the Catholic Church (commonly known as the Jesuits) to produce altar wine and they still run the winery today. A wander around the old underground cellars and the adjoining church grounds of St Aloysius is most enjoyable. From here we travel to the historic village of **Mintaro** followed by a guided tour of **Martindale Hall** - a magnificent mansion that was known as Appleyard School in the film Picnic at Hanging Rock. We have **picnic lunches** aboard and will stop soon at an appropriate place to enjoy them. This afternoon we arrive in Mildura where we have a chance to settle into our accommodation before dinner in the restaurant. *(Breakfast & dinner in the motel/picnic lunch provided)*

Overnight: Best Western Boulevard Motor Inn, Mildura (03) 5023 5023



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Day 8 Monday 27th June

(BLD)

Mildura - Shepparton

An early start as we pass through Robinvale and Swan Hill this morning making our way to **Echuca**. We will stop at an unusual venue for lunch today but one we will all enjoy. **The Great Aussie Beer Shed** is the first Beer Can, Brewery Related and Australiana Museum, situated in Echuca on the Murray River in Victoria. It is the only museum of its kind in Australia. It is a unique Tourist attraction featuring over 16,000 beer cans from Australia and around the world, and other brewery related items including beer tap tops and tap handles, trays, old wooden beer barrels, bottles, signs both old and modern, brewery manufacturing equipment and machinery and plenty more. It's only a short distance until we arrive in Shepparton which will be our last overnight stop this tour. Before checking into the hotel we have an opportunity to browse the main street in Shepparton. We make our way to the hotel with time to relax this afternoon. *(Breakfast and dinner in the motel/Lunch at The Great Aussie Beer Shed)*

Overnight: Big Valley Motor Inn, Shepparton (03) 5821 3666



Day 9 Tuesday 28th June

(B)

Shepparton - Bairnsdale

After a leisurely breakfast we complete the journey home. Our touring has us passing through Seymour, Yea and Pakenham stopping enroute for convenience breaks before finally arriving home late this afternoon with memories of a wonderful week away. *(Breakfast in the motel/Lunch own arrangements & cost)*

COST: GST inclusive
\$ 2565 per person twin share
\$ 485 per person single supplement
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