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# EXPLORE THE GREAT SOUTHERN LANDS WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

## Aircruising Great Southern

12 Days | 9 - 20 Mar 2022 | AUD\$17,250pp twin share | Single Supplement \$1,400

12 Days | 9 - 20 Sep 2022 | AUD\$17,250pp twin share | Single Supplement \$1,400

### EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Explore outback towns Broken Hill, Coober Pedy and Kalgoorlie and the high country towns of Beechworth, Bright and Myrtleford
- ✦ Cruise the Swan River to acclaimed Sandalford Estate
- ✦ Experience spectacular aerial flightseeing of the Great Australian Bight and Recherche Archipelago
- ✦ Visit the historic whaling port of Albany
- ✦ Explore the acclaimed Margaret River region
- ✦ Discover breathtaking Esperance during a picturesque coastal drive and on board the Morning Bay of Islands Wildlife Cruise
- ✦ Enjoy exceptional seafood at Port Lincoln
- ✦ View spectacular wildflowers (Sept Departure only)
- ✦ Stylish accommodation throughout including the Ritz Carlton Perth and Pullman Resort Bunker Bay
- ✦ All touring, transfers and meals included
- ✦ Escorted throughout by a dedicated Journey Director

*"The entire journey was a totally wonderful experience. Seeing our country from the air was a new experience with spectacular highlights."*

Mr Brian Bousfield, Ballarat, VIC

Spend 12 days exploring the Great Southern region of Australia with Bill Peach Journeys. On this Aircruise, you will travel by private aircraft touring Coober Pedy, Kalgoorlie, Perth, Margaret River, Albany, Esperance, Port Lincoln and the high country of Victoria. Along the way, you will experience tremendous aerial flight-seeing over the stunning West Coast and the Great Australian Bight that will take your breath away.

This journey is a wonderful combination of outback Australian and coastal splendour, following a huge arc across the continent, from east to west, highlighting Australia's many varied and beautiful landscapes. As always, the journey is fully inclusive of all accommodation, touring and meals and escorted by a Journey Director. Join us on this fascinating tour of our Great Southern Land as we marvel at it from the air and the ground.





# THE GREAT SOUTH BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT

## DAY 1 | SYDNEY CHECK-IN

From the moment you first check in for your Bill Peach Journeys Aircruise you will discover why we are the leaders in private luxury aircraft travel in Australia for over 37 years. Your friendly and experienced Flight Crew and Journey Director will ensure that you will experience the journey of a lifetime from the moment you arrive at the private departure lounge. Here, you will meet your fellow travellers.

After your initial check in, you will not need to check in again for each flight nor be troubled with luggage until your return at the conclusion of the Aircruise; all will be taken care of for you so you can relax and enjoy your holiday. Your knowledgeable and professional Journey Director will ensure that all arrangements for your Bill Peach Journeys Aircruise will be taken care of throughout the entire tour so that your complete travel experience with us is seamless.



## SYDNEY - BROKEN HILL - COOBER PEDY

Now it's time for the adventure to begin! On arrival in Broken Hill we embark on a tour of this historic mining town which was established over a century ago. The fine old buildings of the main street are typical examples of colonial architecture, while the mine itself looms in the background.

Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service base and learn about the incredible work they do in the outback. After lunch we fly on to the opal mining town of Coober Pedy. This afternoon we enjoy a tour of the opal fields, an opal mine and the town. There will also be an opportunity to visit an underground home, church, mine museum and underground potteries.

Overnight: Desert Cave Hotel or similar

## DAY 2 | COOBER PEDY - KALGOORLIE

Continuing westward we fly over some of the most desolate landscapes in Australia, across the vastness of the Great Victorian Desert and the Nullarbor Plain. Kalgoorlie's glory days began in 1893 when gold was found near Mt. Charlotte, and prospectors soon discovered the immense deposits of the Golden Mile, the richest square mile of gold-bearing land on earth. Explore the fascinating towns of Kalgoorlie and Boulder and have an opportunity to visit the Australian Prospectors and Miners Hall of Fame and the incredible Super Pit.

Overnight: Rydges Kalgoorlie or similar

## DAY 3 | KALGOORLIE - PERTH

We reboard our private aircraft and continue our journey westward to the city of Perth. Discover this fascinating city, including Kings Park and the Botanic Gardens. This afternoon we drive to the port city of Fremantle and explore its fascinating prison and the city's world-famous heritage buildings steeped in maritime and convict history.

Overnight: Ritz Carlton Perth or similar

## DAY 4 | PERTH

Today enjoy a scenic cruise along the Swan River to the Swan Valley's historic Sandalford Estate, where we will tour the winery before enjoying a sumptuous lunch. Returning to Perth, this afternoon is at leisure.

Overnight: Ritz Carlton Perth or similar

## DAY 5 | PERTH - BUSSELTON

After breakfast this morning reboard our private aircraft for a scenic flight down the southern coastline of Western Australia arriving into Busselton, which is on the shores of picturesque Geographe Bay. The town's distinctive pier was the longest timber jetty in Australia until part of it was destroyed by a cyclone in 1978. After an afternoon at leisure, we check-in to the magnificently set Pullman Resort Bunker Bay.

