

FLINDERS RANGES & OUTBACK

4-Day Small Group Eco Safari

WILDLIFE ~ WILDERNESS ~ CULTURE
Nature-based ~ No Rush ~ Enjoy

Departs Adelaide every Tuesday

- ~ Pick-up/drop-off at your Adelaide CBD accommodation ~
- ~ Local SA tour company with 36 years of experience ~
 - ~ Professional, accredited tour guide/driver ~
 - ~ Comfortable, air-conditioned outback vehicles ~
 - ~ Latest communication & safety equipment ~

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ The Gulf Saint Vincent & Spencer Gulf
- ✓ Quorn/Old Ghan Railway Station
- ✓ Warren Gorge Conservation Park
- ✓ Flinders Ranges National Park
- ✓ Wilpena Pound (Ikara)
- ✓ Blinman – highest town in SA
- ✓ Brachina Gorge
- ✓ Ediacaran fossils
- ✓ Clare Valley Wine Tasting
- ✓ Bushwalking (optional)

Fresh fruit, water, and snacks are always carried in our vehicles for your use.

DAY 1

Complimentary pick-up from your Adelaide CBD accommodation at approximately 8 to 8:30 am. Commence this wilderness journey heading north via the old coastal towns of Port Wakefield and Port Germein, which boasts one of the longest wooden jetties in the Southern Hemisphere. During the safari, your tour guide will introduce you to a remarkable and resilient history of both Aboriginal and white settlement in SA.

Be amazed by the beauty of the Southern Flinders Ranges' 600-million-year-old mountain peaks, with spectacular views over Spencer Gulf. Travel through picturesque Pichi Richi Pass to the historic township of Quorn. With its typical outback buildings and the original Ghan Railway station, Quorn has been the setting for many famous iconic Australian films.

Follow in the path of our early explorers driving to Warren Gorge Conservation Park to search for our rare Yellow-Footed Rock Wallabies. Rugged rock outcrops harbour these endangered wallabies with only an estimated 8,000 living in the wild. Sit back in our comfortable, fully equipped 4WD/ATV vehicle as we head along remote tracks through the deserted Willochra Plains where eagles soar and emus run freely.

Continue this special day by following the Old Ghan railway line to Kanyaka ruins where our hardy pioneers once lived. After a good look around, head off to Hawker, Rawnsley Bluff and Wilpena Pound. This is the perfect time of day, as the sun sets low, that we get that classic Flinders Ranges purple haze. This is quintessential outback Australia!

Our destination today is the Wilpena Pound Resort situated on the North-eastern entrance into the Pound itself. Settle into your well-appointed room or luxury Eco Safari tent with en-suite. These are surrounded by native vegetation, an array of birds and wildlife.

Grab a chair, wind down, relax and enjoy a glass of wine or a cold beer on the lawns at the front of the resort. The area is protected by a 300-year-old River Red Gum tree where Kookaburras sit and give you a welcoming laugh.

We have reserved your table at the award winning Wilpena Pound Resort Restaurant.

Overnight:

Ikara / Wilpena Pound Resort.

Meals:

(L) A picnic or café lunch is included.

(D) Dinner at the Wilpena Pound Resort Restaurant is at your own expense.

DAY 2

After a hearty breakfast at the Wilpena Pound Resort restaurant, spend the day exploring the beautiful Flinders Ranges. At your own pace, immerse yourself in one of the many self-guided walks that surround Ikara/Wilpena Pound. If you want to embrace the early morning Australian bush, take one of the relaxing 2-to-3-hour Wangara lookout walks. Well-defined tracks follow the tree-lined Wilpena Creek into the Pound itself. A short uphill walk will take you to Lookout 1 where you can get a sense of this huge natural Amphitheatre.

Enjoy lunch on us at the friendly, modern Resort Bistro.

In the afternoon there are Aboriginal guided walks and tours available (optional extra) or just kick back and relax. Lovely clean swimming pool available.

At approximately 4pm, experience a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony performed by a local Adnyamathanha person (if available).

Overnight:

Ikara / Wilpena Pound Resort.

