

Thank you for requesting the Outback Gliding container transport information.

We aim to transport your glider from the Netherlands (in principle, from the airport of Hilversum) to Australia (Narromine) and back as safely as possible.

We purchased a new container for this in 2016, which is fitted with all the necessary accessories to provide for transport in a safe and proper manner. For example, the wings are hoisted into place by a winch installed in the container. All individual parts are appropriately and carefully secured. The container is equipped with a data logger, which measures under different pressure, temperature and g-load.

The plan is to have the container placed in Narromine in the last week of October and to assemble the aircraft on the first day of November. This will allow us some room to manoeuvre in case of any delays on the part of the shipping company. The total time for transporting the container averages 5 weeks.

The container will be picked up in Narromine on the last day of February for the return journey to the Netherlands. Obviously, the container will be loaded prior to that time, normally 2-3 days before departure.

We use a shipping company with regular shipping service between Europe and Australia, with the least number of stops underway, with a view to limit the chance of any possible damage through loading/unloading of other containers at foreign terminals.

The shipping company also guarantees that our container will not be unloaded and loaded again while underway.

Upon arrival of the container in Sydney (Port Kembla) it will be subjected to an inspection by the Australian quarantine services (AQIS) and checked by customs.

In case of possible pollutants such as grasses, mud/sand, twigs or insects, the entire container will require treatment and/or cleaning. It may be possible that all individual parts need to be inspected, which is an undesirable and expensive operation. For this reason we request everyone who uses our transportation services to personally provide for perfectly cleaning the entire glider. This might possible be combined with the ARC inspection. Also, any accessories such as supports, spare wheels, aircraft covers, etc must be free from the above pollutants.

No further special actions are required for the Australian inspection, other than emptying any possible fuel tank(s) of motor gliders/turbos.

We will obviously be present in person upon arrival of the container and during its inspection in Sidney. When the container is unpacked in Narromine, the owners or representative(s) must be present, in the first place to assist with unpacking and in the second place for the assembly of the gliders. In order to enable everyone to enjoy the time in Australia to the maximum extent, it is important to do this on the agreed upon "date for unpacking". We will obviously be flexible regarding personal unpacking and assembly and we may provide for this against payment.

For disassembly and packing of the container for departure to the Netherlands, the same plan of approach will apply.

Everyone is entirely free with regard to flying in Australia and privately leasing out or loaning out the property. If there is sufficient interest, we are prepared to organise a safari through a (major) part of Australia, with an own glider tug, possibly with an own ground crew/vehicle.

The aim is for everyone to enjoy the holiday to the maximum extent and this may also consist of a couple of weeks of not flying and exploring the beautiful country of Australia from the ground, for example.

Our price for transporting your aircraft from the Netherlands to Narromine (Australia), including all quarantine handling but excluding the transport insurance (0.7 % of the insured value), is € 4,300. This price is for all single seat gliders up to a 21 meter wingspan, the price for a two seater glider is €4,600. For special types, like the Stemme, we will contact you in person to discuss this with you.

This is the correct price for the fuel prices of May 2016, any increases of the fuel prices imposed by the shipper will subsequently be allocated pro rata per participant (glider), the so-called additional bunker charge.

The container transport the Netherlands-Narromine and vice versa 2016/2017 will commence when a minimum number of 5 (five) participants is reached.

With kind regards,

William and Evelien