Overnight: Pullman Resort Bunker Bay or similar

## DAY 6 | MARGARET RIVER

Today we explore the Margaret River region and discover why it is famed for its produce including visits to Gabriel Chocolate company and the Natural Olive Oil Soap factory. Continuing to one of Margaret River's finest wineries for a wine tasting experience followed by lunch. One of the icons





of the Australian wine industry, the region has earned an international reputation for making wines that rank alongside the world's finest. Continuing on we visit the Cape Naturaliste lighthouse with its spectacular coastal views. Situated on a rugged promontory, the surrounding environment is host to a diverse range of flora and fauna. A climb to the top of the lighthouse offers panoramic 360 degree views across Geographe Bay, the Indian Ocean and Cape Naturaliste.

Overnight: Pullman Resort Bunker Bay or similar

#### **DAY 7 | BUSSELTON - ALBANY**

After breakfast this morning we transfer to Albany. The third largest deep water port in the world Albany enjoys spectacular coastal scenery, charming reminders of its early days and history of whaling which we discover at the Whaling Station. On 1 November 1914, Albany was the final departure point for the first ANZAC troops on their way to the battlefields of World War I. Today on this same small piece of paradise stands the award winning state-of-the-art National Anzac Centre that remembers the stories of the men and women who left from here. After a tour of this incredible centre, we head to "The Gap" and Anzac Hill for a photo opportunity.

Overnight: Dog Rock Motel or similar

#### **DAY 8 | ALBANY - ESPERANCE**

Departing Albany fly east to Esperance and enjoy spectacular aerial flightseeing over Cape Leeuwin, an area famed for its coastal scenery. Pure white sandy beaches run into the brilliant blue waters of the Southern Ocean and massive pre-Cambrian granite outcrops break up the long beaches to form many sheltered bays and coves along hundreds of kilometres of coast. After lunch, we learn about the local produce while visiting Yirri Grove Olive Farm. We then tour the town of Esperance and view its magnificent coast marvelling at nature's splendour.

Overnight: Comfort Inn Bay of Isles or similar

#### **DAY 9 | ESPERANCE - PORT LINCOLN**

Enjoy a cruise of the Recherche Archipelago this morning. The islands are a refuge for some unique wildlife including hair seals, mutton birds and Cape Barren geese. Departing Esperance enjoy one of the highlights of this journey - flightseeing of the Recherche Archipelago and spectacular low flying over the Great Australian Bight. This afternoon arrive into Port Lincoln, the 'Seafood Capital of Australia', nestled on the beautiful, blue Boston Bay found almost at the end of the Eyre Peninsula in Nawu country. Boston Bay is three times the

size of Sydney Harbour and is the base for Australia's largest tuna fleet and tuna farming industry.

Overnight: Port Lincoln Hotel or similar

#### **DAY 10 | PORT LINCOLN - MILAWA**

This morning cruise the waterways of Port Lincoln including a visit to a tuna farm before visiting the Axel Stenross Maritime Museum. We reboard our private aircraft and fly east to Wangarratta where on arrival, we transfer to Milawa.

Overnight: Lancemore Milawa or similar

#### **DAY 11 | BRIGHT & MYRTLEFORD**

Touring today takes us to Myrtleford which is beautifully positioned in the northern foothills of the Mt Buffalo Range adjacent to the Ovens River, Happy Valley Creek and Porepunkah. We continue to Bright and the Mt Buffalo region, which shines in both Spring and Autumn. In Spring, Bright is a veritable bouquet of colour where everything comes to life with startling clarity as snow fed creeks and rivers roar under brilliant blue skies. Conversely, the warm tones and stunning displays in autumn are a feast for the eyes! Tonight we celebrate a very special farewell dinner.

Overnight: Lancemore Milawa or similar

#### **DAY 12 | BEECHWORTH - SYDNEY**

This morning transfer by road to Beechworth. This historic town is respectfully known as the 'Elegant Dame', with all the sensibilities of a grand 19<sup>th</sup> century town, as you look down from the foothills of the Australian Alps onto the wide, tree-lined streets, with their deep granite gutters and shady, century-old verandahs. After a delicious lunch we visit the Milawa Cheese Factory, a small but highly regarded specialty cheese factory. All cheeses are handmade at the historic Milawa Butter Factory using traditional methods, without preservatives and using non-animal rennet. Finally, we transfer to Wangarratta airport for our return flight to Sydney bringing to a close a most magnificent Great Southern adventure.







## ABOUT AIRCRUISING

An Aircruise with Bill Peach Journeys is the perfect way to explore these hard to reach destinations in the style, speed and comfort of your own private aircraft. Travelling by private aircraft means that we can land directly in each location ensuring time on the ground is spent discovering each region. The style of aircraft is chosen to provide the best possible access into remote locations.

When you travel on an Aircruise everything is included. This means not only does your holiday include accommodation, dining and all excursions but every one of these elements is the finest in its class. Throughout the journey you will have a Journey Director on hand to look after each detail.

## FITNESS LEVEL - EASY GOING

*"The standard of care from the crew was 1<sup>st</sup> class. Getting off the aircraft to a waiting coach was just fabulous. Cruising over the Australian outback and coastlines was just magic."*

Wendy Richards, Richmond, NSW

## WHY BILL PEACH JOURNEYS?

- ✦ A name you can trust with over 37 years of experience in the luxury travel industry
- ✦ Fully inclusive journeys, all meals, accommodation, touring, entrance fees, portage taxes and luggage
- ✦ Travel throughout the outback requires expert planning and organisation. Our Journey Planners ensure you enjoy an intimate exploration of the places visited in comfort and style
- ✦ A dedicated Journey Director that ensures you are looked after every step of the way
- ✦ Local professional guides at every location
- ✦ 70% of our travellers return to travel with us again within the first year of their initial journey



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