Meals:

(B) A fully cooked or continental breakfast at the Wilpena Pound Resort is included.

(L) Lunch at the Wilpena Pound Resort is included.

(D) Dinner at the Wilpena Pound Resort Restaurant is at your own expense.

DAY 3

At approximately 9:30 am we travel north, getting a bird's eye view of this amazing area from an array of scenic lookouts. Enjoy short walks and photograph the spectacular Bunyeroo Gorge Lookout. Travel along the Brachina Gorge "Corridors through Time" Geological trail. This remote area is alive with wildlife and a geological history dating back millions of years. It is where the world-renowned South Australian painter Sir Hans Heysen was inspired for many of his Flinders Ranges landscapes.

Follow the Parachilna Gorge to Blinman, the highest town in South Australia.

In the afternoon, immerse yourself in this ancient landscape. Take that special photograph or just enjoy some of the most spectacular outback scenery Australia has to offer; the prolific wildlife is a bonus!

Meals:

(B) A fully cooked or continental breakfast at the Wilpena Pound Resort is included.

(L) A picnic lunch is included.

(D) Dinner at the Wilpena Pound Resort Restaurant is at your own expense.

DAY 4

Spend a relaxing morning travelling back to Adelaide along the eastern side of the Flinders Ranges with its mighty Red Gum forests. Crossing Goyder's Line, the boundary of reliable rainfall, you will see lands that change into a lush expanse of rich rural landscape.

The mid-north towns offer a blend of beautiful scenery, historical charm and thriving agriculture. Let's find a lovely country café for lunch where you can meet the locals and have a chat.

In the afternoon, stop at the world-famous Clare Valley wine region, one of the premium wine regions of South Australia! Seven Hills Cellars was built by the Jesuits in 1851. It was the first winery ever built in the Clare Valley and is one of the oldest in Australia. Seven Hills celebrates old stone winery and cellar door; stately St Aloysius Church and the surrounding vineyards provide us with a memorable experience. Wine tastings are formatted into a flight of five Premium or Standard wines if you are interested in tasting the Local drop!

Optional Extras:

If you would like to see Wilpena Pound in all its glory, take to the air in a light aircraft on a scenic flight. This is the only way to really appreciate this world-famous, 800-million-year-old SA icon that the local Adnyamathanha people call Ikara.

30-minute Wilpena Pound & Flinders Ranges scenic flight
\$300 per person

45-minute Wilpena Pound & Flinders Ranges scenic flight
\$365 per person

60-minute Wilpena Pound & Flinders Ranges scenic flight
\$460 per person

Meals:

(B) A fully cooked or continental breakfast at the Wilpena Pound Resort is included.

(L) Lunch at a country café or bakery is included.

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

*Help us give back to and preserve this priceless and unique wilderness,
including its inhabitants, into the future*

The (B) (L) and (D) codes indicate which meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) are included in your tour price and which meals are at the passenger's own expense.

Alcohol is available at accommodation/dining locations in the evenings but is not included during this tour.

Advertised itineraries and vehicles may change due to circumstances beyond our control.

PRICING

Standard Motel Unit, Single	\$3,995 per person
Standard Motel Unit, Double/Twin Share	\$3,795 per person
Standard Motel Unit, Child 5-16 sharing with parent	\$2,200 per person
Superior Motel Unit, Single	\$4,895 per person
Superior Motel Unit, Double/Twin Share	\$4,495 per person
Superior Motel Unit, Child 5-16 sharing with parent	\$3,200 per person
Eco Safari Tent, Single	\$4,700 per person
Eco Safari Tent, Double	\$4,500 per person

Early bookings are essential to be able to secure the limited accommodation.

Optional extras/flights are on request and can only be booked with SA ECO TOURS.

Please note that outback travel requires a degree of flexibility, good humour, and an understanding that the advertised itineraries, accommodation, and/or modes of transport may change, even after a tour's commencement, without prior notice due to circumstances beyond our control. We always do our best to deliver a full and enjoyable experience!

We recommend all passengers take out travel insurance to cover any unavoidable situations in which cancellations occur and alternative arrangements cannot be made.

