



PTFF-54 – “Gold Mines – Australia - Maroomba Airlines”



Largest Gold Mine in Australia - “The Big Pit” - Kalgoorlie

Australia is the second largest producer of gold in the world, after China. Western Australia produces 50% of all minerals and petroleum mined in Australia. Most mines are in remote areas and operate on a basis of “fly-in-fly-out” staff. Miners fly in and work for 2 weeks and fly out for one week’s rest.

Maroomba Airlines, formed in 1985, operates fly-in-fly-out contracts in Western Australia.

Suggested Aircraft:



De Havilland DHC-8, Beechcraft KingAir, Cessna 441

Flight Schedule:

1. Fly mining staff from Perth Intl (YPPH) to Busselton (YBLN). Return staff to Perth - 214nm.
2. Fly mining staff from Perth Intl (YPPH) to Southern Cross (YSCR). Return staff to Perth - 356nm.
3. Fly mining staff from Geraldton (YGEL) to Leonora (YLEO). Return staff to Geraldton - 694nm.
4. Fly mining staff from Geraldton (YGEL) to Mount Magnet (YMOG). Return staff to Geraldton - 340nm.

Notams:

Total flight distance 1,604nm.

Check runway length and surface before choosing aircraft:-

YBLN - 5,559ft - Asphalt

YSCR - 4,609ft - Grass

YGEC - 6,513ft - Asphalt

YLEO - 6,628ft - Dirt

YMOG - 5,917ft - Asphalt.

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