

# ADELAIDE TO COOBER PEDY

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## 7 Day – Small Group 4WD Eco Safari

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre National Park
- ✓ Historic coastal towns
- ✓ Pt Augusta Wadlata Outback Centre
- ✓ Woomera Rocket Range
- ✓ Coober Pedy Mine & town tour
- ✓ Sunset at the Breakaways
- ✓ Remote William Creek pub
- ✓ The Dingo Fence
- ✓ Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park
- ✓ The Oodnadatta Track
- ✓ Maree Old Mail Run, relics
- ✓ Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary
- ✓ Flinders Ranges National Park
- ✓ Wilpena Pound
- ✓ Brachina Gorge Ediacaran fossils
- ✓ Clare Valley

### DAY1

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Follow the Gulf St Vincent and Spencer Gulf, stopping at historical coastal towns. Learn our rich maritime history maybe take a walk down the longest wooden jetty in the Southern Hemisphere at Port Germain. This was once a bustling port for sail ships & seafarers. During the safari your Tour Guide will introduce you to a remarkable and resilient history of both Aboriginal and white settlement in S.A. See the Southern Flinders Ranges, 600 million year old mountain peaks with spectacular views over this incredible landscape. Spend the afternoon strolling around the award winning Wadlata Outback Centre at Pt Augusta.

**Overnight:** Port Augusta Motel

**Meals:**

(L) Included: Picnic Lunch

(D) Own Expense: Local Pub Meal

## DAY 2

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Travel up the Explorer Highway to Woomera visiting the old rocket range and Military Base. As we head further North, East of the A.P.Y. Aboriginal lands take a break at the Lake Gairdner lookout to see this huge expanse of salt lakes.

Onto Coober Pedy the largest opal mining field in the world. Heading into town we will pass the extensive mining operations that help make this place so unique. Coober Pedy is a town where people live underground to escape the harsh desert conditions. Watch a magical sunset over the desert at Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park before following the Dingo Fence back to Coober Pedy.

**Overnight:** Coober Pedy

**Meals:**

(B) Included: Continental

(L) Own expense: Roadhouse

(D) Own expense: Local Restaurant

## DAY 3

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Spend a leisurely morning visiting underground churches, opal shops and displays. Learn about the area on a guided mine tour to see how these hardy folks live. After lunch we depart Coober Pedy crossing the famous dingo fence (the longest man-made structure in the world) this helps to keep the wild dogs up north away from the sheep stations further down. Travel along the red sand hill tracks through Anna Creek station to William Creek. This remote town stands out like an oasis in the desert, halfway between Adelaide to Alice Springs. Enjoy an ice-cold beer at the bar of this famous Outback Pub that has a rich history of stockman, camels and life in the bush.

**Overnight:** William Creek Cabin

**Meals:**

(B) Included: Continental

(L) Own expense: Café/Bakery

(D) Included: Hotel Meal

## DAY 4

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Continue our epic journey down the famous Oodnadatta Track, following the historic route of the Cameleers. This area has a rich history of Aboriginal culture and pioneering settlements. Enjoy a picnic lunch at the edge of Lake Eyre South National Park. This is where Sir Donald Campbell broke the land speed record in 1964 in the Blue Bird. Visit thermal springs that have been the life blood of this arid land for centuries. Arriving at Maree late afternoon, check out the old Afghan mosque and relics of our pioneering days. This historic town is where Outback legend Tom Kruse left on his epic mail run deliveries to Birdsville and beyond.

**Overnight:** Maree Cabins

**Optional extra:** Lake Eyre & Painted Desert Scenic Flights.

**Meals:**

(B) Included: Continental

(L) Included: Picnic lunch

(D) Included: Pub Meal

## DAY 5

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Venturing further east into the remote outback of Australia, we will cross ancient creek beds that meander out to Lake Frome. Witness a stunning change in the landscape from spectacular deserts to the ancient mountains of the Gammon Range. Arriving at the Arkaroola Village around lunch time you will have time to relax and take in this world-renowned area of stunning beauty. Alternatively take the exhilarating 4wd ridge top tour to the top of Mt Siller or maybe a scenic flight over this breathtaking land.

**Overnight:** Arkaroola Wilderness Lodge

**Optional extra:** The Famous Arkaroola 4wd Ridge Top Tour

**Optional extra:** Flights over the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary

**Optional extra:** Night sky observatory

**Meals:**

(B) Included: Continental

(L) Own expense: Arkaroola Café

(D) Included: Arkaroola Restaurant

## DAY 6

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This morning we travel south along the top of Lake Frome, which can be seen in the distance from vantage points where early explorers once stood. See the Red Sandhill country that holds thousands of years of sacred beliefs to the Adnyamathanha aboriginal people. Have lunch at the old copper mining town of Blinman, the highest town in SA. Our local guide will drive you on a wonderful journey through the secluded and ever-changing creek beds of Brachina Gorge, known as The Corridors Through Time. This is an area alive with wildlife and boasts a remarkable geological history including Ediacaran fossils. World-renowned South Australian painter, Sir Hans Heysen, was inspired by this country and painted many of his landscapes here. Take that special photograph or just enjoy some of the most spectacular outback scenery there is.

As the sun becomes low in the sky we will follow the road through a landscape of absolute beauty. Wildlife including Kangaroos, Emus and Wedge-tailed Eagles are prolific in this rugged terrain and are usually spotted in the late afternoon.

**Overnight:** Wilpena Pound Resort, Rawnsley Park Station or Quorn Motel (depending on availability)

**Meals:**

(B) Included: Continental

(L) Own expense: Blinman Café

(D) Own expense: Restaurant

## DAY 7

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Enjoy an early morning walk, breathe in the fresh air while listening to the unique sounds of the Australian Bush. Spend a relaxing morning travelling back to Adelaide along the eastern side of the magnificent Flinders Ranges with its mighty red gum forests. The land will change into lush expanses of natural rural beauty as we head south. Enjoy a break in the world-famous Clare Valley wine region.

No doubt you will leave with life-long memories to share with family and friends about your journey to the Flinders Ranges & Outback Australia!

**Meals:**

(B) Included: Continental

(L) Own expense: Café/Bakery

CODE (B) (L) (D) indicates which meals are included and which meals are at the passenger's own expense.

Optional extras are on request and can only be booked while on tour!

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